



NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

MAY 9, 2010

Hello Tennis Friends!

Happy Mother's Day to all! We're experiencing a severe averaging-out of the spring weather ... unseasonably cold after several weeks of extraordinary warmth and beauty. Unfortunately, the wind along with the cold has forced the cancellation of this morning's Junior Program. As disappointing as this is to the young players, their parents and the instructors who were ready and waiting, Junior Development Director Charlene Juras made the difficult decision in the interests of safety and good sense. "I don't want anyone getting hurt or sick because of a tennis lesson in harsh conditions. I'm more interested in the kids having a positive tennis experience, especially when it's their first lesson of the year. We'll have a make-up date at the beginning of July."

This morning's Junior Program wasn't the only activity hampered by the weather this week. Men's Night on Monday was delayed for half an hour by rains that arrived just at 6:00, but a dozen intrepid players waited it out in the pavilion and found the courts playable within moments of the rain ending ... a remarkable bonus of our omni-court surface.

The Junior Program on Tuesday afternoon was interrupted by rain showers about 40 minutes into the lesson. The rains were soon joined by sun showers and a glorious rainbow ... quite a sight.



On Wednesday evening, things looked ominous for Ladies Night from the outset. Nevertheless, 10 players hastened to play a few games before thunder and lightning sent everyone scurrying for the cars. Liz Vinassac, Joan Chicken and Linda Gordon have made plans for a great summer program. All women members are invited to come out and join in this coming Wednesday.

By the end of the week, the winds were definitely the story. We were fortunate indeed to find a couple of small openings in which to install the first of the windscreens ... one on Wednesday morning and one on Thursday morning. We hope to get the remaining screens in place in the coming few days.



Larry Mantle and Wayne Vent led the way in putting up Windscreen #1.



Thanks to Shirley Rednall, John Christie, Phil Landray, Larry Mantle and Maria Budin for hanging Windscreen #2

Regular Maintenance

Thanks to Ken Rive, Facilities Manager for the Town, and Clive Buist, Director of Parks & Recreation, we now have a regular schedule for maintenance of the tennis courts.

Bud Barrick was the operator who rolled and swept the courts on Wednesday morning this week.

He expects to do this again early in the morning on the first Monday of every month, weather permitting. So plan on a slightly later start for your morning game on June 7, July 5, August 4, September 1 and October 4.



VIRGIL STAMPEDE ... Volunteers Wanted

We're very excited about presenting a Tennis Extravaganza on the Sportspark tennis courts as a special feature at the Virgil Stampede on the holiday weekend. The event is being presented by the Ontario Tennis Association and will give Stampede participants an opportunity to try a variety of tennis-related activities.

Volunteers are needed to help with the on-court management and keep things running smoothly. It's a fun experience to help people try tennis and give our sport a higher profile in the community.

We're looking for two volunteers for each hour. That's 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 on both Saturday May 22 and Monday May 24. If you could give an hour to be part of this worthwhile activity, please call or email Rosemary at 905 468 5503 or rosemarygoodwin@mac.com.

Coming Up This Week

MONDAY :	10:00	Ladies Round Robin (drop in)
	6:00	Men's Night
TUESDAY:	9:00	Co-ed Round Robin (drop in)
	5:00	Junior Lessons
	6:00	Tennis 101 (Shawna Macfarlane)
WEDNESDAY:	9:00	Men's Doubles
	5:30	Ladies Night (start time flexible)
THURSDAY:	9:00	Co-ed Round Robin (drop in)
	4:00	Junior Lessons
	5:00	Junior Lessons
FRIDAY:	9:00	Regular Game (2 courts)
	10:30	Regular Games (2 courts)
	6:00	Co-ed Round Robin (drop in)
SUNDAY:	9:00	Go Tennis Clinic (Shawna Macfarlane)
	10:00	Junior Lessons
	11:00	Junior Lessons
	12:00	Junior Team Tennis



The Tuesday morning gang : Joe Nixon, Don Chambers, Phil Landray, Wayne Vent, Dale Daniels.

Tennis 101 with Shawna Macfarlane is a great way for players to build up their confidence and get their tennis strokes going in the right direction.

Contact Shawna at addintennis@gmail.com.



Jeremy Martino, Ed Mesihovic and Janice Schachtschneider are among the instructors helping the junior players on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.



Best regards,
Rosemary Goodwin

on behalf of,
Don Chambers
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Janice Schachtschneider

Sarah Chapman-Jay
Peter Marchesseau
Elizabeth Vinassac

John Christie
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