



# NEW ROUND ROBIN PROGRAM

**THURSDAY EVENINGS 8:15PM**

A second session has been added at 8:15PM Thursdays to complement the Sunday morning 11AM session. This provides an opportunity for club members to get in two workouts a week a few days apart, and enjoy some socializing.

## FEATURES

- All levels of players are welcome (handicap system is used)
- Men and women, juniors and seniors
- No registration or booking is needed
- Drop in at Court 4 and play at any session, no commitments
- Simple PAR 0-21 scoring, computerized scoring & handicap system
- Learn from advanced players, try new techniques out, with no pressure
- No time limit - play until late Thursday evening if you wish
- Court 4 'Bear Pit' area – have a beer and a laugh, discuss the game

## STROKES & BOASTS – RR Newsletter

**COMPUTER SCORING** is now in effect in the Thursday session, using a *very* simple Excel formula that calculates your handicap after each game. Suppose you're just signing up and, noting that some players, whose abilities you know are showing 5 to 8 handicaps (never negative numbers), *you* choose 6 as your starting handicap, and then play 5 games that night, winning 21-15, 21-19, 21-16 and losing 21-12 and 21-18. You scored 80 points, averaged 16, then Excel will say you're a 5 (21 minus 16). Next time enter 5 to start – no rocket science here...

**BEAR PIT FURNISHINGS** need upgrading; being the couches, counter tops, cabinets and walls outside Court 4, and it would be nice to bring things up closer to what we have by Court 5. If anyone is downsizing and wants to donate some upholstered pieces, what we have can't possibly absorb much more sweat...a small drink fridge might be nice as well...

**NEED MONITOR** a scoring PC computer was donated but there is no monitor for it yet, it doesn't need to be modern or flat but it should have a big screen...if it weighs 80 lbs, all the better... :-)

**THE BLOCK TIME** of 8:15pm onward should be especially suitable for younger players (as opposed to us superannuated types who get a little sleepy by then). The Board has tried to preserve booking times for members by not scheduling it earlier, which is fair, and if you get home from work or school, have a little time for supper, and then go out for an evening of squash - that should make sense too. Especially if we add a few YOUTUBE songs, some loonie poker, pizza, balalaikas, shower girls ...

**FULL SERVICE** A few of us were watching in amusement last Sunday as Amir was having a hard time returning Ajit's hard, low serves into the service boxes (no wall bounce). The dean of the RR sessions, Mike Cunningham, was asked how Amir could avoid digging around in the tight corners with poor prospects. "He's got to volley them," said Mike, "but not everybody can do that well." ... later Ajit agreed that it "takes good hands, someone like Bob Bogue, and then it's me has the trouble because he drops it into the corner so fast." ...I recall that Karl Gustavson is also deadly on the low volley, except he slices them into the opposite corner. You learn to use some other serve with those guys *very* quickly...

**NO LET:** players are reminded (by the sign outside the steam room, yes) that pets are not allowed in there... ☺ dwight@telus.net