



# NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

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Hello Tennis Friends!

There's still another day to go on this beautiful Victoria Day weekend ... hope everyone is enjoying lots of outdoor activities. There's been plenty of tennis happening around our town.

It has been a pleasure to welcome the Ontario Tennis Association as represented by Andrew Chappell and Liz Rathbone. Their program is called Tennis Pathways and involves setting up activities at events where people can be introduced to tennis for the first time.

The Virgil Stampede is a natural such location since there are two fairly good hard courts immediately adjacent to the carnival rides that attract so many local children every year. Andrew and Liz set up a series of mini-nets and gave short lessons, with most of the kids soon able to rally the tennis ball. Souvenir shirts were presented, which we hope will be a lasting reminder of the positive experience and bring them back to tennis soon.

Many thanks to the volunteers who braved the damp chilly day on Saturday to help with the program: Patricia Campbell, Linda Telford, Hertha Boese, Liz Vinassac, Thitima Christopher, Marlene McCarthy, Deb Robert, Amy Weiner and Janice Schachtschneider.



We'll be back at the Stampede on Monday, hoping to attract the eye of more families and to make a positive impression for tennis generally.

The Tennis Pathways program has three component steps : Try Learn and Stay. Ideally, the interest stirred up by this Try event will lead to an instruction program on the Virgil courts for the benefit of the kids in the neighborhood.

## Open House in Memorial Park

The Virgil Stampede schedule resulted in Andrew and Liz having a day free on Sunday, so they took the opportunity to set up on our Memorial Park courts. About 20 players enjoyed some cardio tennis, a serving contest, target tennis and a mini tennis competition.



Rhonda McMillan was one of the first prize-winners. Benoit Amice and Sarah Chapman also took home lovely prizes sponsored by FILA.



## 4th Annual Friends Tournament

John & Cindy Buck (back left and front second-left) bought a house here four years ago, but then were relocated to Boulder Colorado. Once each year, they get back to Niagara and are joined by friends from their original home north of Toronto.

All are keen tennis players, so tennis figures prominently in the reunion. They were on the courts on Saturday, then again early this morning, with the men's doubles settling the matter of who would be going home with the Viagra Cup.

One of the couples is actively shopping for a home here, so perhaps one day they'll all be at our club all summer.



## Ride To Conquer Cancer



Mary Ann Enns has undertaken the remarkable challenge of riding in this special event for the purpose of raising money for cancer research. Participants will cycle 200km over two days on June 12-13, starting in Toronto and ending in Niagara Falls. Funds raised will benefit the Campbell Family Institute at The Princess Margaret, one of the top five cancer research centres in the world.

To prepare for the ride, Mary Ann has been training for several months. This morning she rode 10km from home to the courts, played tennis for two hours in the Go Tennis clinic, then rode another 10km home.

This afternoon she was back to take part in the Open House, so it seems clear she'll be ready for the big ride in three weeks.

If you'd like to add to Mary Ann's sponsorship total, just Google 'Ride to Conquer Cancer' and look for the Toronto Home Page.

When you click on 'Donate' you'll be offered an option to type in Mary Ann's name.

As of this afternoon, she's listed as raising \$2,151 ... just shy of her target of \$2,500. It would be great to see our tennis club put her over the top!

## Welcome back, Nana!

Tennis makes for great friendships, so it was really good to see an old friend Nana Shamba at the courts for a short visit this afternoon.

Nana was a popular member and strong club supporter here for several years, but relocated to Toronto last fall where she is taking classes in preparation for a return to college in September.

Among those welcoming Nana were Thitima Christopher and Janice Schachtschneider.



## Coming Up this Week

Monday	10:00 Ladies Round Robin 11am - 4pm Tennis at the Virgil Stampede 6:00 Men's Night
Tuesday	9:00 Co-ed Round Robin 5:00 Junior Lessons 6:00 Tennis 101/102 with Shawna (2 courts)
Wednesday	9:00 Men's Singles/Doubles League 6:00 Ladies Night Opening Get-Together -tennis followed by potluck refreshments - all welcome!
Thursday	9:00 Co-ed Round Robin 4:00 and 5:00 Junior Lessons
Friday	9:00 Regular Game (2 courts) 10:30 Regular Game (2 courts) 6:00 Co-ed Round Robin
Sunday	9:00 Go Tennis with Shawna (4 courts) 10:00 and 11:00 Junior Lessons 12:00 - 1:30 Junior Team Tennis



**Alex Hobbs** is one of the instructors for the Sunday morning Junior Lessons.

He enjoys the challenge of finding ways to entertain and teach the young players the skills involved in playing tennis.

Alex is a Grade 10 student and will be 16 in just a couple of weeks.

## Don't Forget!

**Opening Night** on Friday June 11th. All members welcome ... potluck ... fun and games.

**OTA Tennis Fair** on Friday June 18th ... drills, games and prizes with coaches from the Ontario Tennis Association. Fee is \$10. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Open to all players of 3.0/3.5/4.0 levels. Contact Rosemary at [rosemarygoodwin@mac.com](mailto:rosemarygoodwin@mac.com) to reserve your spot.

Best regards,

Rosemary Goodwin

on behalf of,

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