



## **COUGAR DOME CHATTER –7<sup>th</sup> EDITION**

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Well Chatter Readers, the sun is shining, the temperature is on the rise, and best of all, the snow has finally stopped! That said, although winter has come to an end, things here at The Cougar Dome have not; we're just getting started!

First, some very exciting news on the tennis front. The Cougar Dome now has a Head Tennis Pro, Tim Adham (better known as Tennis Tim - for those of you who have met him, you know this is a very suiting name, as he lives and breathes tennis). Tim brings with him an incredible wealth of tennis knowledge, as well as experience, having played on the National and International stage. He's extremely passionate, and very committed to placing Truro on the map as a hotbed for tennis. We're very fortunate to have Tim as part of our team, and we invite you to join him on court anytime!

Also on the tennis front, The Cougar Dome and Truro Tennis Club have joined forces, which means Tennis Tim, and staff, will be overseeing programming at both locations! It also means no rain dates, and opportunities for year-long play (tennis is no longer a seasonal sport), as well as consistency in product and services at both locations! Come see us at The Cougar Dome and/or Truro Tennis Club for full details on memberships, programming (the next round of lessons begin June 2<sup>nd</sup>) or anything/everything tennis!

Before I move on to our non-tennis excitement, I would like to put a shout-out to our own Sid MacIsaac and George Flemming for organizing two very successful tennis events. The on-going Singles Ladder and BIG CAT tournament have garnered a great deal of interest, and the competition on court has been nothing less than exciting! There are some tough match-ups ahead, but I know all are up for the challenge! Best of luck to all!

Moving from tennis to turf, we've been extremely fortunate to have visits from our local soccer players, football enthusiasts, lacrosse athletes, the baseball and softball crews, those prepping for outdoor athletics, our weekly bocce visitors, and of course our golfers, among others. That said, I wanted to take a moment to thank all who have chosen The Cougar Dome as their site for winter training, tryouts and competition, as there is something very special about having our Dome filled with local community members living life, having fun and staying fit, as we had hoped would be the case!

I think now would be a good time to also acknowledge our CCRSB patrons. As you all know, the primary purpose behind the creation of The Cougar Dome was to provide free access to all students within the CCRSB, between the hours of 9am-3pm. It took some time getting word out to the schools to come visit us, and there is certainly still work to be done in that regard, but since the start of the second semester, we have seen a big increase in school visits, and we look forward to having others take advantage of our facility! Whether via exploratories, wellness days or a simple class trip, the students and teachers who have come to see us have had a wonderful time, as have we, and we truly look forward to future visits ahead.

Speaking of school, noting that things are winding down for the year, I am very pleased to announce that The Cougar Dome will be hosting two summer camps, starting the week of June 30<sup>th</sup>. The first, a repeat of our very successful March Break All Sorts of Sports Camp, will focus on a different sport every day, with arts and crafts, free play and day trips planned for the afternoon. We will also be offering the first-ever Tennis ONLY Camp, also beginning June 30<sup>th</sup>, which will focus on a minimum of three hours on court each day, as well as arts and crafts, free play and day trips in the afternoon, for those who do not wish to continue with more court time in the afternoon session. Registration for both camps is underway, and for those who register on/before May 31<sup>st</sup>, you'll have a chance to win one week free! Don't miss out, these camps are top-notch, with some of the best instructors around leading the charge (including Tennis Tim). Visit [www.cougardome.ca](http://www.cougardome.ca) for more information!

Ok, as always I have way too much to talk about, and have once again gone over my word count, so I must sign-off, but please stay tuned for further info to come re: some additional special events and programs getting underway soon!