



NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

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Hello Tennis Friends!

As always, there's lots to talk about for the week just past and for the week to come. Monday features the Women's Round Robin at 9:00 and Men's Night at 5:30. On Tuesday at 6:00, Tennis 101/102 provides a great way to get instruction on strokes and strategy. On Wednesday, there will be a special social evening at Ladies Night with all welcome to join in for round-robin play and some refreshments afterwards. Thursday is Canada Day and we're still exploring the possibility of a game at 2:00 in the afternoon. Please contact 905 468 5503 or rosemarygoodwin@mac.com if you'd like to be involved.

And on Sunday morning, Go Tennis runs from 9:00-10:30. Starting this week (July 4th), we have the courts available for adult play throughout the morning on Sundays. This has become a very popular time with many members, and now that the Junior Program has completed its Sunday schedule, we can have round robin doubles play following the clinic. All members are encouraged to come and give this a try ... either for the clinic, for the round robin, or for both. It's Sunday-in-the-Park-with-Shawna!

We're also sending out best wishes for this week to a new member, Charlotte Petrick. Charlotte is just 13 years old but has qualified to compete in the Ontario U18 Championships 32-player draw. Her first match is at 9:30 Monday morning in Toronto so we'll be pulling for her.

Our club Junior Program takes a break this week, having celebrated two months of lessons with a party at the courts earlier today. Junior Program Director Charlene Juras wanted to thank all the families who supported the program and all the young players who have made good progress with their tennis. Summer lessons start up again during the week of July 5, Monday through Thursday from 4:00 - 6:00. Junior Team Tennis is moving to Sundays at 3:30.



Barbecue hotdogs, salad, veggies, fruit and treats were the order of the day (with thanks to Brenda Strecker for managing the store). The pavilion was in use for a church picnic, so the young players found a way to turn the bleachers into an ideal dining hall.



There are lots of fine Dads associated with the Junior Program, but Jim Juras deserves special accolades today. He treated the kids to dozens of water-filled balloons to volley at the end of their relay games, as well as being indispensable for all the other logistic of the day. Thanks, Jim!

Charlene ended the day's festivities with a presentation of certificates and of photos for players who had attended a photo shoot on Tuesday. Each received an individual page with two action shots, along with a copy of the group photo. Thanks to Rob Kischuk for the wonderful photography.



For inquiries concerning the Junior Program in July and August, contact Charlene at charlene.juras@sympatico.ca or by calling 905 262 5355.

July Tournaments

Inquiries are starting to come in regarding the Men's and Ladies Doubles Tournaments in July. By next week at this time, we hope to have entry forms ready for distribution and details to announce in Niagara Tennis News.

It's certainly not too early to start lining up your partner. The Men's B Doubles Tournament will run on two consecutive Monday evenings, July 19 and 26. The Women's Doubles Tournament will start on Saturday July 24 and finish on Sunday July 25. It will feature competition in at least three flights.

The Men's A Doubles Tournament and the Mixed Doubles Tournament are scheduled for August, as is our Tennis Access Tour event ... also mixed doubles.

Game ... Set ... Lunch!

We've said it many times before, but it still bears repeating : for most of us, the great joy of tennis is the friendships made and the time spent sipping a cold one after the game.

Lil Cohen organizes a Regular Game on Mondays at 10:30 and the players always enjoy an opportunity to visit together afterwards. They very much appreciate the work and organization that goes into setting up the courts each week.



There's always work to be done!

We wouldn't have a club without the willing hands of many wonderful members. On Friday evening, the pavilion suffered some vandalism, discovered and tidied up by Hermann Moehl on Saturday morning. Thanks to Richard & Monica Berti for coming early today to re-mount our bulletin board back on the wall.

And thanks to Sarah Chapman-Jay for painting this delightful little chair for the pavilion office. The chair had been a broken fixture of the office until Richard Berti repaired it last fall ... and now Sarah has added the finishing touch ... very nice indeed!



We're looking for our tables

This is an all-points-bulletin in search of the club's two folding tables. They have been borrowed by a member but not yet returned. Please contact 905 468 5503 to arrange to bring them back ... they're often needed for club events and were missed this morning.

Could we use a Hitting Wall?

Several members have asked if we could have a hitting wall added to our tennis facility. It's a good question since many experts consider it a great way to practice. If we're ever to have one, work will have to be done on preparing a proposal. This involves research into desirable specifications and details.

This photo is of a wall recently completed at the Stratford Tennis Club, a community owned facility in a public park ... not unlike our situation. It's poured concrete and has a hitting space on either side. The concrete is said to provide a good rebound without excessive noise. It's a great place for children to play as well as for adults to practice.



How about a Ball Machine?

That's another question that gets asked from time to time. The motivation is similar, in that players are often looking for ways and means for practicing their strokes. Again, there's work to be done in preparing a proposal regarding the best machine to buy, along with how to store and maintain it.

In the meantime, here's an idea to consider : a **Hitting Session** with a certified instructor can be just as useful and productive. When done well, the instructor will provide you with a steady stream of balls to hit, varying the placement and the pace to suit your needs.

Both Thitima Christopher (905 468 9182) and Jeremy Martino (289 407 6324) are well equipped to offer this service. If you're looking to improve your game, think about calling them to arrange a practice session in which you'll get to groove your strokes by hitting lots and lots of balls ... just like on a wall or a ball machine.

Play for Pink

For several years, Shawna Macfarlane has conducted a tournament to raise funds for issues related to women's cancers. That era will come to a close this year, with the final event in the series being played on the beautiful hartru courts of the Niagara Falls Country Club in Lewiston on Friday July 16.

The event is open to all women players and involves a morning of friendly competition along with refreshments. Shawna is hoping to see a good representation from among those who have supported the tournament over the years, but is always happy to welcome first-timers as well.

To get involved, contact Shawna at addintennis@gmail.com

Best regards,

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