



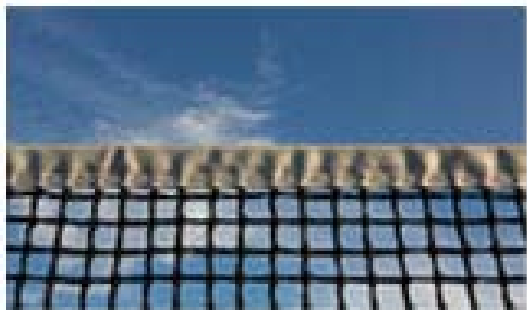
Niagara Tennis News

what's happening around the Club

April 2015

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It's Official, Nets Are Up!



Our 2015 Tennis Season has officially opened.

The nets are up and ready for members that want to take advantage of sunny weather. Renew your membership by April 15th to enter our Early Bird Draw for a FREE 2015 membership.

Your 2015 Court Access code will be emailed out as soon as Janice receives and processes your membership payment so you can get on the courts and enjoy the Spring weather.

Send any questions to askus@niagaratennisclub.com

NEW - Ball Machine

In response to requests from Club Members the Board of Directors has approved a proposal to purchase a ball machine.

Over the winter a small group of members (Gerry Kowalchuk, Julian Ward, Marilyn Francis & Ross Robinson) put together a program that was subsequently approved by the Board of Directors.

For a one time fee of \$50 per person Club Members can get unlimited access to the ball machine. White Oaks rents their ball machine for \$20 an hour so a flat fee of \$50 is

hopefully viewed as a good deal for members and provides a method for the Club to recover the costs involved with the acquisition, with minimal additional administration.

Details on the Ball Machine Program will be posted on our website shortly. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, email Marilyn at marilyn@notirealty.com



Group Registration - Saturday, May 2nd

Drop by the Memorial Park pavilion on Saturday from 10:00 to 1:00 to sign up for Club Groups; Men's, Ladies and Mixed Doubles. A **\$20 fee per person / group** will be collected at registration.

Interested in playing singles? Sign up for the Singles Ladder and meet Gerry Kowalchuk to get any information on this.

Know any teens that are interested in just "playing tennis"? We will have an email list to gather names to contact with further details.

Reggie will be on hand to answer any questions about lessons and also sign up kids for the Kids Summer Camp running in July & Aug.

TENNIS ETIQUETTE - DID YOU KNOW ?

It is customary to hit a few warm up balls with your opponent before starting a game.

This is **NOT** the time to hit "winners" or fast paced competitive balls. It is courteous to attempt to place your shots to your opponent so they can be easily returned.

NEW - Divider Screen

The Club has purchased a Divider Net that will be installed by the Town over the next few weeks between Court 3 & 4.

This net is intended to be used during practice sessions (hitting wall practice, ball machine use, lessons) and will be tied back during group play.

We ask all members to help ensure that the screen is properly tied back after use so it is not damaged in the wind.

If you see this has not been done when you arrive at the courts, please take a moment to tie back the netting, even if you are not using that particular court.

THINK OF OUR CLUB AS A FAMILY

The Club really appreciates members pitching in to help keep our facility tidy. Sometimes when you arrive at the pavilion or on the courts, things have not been left as they should! It happens, that's life! But we really appreciate your taking the time to tidy things back up.

If everyone pitches in a bit, it lightens the load for others ... and better still, our Club is always looking great!

Regular Groups - Opening for New Groups

Wendy Dell our Adult Program Co-ordinator is pleased to see that all the Regular Groups are lined up to use their allotted courts & time slots for the 2015 season.

However, there are still prime times available if anyone would like to organize a new Group. What's required?

- A Club Member to step up to be a Group Co-ordinator and commit to filling the requested courts with Club Members every week throughout the season.
- Organize at least 2 courts every week
- Provide the Board of Directors with a list of at least 12+ Club Members that are committed to playing in the group or being an active spare, when needed
- Discuss your request with Wendy Dell and she will present your proposal to the Board for final approval of the court assignment

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CLUB SOCIAL ON MAY 30th

- Help with the barbequing
- Hospitality Desk (Greet & Meet)
- Pavilion Set Up / Clean Up

A great way to get involved and meet other members
Email Audrey at audrey.wall@hotmail.ca



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FACEBOOK - Volunteer Needed

The Club is looking for anyone that is an avid Facebook user to help keep our Club Facebook account fresh.

The Facebook Page is set up and is finding followers. It would be nice if we could keep current posts on the site and perhaps there are groups that would like to connect with each other more by using Facebook.

Everything is set up and waiting for someone to have some time to give it some tender loving care.

Please contact Marilyn at marilyn@notrealty.com if you would like to help give our Club Facebook page some much needed attention.

TEEN TENNIS NIGHT

New for 2015. This pilot program will run for May & June and will be evaluated based on participant and volunteer interest.

Teens are invited to the courts on Saturday between 6 & 7 pm to play tennis. Members and non-members welcome, no fees.

Games will be organized by an adult co-ordinator and players will be paired off with a round robin format. This is not an instructional session.

Parents or any adult Club Member volunteers are welcome (needed) to get the program off the ground. It would be great to see some more teens enjoying the sport on our courts. Please forward your interest in volunteering to Wendy Dell.