

MARK PARSONS



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Mark Parsons is the most successful tennis player from NL. Mark is not just the only player from our province to win a National Junior singles title but also the only player ever to play professionally and attain an ATP ranking. He played on the Canadian Davis Cup team in 2001 and also played in the Rogers Cup. Mark played in over 20 ATP events during his career.

At the age of 14 Mark moved to Florida to attend the Nick Bolliteri Tennis Academy in order to pursue his dream of playing professional tennis. He went on to play for the University of Tennessee where he was the singles All American Champion in 1999 and the All Conference Player on numerous occasions. Mark played with and against many tennis greats including Roger Federer and Tommy Haas. Mark now works as a professional tennis coach in Connecticut.

Mark was nominated by Mike Meaney

BRETT WILLIAMS



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Brett played his first tournament at the age of 10 winning the provincial open U12. He went on to win provincial tournaments in every age group and competed at the Atlantic and National level. Brett was the youngest male (16 year old) to win the Provincial Men's title in 1988 and then repeated the win the following year. He also won Provincial doubles championships four times with three different partners.

Brett went on to play college tennis and was the first male player in Newfoundland and Labrador to receive a NCAA Division 1 tennis scholarship at the College of William & Mary in Virginia. He played singles and doubles in Division 1, and was Captain of the men's tennis team. He achieved a regional doubles ranking of number 15 during his senior year. Brett continues to play tennis and serves on the Boards of Riverdale and Greenbelt Tennis Clubs as well as TNL.

Brett was nominated by Denis Murphy and Anita Pushpanathan

AYYAKANNU PUSHPANATHAN

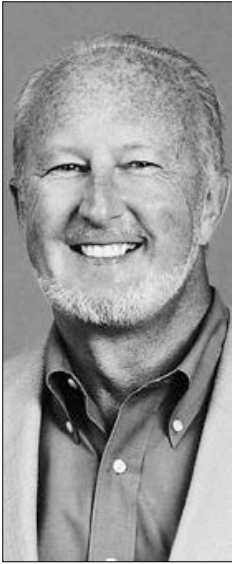


~ builder

Ayyakannu Pushpanathan, better known as Pushpa, has been active in the tennis community in NL for over 35 years. While he has volunteered with the Riverdale and TNL Board's his true building skills happen on the tennis courts. For many years now, week in and week out at least 40 players have filled the courts at Greenbelt thanks directly to Pushpa's planning and organizing. He arranges mixed doubles groups 3 nights a week, men's doubles 2 nights a week, as well as weekend games. He welcomes and recruits new players and then connects them to his network of players. Pushpa truly is a leader in building the game of tennis at the grassroots level.

Ayyakannu was nominated by Sean Charters & Patricia Kelsey

COLM SEVIOUR



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Colm Seviour has been a tennis player and active volunteer in the tennis community for many years. He has served on the Riverdale Board of Directors for the past 16 years. During this time he has provided excellent professional guidance and was instrumental in the formation of the Riverdale/Greenbelt partnership.

Colm also served on the Tennis NL Board and was elected President in 2007. During his time in this position he was actively involved in the Atlantic Tennis Association and the Council of Provinces. Colm has continued to actively serve as past President of TNL for the past 7 years. In his many roles over the years Colm has also provided these various Boards with timely and valuable legal counsel.

Colm was nominated by Laura Seviour

DERRICK ROWE



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Over the past 15 years Derrick Rowe has served on local, provincial, regional and national tennis boards in various leadership positions. Derrick has volunteered his services with the Greenbelt Tennis Board since 2002 serving as the President for 7 years and the Treasurer for the past 5 years. In 2007 Derrick was elected to the Board of Directors of TNL and served as the President from 2012-2016. During his tenure as President he was elected Chairman of the Council of Provinces and led the group into a more structured organization with new by-laws and governance rules.

In 2012 Derrick was elected to the Board of Tennis Canada where he served on both the Tennis Development and Financial and Administration Committee's. Last year Derrick became the first Newfoundlander and Labradorean to be elected as the Chairman of the Tennis Board of Canada.

Derrick was nominated by Kevin Casey