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NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

Hello Tennis Friends!

This edition of Niagara Tennis News proudly introduces our new logo for the 2011 season, commemorating the 25th anniversary of our courts in Memorial Park. Our club was formed in 1970, but it took 16 years of diligent effort on the part of the players before we finally had our wonderful omni courts.

Throughout the season we'll try to highlight some of the work that went into the development of the Memorial Park Tennis Complex, and the work that continues to improve it each year.

Many thanks to Brian McVanel who is the creative star behind the logo artwork.



It's nice to know the courts are holding up well during the off-season. Marlene McCarthy paid them a visit on January 1st and sends along this greeting to all our members.

We're hoping that the look of our entrance gate will be improved in some fashion before the season starts. Can a steel gate be given a coat of paint?

At the very least it will look fine with our new logo hanging above it.

Your volunteer committee has been hard at work throughout the off-season months. Before too long, you'll be receiving a new email registration form from Janice Schachtschneider. It really helps a lot if you send in your registration early, so we hope most of you will plan on doing that.

Among other things being addressed are a new system for the gate entry, additional coaching clinics, and extra storage space in the pavilion.

An exciting new initiative comes from Tennis Canada. Through their new internet platform, Courtside Canada, we hope to form the Niagara Peninsula Tennis Community. This will open up many more opportunities for inter-club play and for competitions of all kinds. It will also serve our own club members in ways our own club website has been unable to.

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You can check out the website at www.courtsidecanada.ca. Ultimately we'd like each club member to register at the site, so it would be worthwhile for you to give it a try now and let us know if you encounter any difficulty.

So far we haven't organized any teams at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club, but team play is the backbone of most tennis clubs in Florida. You wouldn't want to say the women join the team only for the tennis outfits, but this team looks pretty good in their new 2011 uniform.



We hope you're all enjoying the many hours of coverage from the Australian Open in Melbourne. Wouldn't you just love to go there one January!? The spirit in the place is overwhelmingly happy and joyful. This fan was named Fan of the Day early in the tournament. Believe it or not, the tennis racquet frames are made of her own braided hair!

Best regards,
Rosemary Goodwin

on behalf of your Volunteer Committee : Ian Waddell, Nigel Riddell, John Christie, Janice Schachtschneider, Liz Vinassac, Charlene Juras, Sarah Chapman-Jay, Don Chambers, Larry Mantle, Peter Marchesseau.