



Niagara Tennis News

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Tennis Ball Dinner & Dance, Friday Sept 16th Tickets are over 90% Sold

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Championship Weekend - In Review

Another Club Championship weekend is behind us.

The Ladies Doubles tournament took place on Saturday morning and despite the hot temperatures the players were all enthusiastic and the matches were hard fought.

Although the weather forecast for Sunday didn't look good, it fortunately rained in the very early hours of the morning. To Ross's delight, by the time he arrived at the courts, some thoughtful members were already there, getting them dried off, and ready for play.

As with the Ladies tournament the day before, the Men all enjoyed at least three matches of competitive tennis with super sportsmanship mixed in with great food and refreshments throughout the event.



Men's "A" Doubles Champions
Roman & Maria Korda Trophy
Michael Clarke & Peter Tungate



Ladies "A" Doubles Champions
Bella Grace Trophy
Holly Anderson & Fran Doran

In the Ladies "A" Division, Holly Anderson and Fran Doran defended their position as the "A" Division Club Champions, and once again won the Bella Grace Trophy. Congratulations to finalists, Sarah Chapman-Jay and Kathy Goodin.

On the Men's side, the competition for the Roman & Maria Korda trophy was also hard fought, with the match being determined with a double digit tiebreak. The 2016 Champions of the Mens "A" Division are Michael Clarke and Peter Tungate. Congratulations goes to finalists, Richard Bertie and Gerry McIlhone.

The Ladies "A" Consolation Trophy winners were Danna McDonough and Margaret Hobbs. with Dominic Ventresca and Patrick MacNeill winning the Men's "A" Consolation Trophy.



Men's "B" Doubles Champions
Kevan O'Connor Trophy
Andy Fairweather & Rich Hrga



Ladies "B" Doubles Champions
Bonnie Sartor Memorial Trophy
Claire Bryan & Darlene Romanowsky

The Men's "B" Division also featured many great matches. A special thanks goes to Rick Hrga, who stepped in on short notice, to fill an "injury" last minute cancellation. With true NOTL Tennis Club good spirit, Rick stepped forward, so the other teams in the draw for this division had equal matches. The new found "Fairweather / Hrga" team ended up as our "B" Division Club Champions. Well done, on all counts!

Congratulations also go out to finalists, Greg Dell and David Rodgers who fought hard to the last point.

In the Ladies "B" Division, the Bonnie Sartor Memorial "Red Shirt" Trophy was won by Claire Bryan and Darlene Romanowsky. Having won this trophy in 2014 and being a finalist in the 2015 competition, this team is a force to be reckoned with, as they firmly took their place as Club Champions again for 2016.

Congratulations to finalists Kim Elltoft and Robin Ridesic.

The Ladies "B" Consolation Trophy winners were Jill Evans and Mary Sue Lycklama, with Alec Papadimitriou and Kevin Wall winning the Men's "B" Consolation Trophy.

An added bonus for all the players was the member attendance in the pavilion. It was fabulous to see so many Club members drop by the courts on Saturday and Sunday to cheer on the teams. The weekend festivities wrapped up with a casual dinner in the pavilion for players and their guests.

As the evening was wrapping up, the Olympic torch was getting ready to be extinguished in Rio, and on a smaller scale, in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ross had one more surprise for Club Members.

A few years ago we named our Court #2 as CENTRE COURT for our tournament play. We have been looking for an appropriate name for the the other central court at our Club. In recognition of Danial Nestor's amazing tennis career, his contribution to Doubles play, and his career long dedication to representing Canada in the Olympics and Davis Cup, we decided to name Court # 3 as the **DANIAL NESTOR COURT**.



More Club Tennis Member Champions, and on a National Scale !



Our Club may be small in size, but we all know it is HUGE in spirit. We can add another recognition to the Club, we have two members that have just won medals in the Canada Senior Games.

Congratulations to **Hugh Dow** (Club Vice President) and his White Oaks partner George Najbert for winning the Gold Medal in the 65+ category of the Canada Senior Games held in Brampton last week.

Club Member **Nancy Berkhout** and her White Oaks partner Cathy Plug were awarded the Silver Medal in the 55+ category at this same competition.

The competition for these awards started two years ago at the Niagara Region Senior Games hosted by the Welland Tennis Club. Both teams won their respective categories and were then invited to represent the Niagara Region at the Provincial Level Senior Games held in Windsor of that year. Again

winning in their respective categories, these team then moved on to represent Ontario in the Canada Senior Games which were held last week in Brampton.



Well done Hugh & Nancy!

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