



# Ward's Island Weekly



## Looking back, looking ahead Summer on the Island



Gala Day beauties.



### Gala Day Committee We need you!

Please contact any member of the executive if you are interested in preserving and enriching our Gala Day experience. From the Dixieland Jazz band to Bingo with Jay, many of us consider Gala Day to be one of the best parts of summer on the Island. The WIA needs your energy and ideas. So please step up to the plate and together we can make it happen!



### 2008 W.I.A. Executive

- PRESIDENT: Matthew Ferguson
- VICE-PRESIDENT: Bob Tanner
- PAST PRESIDENT: Garth Roerick
- TREASURER: Christine Small
- SECRETARY: Mary Margaret Crapper
- MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS: Asha Hodura & Bill Kime
- ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR: Evan Roerick
- CLUBHOUSE CHAIR: Sam Sperry
- TENNIS CO-CHAIRS: Jim Saunders & Tony Currie
- BOWLING CHAIR: Colin Brodie
- NEWSLETTER EDITORS: Melissa Amer & Liz Amer
- NEWSLETTER LAYOUT: Kathleen Doody

## Nothing Could Be Finer

Nothing conquers dolor  
Like a walk along Cibola  
In the morning.  
Strolling by the firehall,  
Canoes are there for hire all  
The morning  
Or take the little bridge that goes  
across the lagoon,  
Straight on down Ojibway (but  
watch out for the racoons),  
And soon you'll see the harbour,  
It'll surely stir your ardour,  
In the morning.

And when 'ere I can I'll  
Take an amble along Channel  
In the morning.  
To see those ducks and geese flap  
Out along the Eastern Gap  
All morning.  
Or bike along the boardwalk at the  
break of day,  
And play a set of tennis at the WIA,  
Or at the beach you can recline or  
Have a swim – well, nothing's finer  
In the morning!

—AN ISLAND POET



## Rebels seize control of small WIA Clubhouse!

El Presidente and the Revolutionary Guard seized control of the small palace sometime after New Year's Eve.

There the Rebels have been holding war cabinet meetings throughout the winter and are now conducting a full assault on the main building to transform the WIA into a Fully Accessible Palace for the People! ( With a new wheelchair accessible washroom).

El Presidente and the Rebels have declared a new Mandate for the WIA: **“The WIA is here to promote Island Sports, Arts and Culture.”**

More than ever before the WIA is here for every single islander. That means you!



### Message from El Presidente:

“I need you to join the revolution. Call me on the telephone, email me on the web, talk to me on the boat, tell me you will donate an hour of time to support the cause. Or tell me what you want to do to support the revolution of arts, sports and culture at the WIA.”

Photos by Claudette Abrams

The WIA Revolution will include:

- more dances
- more theatrical events
- arts Sundays
- animated movie nights
- baseball
- **PLUS** everything you loved about the old WIA

Check out the updates on the WIA page at [torontoisland.org](http://torontoisland.org) Our calendar is being updated weekly so you will always know what is coming up at your clubhouse.

Join the Revolution! Discover Heaven on Earth at the WIA in 2008.

# Welcome to the WIA 2008 Membership Season



## 2008 W.I.A. membership rates

### Social only (no early rate)

Family	\$40
Single adult and child 18 and under	\$30
Single adult 19 and over	\$25
Senior 65+ and students (under 18)	\$15
Lifetime (social only)	No charge

### Tennis

(prices include social membership)

		after June 1
Family	\$255	\$285
Single adult 19 and over	\$130	\$155
Child 12 years and under	\$40	\$50
Lifetime, seniors 65+ and students	\$70	\$95

### Bowling & Croquet (prices include social membership, no early rates)

Family	\$100
Single adult 19 and over	\$75
Lifetime and seniors 65+	\$50

### Tennis, Bowling & Croquet

(prices include social membership)

		after June 1
Family	\$330	\$360
Single adult 19 and over	\$185	\$210
Seniors 65+ and students	\$85	\$110

The official tennis-bowling-croquet and social season will kick off this year on May 1.

New this year, the WIA is offering an “all inclusive” **Sports & Social Membership** to enrich your WIA experience. Early Bird Memberships, purchased from Street Captains between May 1 and May 31 will feature low introductory rates for all-in-one (tennis, bowling, croquet and social). Last year’s rates pertain for other membership categories.

Non-members are welcome but must purchase a guest pass. Guest passes for tennis are \$12/day or \$70/week, and for bowling \$10/day or \$49/week.

With your help, input and feedback, new initiatives are in development for the upcoming months. We plan to revive Island baseball, continue tennis lessons for kids, and institute art programs for all ages. For a real sense of belonging, join and support your thriving, active and official island

organization. This is an important part of our community heritage and the Island summer tradition.

Special thanks to Geoffrey Lye for donating the 2008 membership cards, and to the street captains on Ward’s and Algonquin for their time, effort and community spirit. Names and phone numbers are listed below.

For further inquiries about the WIA 2008 membership please contact Bill Kime at 203-3637 or Asha Hodura at 985-5716. —Asha Hodura



These two are looking forward to the new WIA season!

## 2007 Street captains

First Street	Ron Gaskin	603-0034
Second Street	Lynne Stirling	203-0868
Third Street South	Betsy Canfield	203-1013
Third Street North	Janet Heisey	203-9100
Fourth Street South	Judie Temporale	203-0804
Fourth Street North	Caroline O’Brien	203-0830
Fifth Street	Shannon Coull	203-0917
Sixth Street	Kathryn Crosthwait	203-0793
Channel Avenue	Nikki Smith	203-0823
Lakeshore Avenue	Bonnie Hamburg	203-0934
Bayview Avenue	Janet Heisey	203-9100
Willow/Withrow/Lenore Avenue	Christine Small	203-2421
Dacotah Avenue	Peggy Slegers	203-9664
Nottawa Avenue	Zsuzsa Kelemen	203-0188
Ojibway Avenue	Mary Margaret Crapper	203-7042
Omaha Avenue	Yael Freudmann	203-1803
Oneida Avenue	Elizabeth Roerick	203-1039
Seneca Avenue	Charlotte Mudge	203-3556
Wyandot Avenue	Charlotte DeHeinrich	203-6777

# ISLAND HOEDOWN

Saturday, May 17, 2008  
Ward's Island Clubhouse

\$5 at the door

\$10 family rate

Free for kids under 12

CASH BAR

6 p.m.

Come early and beat the crowds!  
\$5 Hoedown Dinner served by  
your new WIA executive

7 p.m.

Doors open for Hoedown

7:30 p.m sharp

First dance set begins.

Callers: Mighty-Fine Maeve, Lively Ivy,  
Kalico Kath

Music: The Sandbar Stringband

**BE THERE,  
JOIN A SQUARE!**

# ISLAND DANCE



Saturday June 7

9 p.m.

with Tim Bovaconti  
and Friends

It's the first dance of  
the year . . . let's make  
it a good one!

# WIA Tennis News 2008

Welcome back all WIA members, the tennis season is now underway. This year we were out working on the courts on the first Sunday in April, even managing to play a couple of sets. The courts are a little soft but plans are in the works to have them resurfaced and possibly to replace the lines on court three. The tennis schedule for this summer season is as follows:

## Round Robins

Held on the Saturday of each long weekend, rain day is Sunday.

May 17

June 28

August 2

August 30

## Tournaments

Mixed Doubles: June 21-22

Men's Doubles: July 19-20

Women's Doubles: August 16-17

Women's Singles: September 13-14

Men's Singles: September 20-21

The date of the tennis pot luck dinner will be announced in a future issue of the *Weekly*.

We look forward to a fabulous tennis season. Please remember, to play ten-



nis, memberships or guests passes are mandatory. The tennis groundskeeper will begin to maintain the courts as of May 1. Children's court times are anytime after 2:00 p.m.

Your new WIA tennis co-chairs,  
—Jim Saunders & Tony Currie



## Bowling is Back!

Please stay tuned for the schedule of events at the bowling green this summer. We are excited about the new all-inclusive membership pass and hope that we see many new members out at the tournaments and weekly bowling events. See you there!

## Got something to contribute?

If you have any WIA-related submissions for the *Weekly* please drop them in the mailbox at 16 Lakeshore Avenue or email them to [wiaweekly@hotmail.com](mailto:wiaweekly@hotmail.com). We are also looking for pictures and drawings of WIA events so please send your snapshots and illustrations our way.

Take a minute to check out the revamped WIA website at [www.torontoisland.org](http://www.torontoisland.org) and click on WIA. We have some great pictures of past and present events, a calendar of activities, a short history of the WIA, and much, much more.