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NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

Congratulations to Charlotte Petrick, winner of the Copa Universidad Galileo tournament in Guatemala last week. The event is part of the ITF Junior circuit, open to young players under 18 years of age from around the world. Charlotte has competed in several such events over the past couple of seasons and has been building an international ranking, but this is her best result to date and earned her 30 precious ranking points.

The win is especially impressive since Charlotte is competing against girls considerably older than herself. She just celebrated her 14th birthday on January 31st.

Charlotte's first round win came against Viviana Onorato of Venezuela, a tough match 6-4 5-7 6-4.

The second round was against Gabriela Chincilla of El Salvador (the #3 seed) 6-3 6-1.

In the third round, she defeated Rebecca Pereira of Brazil (the #8 seed) 6-0 6-3.

In the semi-final, she defeated Maria Eduarda Medeiros of Brazil 6-3 6-2.

And in the final, she defeated the #1 seed and the local favorite Daniela Schippers 6-4 4-6 7-5.

It must be an amazing feeling to travel to a distant country and be able to succeed in tough competition in this fashion. The first match and the final match, in particular, provided many opportunities to give in to the pressure. But Charlotte showed herself that she can keep her feet moving and her shots flowing in tough situations.

We hope this trend can continue as she returns to Canada for a series of challenging events over the next several weeks. You can see her play this weekend at the Ontario Racquets Club in Mississauga for the Ontario U16 Championships. Next week, Charlotte will be front and center at home in Niagara, as White Oaks hosts the Ontario U18 Championships from March 16-20.

Then it's on to Montreal for the Canadian U16 Championships starting on March 26, and an ITF Junior tournament in Burlington starting on April 11. It's a pretty exciting spring for an 8th-grader at Parliament Oak Public School. We hope many of you will take the opportunity to wish Charlotte well and let her know she has your support.



Countdown to Opening Day

There are just over 50 days until the first official event of the 2011 season : our annual registration gathering at the pavilion in Memorial Park on April 30.

Members of your volunteer committee will be there to talk about plans for the new season, answer your questions and hear your ideas.

And volunteers will be there to receive your registration fees. We hope many of you will have responded to the email registration form distributed recently by Janice Schachtschneider. You certainly make life easier for the volunteers when you register early.

If you have any questions about club membership or the registration process, you can contact Janice at 905 468 7230.

Greetings from the Sunny South!

It has been a beautiful winter in Florida with "Tennis" written on the calendar several times each week. It's always great to meet up with Niagara friends along the way. Kevan O'Connor, along with his wife Lynn, spent the month of February on Marco Island and caught up with us at an event played at the Naples Grande Resort in Naples. Kevan is a supporter of the Men's B Doubles tournament and of our annual Directory, so it was nice to see him keeping up his interest in tennis.

Helmut & Maggie Hammerling spend three months each winter in Bonita Springs, but we'd love to entice them to our neighborhood in Estero. They shared their Mardi Gras beads with us on a visit yesterday.



*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.

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