

OTTAWA TENNIS AND LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Seasonal employees at the Tennis Club. An amazing line-up of talent!

By Janet Uren

Their resumes speak for themselves. The people coming on board this summer at the Ottawa Tennis and Lawn Bowling Club (OTLBC) are mostly university students, aiming for various degrees in teaching, engineering or medicine. Every one of them has impressive credentials, including a provincial champion in Tae-kwon-do, a talented artist with special experience working with children and a seasoned high-performance volleyball coach and referee.

All winter behind the scenes, staff have been working to plan for this year – which means, among other things, hiring some 70 new seasonal staff to provide for reception and court bookings, to run the tennis and volleyball programs, to oversee the pool, to run the Cameron Restaurant and the Courtside Cafe and to deliver the summer camps. The task of reviewing applications and conducting interviews has been completed now, and the result is an absolutely breathtaking line-up featuring an exciting combination of knowledge, skill and aptitude to support this year's programs.

No one benefits more from this fantastic assembly of athletes and artists than our summer campers. This year, the club has recruited a multi-talented artist to lead the camps, with experience both in sports and arts and crafts. She has all the skills and experience needed to serve 700 children, ages 5 to 13, with a program of sports, games and arts and crafts. Warning! The registration for summer camps is already well advanced – just a few spots left!

This year, we are pleased to welcome a real champion to the camps. A second-year engineering student has been recruited who has represented Canada in Junior Tae-Kwon-Do and is now the senior provincial champion. He will be leading the campers in physical activity and fun fitness.

Also on the camp team are soccer players and recreational coaches and competitive volleyball players. The person taking responsibility for the camp tennis program in particular –



Tennis Club summer camp staff.

always a central activity at the club – is someone who has grown up at the club. She is a high school student, but already a seasoned player and a competitor with the Glebe Collegiate Tennis Team. This is an OTLBC veteran, returning for her third year.

Teaching is a vocation for some, and that is exactly what Leaders-in-Training requires. This program introduces young teenagers to the working world in a fun and meaningful way. Returning for a second year and now a university graduate on her way to teachers' college, this employee is the perfect person to design a lively, well integrated and truly meaningful introduction to the working world for young adults.

Most new employees are local university and high school students out to get work, experience in the working world, and to who want support a community institution. On the other hand, some applications come from other parts of Canada. Two young women, for example, have both applied this year from British Columbia. They are lifelong friends, now both students at university in Kamloops. They applied together in the hope not only of finding good summer jobs and sharing the adventure, but also of being able to experience an unknown part of the country. They are bringing enormous talent and experience to the club. One of them has worked with children as a high-performance volleyball coach and referee; the other is fluently bilingual. Thanks to them, the club will be well positioned

this year to help children prepare for high school volleyball and to receive the public in both official languages.

The pool is a huge centre of attraction at OTLBC, and we are fortunate this year to have attracted a university student with extensive experience both as a lifeguard and swimming instructor, as well as all the qualifications needed for first-aid and life-saving. And she is not alone. Other members of our pool team include competitors and coaches in swimming, artistic swimming and water polo.

Of course, it all starts at the front desk. The club has hired young people who are friendly and welcoming, team players and good communicators. There will also be

one familiar face, as one employee returns for her third year. The others joining her on the front desk are all highly competent young people, all university students heading for degrees in subjects like medicine and science.





For the 2024 season, the tennis club has assembled a truly brilliant line-up of talent and skill right across the board. It has found active people who have worked hard to develop their skills, to acquire certifications and, as volunteers, to support their community. It is a group that collectively represents success, hard work and responsibility in fields ranging across sport, art and academic achievement.

The Club continues to be one of the largest employers of youth in the Ottawa South area. The Club thrives on combining giving local people a chance to develop their skills and careers, and bringing the top Canadian talent to the people we serve. Thanks to this team, it's going to be a wonderful summer, maybe the best ever in the 143-year history of Ottawa's oldest and largest tennis club.


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