Niagara Tennis News

what's happening around the Club

July 14, 2015 "LIKE US" on Facebook

Mixed Doubles Tournament - July 25th

Our first Club Tournament is just weeks away!

Sign-ups have started, space is limited to 16 teams so **don't delay**. Email <u>Gerry McIlhone</u> today to make sure you claim one of the spaces remaining.

Our Mixed Doubles Tournament is always a fun event where a bit of competition hits the courts, but with lots of laughs and good times mixed in. Could a summer Saturday afternoon get any better?

I hear that Coach Reggie is already getting lined up for some tournament tune up lessons:)



If you are not playing, mark your calendar for Saturday, July 25th and drop by the courts to watch some good tennis, cheer on some of your tennis friends or make some new ones.

What a Wimbledon Week!

In traditional English fashion, three cheers to Ross Robinson for his outstanding organization efforts during the past Wimbledon Week. From appropriate flags and bunting adorned courts, to fun awards and special surprises, Ross had it all for us.

The one theme that was consistent for all the Wimbledon Events was our "white attire only".

A tradition is starting to grow at our Club and this year even some of our regular groups joined in the spirit of the week. Lil's Monday Morning Ladies Group organized their own "whites party" complete with "white attire" and appropriate themed refreshments after the games. Perhaps next year a few more groups will start up their own traditions?







The 2nd Annual Whites and Woodens Tourney had a great turnout and this year. Everyone played with traditional wooden racquets and white tennis balls. After a few hours of tennis in the afternoon sun, everyone enjoyed some strawberries and cream while relaxing in the shade of the pavillion, with some refreshing lemonade.

We are already making plans for next year so if anyone has any wooden racquets in your garage or basement, drop them by the Club and we will tuck them away to be prepared for an even larger turnout next season.

The highlight of the week was our **Breakfast at Wimbledon** event at the Sandtrap. Again a great group of members turned out to join in the fun of having a breakfast together while we watched the highs and lows of another Federer / Djokovitch final.

Many thanks to Deb Robert for being on hand to take such wonderful photos and share these with us.

Thanks to Our Group Organizers

Did you know that we have 25 different groups organizing games weekly on our courts?

Each week, 292 spaces for members to play tennis are filled through our regular and dub games. Over our core season period these games account for 4,672 spaces that are filled with tennis players out on our courts getting together for a regularly scheduled game! I won't event try to calculate how many emails are sent out to organize these games:)

Needless to say, it is most appropriate for our Club to take a moment to thank and reward the Group Organizers that take on the task of getting 3 or more courts filled on a weekly basis throughout the season.

Over the next few weeks Wendy Dell, on behalf of the Board of Directors, will be presenting the following Group Organizers with a complimentary ticket to our Tennis Ball Dinner / Dance, which is being held on September 11th at Ravine Vineyards. We hope that each group participant will take a moment to also let their organizers know that they appreciate the effort.

Group Organizers that manage 3 or more courts per week are:

Maria Budin, Marion Briston, Estelle Simmons, Pat Young, Lil Cohen, Dominic Ventresca, Peter Hartle, George Dell, Kay Ashwood, Terry Francis, Wendy Dell & Pippa De Leonardis.

Tickets are now available for sale for the Tennis Ball Dinner / Dance so why not get a table together with your tennis group and join in some fun off the courts as well?

Tickets are \$55 pp and include a 3 course dinner followed by dancing to the Spirit of Sound DJ. Weather permitting we will enjoy a wonderful sunset over vineyard, as we begin to bring another amazing tennis season to an end.

We have a lot of new members and we would love to see them join in this special evening. If you don't know anyone before the event, you will certainly have made some new friends by the end of the evening.

Contact Marilyn Francis at marilyn@notlrealty.com to purchase tickets or you can also purchase tickets from any member of the Board of Directors.

The FUN just doesn't stop!

Gerry Kowalchuck and George Dell have gotten together to plan another Social Event for our Club Members. If you haven't heard about the Niagara Belle Sunset Cruise then checkout their website and stay tuned for more details.

Friday **August 14th** is the date, the **Niagara Belle** is the place. Watch for a separate email in a few days with all the details.

Tournament Schedule

Mixed Doubles - Saturday July 25th

Contact Gerry Mcilhone to register

Singles Tournament - Saturday August 15th

Contact Coach Reggie to register

Welcome to New Members

Judith Poland Andrea & Don Herron John Pendzinski

Championship Weekend - August 22nd & 23rd

Ladies Doubles, Saturday August 22nd Contact <u>Dorothy Boot</u>h to register **Men's Doubles, Sunday August 23rd** Contact <u>Ross Robinson</u> to register ** NEW ** MORNING DROP IN

TUESDAY 10:00 - 11:30 am

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