

President Nominees

Mark Facca

Mark Facca, Incumbent, President

I am dedicated to developing year-round tennis opportunities for the community of Thunder Bay. As an executive director for physician boards (12+ years), executive member of the Fort William Golf and Country Club (2+ years), and past church council member (8+ years), I bring experience in the governance structure that can be applied to guiding our club to future successes. I welcome the opportunity to represent the membership and continue to be an ambassador at the TBCTC.

Vice President Nominees

Pasi Pinta

I am a tennis lover for 40 years and a long-time resident of NW Ontario and Thunder Bay. President and CEO of EHP Environmental Solutions Canada Ltd., part of the Finnish Mitta Group Oy parent company, sponsor of TBCTC court #5.

Over the years I have held senior positions at Copperfin, Health E(fx), CBRE and NOSM among others with responsibilities in information technology, project, and general management. I am a key member of executive and senior teams that have successfully navigated a diversity of challenging issues, a proven strategic thinker with solid leadership, communication and coaching abilities, trained facilitator of organizational growth and manager of change. I have an MBA in Information Technology Management from Athabasca University, B.Sc. in Computer Science from Lakehead University and have maintained for 16 years the certified Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. Current and past member of multiple volunteer and paid boards for corporation, schools, political, and not for profits. I am also the newly minted pro bono Diplomat as the Presidentially appointed Honorary Consul of Finland for Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario.

My vision for TBCTC is a welcoming and thriving community that has something to offer for everyone and a strong base for growing the sport. My priorities are open and transparent governance of the organization, direct and appropriate membership participation and involvement in large, key decisions where the majority rules democratically. Introduction of year-round indoor tennis is high on my list.

For the love of the game,

Pasi

Kristine Thompson

My name is Kristine Thompson, I am the current VP of the TBCTC. I love walking through our gates to spend quality time exercising & catching up with good friends! I hope you do too! I grew up at the tennis club as a little girl with many of you! Today you can see me cheering on my son who aspires to be the next Shapovalov or playing with my mom who just turned 80!

Professionally, I manage millions in health care spending, set budgets & business plans, work with strategic alliances, and excel at corporate communications.

I am 100% fiscally responsible & transparent. **We will only grow & improve our club on these pillars of excellence!**

- Chair of the infamous Mid Canada Tournament and responsible for significant fundraising & tournament planning each year!
- Chair of the Junior Development Committee & the 2021 revamp of this TBCTC flagship program!
- Chair of the Website Committee. Covid has pushed our club to embrace modern technology that has given us new opportunities through the financial management our website can now provide the board. Becoming a cashless club has truly given us many positive outcomes!
- I am an active member of the indoor committee.
- I have successfully obtained the Grant SEP 2018-2020 & City of Thunder Bay Municipal Grant for OTA instructor training. Most recent, I applied for .5M in FEDNOR 2021 Funding (in submission).
- My husband and I are the Founders of FORCE Tennis Academy - high level training & travel team.
- I supported the inclusion of additional private lesson instructors and saw a milestone of over 300 lessons given this summer! Amazing!

Secretary Nominees

Jason Everett

I started playing tennis in the mid 1970s. My father was a top player locally, and I fell in love with the sport.

I started at the TBCTC in 1980. We would play all day and hit on the backboard when there were no courts.

In the mid 80s I joined the Executive as head of Junior Development, worked as Assistant Pro and taught JD. We grew the JD program dramatically.

In 1990 I became President, the youngest in history, and we had a record year. I organized a full page article in the Chronicle Journal which helped us gain many new members and we enjoyed greater exposure. I served as Treasurer for another successful year in 1991.

Meetings were very peaceful and productive then. Let's make the Center a happy and harmonious place again!

In 2000 I was certified by the USPTA. Jamie Grieve rightfully won the Head Pro job as he was elite.

I work as a language consultant to senior managers and entrepreneurs. I have studied Accounting, Finance and Economics to an advance level degree, earning a Master's in Economics.

The indoor facility is the biggest project in local tennis history and we will have one of the best facilities in Canada. As your Secretary I will do everything to help make it happen. "Reach or exceed your grasp, or what's a heaven for?" (Browning)

Sincerely,

Jason Everett

Treasurer Nominees

Hao Luu

Hi Fellow Tennis Players

Most of you know my family and myself at this club. I've been a member of this club for the past 32 years. I've been a pharmacy owner for the past 20 years, managing up to 120 employees and overseeing a 20 million dollar business operation. I have a lot of experience with accounting. I would like to continue to volunteer at this club and make contributions in whatever way I can.

Sincerely

"Who knew Hao Luu!"

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Deb Rosnow

Please let my name stand for the position of Treasurer. I have been a member of the TBCTC since 2005. I have also been on the executive for many years in the positions of member at large, social director and treasurer from 2017 – 2021. Member of the indoor committee since 2012.

I am a retired student support professional for the Lakehead District School Board. Through my life membership of the Thunder Bay Fort City Kinettes, I have held many executive positions at the club, district and national level. Some positions include district treasurer, treasurer of the Cystic Fibrosis Telethon and chair of the Cystic Fibrosis Telethon.

As a member of TBCTC and past executive, I am concerned about the difficulties of the 2021 executive that led to many resignations and the mid-season departure of our Head pro after 22 years.

I would like to return to the TBCTC executive to bring back an executive that works cooperatively as a team and with respect for our staff. I acknowledge that communication, trust and transparency has come to the forefront as an issue especially around the indoor project. As I have been dedicated for many years to support and promote indoor tennis for our club, I will continue to work towards its completion. We are closer than ever with our funding received by the city and the province. We have new options that I believe our membership will support. I look forward to serving the needs of our membership again.

Deb Rosnow

Publicity and Media Chair Nominees

Pepe Garieri

Pepe Garieri is an Education Officer with the Ministry of Education. As a dedicated educational leader, Pepe volunteers and supports many initiatives in the local community. He is an active tennis, fitness and soccer enthusiast and is a certified tennis (OTA) and soccer (CSA) coach/instructor. He has been a member of the Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre for over 20 years. Pepe has taught, mentored, coached and trained many youth, students, athletes, educators, principals and academics in a variety of topics and areas with a Human Rights, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion lens and focus. Pepe has been an executive member for local and provincial teacher unions and for professional associations for principals. He is well versed in constitution, policy, board meetings, executive meetings and clear and defined roles of elected executive officials. His main reason for choosing to run for TBCTC Executive is to continue to grow the sport of tennis, to support skill development of youth and adults, to support our members in being able to play 12 months of the year and to make tennis sustainable and progressive in our city. As a teacher, principal, superintendent and presently as an Education Officer, Pepe has had many experiences and responsibilities with respect to publicity and media relations.

Casey Ruberto

Dear members,

I am interested in continuing in the role of Publicity and Media executive member. I have been a member of the TBCTC since I was 8 years old and have been a JD participant, an assistant pro and teacher, and have history with the centre that allows me insight into its needs as well as its excellence. Having come late into this position I would continue to:

- Increasing communication with members and the community at large by posting frequent updates/news on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- Updating the membership email list and communicating regularly with the members
- Putting out a Spring and Fall News Letter (as per past practices)
- Being the point person for members comments/concerns

I feel I would be a great fit for this position as I have current and previous experience:

- Started the recovery program for RegenMed which includes creating and implementing all of their standard operating procedures
- Worked with large corporations such as Trillium Gift of Life Network and TBRHSC in implementing the recovery program
- Played NCAA Division III tennis and was team captain and have visited and been involved in different facilities through this experience
- I am a registered kinesiologist and work as a case manager for Cardiac Rehabilitation Outpatient program which requires constant communication with my clients/patients.

I feel it is important to keep working on implementing proper process and procedure and ensuring our executive is being fiscally responsible and accountable to the membership that we serve.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Casey Ruberto

Social Chair Nominees

John Coccimiglio

My name is John Coccimiglio I would like to express my interest in joining the Tennis Center Board for Socials and Fundraising

I have experience in fundraising for the Alzheimer's Society of Thunder Bay, raising over \$160,000 over the last eight years with a charity event I host. I plan to bring this skill set to the tennis center to help raise funds for our indoor facility with goals of having a structured fundraising model.

I am a local physician and have been part of the tennis Center for the last 15 years. I have a passion for the tennis Center as it has been a large part of my life, helping me learn life skills and achieve career goals. I want to foster a social environment that can others can have even better opportunities than I did as a junior.

Keltie MacDonald

I've been involved with TBCTC over the years in many capacities: past (and present) Board member, fundraiser, social organizer, parent of children in JD, and recreational and competitive tennis player.

I have also been involved with many other sports in TB and on the Board of the Lake Superior Ski Division (Alpine).

I am an educator in health and have a Masters degree in Kinesiology (specializing in Sports Psychology) with a special interest in youth sport.

I will use this experience and knowledge to bring fairness in decision-making and a voice for ALL members at the Board level.

I will also plan some great socials for everyone if elected to that Committee!

House and Ground Chair Nominees

Nick Littlefield

I'm 20 years old and I'm entering my third year in Rotman Commerce at UofT.

The tennis centre is super important to me. I've been a member since I was 11 and I've worked there since I was 15. With my time as a staff member coming to an end, I'd love to continue contributing to the club. During my time as Assistant Pro, I've put many hours into the centre but there are certain tasks I cannot facilitate as a staff member.

Next summer, I'd like to start by repainting the spectator bleachers, implementing a more effective garbage and recycling system, replacing the broken court orders and scorecards, and replacing the broken cabinets in the kitchen.

Thanks for your consideration,

Nick Littlefield

Tudor Nisioiu

I am excited to stand for election to the TBCTC Executive 2021/22 term.

My term as House&Grounds chair ends this fall and I have much more to give to our amazing tennis community centre.

Many members have reached out to me for support since I stepped into this role; I hope you've appreciated my work thus far: work party 2021, court booking system implemented, all courts washed, acquired a brand new ball machine, painted lines on court 1 and new parking lot lines.

I am committed to continuing modernizing our club by developing a successful and effective staffing plan, upkeep and maintain our courts and grounds as best as possible.

Goals for next season 2022:

1. All courts will be resurfaced at the beginning of next year.
2. Proposed sun canopies to be installed on all courts to offer sunshade to members.
3. Replace broken scoreboards or purchase a new system.
4. Repaint the lockers.
5. Purchase a performant tablet for staff to be more efficient and portable when booking courts or for tournaments.
6. New patio heavy-duty furniture for the deck. The existing chairs and tables are wobbly therefore may be unsafe.
7. A new court booking system to better suit our summer and indoor tennis facility to be built soon.

Actively engaged in the TBCTC working committees:

- House and Grounds, chair
- Court Booking Committee, chair
- Staffing Committee, co-chair/member
- Constitution Committee, member
- Nominating Committee, member.

Thank you for your consideration!

Tournament Chair Nominees

Jason Horychuk

Coming towards 2022, we need a bubble to play tennis in for the winter. There are many challenges, and obstacles in our way, but with hard work I believe myself and many others can get through this the proper way. With over 23 of marketing and sales experience and umpiring knowledge/certification, I believe I can help in many way with the club promotions, sponsorships, and help the club going forward with tournaments for rules and regulations of all players. I have lots of ideas, and if selected, I believe I would help make these ideas happen.

Thx
Jason.

Gianni Mascarin

Hello everyone! My name is Gianni Mascarin and I am running for Tournaments Chair on the TBCTC executive for the 2021 – 2022 term. I am 20 years old and have just begun my third year in chemical engineering at Lakehead University.

The TBCTC has been a very important part of my life ever since I was 10 years old. Throughout my time at the tennis center, I have volunteered in the junior development program, served as the junior representative on the executive, and worked as a tennis instructor/Assistant Pro. I am now very eager to transition into an executive role and continue to spend countless hours doing what is in the best interests of the club!

As Tournaments Chair, I'd like to implement a user-friendly tournament software for the TBCTC. This would allow all tournament draws and match times to be displayed both clearly and formally online. Draws and match times would be updated online frequently, and hard copies of the draws would be present at the tennis center as well. This would ensure that all participants know exactly when they play, and ultimately streamline the way tournaments are run at the TBCTC. I would also like to perfect the current tournament ranking/seeding system that is in place, as well as ensure a tournament director(s) is(are) present for each tournament. Lastly, I will work my very hardest with the rest of the executives to bring indoor tennis back to Thunder Bay!

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Gianni Mascarin

Junior Development Nominees

Carly Fuchihara

I am a genuine lover of the game as are my 3 children.

If elected to JD Chair I will continue to volunteer my time making our busy outdoor centre the best it can be for everyone from our youngest juniors to our sprightliest seniors.

I'm an enthusiastic Indoor supporter working diligently for the development of year-round tennis. I'm also a tireless advocate for the preservation of our current outdoor centre & all it presently offers our members. The loss of half our busy outdoor courts would be a huge step backward & **we need to focus on adding to our facility** and opportunities rather than compromising them.

My experience aligns well with this role & my plan is to contribute to growing the sport of tennis through greater community engagement. I support greater outreach aligned with Tennis Canada initiatives to grow participation numbers in this "sport for life" for all demographics & elite opportunities such as our Force Academy that fostered the huge improvements in many of our promising juniors this past season.

My experience:

- Former Health & Phys Ed Department Head & teacher
- Former National level athlete, involved in developing & running grassroots to elite junior programs as part of my contractual agreements with the National Sporting body.
- Director of a Sport Academy in Auckland, NZ that serviced schools & was instrumental in supporting explosive growth of basketball in NZ
- I bring business acumen, experience with grant applications, Best Practices, excellent oral & written communication and HR skills.

Youth sport is my passion. And aren't we all still big kids at heart playing this great game! Let's keep growing & improving our wonderful tennis centre – our HAPPY PLACE!!

Jeff Leduc

I would like to take this opportunity to be considered for the executive of the Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre. I have been a member for over 15 years and have spent many hours there watching, participating and volunteering

I would like to continue promoting tennis throughout the community, increasing our membership through the love of the game. Continue improving our junior program, our adult programs, and the overall community feel of our club, these would be great goals for our executive. Having indoor tennis only enhances these goals.
I would love to help out.

Thank you

Jeff Leduc

Members at Large

Sheila D'Amore

-No biography or statement was given

George Derbyshire

Good afternoon. I think that this will be a very important year for our club and for the tennis community. Decisions will be made that will have a significant long term impact. After much reflection I have decided to continue working on the Executive. I have approached the many issues, challenges of changes and even conflicts and controversy with an objective and open mind always asking "what do I honestly think would be best for the Club. I have no constituency. My only specific agenda is the responsible development of indoor tennis .

Thank you.

George Derbyshire

Kristine Gascon

Dear Members:

Please accept my letter as an interest in serving on the upcoming executive for the 2021-2022 season.

I am interested in joining because I feel I have many ideas I would like to share; I have a wealth of experience working on committees and having been a Tennis Centre member for over 30 years I have seen growth at our centre and would like to have a bigger part in seeing things move along further.

I have been a teacher for 21 years and in that time, I have been the lead teacher in our Primary French division and on our EQAO committee, a mentor to many new staff and the sole organizer of our tennis and track programs as well the teacher in charge of purchasing for the school. These committees have made it possible for me to work on organizing, scheduling, budgeting and taking minutes at various meetings.

I feel that I have several skills that could be useful on the upcoming executive.

As for my tennis background, not only have I been a long-time member, but I was also part of the staff for many years, as a JD instructor and an Assistant Pro. So, I am very aware of the day-to-day operations at the tennis centre.

I believe that our Tennis Centre can do wonderful things for this community. We only need a group of hard-working individuals who will listen to the members and advocate for the wants of the entire centre. I feel that I could fit those qualities and would be happy to be a representative on the executive.

Sincerely,
Kristine Gascon

Frank Potestio

I have been practicing Obstetrics & Gynecology in Thunder Bay for 23 years and I'm also Associate Professor in Women's Health at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. During much of this time my family and I have been proud members and sponsors of the TBCTC.

I completed a Master of Science in Physiology at the University of Western Ontario, a Medical Degree at the University of Toronto and specialty training in OB/GYN at McGill and UWO. I returned home to set up my medical practice at the Port Arthur Health Centre.

At NOSM, I established the Lakehead OB/GYN Local Education Group and remain the medical lead. A governance agreement was created for OB/GYNs at the TBRHSC to enhance scholarly activity and research in our community. I have served as NOSM Regional Director of OB/GYN Postgraduate Medical Education and was previously Site Director of the NOSM/University of Ottawa OB/GYN residency training program.

I was a member of the Gynecology Clinical Practice Committee of the Society of OB/GYNs of Canada that established guidelines for the management of women's health issues. I'm also an examiner for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada to certify physician specialists to practice in Canada.

My interests include tennis, playing piano, watching NFL football and camp life. At this juncture in my life I hope to contribute to the sport I love, tennis, by participating on the executive board of the TBCTC and ensure that our community has accessible year round tennis.

Frank Potestio
MSc, MD, FRCSC