



NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

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Hello tennis friends!

It was a terrific week at the tennis courts ... there are some photos to share with you. And now there are two new events to publicize:

First will be the Closing Party for the May and June sessions of the Junior Program, to be held on Sunday June 27. After lessons from 10:00-12:00, the players and their families will adjourn for a barbecue ... to be followed by an hour of fun and games back on the courts again at 1:00.

Director Charlene Juras is looking forward to celebrating all the progress made by the young players over the past 8 weeks, as well as showing our appreciation to all the parents who support the tennis efforts of their children.

We're looking for support for Charlene on two fronts:

First and foremost is the loan of a barbecue. Charlene can arrange for pickup and return, but the club has no barbecue facilities on site so something will have to be brought in for the occasion if the kids are to enjoy some grilled hotdogs.

Charlene is also recruiting volunteers to help her with the presentation of this and other events for the Junior Program throughout the summer. You couldn't find a better cause, or a better Director to work with ... so, if you think you could spare a little time, please contact Charlene at 905 262 5355 or charlene.juras@sympatico.ca.

Canada Day Team Event

Thursday July 1st is Canada Day ... a day that cries out for a celebration.

We know that many of our members have all sorts of activities that are traditional for the occasion ... neighborhood and family picnics ... attending the Town's festivities downtown in the morning and the fireworks at the Fort in the evening.

But we also know that Memorial Park is usually absolutely quiet on Canada Day. It seems a shame. And so we wondered if there might be some among our membership who have no plans for the afternoon, and might - in fact - like to play some tennis.

The planned format is a team game : four players to a team for some fun doubles competition. We expect most players to enter as an individual, but you can also create your own team (two men and two women).

Start time will be at 2:00, after which there will be the option of adjourning to the Legion Hall for their annual barbecue and live entertainment. The bands start at 1:00 and make a very festive atmosphere. To enter, or for more information, send an email to rosemarygoodwin@mac.com.



Ladies Night Session Two

The Closing Party of Session One will be held on Wednesday June 30 and all members are welcome to participate. This week, Director Liz Vinassac is collecting names of players who want to register for Ladies Night throughout the month of July. To get involved, or for more information, contact Liz at 905 468 5192 or liz.vinassac@sympatico.ca.

OTA Tennis Fair

Thanks to Ely Schwartz of the Ontario Tennis Association for a very nice evening of tennis on Friday June 18. A total of 27 players enjoyed following Ely's suggestions on how to optimize our practice time and how to warm up before our matches.

Ely took us through a full range of motion to loosen up the joints and muscles, then set us up to practice with a partner located crosscourt. Most of our shots in doubles are directed crosscourt, so why not work in this direction during the warmup or in practice sessions!

His emphasis was on cooperative hitting. We were challenged to make good swings, but with the aim of presenting the ball into our partner's hitting zone ... making it more likely that the hitting partner could return the favor. Our goal was to focus on a target and to hit lots and lots of balls.

Other areas of emphasis included preparing for a shot (especially service return) by split stepping as the ball is struck (or tossed) by the opponent, thus making it possible to step forward into our shots ... recovering back to a desirable position after making our shots ... preparing our racquet in an optimum position when in volley territory, and particularly to use the opposite hand to support our racquet when anticipating a volley.

The evening ended with souvenir t-shirts for all and some well-received refreshments. Many many thanks to Perry and Heidi Johnson of **REST Stone Road Grille**. They helped us out with pizza from **Rest-To-Go-Go** ... absolutely delicious!



Men's Night

Each Monday evening the courts have been hopping and this past week was no exception. It was a great pleasure to watch four courts of very nice-looking tennis, played by gentlemen who were clearly enjoying the company of their playing companions. It was even fun to be in the row of chairs for players waiting for their turn on court!

Quite a change from the evenings in 2007 when Ralph Mellanby, Cecil Browne and Don Chambers came to Men's Night and had the courts to themselves. They've done a wonderful job of building up the program since then and we all owe them a hearty round of thanks. A warm welcome is extended to all members to share in Men's Night ... come on out and give it a try!



Harvey Bussey, Don Chambers, Barry Waisglass, Wayne Vent, Phil Landray, John Wall, Larry Mantle, Ray Cutts, Rob Mackenzie, Jim Caldwell, Mayo Ridesic, Robert McCaughey, Ross Robinson, Cecil Browne, Hermann Moehl, Larry Kroeker, Ralph Mellanby, Chado Brcic, John Tiessen

Ladies Round Robin

Each Monday morning at 9:00, women members are invited to drop in for loosely organized round robin games. It's a great way to meet new players and get your week off to a good start.



Estelle Simons, Rhonda McMillan, Amy Weiner, Maggie Hammerling, Myrna Cutts, Judy Mantle, Hertha Boese, Mary Mathews, Patricia Campbell, Beatrice Campbell, Irene Wall, Nicole Goodwin, Monica Berti, Maria Budin, Sylvia Christie, Linda Telford.

Best regards,

Rosemary Goodwin

on behalf of,

Don Chambers

Sarah Chapman-Jay

John Christie

Charlene Juras

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New!

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Corrections:

Waisglass entry should read: Waisglass, Barry & Midori **Medoruma**

Kenneth Gansel's email address should be corrected to kgansel@digi-tribe.com

