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"Let's Play Tennis" - Complimentary Clinics Starting April 12

It may look a bit more like Christmas outside right now but the sun will be burning this white stuff off in the next few days and the long range forecast for the rest of April is looking good.

We have adjusted our plans and will be kicking off our Complimentary "Let's Play Tennis" Clinics to start the following week, **on April 12th**

Mark your calendar - 5:30 is the time, Tuesdays and Thursdays are the day and the Memorial Park Club courts is the place!

Clinics run from 5:30 to 6:30 but of course members wishing to play on after can take advantage of available courts. The clinics are complimentary to Club Members for the month of April. After April the fee is \$15/session.

Clinics are offered on a drop-in basis so no pre-booking is required. If you do think you might attend, a quick email would be appreciated so Shawna can begin to get an idea of interest. This helps to plan resources.



The Clinics are designed for fun, fitness and to improve our tennis skills and doubles positioning strategies. For new members, this is a great opportunity to meet other Club Members and get more integrated into other Club activities and groups.

Of course weather in April can be a bit dodgy. We hope for the best and plan for the worst. Shawna will be posting on our Club website Events Calendar, an update on the day of the Clinic. **A final call will be made one hour before the start so be sure to check our website to make sure that the clinic has not be cancelled due to a weather delay. See you on the courts at 5:30 on Tuesday April 12th !**

Volunteers Needed - Facility Setup

Returning the Club to full operation takes a bit of manpower. Jobs include getting the windscreens up, bringing the benches and court drying equipment out, cleaning the pavilion kitchen and storage rooms, getting our signs out and message boards up. This year we may look at doing a bit of painting of the pavilion when the weather gets a bit warmer, to contribute to keeping the facility fresh looking.

As in most Clubs, there are typically a few loyal volunteers that always seem to be at the head of line when these jobs come up. It is always great to get some new volunteers to join in.

So what's in it for you? Volunteering is a great way to meet other Club members and have a few laughs as we work. Just as important it is a great way to begin to make it "YOUR" Club, instead of just a place to play tennis. If you are willing to "pitch in" when needed, send us a quick email and we will put your name on a list to reach out once we begin scheduling our Spring Facility opening activities.

Ontario Seniors Doubles Tennis Tournament

The Welland Tennis Club is hosting the Ontario Senior Games Doubles Tournaments on June 2 - 4. All tennis players are welcome to participate

in either the 55+, 65+ or 75+ categories. Competition for Ladies, Men's and Mixed Doubles. Check out [our website for further details](#).

Call a partner and get registered. Deadline for registration is May 20th.

Monday Morning Ladies Drop In

Maria is already organizing her Monday Morning Drop-In group.

The ladies are "ready to go" weather permitting so if you are looking for a game of tennis at **9 am Monday morning**, drop by the courts and meet Maria and her ladies.

If you have participated in Maria's group you know the drill. It is a drop-in round-robin format and all women members are welcome.

If you have any questions please reach out to [Maria](#) directly and she will be happy to help.

Drop-In Mixer Organizer Wanted

As our Club continues to grow we would like to reach out to see if any Club Members are interested in starting another casual Drop-In format for either Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am.

This could be either a Ladies, Men's or a Mixed format. We would be happy to work with any volunteer to give some suggestions on how to organize the group or you can run it however your participants prefer.

If you have any interest in trying to get this started, send us an email and we will schedule some time to have a chat on the next steps.

Club Group Sign Up - May 7th, 10 - noon

George, Peter, Wendy and Kay or their representatives will be at the courts to take registrations for all our Club Groups. Bring your registration fee (typically \$20 per person per activity), cash is preferred, and get registered in either Ladies Doubles, Men's Doubles or Mixed Doubles.

Representatives will be on hand to meet you to discuss our Singles and Doubles Ladders, the Ball Machine, Kids Summer Camp, Membership and any other Club questions you may have.

Refreshments will be served so we hope you have time to stay and reconnect with Club Members you might not have seen over the winter. If the weather is nice, come in your tennis gear, bring your racquet and we will organize a Round Robin Mixer.

Welcome to Our New Members

The Season has barely begun and we already have several new members. If you see a new face around the Club, please take a moment to say Hi !

**Robin Ridesic & family
Niki Walker & family
David Porter & Mary Ellen Kelly
Earl Shore & Brenda Bell
Marlene Sibbald
Kathy Goodin**



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