



Niagara Tennis News

what's happening around the Club

Opening Day Highlights



Hugh Dow, our M/C for the afternoon started the program with our official ribbon cutting ceremony to acknowledge the Town and the Ontario Trillium Foundation for collectively providing \$165,000 for the court resurfacing project. The Club has contributed \$20,000 towards this project and has paid the costs of the new court benches, practice wall & court drying equipment.

Reggie, our new Club Pro spent the afternoon meeting Club Members and running a series of on-court tennis activities to give members a chance to give our new courts a "test run". Thanks as well to Reggie's on court helpers, **Gerry Mcilhone, George Dell** and **Terry Francis** for keeping different drills running on each court.

A special Gelato treat awaited Club Members to help cool off after the tennis activity thanks to the generous donation from Club Members **Kash & Carlotta**, owners of [Gelato de Carlotta](#) who arrived with buckets of yummy gelato.

Next time you are strolling down Queen Street and are thinking about a cool summer treat, be sure to drop in to [Gelato di Carlotta](#), just a few doors down from Greaves Jam.

Charlotte Petrick was on hand to take on two of our Club "greats", **Gerry Mcilhone & George Dell**. We struggled to come up with a name for the match -- "Beauty & The Beast", "Battle of the Sexes" or "Battle of the Ages". Whatever the name, the guys took it all in great stride knowing that Charlotte was the all around "favourite". Despite her struggling with a cold that day and her giving the guys the "doubles alley advantage" on her single side, the match was called a tie at **4 ALL** by the court umpire, **Ross Robinson** who was assisted by **George Schachtschneider** as "ball boy".



It was a great match with hard fought points on both sides, but the barbeques were firing up and it was time to relax and eat.

Thanks to our team of "chefs for the day" of **Rob & Mary Lou Turner, Peter Tonini** and **Dianne Beaulieu**, the Ravine burgers and sausages were cooked to perfection. Once again **Marco and Pippa De Leonardis** helped to turn





ordinary sausages into extra-ordinary.

All the fun events were captured for our [website photo gallery](#) by **Deb Robert**. Take a moment to check out her amazing photos.

And a **BIG THANKS** to our Hospitality Team of **Jane Overmeyer, Joanne Dow, Monica Berti, Darlene**

Romanowsky, Claire Bryan and Ann Marie Keogh who worked before the event, planning and getting supplies and then managing the Welcome Table and keeping the Food Tables organized throughout the day!

TENNIS CLINICS HAVE STARTED

Reggie has started his Drop In [Get Going Tennis Clinics](#) which run as follows:

Tuesday: 6 - 7 pm - Level 102 (Intermediate)

Thursday: 6 - 7 pm - Level 101 (Basics)

Sunday: 9 - 10am - Level 102 (Intermediate)

Sunday: 10 - 11am - Level 102 (Basics)

Cost is \$15 per session or you can purchase a series of 4 session for \$48.



The 4 session series is recommended for players that are interested in improving their game, since this allows a progression of skills development, week after week. Contact Reggie at reggie@niagaratennisclub.com or at 416-627-0354

You can also book private lessons with Reggie or set up a private group lesson that works into your own schedule.

Breakfast @ Wimbledon - Sunday, July 6th

Ross reminds us that it is time to [book your spot](#) at our 3rd Annual Breakfast@Wimbledon event being held at the Sandtrap.

Tennis "en Blanc" - Saturday July 5th (10 am - 1 pm)

With early rounds of Wimbledon just around the corner we thought it would be fun to have a tennis social with a "white" theme and remind ourselves what it was like to play with a wooden racquet.

Since we are pulling this together rather quickly we would really appreciate your checking your calendar's and [signing up on our website now](#). The cost is **\$10 per person** and includes a sandwich lunch with strawberries & cream, of course.



Check your basement, garage or attic for any wooden tennis racquets that you would like to donate to the Club for use in this event.

Did You Know ?

- The Swimming Pool complex now has a defibulator and the pool staff are trained on it's use.
- A telephone is also in the Pool Office if ever needed in case of emergency
- As noted on signs in the Pavilion and on the Tennis Courts Gate, we do welcome guests to use our courts during Open Court time for a fee of **\$10 per**



It is still too early to tell if Ross should be pulling out the "kilt" for this year's final, but some of us are hoping that maybe one year he will be sporting a "Canadian" Maple Leaf.

Whoever ends up in the final we can be sure that it will be a few hours of "tennis fun", this time with a beverage in hand, instead of a tennis racquet.

person with a maximum charge of \$20 per court.

- Guest Fees can be deposited in the soon to be located box on the courts, or Visitors can be directed to the Crabtree & Evelyn store on Queen Street to purchase a Bag Tag with instructions on how to access the courts.
- We have purchased two different types of court drying tools. The Rain Shuttle is a wide blade on wheels, for easy use, and is great for quickly moving excess water from the court to drain off the court edge. The rollers are used to then help pick up and spread any other water on the courts. Once this is done, we have found that with typical warm weather conditions, the sun and wind will then dry the courts in 15 - 20 minutes.



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