

NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

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Hello Tennis Friends!

It isn't very often that NTN gets scooped by the Niagara Advance, but we certainly are very appreciative of the excellent coverage provided in the local paper this week. Our first ever open tournament, the Mixed Doubles event presented by the TennisAccess Tour last Sunday, was a big plus for the club in many ways. With 22 out-of-town players from Toronto, Oakville, Hamilton, Guelph, Collingwood and Buffalo, the level of play was probably the best ever seen on our courts. This presented a great competitive opportunity for 8 strong local players, and a good spectator opportunity for all who persevered with the iffy weather throughout the day.

Jeremy Martino & Thitima Christopher carried the local banner into the semi-finals of the A Flight, losing a close match to Ray Thompson & Janice Girardi of Toronto. Brian McVanel & Sarah Chapman-Jay were eliminated in the quarter-finals by eventual champions Dave Rudd & Sandra Barrett, while Don Pozojevic & Nancy Berkhout lost to Tony Lancia & Julie Enns.

Julie is the daughter of club member Mary Ann Enns, and was playing her first local event since moving to Toronto eight years ago. Julie learned her tennis in the junior program at White Oaks, as well as under the tutelage of Shawna Macfarlane.

From an organization standpoint, none of this could have happened without fantastic work by a wonderful group of volunteers. Many thanks to Pat Bryan, to Patricia Campbell, to Linda Telford, to Paula Lepp and to Marion Briston. Thanks also to Brian McVanel and Sarah Chapman-Jay, and to all the others who lent a hand.



Local players : Nancy Berkhout, Don Pozojevic, Jeremy Martino, Thitima Christopher, Bernard Sauter, Charlene Juras, Brian McVanel, Sarah Chapman-Jay.

The Tennis Access Tour, led by Sandra Barrett (far right) presented us with a cake in honor of the club's 40th anniversary celebrations.





*The tournament took a break at the halfway point for a Hit-for-Prizes game. "No shoes" said Pat Bryan ...
"No problem" said Jeremy Martino.*



Volunteers did an amazing job of turning out a banquet from our modest kitchen facilities. The players were very appreciative.



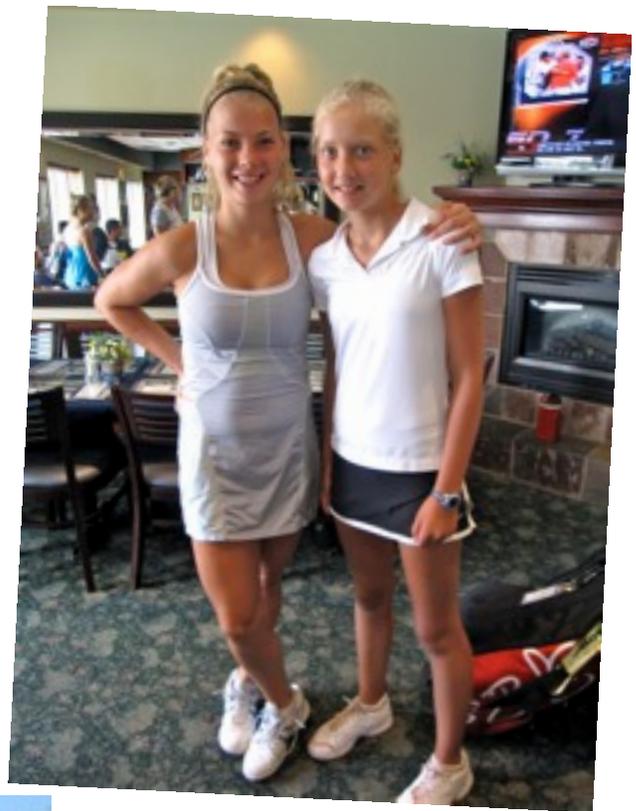
Festive pavilion ... comfortable spectators.

Canadian U18 Championships

To the best of our knowledge, this week marked the first time the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club has ever had a member playing in the Canadian Junior Championships. The athlete was Charlotte Petrick, the compelling 13-year-old we've enjoyed watching practice on our courts this summer.

Charlotte qualified last month to be part of the Ontario team competing in the tournament at the Ontario Racquet Club in Mississauga, one of 40 U18 girls across the country in the draw. Over the course of the week, Charlotte played six matches, winning four of them. She first lost to the #3 seed, then to the #6 seed in a very close match.

But in the doubles, Charlotte and her partner Anastasia



Burobina

won the silver medal, losing in the final to the #1 seeds Carol Zhao of Ontario and Kristina Sanjevic of Alberta by scores of 6-0 3-6 10-3. They had earned their berth in the final by beating the #4 seeds in the semi-final 6-2 6-3.

Congratulations, Charlotte, on a fine tournament ... and good luck in your next event : the qualifying tournament for the US Junior International Hard Court Championships at the Atlantic Club on the coast of New Jersey next weekend.

At the Rogers Cup

The events at the Rexall Center on the campus of York University in Toronto have certainly dominated the tennis world this week. For the first time in the history of the tournament, the top four players in the world are in the semi-finals. That includes the illustrious 20 years when the Canadian Open was held here in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Many club members have been making the drive to Toronto to see the big show, but not all have been spectators only. For Don Goodwin, it's the 33rd year as Master of Ceremonies, introducing the players to the Center Court crowd at the start of each match.

And for tiny Emira Mesihovic, the big day came on Monday, when she played in the first U8 Rogers Rookie Tour event ever held during the



Rogers Cup. Emira competed along with 14 other players, then was introduced to Daniel Nestor and Juan Ignacio Chela. Danny is, of course, the most successful tennis player in Canadian history, so it was a big thrill for the kids to meet him “up close and personal”. Emira and her father, Ed Mesihovic - a coach with our Junior Program - stayed in Toronto for a couple of extra days in order to see both Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal in action.



Emira Mesihovic (in pink near the left) with her fellow players in the U8 tournament ... demonstrating fine form with the modified Progressive Tennis equipment ... and getting an autograph from Daniel Nestor (or was Danny asking for hers?).



For yours truly, it was a chance to make a pitch for Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club to the executive director of the Ontario Tennis Association, Jim Boyce, and to the OTA president Michel Lecavalier. Both have promised to pay us a visit.



And who could resist a chance to pose with the Rogers Cup trophy!

Club Tournaments

We don't have a club pro to organize these events for us, or even a Tournament Committee to set things up, so things might not look as smooth as we'd like.

But the remainder of our championship events are scheduled to be played over the next few weeks, and we hope you're making plans to participate.

Players seem hesitant to sign notices on the Bulletin Board, so we invite you to email your intentions. Once the names are in, we'll do our best to run a good show.

MIXED DOUBLES

August 27-28

This event is open to all members of the club. Enter with a partner, or request a pairing.

Available start times are Friday at 7pm, Saturday at 9am or Saturday at 11am. Playoff rounds are on Saturday afternoon. Potluck dinner on Saturday evening. Entry fee \$5.

Competition is for the McVanel Communications Trophy and for the Roy Page Trophy. Additional prizes by Pam's Pro Shop.

Send entries to Pat Bryan:
patandharvey@sympatico.ca

MEN'S A DOUBLES

September 11

Start Time : 9:00am

This event is open to all members of the club. A maximum of 8 teams will play on September 11; qualifying matches will be played at an earlier time if necessary.

Competition is for the Roman & Maria Korda Trophy. Additional prizes by Pam's Pro Shop. Balls and lunch provided. Entry fee \$10.

Send entries to:
rosemarygoodwin@mac.com

WOMEN'S SINGLES & JUNIOR GIRLS' SINGLES

September 11

Start Time : 1:00pm

These events are open to all members of the club. Juniors are under 18 as of Jan 1 2010.

Competition is for the Rive Work Room Trophy and for the Lezlie Murch Trophy. Additional prizes by Pam's Pro Shop.

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MEN'S SINGLES (A and B) & JUNIOR BOYS' SINGLES

September 12

Start Time : 10:30am

These events are open to all members of the club. Juniors are under 18 as of Jan 1 2010.

Competition is for the Gerald & Carole Kanters Trophy, the Niagara Battery & Tire Trophy, and the Rive Work Room Trophy. Additional prizes by Pam's Pro Shop.

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Flashback of the Week ...

Tom Braybrook correctly identified the players in the finals of the 1992 Women's Doubles Championships, shown in the August 7th issue of NTN: Paula Lepp, Judy Rive, Pat Young and Carole Kanters. Can you name these players from the 1992 Mixed Doubles final?



Best regards,

Rosemary Goodwin

on behalf of,

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