



Niagara Tennis News

what's happening around the Club

Club Group Registration Day - This Saturday, April 26th

Drop by the Memorial Park Pavilion from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to sign up for our Club Groups and meet the Group Coordinators.

Stay for a coffee & snack and meet up with old tennis friends and help welcome new members to our Club.

Organized `Doubles Play` Club Groups include:

Monday Night Men`s Doubles: 3.0 and 3.5+ level of play

Wednesday Night Ladies Doubles : 3.0 and 3.5+ level of play

Friday Night Mixed Doubles: 3.0 and 3.5+ level of play

Club Group registration fee is \$15 / season, payable to your Group Co-ordinator. (cash only). Registered regular players in all Club Groups **accept the responsibility for attending their scheduled games in the season or arranging a spare** in the event they are not able to play.

Members that cannot make a commitment to a regular weekly game in a session can still participate by joining a spare list so that they can be contacted by regular players to `fill in` as required.

Three sessions are identified through the season (essentially June, July & August) Each session has a new roster of players so members have the option of committing to a particular session in the season. Group Coordinators will determine final rosters once registration is complete and Club Member demand for each group is identified. In the event the demand is greater than the available courts, Club Group Coordinators will endeavor to accommodate all interested players on the roster, over the course of the summer.

Other organized Club Group playing options include:

Monday Morning Ladies Drop In: All levels welcome, focus on social play. Drop by on Saturday to meet Maria.

Singles Ladder: Drop by on Saturday to chat with Gerry and join the ladder for the season

Adult "Get Going" Clinics: Reggie Vasquez, our Club Pro has put together some "Get Going" Tennis Clinics as part of the Adult Instruction program for 2014. These simple, stress free programs emphasize fun and basic tennis instruction in a doubles format. A great social outlet, a great way to GET GOING and burn some calories. Classes are tailored to meet the needs of the group. A fitness component is built into the drills. Each session is 1 hour in duration. The Tuesday Night 6 pm session is offered for the intermediate / advanced players and Thursday 6 pm session is focused on introducing "skills and movement" to beginner doubles players.

Drop by our Club Registration to meet Reggie and chat with him about all his Adult Tennis Instruction programs.

2014 Membership Renewals

If you have not renewed your 2014 Membership you can drop your payment off at the Pavilion during our Club Registration Event from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday, April 26th. Membership renewal details are on our website at www.niagaratennisclub.com.

Court Construction Update



Although our hopes for an "early spring" did not materialize, we are still on track for our court completion date of May 17th. Equipment arrived back on the courts at the beginning of the month and the asphalt surface work is now complete.

While it may look like little is happening at the courts over the next weeks don't be concerned. The new asphalt surface now needs to "cure" for about 4 weeks before the next phase of the process can continue.

The final step in mid-May involves applying the colour system with fiberglass. This process is weather dependent so we are all hoping for a warm dry spell in the 2nd and 3rd week of May.

While we wait for the asphalt to cure, work will be done to complete the new fencing. Once all the heavy equipment work is complete, repairs will then be made to the landscaping around the courts and pavilion with a new walkway being installed to the courts. Everything is planned to be back in shape by our Opening Day Event on May 24th.

Rye Street Resurfacing

The Town advises us that the Rye Street courts are scheduled to have the court painting complete and be available for use by May 1 so informal groups are welcome to drop by and make use of these facilities on a first come basis. We are working with the Town to potentially reserve the courts for a limited number of Club activities while our courts are still under construction. We will keep you updated.

The Town also advises that the lights have been turned on at the Virgil courts so they are available for use until 10 pm.

NEW - Practice Wall is coming

Your Board of Directors have been working over the winter months to research options for providing a practice wall for Club Members. After much discussion, and with the support of several volunteer Club Members, a decision has been made to build a practice wall. Work will be completed in May with a plan of having the wall ready to use by our Club Opening Day on May 24th.

Ontario 55+ Senior Games - Niagara Region Tournament May 29 - 31

Tournament organizers report that they have not seen many applications from our Club as of yet. It is a fun event and a great way to start off the season. Don't wait, start getting the word out and organizing your team.

The tournament includes Men's Doubles, Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles competition in each of the age categories so there are lots of opportunities for players to get involved. The spirit of the tournament is that "you are never too old to play games".

Looking for a partner? Send an email to askus@niagaratennisclub.com stating your interest and what age category that you would qualify for. We will share this information with other members that might be also looking for partners and you can contact each other to make further arrangements.

Application Forms and further info can be accessed from the [Events Calendar](#) on our website.