



# Niagara Tennis News

what's happening around the Club

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**Mark your calendar for a weekend of tennis fun !**

## Whites & Woodens Social Tennis

**Saturday, July 11th, 2 - 4 pm  
Memorial Park Courts**

## Breakfast at Wimbledon "dun" not "tun"

**Sunday, July 12th, 10 am onwards  
Sandtrap Pub & Grill**

It's that jolly fun time of year again!

Let's immerse ourselves in the mood of Wimbledon. Join us for what is becoming an annual tradition at the All Niagara Tennis Club in Memorial Park.

Come out for some informal tennis, totally unseeded and totally fun. All skill levels are welcome.

Please respect the traditional **All White tennis attire rule will be enforced.**

We have a selection of wooden racquets to choose from but if you have one or two in your attic, basement or garage, bring it along.

So many great Wimbledon champions played with these Slazenger and Dunlop racquets. Is the sweet spot the same size?

On Saturday, July 11th, your respect for the likes of Rod Laver and Margaret Court will increase.

Strawberries and cream will be served. A mandatory \$5 donation will be appreciated to cover costs.

What a tennis season it has been so far. Many merci's to our group coordinators for somehow keeping us organized and to our members for their enthusiasm. Catch your breath, because our **Breakfast at Wimbledon event is fast approaching.**

Join your white clad NOTL Tennis Club friends as we continue to play on this summer. Everyone is invited, and feel free to bring your friends.

We will stay with pretty much the same formula. The Sandtrap will be appropriately festooned with red, white and blue bunting. Special music when appropriate.

Strawberries and Cream, Eggs Benedict and a vegetarian option will be special menu items for our event.....mimosas or a cold beer, what to choose ???

And yes, Maxy Max, there will be a 50/50 draw so plan to participate in some friendly wagers on who will be holding the coveted Wimbledon Trophy by the end of the match.

**The All White clothing rule will be enforced.**



**RSVP Ross by July 4th** by email at [ross@nfwhm.com](mailto:ross@nfwhm.com) to book your spot for these events

## NEW - Adult Clinics

Summer is officially here and Reggie, our Tennis Pro is now back in action. Based on member input and suggestions, Reggie will be offering some special clinics. The clinics are grouped by skill level and give players an opportunity to get to know other members and also have some fun in a group environment.



**Adult Beginner Clinic** - This is intended for members who are new to the game. Why just guess at the best way to hit a ball when a Pro can show you the correct stroke? These clinics will cover the basic strokes and get you enjoying the game as fast as possible. Clinics start on Sunday, July 5 and run for 4 weeks from 11 am - noon. Cost is \$50 (maximum of 6 per group with a minimum of 4 required to run the clinic)

**Adult Refresher Clinic** - This is intended for members who are returning to the game after a hiatus - a month, a year, a decade! This clinic will help re-activate those old muscle memories and get you quickly finding that old form again. Clinics start on Sunday, July 5 and run for 4 weeks from 10 am - 11 am. Cost is \$50 (maximum of 6 per group with a minimum of 4 required to run the clinic)

Contact Reggie at [reggie@niagaratennisclub.com](mailto:reggie@niagaratennisclub.com) to register today.

## Club Social & BBQ - Highlights Of The Day



May 30th seems like a long time ago but it is never too late to extend a BIG thank you to the team of Club Members that volunteered to make the day such a wonderful success.

Although the weather was a bit windy on the courts, we had a group of members out giving the Ball Machine a test drive with Terry and Michael on hand to keep drills running smoothly. Other members were organizing impromptu games on open courts and Pam from Pam's Pro Shop was on hand with a selection of tennis equipment and apparel.

Most of the action was in the Pavilion as

Club Members socialized and just enjoyed the afternoon as they waited for the Exhibition Match which was then followed by a Club BBQ. Over 100 members dropped by throughout the afternoon so it was a great opportunity to connect or reconnect with old tennis buddies.



And of course none of this would have been possible without the team of organizers and volunteers that were there to make everything happen. Please join us in thanking the following Club Members:

Marilyn Francis  
Terry Francis  
Michael Clark  
Gerry McIlhone  
Shauna McFarlane  
Rob McFarlane  
Ian Reece  
Rick Hrga  
Mike McBride  
Marco de Leonardis  
Julian Ward  
Jane Overmeyer

Hugh Dow  
Joanne Dow  
Sonja Schindeler  
Trish Spagnoll-Southcott  
Elke Savage  
Ann Dickson  
Barb Vansante  
Clare Bryan  
Darlene Romanowsky  
Violet Tungate  
Margot Hickson  
Monica Bertie

And an extra **big THANK YOU** goes to Kash and Carlotta from **Gelato di Carlotta** for so generously donating the scrumptious gelato enjoyed by all for dessert. Don't forget that you can drop in to their shop at 59 Queen Street to quench your sweet tooth any time throughout the summer. If you see Kash or Carlotta in the shop, be sure to thank them personally for their generosity.

### It's Important & Just Polite



A friendly, reminder to all Club Members that participate in any of our organized regular games or Club Groups.

Our volunteer co-ordinators spend a lot of time and effort throughout the season to get games scheduled and the courts filled weekly so that each of us can enjoy playing the sport we all love.

When you are one of 8, 12 or 16 players that are scheduled to play a game, it is just polite to arrive **at least** 10 minutes early.

Arriving 5 or 10 minutes late disrupts everyone else's game.

If you know you are going to be late for an unavoidable reason, let your co-ordinator know to save them the panic of trying to figure out if you are a dreaded "no-show" and trying to find a last minute sub.

Please keep in mind that when you are late, you disrupt the enjoyment of the game for typically 7 other players, (your co-ordinator's game and the game you are scheduled for)

Thanks for respecting your fellow Club Members time as we all respect the rare unavoidable situations that can arise.

### Rainy Weather Etiquette



The Club has purchased 4 court drying rollers and 2 rain shuttles to allow 4 or 6 members to pitch in to dry the courts when necessary.

Although Group Co-ordinators are often the first one's out after a rain, I am sure that any of them would appreciate their group members coming out 30 minutes early to help dry areas that need some attention.

The courts drain quite well after a rain, and once any excess water is cleared away, the sun and breeze typically dry the surface in 10 to 15 minutes.

If you have never used a squeegee roller or rain shuttle before, don't worry, they are very easy to use. Your teammates will appreciate your effort and maybe they will buy you a coffee after the game.

Please remember that **we are a VOLUNTEER** Club which means **we need "YOU" to pitch in and help out.**



**"NEW" DROP-IN GROUP FOR 2015**

**Tuesday, 10 am - 11:30 am**

## Mumford's the word, for a fun loving group of 81 men & women...

When word of the Mumford Concert was announced for Monday, June 15th it seemed "a natural" for George Dell, Coordinator of our Monday Night Men's Group. Why not combine tennis, food and fellowship into a special evening and enjoy some Mumford music at the same time? With Ross Robinson on board as his co-chair, the team was formed, ideas were flowing and the "dis-organized" organizers were on their way.

As ideas were bounced back and forth a plan was put in place. The spouses of the Men's Night Groups were invited, Pig Out was lined up to cater the food and yummy pies from Betty's were purchased to finish off the meal. For \$25 per person, it was a best deal going in town that night!

The invites went out to the Men's Night Group, the spouses were there, the pavilion was dressed up with sparkling lights. the picnic tables adorned with our bright table coverings and voila, a party it was !

Well done George and Ross for taking the initiative and pulling off such a fun night. The Men's Night Group loved it!



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