

# Flint Tennis Club

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Dear FTC Members,

I am honored to succeed Doug Adams and follow in the long line of leaders who have ably guided our club. This newsletter and the 2014 season are dedicated to the three men whose pictures appear below. Marty Belsky passed away last May, Norm Bullock in July and Bob Thompson only last month in Arizona. A memorial service for Bob is expected to take place at the club sometime this summer.

Membership has held steady in the mid-60s the past three years after many years of decline. Half of the 14 new members we gained last year found out about the club through our website. The internet is our best tool to tell the world we exist and, to that end, we will do our best to make the website as informative and attractive as possible. If you haven't yet taken the time to check it out please do so and give feedback.

About 90 percent of you have e-mail. Doug showed how to keep members informed with timely group messages throughout the season and I will endeavor to do the same. So check you e-mail regularly, please.

The list of activity dates for the season does not include one for when the courts open. It's always a guess but even more so this year because of the hard winter that sent frost deep into the ground. So watch your e-mail and call (810) 239-5371 after April 1 if you suspect the courts might be ready.

Guy Mullin returns as our lone employee. Anyone who spends any amount of time at the club knows just how conscientious and capable Guy is. We are fortunate to have him.

I had been a member for 20 years before someone approached me about serving on the board. Of course, I said. I hope each of you who has been a member more than a few years will be ready to say yes when asked.



Marty Belsky

1937-2013



Bob Thompson

1928-2014



Norm Bullock

1926-2013

In the meantime, please be looking for any opportunity to volunteer your time and skills, whether it be weeding, repairing lines, providing the potluck entree or helping out at our June 7 open house.

I look forward to seeing and talking to everyone soon – and demanding that you show me your best serve.

Ron Krueger, president

**PRESIDENT** -- Ron Krueger succeeds the very able Doug Adams. Ron is a 25-year member. He retired in 2006 as food writer at The Flint Journal. Ron joined the board in 2010 under Ed Flynn and served as treasurer last year.



**VICE PRESIDENT** - Don Hailey returned to the board last year after serving as president in the 1980s. Before retiring, he sold automotive manufacturing tools and automation equipment. He has helped coach the Davison girls and boys tennis teams for 16 years. Don has coordinated club tournaments for many

**TREASURER** - David Newbill is a certified public accountant and certified financial planner and heads Forest Hills Financial Inc. He is a longtime member with wife Mary Ann as were his parents, Genevieve and the late Bob Newbill.



**Joanne Cudd** returns to the board for a second year. She is one of our many snowbirds, wintering in the Fort Myers area, where she plays all winter. Joanne first picked up a racket about 25 years ago, giving up her volleyball and softball pursuits. She was an optician for 30 years at East Michigan Eye Center.

**Jim Kerns** is another returning board member. He joined the club five years ago. Jim retired in 2002 as an English and social studies teacher at Swartz Creek High School. He starts the season in great shape after playing team tennis all winter in and around Venice, Fla.



**Ann Munns** joins the board this year. She and her husband, Blair, have been members for 15 years. Blair is a retired dentist and Ann worked with him as a dental hygienist. She says she starting playing before retiring and she and Blair joined at the urging of couples they knew, including the Mackeys, Joneses and Knables. The Munns help host our weekly Thursday potlucks.

**Arnold Fletcher** is the second new board member. He joined the club in 2010 after the other Arnold, Arnie Eick, planted the seed at their Grand Blanc High School reunion. A. Fletcher says he played a lot of tennis in The Philippines and Panama Canal Zone during his 20-year Air Force career. "Then I didn't play hardly at all for the next 30 years, so I'm enjoying playing again."





Betty Adams serves at July 4<sup>th</sup> round-robin.

### **2014 activities**

|                                       |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Memorial Day round-robin<br>& potluck | May 26         |
| Guests play for free                  | June 1-7       |
| Open House                            | June 7         |
| July 4th round-robin<br>& potluck     | Friday, July 4 |
| Club tournaments sign-up              | August 4-9     |
| Woodies round-robin<br>& potluck      | Sept. 1        |
| Annual banquet                        | Sept. 16       |
| High school matches, as posted        |                |

## 2013 financial statement

### INCOME

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Memberships/guest fees | \$15,357           |
| Annual banquet         | \$1,040            |
| Donations              | \$1,000            |
| High school match fees | \$300              |
| Other                  | \$61.31            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>\$17,758.31</b> |

### EXPENSES

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Contracted services      | \$10,299.94        |
| Banquet expenses         | \$1,072.96         |
| Utilities                | \$2,649.05         |
| Daily operating expenses | \$1,219.60         |
| Other                    | \$270.74           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$15,512.29</b> |

Cash on hand 12/31/13 /\$11,022.01



The striking sign off Hammerberg Road was made possible by the generosity of the family of Dr. Harry Nassar, who passed away in 2006. Dr. Nassar and his wife, Christine, were members for more than 30 years. Son David is a longtime patron. At right, Bob Thompson (on left), Bob Struble, Gary Hubbard and Dan Daunt install the sign in June 2008. Dr. Nassar was painted by brother Marc.

