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NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

National Champion!

Congratulations to Charlotte Petrick, who will have the phrase "National Champion" attached to her name from this time forward. Charlotte earned the title at the Rogers Canadian U14 Championships played in Vancouver last week.

This comes on the heels of Charlotte's win at the Ontario U16 Championships in mid-March, and her win at an ITF U18 Tournament in Guatemala earlier in March.

To top things off, she started competition in another ITF U18 Tournament within hours of getting off the plane early Monday morning. The event was held in Burlington this week, and Charlotte was successful in reaching the semi-final round.

Playing against some of the best girls in Canada, Charlotte proved she belongs, even in the higher age group. In the 4th round (a quarter-final), she defeated Nada Marjanovic, a top-10 Ontario U18 player, in a tough match 6-1 2-6 7-5. The semi-final on Friday morning was against Elianne Douglas-Miron, a 17 year old who is ranked #11 (U18) in Canada and has been at the Montreal NTC (National Training Center) for three years. Charlotte held her own before Elianne prevailed 6-3 3-6 6-4.

And so ends the indoor season. The new Canadian U18 Rankings show Charlotte at #21, and (along with Francoise Abanda) by far the youngest in the top-25. The Petrick family speak highly of Richard Cooper, who has been Charlotte's coach at White Oaks this winter and who took time to travel with her to the Nationals in Vancouver.



Now it's on to Florida and the IMG Bolletieri Tennis Academy where Charlotte has been awarded a training scholarship for next week.

When she returns, it will be time to pack again ... this time for a flight to Merida Mexico as part of Team Canada. The competition, from April 29 to May 1, is the North/Central America and the Caribbean Regional Qualifying event for the Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup matches to be played in Europe in September. Canada will be represented by U14 and U16 teams, and accompanied by top Canadian coaches.

Pretty heady stuff for an 8th grader at Parliament Oak PS. The Town Council is hoping for a chance to honor Charlotte some time in May, and we hope to see her at the club as well. For the time being, we'll all have to wait!



*Charlotte Petrick
Canadian U14 Champion*

*Awards ceremony at
Hollyburn Country Club in
Vancouver on Sunday
April 10th.*

*Many thanks to Thanh
Nguyen for the use of his
lovely photographs.*

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OTA Achievement Award

On Saturday April 16, at the Ontario Tennis Association Annual Meeting, held in the Players Lounge at the Rexall Center in Toronto, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club was presented with a special award. Accepting the award from OTA president Michel Lecavalier was our club president Ian Waddell.

Each year the OTA recognizes two community clubs for outstanding achievement in the promotion and development of tennis in their communities.

The award is a credit to the teamwork between our club and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and to the extraordinary work that has been put in by all the club members and volunteers here.



Rally for the Cure

This is a Save-the-Date notice for a special tennis event to be held at the **Welland Tennis Club** on **Saturday June 4th**.

The event includes a light breakfast, a morning of Ladies Doubles play and a lunch. The entry fee of \$50 includes a \$40 donation to Cancer Research.

We've all been touched by cancer. This is a great opportunity to show solidarity with our friends and support a great cause.

Canada's "Tennis Channel"

The tennis has been riveting on television today, with Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray playing a 3-hour semi-final at the Rolex Masters tournament in Monte Carlo. What a spectacular location ... what a beautiful center court.

We aren't fortunate enough to have access to *The Tennis Channel* here in Canada, but at least we now have a chance to see all the big tournaments. The good news is that *Rogers Sportsnet One* owns the rights to all the 2011 ATP Tour events. The less-good news is that we require service beyond basic-cable in order to receive it. Cogeco features *Sportsnet One* as channel 736 on an HD package. If you also have a DVR, you can fill it with hours of wonderful tennis.



What's Going on at the Club?

"What's happening?" "When will things be opening up?" These are the questions being heard this month ... along with "When the heck is it going to warm up and stop raining?"

You'll want to mark **Saturday April 30** on your calendar. Between **11am and 1pm**, your volunteer directors will be at the pavilion to greet and meet both new and returning members. John Christie will be accepting registrations from those with fees still outstanding. We'll be happy to hear your suggestions for the new season, and try to answer your questions. Plan to stop by for a chat, a cup of coffee, or even some tennis.



The weather is making it tough to get all our spring cleanup chores underway, but Ken Rive has been doing all he can to start whipping our courts into shape. During an inspection tour with club president Ian Waddell, Ken and Ian agreed that extra vigilance will be necessary now that we've reached the 25 year mark for the facility. This week, new nets were put into place. Thanks to the Town crew of Bob Costantini, Carey Wiens and Will Dickson.

The pavilion also started to come to life this week, as Richard Berti was on hand to install some things that were ready to come out of winter storage.

First up was the beautiful mural painted last year by Dorothy Booth ... instant sunshine for the space! Our bulletin boards are now also in place, and some notices should start to appear on them soon.

Many thanks, Richard!

Ian Waddell is putting together a work crew to get the windscreens installed just as soon as the weather permits it. Volunteers are needed, so please give Ian a call if you can help. 905 468 0360



If ever there's a break in the weather, the courts soon sprout groups of eager players.

Patricia Campbell can always be counted on to get something organized. On Thursday, the players were joined by club president Ian Waddell to take a look at the new souvenir key chains and the membership cards that include your access code for the new entry system.

On court : *Terry Francis, Marilyn Francis, Ian Waddell, Patricia Campbell, Linda Telford.*

Your 2010 key will get you onto the courts for another week or so.

Niagara Peninsula Inter-Club League

As a result of some inter-club play last season among three clubs in the area, questions started to be asked about how we could expand this sort of activity for the betterment of all the clubs. With the help of Adwynna MacKenzie at Tennis Canada, the idea of a Niagara Peninsula Tennis Community was formed. To begin with, its active participants are the Grimsby Tennis Club, the Welland Tennis Club and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club ... but it's hoped this will eventually grow to encompass all the tennis clubs in the region.

To get the ball rolling, a schedule of team competition has been created for this summer, under the banner Niagara Peninsula Inter-Club League. The matches will feature teams of 4 men and 4 women from each club. Play will be in two rounds : ladies and men's doubles, followed by mixed doubles. Matches are scheduled for Sunday afternoons, with an option to move the play to Friday evening should both clubs prefer it. A social mixer will follow the match.

So Niagara-on-the-Lake needs a team! If you relish the idea of being part of something different and fun, please contact Rosemary Goodwin to signify your interest. It's not necessary to be available for all the matches in order to be part of the team. The more players we have, the better!

The schedule (host club listed first) :

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| June 19 | Welland vs Grimsby |
| July 10 | Grimsby vs Niagara-on-the-Lake |
| July 17 | Niagara-on-the-Lake vs Welland |
| July 24 | Grimsby vs Welland |
| August 7 | Niagara-on-the-Lake vs Grimsby |
| August 14 | Welland vs Niagara-on-the-Lake |

Courtside Canada

The best vehicle we have for internet communication for tennis events is a great new website from Tennis Canada.

In order to have its benefits, we need every player to register at the site. Please go to www.courtsidecanada.ca and register with a username and password.

Once you've done that, you should be able to locate the Niagara Peninsula Tennis Community, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club and the Grimsby Tennis Club.



Looking over the Niagara Peninsula Tennis Community geography: Tady Saczkowski (Welland TC), Rosemary Goodwin (NOTL TC), and Bob Pride (Grimsby TC).

Sure sign of spring

Tennis teaching professional **Shawna Macfarlane** has been hearing from a significant number of Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club members, all keen to get their tennis off to a good start this spring.

There's no better way to do that than with some lessons or some clinics, and Shawna can help with both.

To get in touch with Shawna, send an email to addintennis@gmail.com, call her Blackberry at 716 531 5862, or leave a message at her home on the Niagara Parkway 905 262 4529.

Sunday morning clinics start in May, with an early-bird come-one-come-all special clinic on May 1st beginning at 10am.



Singles Play

Organized play for both men's and ladies singles has been a club highlight for the past two seasons. We're fortunate that star organizers, Sarah Chapman-Jay and Ron Davis, are ready to coordinate the events once again this season.

The 2011 registration form includes a spot for you to check off your interest in playing singles, so be sure to include that when you fill out your form. But you can always get in touch with Sarah or Ron with your questions and to make sure they have your name. More details will be coming along in the next few weeks.

*Best regards,
Rosemary Goodwin*

*on behalf of your Volunteer Committee : Ian Waddell, John Christie, Janice Schachtschneider,
Liz Vinassac, Charlene Juras, Sarah Chapman-Jay, Don Chambers, Larry Mantle, Peter Marchesseau.*