

Maintain courts in pristine condition

We fully support the request for improving the quality and playability of the Rye Heritage Park Tennis Courts...

Although the times may change ... some things stay the same, and thankfully so.

There is something to be said for the tradition and social significance behind the sport of tennis, with its crisp white dress code and expertly strung racket all one needed was the right court upon which to play a sportsmanly match against their opponent.

Even the scoring in a tennis match underlies exactly the calibre of sport that this is meant to be with "ace" and "love" used in the scoring terms.

So in the name of this wonderful, long standing tradition, it should be our duty to keep all of these facilities in the crisp, catered and manicured appearance that is expected of the players.

There should be a complete sense of pride that is instilled in the appearance not only of the athlete but also of the courts on which one plays.

Maintaining these hal-
lowed courts in pristine
order allows for this very
sportsmanlike sport to
continue to prosper and
evolve even as the times
change - still keeping
alive the traditions and
customs of the old in our
present.

**Sandra Morris
and Gary Torgis**

More support for acrylic court finish

I could not help but take note of the article regarding the town tennis courts (Niagara Advance, Oct. 21) and in particular, the presentation which was made to the town council by Rosemary Goodwin recently.

My wife and I re-located to Niagara-on-the-Lake about three 1/2 years ago and we both believe it is the best move we have ever made.

This past summer, I decided to take up tennis for both the health and social benefits. I now play regularly - about three to four times per week primarily at the NOTL Tennis Club and occasionally at the Rye Heritage Park.

I intend to continue playing tennis regularly

and I am in full support of Rosemary Goodwin's request for an acrylic surface for the Rye St. tennis courts. I have no doubt that the additional cost will be most beneficial in usage by the public as well adding to the safety and longevity of the facility.

I am hopeful that you will support this worthwhile request following the report by the town's parks and recreation director.

Gerry Kowalchuk

Thanks to Town staff

As a resident of Niagara-on-the-Lake and owners Niagara Holiday Rentals, we routinely interact with employees of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Responding after trees fall during the recent wind storm, responding to sewer and draining issues, working with Town staff, and inspections by by-law officers; we are very impressed with quick actions and professionalism taken by the front line staff.

We are grateful for those hard working individuals that are out on the streets and those that facilitate our phone calls,