



# NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

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Hello Tennis Friends!

An invitation is extended to all members ... but in particular, all new members ... to come to the courts on **Sunday May 23 at 1:30**. Andrew Chappell of the Ontario Tennis Association will be in town all weekend in order to present the tennis promotion at the Virgil Stampede on Saturday and Monday. That leaves Sunday available for him to offer a **Welcome Center Open House & Clinic** at our Memorial Park courts ... a good opportunity for you to dust off the racquets and have a refresher on tennis basics.

Shawna Macfarlane and other instructors will be on hand to help Andrew with the program and we'll have a few refreshments and prizes to help make it a memorable afternoon. Do plan on joining us!

## Tennis Fair on June 18

While on the subject of the Ontario Tennis Association, we're delighted to announce that the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club has been selected as a host for an **OTA Tennis Fair** event on Friday June 18 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

An expert coaching team from the OTA will be here to deliver a fun evening of unique drills and games, with prizes and demo racquets as well. The theme will be "Doing the Simple Things Right" with an emphasis on doubles play and doubles tactics. Playing level is 3.0/3.5/4.0.

The event is open to the first 16 players to confirm by emailing [rosemarygoodwin@mac.com](mailto:rosemarygoodwin@mac.com). The fee is \$10, which will include some hospitality afterwards.

## Don't Forget June 11

As long as you're marking your calendar, don't forget our **Opening Night** on Friday June 11. This is a very special evening as it will be the launch of our 40th anniversary season. Pam's Pro Shop will be on site with demos, bargains and prizes. Our top-notch team of NOTL Instructors will have drills and games for all. And a potluck buffet will ensure everyone goes home well-fed. We had over 75 members at the event last year and are hoping for a big turnout again this season.

## Virgil Stampede

If you can volunteer an hour to help out on the tennis courts at the Virgil Stampede on either Saturday May 22 or Monday May 24, please call Rosemary at 905 468 5503, or email [rosemarygoodwin@mac.com](mailto:rosemarygoodwin@mac.com). It's fun to help out with promotional events ... and the weather forecast looks good!

## The Windscreens Are Up!

Next time you see any of these noble club members, be sure to extend your appreciation for their part in putting up your windscreens. It was a case of 'many hands making light work', but each went out of their way to make themselves available and do their part. And the courts do look much friendlier now that they have some enclosure on the near corners and a hitting background on the far end.

I think it was Ross who labeled us the "Happy Hookers" ... all these volunteers are now well versed in the art of s-hooks and zipties. Who knew there were such things!

Many thanks to Larry Mantle, Wayne Vent, John Christie, Maria Budin, Phil Landray, Shirley Rednall, Vittorio & Gillian Venturi, Ross Robinson, Larry & Pat Young, Patricia Campbell and Herman Moehl.

For next season, we're seeking six members to take on the role of Windscreen Captains. Their mission will be to take down a screen this fall, then label it as their own and organize a team of four next spring to put their screen back in place. The screens can be stored over the winter in the pavilion, but each team will be able to choose a time at their own convenience for putting them up next spring. Now if we can just find a Tom Sawyer to get this organized ....



## Regular Programs are Underway

The weather this past week tried its very best to put a damper on things, but the cold didn't stop players from coming out for some tennis.

On **Monday morning**, all women members are invited to come out at 10:00 for friendly round-robin play. We group up according to playing level and have an enjoyable time.



Estelle Simons is one of the members who does a great job of organizing a regular multi-court game each week ... this one is at 9:00 on Friday mornings.

Regular groups always need a long list of spares, so if you're available for a game on Friday mornings, give Estelle a call to let her know. [905 468 2752]

**Friday evenings** are a great time to play tennis, but so far we haven't built up a steady group of regulars for this time slot.

Terry & Marilyn Francis like to play at 5:30, then go home for a relaxing dinner after 7:00.

Mayo Ridesic joined them this week as Pat was in PEI visiting family.



## Go Tennis! Clinics



Shawna Macfarlane has created a monster! Go Tennis clinics are so popular that each time she tries to take one off the schedule, she's met with a rising tide of protest.

Originally designed for 4 or 6 players, the clinics regularly attract many more. On Friday there were 12, so Jeremy Martino joined Shawna as an assistant coach. This morning there were 14, so Sarah Chapman joined Jeremy and Shawna's coaching team. It's a high energy, high quality workout and lesson ... everybody loves it!

So, yes, there will be another Go Tennis clinic on Sunday May 23 at 9:00. Shawna had thought the players would be happy with the Open House afternoon clinic at 1:30 instead, but no - the keen players want both! To facilitate planning, please let Shawna know if you'll be attending the 9:00 clinic ... you can reach her at [addintennis@gmail.com](mailto:addintennis@gmail.com).

## Junior Program in Full Swing

At last the Junior Program enjoyed some decent weather today and it was a real treat to see so many kids having fun at their lessons. The program is a real credit to Charlene Juras and is all made possible by head coach Shawna Macfarlane and a team of Jeremy Martino, Thitima Christopher, Ed Mesihovic, Sarah Chapman, Rob Macfarlane and Alex Hobbs.





It happens that we'll be going to Ottawa for a few days this week in honor of our youngest grandson's 3rd birthday. I'm sorry I'll be missing the fun on the courts since the weather promises to be fine. Hope everyone has an enjoyable time, and I look forward to hearing about it when we get back.

Best regards,

Rosemary Goodwin

on behalf of,

Don Chambers

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