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NEW FACILITIES FOR EXERCISE AND COMPETITION

Tennis, swimming, running and soccer in the summer. Hockey, curling and skating in the winter. These are some of the sports that keep Canadians healthy and involved through all our widely diverse seasons. But sports are not always limited to any one season. I am happy to see that a well-known local tennis and curling facility is reaching out to enthusiasts who want to enjoy their favourite activity year-round.

NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART COURTS

Tam Heather Curling & Tennis Club has announced that construction of a new four court indoor tennis facility, to replace the five court facility built in 1975, is well underway at the club. The new courts will be covered year-round by a bubble that is heated in the winter and air-conditioned in the summer. The facility will have hanging lighting and include room for bleachers to accommodate spectators when tournaments are being played. It will also have a state-of-the-art access control system.

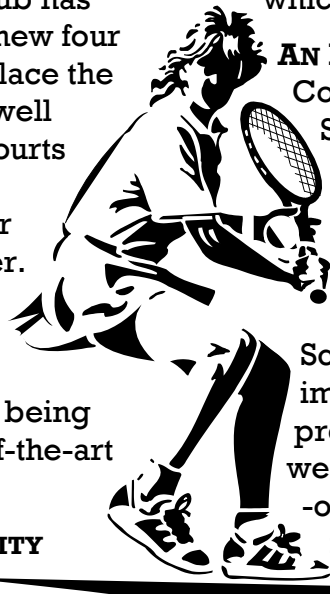
GOOD LOCATION FOR CITY FACILITY

A city owned facility, Tam Heather is located just south of Hwy. 401 at Morningside Ave. In 2006, the City and the Tam Heather board of directors decided that improvements were needed to accommodate the steady growth of tennis in the area, primarily in the 12 to 24 age category, and to meet the demand for affordable winter tennis in the east end of the city. A feasibility study, conducted by an outside consulting firm, resulted in the

redevelopment project for the new facility, which opened this October.

AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

Commenting on the redevelopment, STF President Rob Nicholls remarked "We are pleased to see that the comprehensive rebuild of the Tam Heather facility is now underway. Given the limited number of indoor facilities in Scarborough, Tam is clearly an important piece in the puzzle for the promotion of tennis in the area and we are delighted to see a well thought -out plan for a top-quality permanent indoor facility being implemented."



OPPORTUNITIES FOR MANY GROUPS

Tam Heather offers a variety of tennis programs, including adult lessons, men's and ladies' house leagues, competitive teams, social mixed round-robin play and a very popular mixed day-time Seniors' league.

BLOCK-BOOKING SYSTEM

Another popular feature offered by Tam

Heather is a "block-booking" system, which guarantees a court booking for the same day and time for the entire winter session without having to phone every week to book the court.

AN EXPERIENCED FULL-TIME PROFESSIONAL
Tam Heather is fortunate to have Lionel Eli as their full-time Tennis Professional. Lionel has many years experience teaching tennis to juniors and adults alike. He has developed a high quality, affordable Junior tennis program. Lionel is excited about the redevelopment of the tennis facilities at Tam Heather. He says, "It is exciting to see a new project starting in any community. When this project is a new sporting facility, everyone that already takes part in the sport, as well as those who want to learn the sport, are excited and eager to see the completion of the project. To think that in October 2009 the youth and adults of Scarborough will have a tennis facility to call their own is simply mind-boggling.

A HISTORY OF TOP PLAYERS

"Tam Heather has developed some of Ontario's top Junior players, several of whom have received tennis scholarships to accredited universities. They host one of the best organized Junior tournaments in Ontario, which is played over the Christmas holidays. Now, with this new state-of-the art facility, located where most tennis players can commute to with ease, we at Tam will

be a force to be reckoned with in developing more Junior and adult players, and hosting more OTA tournaments. With my professional teaching staff, I will be raising the bar in Junior Development in the Scarborough area".

FEES INCLUDE ACCESS TO LOUNGE AND SOCIAL AMENITIES

Tam Heather offers affordable and competitive membership and court fees. The membership fee includes access to the club's lounge, which offers kitchen and beverage services. It all provides a relaxed, friendly and social atmosphere in which to play tennis and socialize after playing. The lounge is also available for rental to accommodate private functions, such as weddings, dances, banquets, meetings, etc, for up to 190 people.



CURLING FOR ALL AGES

Tam Heather also offers curling memberships, which can be combined with a tennis membership. Tam Heather boasts eight sheets of ice and a very large and active curling club offering Men's, Ladies', Mixed, and Seniors' leagues, as well as curling programs for children, aged seven to twenty.

For further information, including fees and application information, visit the Tam Heather web-site at www.tamheather.ca or phone the club at 416-284-9251

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