

Welcome to Scarborough Bluffs Tennis Club, affectionately referred to as SBTC by our members and the tennis community. We are a non-profit club that is situated in the picturesque setting of the Scarborough Bluffs. Whether you are a new, or returning member, we want to welcome you to another fine session of tennis.

SBTC is a member of the Scarborough Tennis Federation (STF) and the Ontario Tennis Association (OTA). Surrounded by a beautiful public park including a kids' playground and water park, our location offers everything for the entire family to enjoy their tennis experience. SBTC has 4 outdoor courts with night lighting and a clubhouse. Our club provides a wonderful tennis experience for everyone at all playing levels.

We take pride in our beautiful club, overlooking Lake Ontario, and encourage everyone to pitch in to keep it clean. The Club Executive is here to help you have the best tennis experience possible. We know that you will enjoy your membership and look forward to seeing you on the courts.

We offer house leagues, round robins, lessons, tournaments, competitive teams and a well-recognized Junior Instruction Program which is free with your junior or family membership. We also offer social programs and events for our members throughout the summer.

Our club is operated by a group of dedicated volunteers who work hard to make your experience enjoyable.

SBTC Executive

The executive is comprised of SBTC members who choose to volunteer their time and talents. The positions that we strive to fill are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter & Handbook Editor, House League Convenor, Junior Convenor, Tournament Convenor, Competitive teams Convenor, Club Maintenance, Social Convenor, Membership Convenor and Clubhouse Convenor.

If you are interested in any of these positions please inform an executive member of your interest. For the names and contact details of the people currently filling these positions, please see the Newsletter or the SBTC website <http://www.sbtennis.org>

Membership

For enrolment information and current rates, see our website at <http://www.sbtennis.org>

A Junior member is classified as those under age 18 on January 1st of the current year. An Adult member is anyone over the age of 18, as well as Junior members who play at a competitive or adult level. Family memberships are for two parents and all Junior members within the same household.

In special circumstances, a Junior member can be granted Adult privileges depending on their level of play and maturity.

Volunteering

Our club is successful because many of our members who enjoy playing tennis have pitched in and helped in a thousand little ways. Executive Members have duties, but cannot run the club by themselves. We need help with the grounds, nets, clubhouse, tournaments, junior activities, socials, round robins, and membership outreach. If you can help in any way, please let an executive member know of your interest.

Facilities

We have four courts at 2 Cecil Crescent for our club use. There is also a clubhouse with washroom and kitchen facilities. Access is currently through a key code lock.

Membership Hours

Monday to Friday 8 am - 11 pm [*Junior programming will run between 4-6pm. Members are welcome to use the courts in the absence of programming.*]

Saturday and Sunday 8 am - 11 pm [*Junior programming will run between 9am – 1:30pm.*]

Please check our Calendar for schedules program times during which there may or may not be a court available for membership use. The calendar will indicate how many courts are being used for the program. A printed calendar for the current month will be posted in the glass bulletin board beside court 2 during the summer season.

Prime Times at the Club

Monday to Friday - 4pm to 11pm

Saturday - 8am to 2pm

Sunday - 8am to 2pm

Public Hours (on all 4 courts)

Saturday 5 pm - 8 pm

Sunday 5 pm - 8 pm

Statutory Holiday Public Hours: 2 pm - 4 pm

- Victoria Day
- Canada Day
- Simcoe Day (Civic Holiday)
- Labour Day
- Thanksgiving

Guests and Non-members

A guest or non-member may play for a fee of \$5.00 per adult (18 years or older) per day. Please give it to an executive member if present, or to another member to pass along to the treasurer. Please use an envelope and include the guest/non-member's contact details (name, phone and email) if you would like an executive member to contact you about joining SBTC. Amounts you have paid in daily fees will be deducted from your membership fee.

Note city policy with respect to guests and non-members: "Guests must be accompanied by an existing community tennis club member and are required to pay guest fees, where collected, outside public hours. Non-members are not associated with a Community Tennis Club member and are required to pay non-member fees, where collected, outside public hours. Additionally, non-members may play on vacant courts during permitted club times provided they:

- (i) Pay the agreed upon non-member club fee, according to City established maximums.
- (ii) Tag/sign up according to club procedures
- (iii) Abide by the Rules of the Club."

Booking A Court

On the Sign-up Board beside Court 2, write your names beside the desired court and time, no earlier than one hour before the chosen time of play. Remain at the courts. If you leave the courts, you concede your space to the next waiting member. Do not erase any names unless the members have agreed to it.

Club Rules

1 - Courts are reserved for members of SBTC. Should you wish to invite someone to play tennis with you that is not a member, a \$5 guest fee per guest and per play must be collected and placed in the mail box inside the clubhouse. Guests may play a maximum of 8 days, after which a membership must be purchased. Guest fees apply to guest Adults.

2 - Hours of operation are from 8:00 am to 11:00pm. Please refrain from playing outside of these times as a matter of respect to our neighbors.

3 - Members are allowed to play during public hours and follow public hours rules.

4 - Appropriate tennis attire must be worn, this includes proper shoes, and is for your safety. Topless playing will not be allowed. Tank tops for men & Junior men are unacceptable.

5 - Shoe tags must be worn on shoes or visible. The exception to the rule are Juniors that do not have lace up shoes.

6 - Profane and abusive language is prohibited. Courtesy to one another must be shown at all times, on and off the courts. Failure to follow this will result in disciplinary action.

7 - Memberships are not interchangeable or refundable.

8 - SBTC is a very active club. Please check the website before coming down to play. There are many events, lessons and league play that take place. Every effort is made to keep the website current, however, there may be times where an activity is going on but not on the website.

9 - As a matter of courtesy for members arriving after you, we ask that you please sign up for court use. You may book a court no earlier than one hour before the chosen time of play. Courts are booked for 30 minutes. Remain at the courts. If you leave the courts, your booking may be used by members who are waiting at the courts. Do not erase names unless the members have agreed to it.

10 - When there is no club programming, competitive League teams must leave 1 court open for member play.

11 - If you are the last member to leave, you must ensure that all gates and clubhouse are closed. Please ensure that the lock-box that houses the key for the locks is also closed and that the code is scrambled.

12 - Members must not share the lock-box code with non-members. Doing so may result in losing your membership.

13 - Club and Clubhouse property, including nets, board, and the courts themselves must not be abused. All litter must be deposited in the appropriate containers provided. Clubhouse is a shared space and you must clean up after you use it.

14 - Suggestions are always welcomed and can be provided to any Executive member via email or by leaving a note in the mailbox in the clubhouse.

15 - Complaints must be filed via the complaints process as outlined in our club by-laws. Club by-laws are posted inside the clubhouse on the notice board.

16 - Change of address and contact information must be reported to the Membership Convenor.

17 - Courts are to be used for tennis only.

Adult Group Lessons

Please note beginner lessons and intermediate lessons use 3 courts.

Lessons for adults are offered on Fridays 7 - 9 pm in May and June.

Beginner lessons will include basic tennis technique including ground strokes, net play and serves. **Registration is capped at 24 people. The rest will be put on a waiting list.** Please see the website for start dates and registration information.

Intermediate lessons act as a follow-up to the Beginner lessons offered in May, these lessons will include more advanced tennis technique, skills and match play tips. **Registration is capped at 20 people. The rest will be put on a waiting list.**

Stroke of the Week

The Stroke of the Week instruction clinic runs for 4 weeks, usually on Thursdays in May, 6-7pm.

The clinic will cover the following strokes on the week indicated. You can choose to sign up for all 4 weeks or just the weeks offering the stroke(s) you wish to work on.

- Week 1 - Ground Strokes
- Week 2 - Net Play
- Week 3 - Serves and Returns
- Week 4 - Mid Court Play

Drills & Skills

This is a follow-up program to the Stroke of the Week and will cover skills used during match play (e.g. approach shots, drop shots, lobs, overheads etc.).

Drills & Skills will also be on Thursdays from 6-7pm, will run for 5 weeks, and will proceed the Stroke of the Week sessions.

Private Lessons

Private and semi-private (with a partner/or group) lessons are offered for an additional cost. The lessons are provided when no Club programs are scheduled. **Please contact the Club Pro for rates and to arrange a lesson. Contact details are on the website.**

House League

Playing in a league is a popular way to improve one's skills and meet new people from the club. Every year we welcome new members to the club and the house leagues have been designed to mix new members with old in an attempt to emphasize the social as well as the recreational aspects of tennis.

Please refer to the Self-Rating guide, available on our website, as well as the STF websites, so that we might accurately place you in the correct league for your skill level. All players are encouraged to be punctual so that everyone has time to warm up together and you are able to make best use of your hour of play.

Summer Session

House League tried out a new format for 2019. The revamped format aimed to have a mix of participants to ensure a good rotation of opponents. The league also merged the Novice and Competitive players and tried to ensure that players face similar level players.

House League is usually held on Mondays from 6:30pm to 10:30pm. It utilizes 4 courts. There are 64 spaces open to play. Each match will be 1 hour in length. Each player is placed in one of 4 divisions. At the end of a 4 weeks cycle, the House League Convenor will re-rank players and distribute a new schedule. Players finishing at the bottom of a division will move down, while players finishing at the top of a division will move up. The Convenor will be monitoring players requesting subs and ensuring that appropriate subs fill in.

We also sometimes run an Adult Doubles night, when there is a demand for it. It runs on weeks when the Competitive Teams are not playing at home. Players are able to select as many or as little of the available dates to suit their schedules. This accommodates an additional 32 players.

Drop-in Play

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday there is a drop-in session for whomever would like to play. These sessions run from 1:00pm- 3:00pm and usually take two courts. Play is organized around the number of participants. All levels of play are welcome.

Frost Bite Session

This session usually runs on one or two nights in September & October, 7 – 10 pm (register early to ensure a spot). If needed, all 4 courts will be used. Schedules will be emailed to participants prior to the start of the league.

Annual General Meeting

Each year there is an Annual General Meeting. Location and date will be advertised in the Club Newsletter, but is usually held in September or October.

Members will be given 2 weeks written notice and an agenda will be made available. Please plan on attending as a quorum of members is required for agenda items to advance and club business to be adequately administered.

Club Links

Email: info@sbtennis.org

Phone number: **(416)261-0699**