NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

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Hello Tennis Friends!

This is an early edition of Niagara Tennis News to encourage everyone to pay a visit to the courts tomorrow (Sunday) in order to see our first ever Open Mixed Doubles Tournament.

There will be 32 players in action, with preliminary rounds starting at 10:00. Tour Director Sandra Barrett is excited about several of the Toronto teams who will be playing, and of course we're excited about our local teams in the event. It looks like we'll be in for some fine competition during the semi-finals and finals in the late afternoon.

The event has lots to offer for spectators, especially those who come equipped with tennis shoes and a racquet. At around 1:15-1:30, there will be an on-court clinic open to spectators and players alike. Sponsored by HEAD, it offers the chance to win some nice prizes. There will also be a silent auction and a pro-shop sale.

It's a first for Niagara-on-the-Lake, so come on down and check it out.

Good Luck, Charlotte!

Sunday also marks the first day for the Canadian U18 Championships, being held at the Ontario Racquets Club in Mississauga. A group of young members gathered on Tuesday afternoon to give Charlotte Petrick a warm send-off as a 13-year-old competitor in this prestigious event.

Standing : Ava Pozojevic, Charlotte Petrick
Front: Miranda Juras, Shaun Donnelly, Maddie Bentall, Mattea DeMunnich, Maxine Van Zyl.

They'll all be pulling for Charlotte on Sunday! You can follow the tournament at www.tenniscanada.com/juniornational/u18.htm

And good luck, Richard!

And if there wasn't enough excitement around here already, you can add the Ontario Senior Games to the list. Next week, this biennial event will take place in Oshawa, with our own Richard Berti as a tennis competitor in the 75+division. He and his partner participated in the last Games, in London in 2008.

Perhaps he'll organize a bus and take all of us next time! Check it out at www.actifest.com

Happy Birthday!

We're always happy to find a reason to celebrate, so birthdays are important. This week, we found two on one day, with both Lil Cohen and Nicole Goodwin having been born on August 4.

Lil's courtside celebration was on Monday, when the players whom she organizes into a weekly 4-court game presented her with green socks - a fitting symbol of our summer life at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club.

Nicole joined in for the monthly Ladies Night party on Wednesday evening, before going home to enjoy champagne with her husband, Ken.

Both are now eligible to vote and to apply for a driver's license.

Junior Program Thriving

A couple of weeks ago, Coach Janice Schachtschneider wished aloud that she had more foam balls for the youngest players in her junior classes.

Lo and behold, Pam's Pro Shop came up with a gift of a dozen EZ-Hit balls from Wilson Sporting Goods! The balls have a retail value in excess of $30, so this is a big help. Thanks Wilson!

Are these your sunglasses?

The Lost & Found Department for sunglasses continues to grow.
If any of these specimens look familiar, you can get a closer look in the pavilion office.

This Week's Flashback ...

Congratulations to Bev Lees and Maggie Hammerling who were the first to correctly identify the players in the 1992 Men's Doubles final. From the left, in the photo printed in last week's NTN, they are Gerry Kanters, Ken Rive, Brian McVanel and Rick Sherk.

Can you name the good-looking foursome who appeared in the Ladies Doubles final match of 1992?

This special moment will be among those remembered when we celebrate 40 years of tennis in Niagara-on-the-Lake at the Anniversary Party on October 15th. Tickets coming soon!

Club Mixed Doubles Tournament

August 27-28

We can all get inspired watching the great play at the Open Tournament tomorrow, but our own special tournament - just for us here at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club - will be coming at the end of the month.

This event is geared for members of all playing levels, as the opening rounds will sort us into four flights. The atmosphere will be light and friendly and fun.

By extending the time framework, we'll be able to have longer matches than last year ... but we hope to retain the great spirit of camaraderie enjoyed at that very successful event.

Teams can choose one of four start times for their preliminary rounds : on Friday at either 5pm or 7pm ... or on Saturday at either 9am or 11am. Playoff rounds will commence on Saturday at 1pm.

But it's only fun if YOU join in. Pick up an entry form in the pavilion office or take one off the bulletin board, or email your entry to Pat Bryan at patandharvey@sympatico.ca. We can take the first 32 entries.

More Men's Doubles

Here are a few more memories from the Men's B Doubles Tournament held last month:

Special thanks to Irene Chambers for looking after the snacks and beverages for the event.
The Ralph-Mellanby-designed menu of peanuts and pretzels presented quite a challenge.

Terry Francis &
Don Chambers

Mayo Ridesic &
Roland Adams

Don't forget the Men's A Doubles Tournament,

coming up on Saturday September 11.

Competition will be for the Roman & Maria Korda Trophy.
2009 champions: Hugo Lirio & Danny Lococo

Seen on the courts this week ....

The dynamic duo of Tom Braybrook (left) and Danny McCarthy were looking mighty fine at Men's Night on Monday.

Danny was one of 26 founding members when our club was first started in 1970. He served as president in 1983, while Tom also filled that role in 1994.

Tom was quick to credit Shawna Macfarlane for some recent improvements in his game. Shawna was pressed into service for the Regular Game on Tuesday evening last week when they turned up a player short. The guys got great doubles with a little coaching thrown in as well.

... and thanks to Marc Gauvin, we now have a First-Aid kit on hand in the pavilion office. Shawna Macfarlane had been asking for one after a couple of bee/wasp stings to members last week, and Marc was concerned when a playing partner skinned his knee on the omni-court and we had no Bactine available.

Whether you need sunscreen, a bandaid or a wide variety of other remedies, we now should be able to help.

And - oh yes - there's that ROGERS CUP happening in Toronto next week ... Rafa and Roger and Andy and Novak. Hope you've got your tickets and are set to go. Coverage on TSN starts at 1pm on Monday.

Best regards,

Rosemary Goodwin

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Don Chambers Sarah Chapman-Jay John Christie Charlene Juras
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