

To: SSTA Members

Happy Spring to our 2021 SSTA Members!

Welcome to all of our new Members! For those of you who haven't checked out our new Club Spark website (<https://clubspark.ca/saltspringtennis>) - please note that our new Club website is up and running! Updates regarding the process of continuing to open up Club services and activities - as BC Health regulations allow - are posted regularly on the website, along with news about Club events. We are continuing to plan leagues, tournaments and activities throughout 2021, and we will be setting up potential schedules once we elect our new Executive at the virtual AGM on April 15th.

As a reminder, we do encourage all Members to attend the virtual AGM in order to vote for our new Executive, to thank our outgoing Executive, and to learn more about what we have planned for 2021.

As you know, the 2020 season, as well as the beginning of 2021, have certainly represented a dynamic and pivotal time for SSTA. There have been many overt changes at SSTA, as well as lots of activity going on behind the scenes. In 2020 we welcomed a new coach, Piers Zdan, who brought renewed life and energy to the Juniors program as well as much needed additional lessons to adults. Piers left the Club at the beginning of March 2021, and successfully passed the torch to our new coach, Darran Wrighton, who has exciting plans for the Junior program moving forward. It is with genuine enthusiasm that we welcome Darran to SSTA, and wish him and all the Juniors and adult students a productive and rewarding 2021 tennis season.

Another noteworthy occurrence during 2020 was the decision by Mafalda Hoogerdyk, who has acted as our Club's President, and Erica Ross, who has been Vice President, to step down from their positions in order to facilitate a leadership transition that will foster continued Club growth and expansion over the coming years. Mafalda and Erica are undoubtedly key architects of SSTA, having successfully built a strong and enduring foundation for our Club from which we can continue to build and thrive. While Erica will remain on the SSTA Board as Investors Director, they both are looking forward to enjoying more leisure and court time this upcoming year!

Mafalda and Erica have graciously nominated Babette Arnoldus-Dubois as incoming President and Bay Hale as incoming Vice President for the upcoming term of the SSTA Board of Directors. As candidates for the 2021 election, Babette and Bay are honoured to offer their time, dedication and commitment to helping SSTA flourish and evolve as a key pillar of Salt Spring's sporting and leisure community. Please find attached their Board Platform for your reference.

On that note, anyone wishing to learn more about potentially joining the Board, or to nominate someone for a Board position, please contact April Wright at april.wright@shaw.ca. Similarly, if you are interested in learning more about volunteer positions - and we are always in need of more volunteers! - please contact Mary Grove at marygrove@live.com.

See you at the virtual AGM and on the courts!

Sincerely,

Babette and Bay