



NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

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Hello Tennis Friends!

Congratulations to Patrick MacNeill and Dominic Ventresca, champions of the Men's 'B' Doubles and winners of the James & Kevan O'Connor Trophy. They defeated Larry Mantle and Richard Berti in the final match of a very successful tournament. The event started on July 19 and concluded with semi-final and final matches on the 26th.

Patrick and Dominic had prevailed in their semi-final over John Christie and Henry Goerzen, while Larry and Richard withstood a strong challenge from Ralph Mellanby and Neil Cuthbertson.

In the 2nd flight, the drama involving the team of Ross Robinson and Cecil Browne continued. They won their quarter-final match over Ray Cutts and John Wall in a tiebreak, then defeated John Tiessen and Flory Massi in the semi-final. The final match of that division is scheduled to be played on Friday at 10:00, with Ian Waddell and Wayne Vent as the other finalists.

In the 3rd flight, Larry Young and Harv Bussey were the victors over Rob Mackenzie and Jim Caldwell. They defeated Ray Cutts and John Wall in their semi-final, while Rob and Jim had a barn-burner over Phil Landray and Peter Marchesseau 9-7. One other match is on the to-be-continued roster, as play was suspended between John Tiessen and Flory Massi, and Roland Adams and Mayo Ridesic.



Larry Young and Harv Bussey



Patrick MacNeill and Dominic Ventresca

Many many thanks to Don Chambers for all his efforts in preparing for the tournament, and to Irene Chambers and Susan Browne for keeping the snacks and beverages coming.

Thanks to Pat Bryan and Gillian Venturi, who always seem to be there when extra hands are needed, especially at the end of an event.

Thanks to Kevan O'Connor for graciously providing prizes for the champions, to Wayne Vent on behalf of Palatine Hills for providing prizes for flight winners, to Pam's Pro Shop for providing prizes for finalists, and to Juras Farms for providing bountiful and beautiful peaches.

Thanks also to Taps Brewhouse and Grill on Queen Street in Niagara Falls for their support of our event. If you don't know the way, you can follow Don Chambers on his bike one day.



Photo album for the 2010 Men's B Doubles Tournament, clockwise from top left :
Ray Cutts and John Wall are both celebrating a birthday this week ; Wayne Vent and Ian Waddell; John Christie and Henry Goerzen; John Tiessen and Flory Massi; Neil Cuthbertson and Ralph Mellanby; the season ticket-holders, enjoying a glorious summer evening; Peter Marchesseau and Phil Landray.

And in the center, the indomitable Cecil Browne with Ross Robinson.

Notes for this week ...

Inter-Club Match : There's another spectator opportunity on Thursday evening at 6:30, as we'll be hosting a visiting team from the Welland Tennis Club. Four courts of Mixed Doubles will be on display, so come on down and enjoy the action. Pat Young has spearheaded this initiative on behalf of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club.

Court Cleaning on Thursday : Our courts took a beating during the downpours at the end of last week, so Town Facilities Manager Ken Rive has moved up our regularly scheduled monthly sweeping, rolling and cleaning. The courts must be closed for two hours for this operation, which will take place between 12:30 and 3:00 tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon.



Talented Members : Two of our multi-talented members will have their artistic side on display this week.

The Art by the Lighthouse show at the Pumphouse will include a display of the paintings (oils and acrylics) of Ray Cutts, while Music Niagara continues under the leadership of artistic director Atis Bankas.

We are so fortunate to be surrounded by such wonderful talent and the opportunity to enjoy great performances here in our own neighborhood!

Singles Round Robin : Calling all Rookies! The women's round robin singles matches are in full swing, but Sarah Chapman would like to add another division for the month of August. We are fortunate to have several women players who, although not quite experienced enough to have entered the round-robins originally, are absolutely keen on getting as much match experience of all kinds under their belts as possible. Sarah hopes to sign them up this week for a new division and get their matches underway next week. Give her a call at 905 938 2123 or write to schapmanjay@yahoo.ca.

Women's Monday Round Robin : The weekly round-robin has officially had a 9:00 start, but many players have been arriving early to get a jump on the heat and humidity. If you're an early bird and prefer to play before the sun gets too hot, feel free to arrive between 8:00 and 9:00. Percy Webb was astonished to arrive at about 9:02 this week, only to find the courts full and the queue forming.

But it's wonderful to see so many members enjoying this time slot. It's also very nice to see experienced players sharing some games with those who are up-and-coming. They're coming fast, these new players, and soon will be passing us by. Let's hope they're patient enough to play a few games with US in a few years!

Help Wanted : on Sunday August 8, we're scheduled to host our first open tournament ... a Tennis Access Tour Mixed Doubles event. Players of a 4.0+ calibre are expected from Toronto and all points between, to compete against some good pairs from the Niagara Peninsula. Our responsibility is to provide food and beverage for the players, and volunteers are needed to help on the day. Contact rosemarygoodwin@mac.com if you could give us some time. It should be an interesting day.

Great Bike Rack!

Many thanks to J. B. Hopkins, Parks Supervisor, and Clive Buist, Parks & Recreation Director, for a shiny new bike rack beside the pavilion. Do you get the idea that it was needed?!



J.B Hopkins measures for the installation.



Richard Berti is fortunate to get one final spot on the rack.

Last Call for Club Shirts

Marion Briston and her sister Chris George (visiting last month from England) were pleasantly surprised at how comfortable it is to play in the dri-fit club shirts. They're designed to move moisture away from the skin and help keep us cool during matches.

On top of that, the shirts sport our club's anniversary logo and provide a nice souvenir of the season. There are just a few left : a women's small (approx size 6), a women's large (approx size 10/12), and a couple of men's size large. The price is \$35 which includes all taxes. Contact rosemarygoodwin@mac.com if you've been thinking about picking one up ... they won't be around much longer.



Many in the tennis community in Niagara-on-the-Lake are saddened this week by the death of Emma Adams at the age of 65. Emma and Dr Julian Adams hosted many happy activities on the tennis court in the garden of their Niagara Parkway home.

Emma's tennis partners included Barbara Ahluwalia, Donna Lailey and Vera Wilcox ... all names that are scattered across the history of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club.

Emma befriended Shawna Macfarlane as a newly arrived young tennis pro in the 80s, and was universally appreciated and admired by all who shared her love of tennis.

New Date for Men's 'A' Doubles

This tournament has been re-scheduled for Saturday September 11.

A total of 8 teams will play on that date, three rounds of matches commencing at 9am.
A qualifying event will be held if additional teams are entered.

Entry fee is \$10 per player (includes balls, lunch and prizes).

Please direct entries to rosemarygoodwin@mac.com by August 25.

Clinics, please !

It's hard to overstate the value to our club of the work done by Shawna Macfarlane in offering regular clinics for the past two seasons. This season, Tennis 101/102 on Tuesday evenings, along with Go Tennis! on Sunday mornings, have been a huge hit with our members. Many new players are getting a great foundation in tennis through the clinics, and many others are simply enjoying the opportunity to improve, to get a good workout and to meet other members.

It's never too late to get involved. Contact Shawna at addintennis@gmail.com.



Perhaps they had heard that Anne Kravchenko would be making a special guest appearance! Whatever the reason, it was a full house at last Tuesday's clinic : Andrea, Marilyn, Brenda, Karen, Shawna, Ken, Chris, Maggie, Susie, Jim, Marion, Ken, Pat, Robbie, Margaret, Vicki, Anne.

Best regards,

Rosemary Goodwin

on behalf of,

Don Chambers

Phil Landray

Janice Schachtschneider

Sarah Chapman-Jay

Peter Marchesseau

Elizabeth Vinassac

John Christie

Ralph Mellanby

Irene Wall

Charlene Juras

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Below the Line ...



Niagara Tennis News tried to suggest to Deb Robert that she change her name to Deb Albert ... after all, there was the fine actor Eddie Albert, not to mention the trumpeter Herb Alpert, but she has told us there are no plans other than to remain as Deb Robert.

Deb is shown here (in the center) alongside partner Amy Weiner and tournament director Janice Schachtschneider last Saturday.

NTN apologizes for the error in our last issue.

Directory Additions ...

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