



Greetings Members,

We have been lucky so far with mild winter weather. Only 64 days left before the club opens!

The Board met on January 30th. Below you can find a link to the draft minutes. [January 30, 2020 Minutes - draft.pdf](#) The board approved the October 23, 2019 minutes during the meeting. Here is a link to the final document. [October 23rd Minutes - Approved.pdf](#). The board also reviewed the 2019 club financials. If you would like to review this document, go to the [Club Business](#) page and click on the Financial Documents link.

We have updated both the Plaque and Mission Committee sections with members and reports. You can click here to review that information. [Committees at Work](#) Also, below is a report submitted by the Plaque Committee and approved by the board. [THE PLAQUE COMMITTEE \(002\).pdf](#)

We just want to remind you that ALL members must sign the club Informed Consent Agreement to play at the club. Many members have a signed copy on file with the club. For those of you who do not, below is a link to the form. Please print it, sign it and give it to Kevin prior to playing at the club this coming season. If you have trouble printing the form, please reply to this email and we will be sure you get a copy. [Informed Consent Agreement HTTC 2020.pdf](#)



Sue Gauthier



Cheryl Chase

Some of you may not know it, but Cheryl Chase and Sue Gauthier are certified officials for college and USTA sanctioned tournaments. Their love of tennis brought them to pursue this certification. The process of becoming an official involves passing a USTA on-line test, passing a verbal test with a USTA official, and passing an ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) test annually. For Division 1 college tournaments, there is one official per court. They must announce scores, issue code and time violations and settle any score or line disputes. For other college divisions and USTA tournaments, the official covers several courts to assure fair play looking for violations and settling any disputes. Sue has been an official for a year and a half and has worked tournaments at Harvard, Dartmouth, BU, Holy Cross, Assumption and Clark. Cheryl received her certification this past year and has worked at Harvard, Brown and some USTA tournaments. Both enjoy watching the amazing tennis especially in Division 1 college tournaments.



It is with a heavy heart that we tell you that longtime HTTC member Dick Lipson passed away on February 20th. Dick is pictured here at the 2006 Annual Meeting with his wife Pat who also played tennis at the club. Pat passed away in 2014. If you would like to read his obituary, please click on the following link. [Richard Lipson Obituary](#)

And now, some thoughts from one of our new members.



Monica Rogers

How did you find out about HTWTC?

I found out about Holden Towers from all my friends at the Y. I always wondered why the Y was so empty from May- September! Nina, Jack and Ed convinced me this was the place to play!

What made you want to join the club?

Since I live in Grafton and have a ton of family commitments, I thought I wouldn't have the time to make the membership worthwhile. But my good friends brought me in as a guest, and well I fell in love with the club! The community there makes it all worthwhile. Everyone was so friendly, and Kevin was really accommodating.

What do like best about the club?

The community of players. There is always someone to play with and Kevin makes it easy to just show up and play! There is a competitive spirit, but in such a fun way.

What makes you want to continue to be a member of the club?

I can't wait for the club to open! I met a lot of fun people who, like me, want to play as much as possible. Holden is different than other clubs, it is a very social place you can just show up and play!

What recommendations would you make to improve the club?

Last year was my first season and I really enjoyed it. I can't think of much I would want to change. I would love to participate in more round-robin play.

We hope you are still playing lots of tennis, maybe someplace warm!
We can't wait to see you on the HTWTC courts!

The Marketing Committee

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