BENEFITS SNAPSHOT

Little Aces Parks and Rec and Indoor Team – Tennis Leagues. Providing recreational juniors as young as 6 with opportunities to play tennis in a fun, affordable and accessible way. New Parks and Rec programs available – see City of Ottawa online recreation guides. New Indoor Leagues available (TCWO, Carleton & OAC) in Fall 2014/Winter and Spring 2015 – no membership required – contact facilities for more information.

Little Aces In Schools program involves OTA member clubs partnering with local schools and delivering fun lessons to kids using the progressive tennis method while instructing teachers in what they need to know in order to implement a tennis program in their school gyms. Preferred pricing is also available to all schools on items such as racquets, tennis balls and mini nets.

Capital Kids is a Trillium supported program for the Ottawa region with partnership from the NCTA and the City of Ottawa. Capital Kids will fund summer tennis lessons for 3 years for kids in high-needs neighbourhoods in Ottawa. The program also helps participants join a member club as a junior member as well as subsidizes kid's racquets and balls. In 2014, the program reached over 750 kids.

Tennis Instructor / Professional training and certification – some 24 participants in 2014.

The **Ottawa Tennis Tour**, new in 2015 will travel throughout the city delivering a variety of clinics based on specific club needs/requests. Featuring local, seasoned tennis professionals, the Tour will be a great service which clubs can access and base fun events, BBQs, and tennis fairs around.

The **Ottawa Smash Cage**, a giant blow-up castle equipped with a radar gun, is a great addition to any club event with kids and adults allowing participants to test the speed of their shots. Facilitated by Kunstadt Sports, the Smash Cage also comes with a racquet demo and prizes.

Club Insurance By pooling the risks and needs of more than 150 community clubs through the association, the OTA is able to reduce premiums to member clubs. The OTA insurance package offers liability and property, abuse, as well as Directors' and Officers' insurance.

The **COMPETITIVE STRUCTURE** in Ontario features more than 1100 events accommodating players in the age categories Under 8 to Over 80. By hosting OTA tournaments, member clubs have the opportunity to benefit from additional revenue, raise the club's profile in their local community which in turn attracts new members and provide an added service to current members. Some 24 OTA sanctioned junior tournaments in Ottawa this year. **Raise the Net** is a province-wide program providing club support via: by-law templates, tournament management seminars, and self-rating guides for club members. The program also includes club governance education and Best Practices for clubs on: volunteer recruitment, building memberships, grant applications, financial management, board formation, and much more.

OTA Club Card is another benefit program for our club members. The card will offer members significant discounts on tennis equipment, Rogers Cup tickets and a variety of other OTA partner products and services. It can also be used as a club membership card. Currently, the value to each member is more than \$50. **OTA volunteer recognition** free official certificates for member clubs to award.

OTA Discounts from **preferred member pricing** on **Wilson** (official ball) tennis balls, **Head** (official racquet) starter racquets and court equipment through **RACQUETGUYS** (official court equipment supplier).

These programs are a sample of all the benefits the OTA provides to the member clubs. To view the entire package, please visit our website <u>www.tennisontario.com</u> and click on the "Club Membership Benefits" link. Contact John Wins-Purdy (OTA Ottawa Regional Coordinator) for inquiries specific to the Ottawa region: <u>john.winspurdy@gmail.com</u> / 613.600.2064