



NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

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Hello Tennis Friends!



They say a picture is worth a thousand words. When this group moved from the pavilion to gather on the court on Friday evening, the sight left this observer speechless.

What a beautiful scene : over 90 players from 8 years to 80 years ... the Lord Mayor bringing greetings and congratulations from the Town Council ... our new Instructor Team outfitted in green logo shirts (left front). That's a lot of goodwill to launch our club's 40th anniversary season!

Thank you, thank you, to all who supported the event and made it such a memorable occasion. May it be the beginning of many happy hours on the courts and at the tennis pavilion this summer.



Special thanks to all who set up the pavilion, worked throughout the event, and cleaned up afterwards: Hermann Moehl (and the players from Estelle Simons' morning game) put up our new tent, then Hermann went to work along with Gillian Venturi and Janice Schachtschneider (left). Liz Vinassac and Don Chambers greeted the arrivals. Shirley Rednall kept the serving area under control. Front and center during the 'before and after' were Gillian Mellanby, Pat Young and Gillian Venturi, with Vittorio and Larry pitching in as well.

But major kudos go to Pat Bryan who worked on the project all week and was on the job for many many hours throughout the day on Friday. It couldn't have happened without her!



Oh my goodness, the food was so good! Tennis Club members were generous and imaginative in sharing a wonderful variety of delicious and healthy dishes for all to enjoy.



Pam Seitz brought a wide variety of equipment for members to try, along with wonderful prizes for all the players who braved '40 Minute Mania'. Her "biggest little pro shop in the world" is located at White Oaks and always has a warm welcome for members of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club.



Charlene Juras is no stranger to 40th celebrations. She was born in January 1970, just a few months before our Tennis Club was founded. Charlene earlier used the occasion of her 40th birthday (and that of several friends) to raise funds for the new Community Center. Special thanks to Gary Burroughs for paying us a visit.



Ross Robinson and Scott Hansen were among the players who tried out the supersize Wilson racquets. Thanks to Shawna Macfarlane and the Instructor Team for giving us all a workout.

Thanks also to the donors of lovely prizes for our draw : Pam's Pro Shop and Wilson Sports; Jamie Macfarlane for The Ice House icewine; Wayne Vent on behalf of John & Barbara Neufeld and Palatine Hills Winery. Lucky winners were Benny Sauter, Estelle Simons, Susan Browne, Sylvia Christie, Ed Mesihovic and Caleb McCarthy.



Here's the great-looking Instructor Team who organized the play : Jeremy Martino, Sarah Chapman-Jay, Janice Schachtschneider, Thitima Christopher, Shawna Macfarlane (Tennis Professional), Ed Mesihovic.

Shawna brought two vintage tennis racquets to the event : a T2000 racquet such as Jimmy Connors made famous, and a model used by Margaret Court.

Pat Young suggested we get white tennis shirts made with the anniversary logo. Shall we start taking orders?

Thanks to John and to Janice!

John Christie has been our Treasurer for 10 years! Janice Schachtschneider has been our Registrar for 10 years! They're two of the toughest jobs in the organization, both demanding integrity and precision. The directors and members are very fortunate to have benefitted from this service and were happy to show their appreciation with gifts to John and Janice as part of Friday evening's festivities. [Apologies for the photographer being not on the ball!]

The Masters



This handsome group hopes to get some regular games going on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for the remainder of the season. You don't have to be 70+ years to join them, but it certainly helps ... there are even some very spry 80+ players among those pictured here. If we can add another four or five players, there will be a good certainty of two courts being in play a couple of times a week. Any takers?

Pictured here: (seated) Joe Nixon, Phil Landray, Michael Beck, Jim Mergelas, Dale Daniels; (standing) Pete Unger, Murray Fitzsimmons, Jack Schuster.

Women's Monday Games



All women members are welcome to join in Round Robin play each Monday morning at 9:00.

Pictured here : Monica Bertj, Nicole Goodwin, Estelle Simons, Linda Telford, Rhonda McMillan, Marlene Walther, Amy Weiner, Linda Gordon, Joan Mergelas, Maggie Hammerling, Maria Budin, Hertha Boese. Irene Wall is in front.

Lil Cohen's regular group plays at 10:30 on Monday mornings and enjoys tough competition.

Pictured here: *Joan Sim, Bonnie Sartor, Pat Young, Gillian Mellanby, Lil Cohen, Susan Browne, Marlene McCarthy, Gillian Venturi, Sheila Hill. Pat Bryan and Lisa Allen are in front.*



Ladies Night

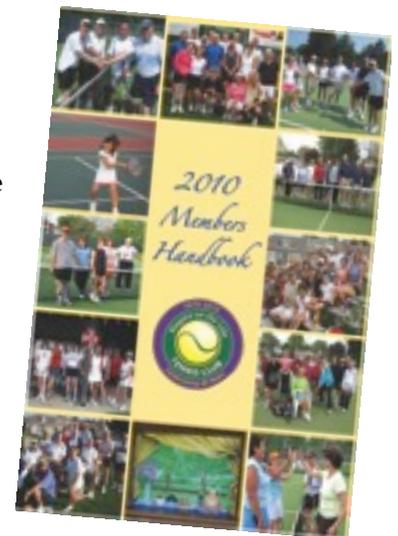


Each Wednesday is Ladies Night, with organized games starting at 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 and 7:30.

Pictured here : *Kay Ashwood, Herthe Boese, Linda Telford, Helen Ferley, Liz Vinassac, Linda Gordon, Patricia Campbell and Marlene McCarthy.*

2010 Member Handbook

Our annual member directory has been expanded this season to become a larger booklet in the form of a Member Handbook. The concept was to share with all the members information about our history and our operating procedures. Now you know everything that your directors know! We hope this common base of information will help all members to feel like stakeholders in the club, and encourage everyone to become as involved as possible.



The printing of the Member Handbook was paid for by the support of eleven local merchants. We hope you'll find ways to take every opportunity to thank them for their sponsorship ... your feedback is sure to be appreciated.

But the production and design of the Handbook are a gift in honor of the club's 40th anniversary. Heartfelt gratitude is extended to my wonderful husband, Don Goodwin, for patiently spending countless hours as we tried to sort out just how the finished product should look. I think you'll agree that it is a fine tribute to our Club and represents us very well.

While on the subject, additional thanks are extended to Don for serving as our Master of Ceremonies for Opening Night. Don has been the voice of the Rogers Cup in Toronto for over 30 years ... pretty nice for us to have that distinguished sound on our courts as well.

Coming Up

Next Friday (June 18) is our OTA Tennis Fair. We're all curious to see what the coaches from our provincial association will bring for us.

To check other activities on the courts this week, go to the website www.tennisniagara.com and click on Court Availability. The Google Calendar tries to keep an up-to-date record of all that is planned.

Best regards,

Rosemary Goodwin

on behalf of,

Don Chambers

Sarah Chapman-Jay

John Christie

Charlene Juras

Phil Landray

Peter Marchesseau

Ralph Mellanby

Janice Schachtschneider

Elizabeth Vinassac

Irene Wall

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Below the Line

Directory Corrections :

Brian McVanel's phone number is 905 562 6111.

Victor Sherman's listing should now read : Victor & Sylvia Sherman.

Another Recipe :

The recipe for Taco Cheesecake can be found at www.recipezaar.com.

It's recipe #83800.

