

2018 NTTC TOURNAMENT SUMMARY

There is a new tennis sheriff in town and his name is cool hand Luke. His real name is Luke Coles and his game is for real, having defeated two time defending men's champion Oliver Small 6-3, 6-4, to capture the North Toronto Tennis Club 2018 **Men's A** singles championship. The caliber of play between these two champions was tremendous and the match was even closer than the score would suggest. There were many exciting long rallies featuring sublime groundstrokes and powerful serve and volleys that wowed the many club members in attendance. **The ladies singles final** featured last years runner-up Dahlia Kasimer versus newcomer Aida Sijamic-Wahid. This was a match of contrasting styles with the power hitting Sijamic-Wahid prevailing over the speedy and tenacious Kasimer by a score of 6-1, 6-2. Sijamic-Wahid was also victorious in the **ladies doubles final** along with her partner Sharon Podatt as they cruised to a 6-2, 6-2 victory over the crafty veteran team of Lada Demarin and Iva Cizek. Cizek was seeing double duty on this day having played earlier in the **Mixed Doubles Final** where she and her husband Dalibor Cizek lost a tight 6-4,6-4 match to Angela Flood and her brother-in-law Bob Boetcher, who were playing together in the tournament for the first time. **The Men's B Singles final** saw Richard Chen capture his first singles tournament title with a 6-4,6-3 victory over Ivan Orol. Chen's all-court game and versatility combined with his powerful forehand were simply too much for Orol, whose remarkable play at 72 years of age was the surprise of the tournament. Orol toppled three excellent and much younger opponents on-route to his first final, proving that tennis players do get better with age. And last but certainly not least fireworks went off in the **Men's Doubles final** pitting Dalibor Cizek and Richard Chen versus two time champions Cyprien Tacq and Chris Moir. Tacq and Moir prevailed 6-2, 6-2 winning their third Men's doubles title.

The 2018 North Toronto Tennis tournament set a new club record with 116 participants. The six draws were deeper and more competitive than ever. A special thank you to Club Manager Mark Crone, Head Pro Adrian Boubalos and their assistant Katherine Irwin who went above and beyond organizing the matches and making sure that everything went smoothly. The sun may have set on the 2018 tournament but the thrills and spills and camaraderie among participants will surely last a lifetime.

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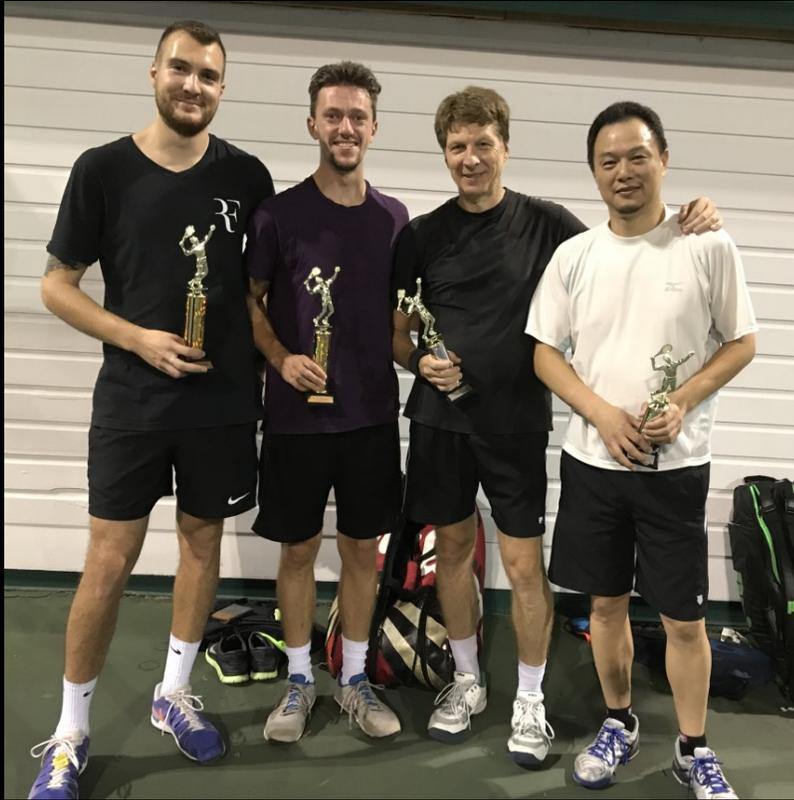
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