



June 13-16, 2023

Greetings GTC members!

This time I am contacting you in my capacity as Tournament Director for the upcoming **Janco Steel Wheelchair Tennis Classic**, from June 13th to 16th 2023. This is a “Futures” level tournament, sanctioned by the International Tennis Federation and Tennis Canada. It is the highest level tournament ever hosted by our club.

The level of competition promises to be of high calibre once again this year, attracting ITF ranked athletes from various countries. At last year’s tournament we had 29 athletes from 5 different countries, including Japan, Israel, Portugal, the USA, and of course Canada. This year we already have registrations from Australia, Tennessee, and Hawaii – and pending registrations from Japan, Nigeria and many others from Canada, including from BC, Quebec, Ontario and Nova Scotia.

Special thanks to **Al and Janet Schutten** and **Janco Steel** for sponsoring this event! Without their generous support, this very special event would not be possible. The Planning Team for this event is comprised of several GTC and Aldershot members, including **Andy and Amanda Fraser, Terry and Judy Roberts, Jody Friesen, Alex Rasilius, Gillian Mauro, Mary Lou Mauro** and Grimsby resident **Karen Ginsburg** who is acting as Volunteer Coordinator. In addition, several other GTC members and Grimsby residents have volunteered to help during the four days of the tournament.

As you might expect, a tournament of this level requires significant financial and human resources. If you would like to support this tournament in some way – a financial contribution or donating a prize that can be raffled or gifted to the athletes, would be much appreciated. For more information, please call or text me at 905-536-6500 or email me at rmauro2122@gmail.com

‘Fans in the Stands’ is an excellent way to show your support so I hope you will take the opportunity to come and cheer for these inspiring athletes on one or all of the tournament days. You will be impressed with their skill level, and you will help us provide them with a memorable experience. Opening Ceremonies are scheduled for June 13th at approximately 12:30 and a Skills Competition will follow.

Thank you.

Ron Mauro

