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NIAGARA TENNIS NEWS

Hello Tennis Friends!

The past several days have been absolutely beautiful on the tennis courts, and now we've got Wimbledon on TV from 7:00 each morning ... doesn't get any better than this!

Last week began with a ceremony at the Town Council Meeting in honor of **Charlotte Petrick's** outstanding performance in winning the Canadian Under 14 Championship. Charlotte was greeted warmly before the meeting by Parks & Recreation Director Clive Buist and by Councillor Martin Mazza (chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee), then was presented with a plaque by Lord Mayor David Eke as part of the official proceedings.

A reception followed at the tennis pavilion, with a nice turnout of members taking the opportunity to get to know Charlotte better and to wish her well in her summer competition schedule. This week, she's in Bermuda at an ITF U18 tournament, and will compete in the Ontario U18 Championships (starting June 27) and the Canadian U18 Championships (starting August 7).

Charlotte's tennis development has always been a family affair. Her parents, Frank and Colleen, are keen players and coaches. They have guided Charlotte's progress and indulged her endless enthusiasm for the game. It was clearly Charlotte's greatest pleasure to have her three brothers - Joshua, David and Nicholas - on hand to share the Monday evening festivities.



HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS LEADS TO THE REXALL CENTER



Success in reaching the SOSSA district finals led **Laura McGregor** to the All-Ontario High School Tennis Championships (OFSSA) earlier this month, representing Eden Secondary School.

It was exciting to play on the Tennis Canada courts on which the Rogers Cup events are staged each summer, and to compete against school champions from around the province.

The tournament became a family affair, with Dad (Scott McGregor) taking the day off work, Mom (Dorothy Booth) rearranging her schedule, and sister Amy taking the day off school. Laura had a 1-win,1-loss record after the first day so it was time to find a hotel near York University and prepare for the next round. Tuesday's play also brought a 1-win,1-loss record and everyone agreed it had been a great experience.

Laura was the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club Junior Champion in 2009 and runner-up in 2010. And she's the MVP of the Eden school tennis team.

REGULAR GROUPS ARE ON A ROLL

Regular Groups are the lifeblood of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club ... many hours of work on the part of diligent volunteers who organize players to meet at the same time each week. The number of players who are the beneficiaries of their efforts continues to grow, and they sure appreciate their games! There's still room for expansion, so don't hesitate to step forward if you've got a group to add to the schedule.



Lil Cohen organizes this game at 10:00 each Monday morning. The players enjoy competition at a 3.5/4.0+ level and will fill 4 courts starting next week. [Did we mention they also like to party?]

*Back: Bonnie Sartor, Lil Cohen, Shirley Rednall, Gillian Victor-Mellanby, Lynne McKay, Gillian Venturi, Sheila Krause, Patricia Ridesic, Pat Bryan
Front: Marlene McCarthy, Susan Browne*

Brenda Parks has taken the initiative in setting up a 3.0+ game at 8:30 on Tuesday mornings. There is huge enthusiasm for tennis in this group!

Marilyn Vann, Anita Robertson, Chris Wormwell, Joan Mergelas, Brenda Parks, Amy Weiner, Rhonda McMillan, Bea Campbell



We call them the Super Seniors + Friends and they're an inspiration to those of us who aspire to play tennis forever. This group is in the process of gathering all the members who would like to play on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Jack Schuster, Victor Gallo, Jim Thackray, Will Wilson, Will Paley, Phil Landray, Murray Fitzsimmons, Dale Daniels

Wednesday mornings at 9:00 feature a Men's Doubles game at a 3.5/4.0+ level. These players also did a great service for the club in putting up all our windscreens. Thanks to Max Bade, Larry Mantle and Richard Berti for putting the finishing touches on the job last week.



Marion Briston has taken on the job of organizing a 3.0+ game for 8:30 on Thursday mornings. Her sister Chris arrives from England this week, so we'll hope she becomes chief assistant.

Nicole Goodwin, Maria Budin, Marilyn Vann, Marion Briston, Hella Beck, Brenda Parks, Pat Caldwell

Estelle Simons has been organizing the early-shift game on Friday mornings for a very long time, with Mary Matthews filling in when help is needed. This is a vigorous 3.0/3.5 game.

Monica Berti, Marlene Walther, Mary Matthews, Pat Caldwell, Pat Odey, Joan Mergelas, Marilyn Francis, Helen Ferley, Brenda Strecker, Bev Lees, Patricia Campbell, Linda Gordon.





The late shift on Friday mornings has been playing since 2007 and is a strong 3.5/4.0+ game. This season it's under the watchful eye of Pat Young, one of the most active and steadfast members in the history of the club. She'll be assisted by Mary Pohorly.

Pat Ridesic, Gillian Victor-Mellanby, Shirley Rednall, Pat Young, Diane Hansen, Lil Cohen, Linda Telford, Susan Browne.

It's great to see the courts filled with men's tennis on Saturday mornings . Dominic Ventresca leads a 3.5/4.0+ doubles game and other players are taking up singles challenges.

Larry Schantz, Ray Cutts, Jim Thackray, Patrick MacNeill, Enzo Mancuso (in front), Max Bade, Terry Francis, Larry Mantle, Ross Robinson, Richard Berti, Herman Fontyn, Joe Robertson



To get on a spares list for any of these games, contact the organizing volunteer. Remember that the weekly matches are planned in advance, so please don't expect to have a place unless you're called beforehand.

Monday 10:00-12:00	Ladies: 3.5/4.0+	Lil Cohen	lilawow@juno.com
Tuesday 8:30-10:00	Men: Seniors + friends	Jack Schuster	jimjakob@sympatico.ca
Tuesday 8:30-10:00	Ladies: 3.0	Brenda Parks	bparks@mergetel.com
Tuesday 6:30-8:30pm	Men: 4.0+	Otto Werner	sandham@bellnet.ca
Wednesday 9:00-11:00	Men: 3.5/4.0+	Ian Waddell	margretian@sympatico.ca
Thursday 8:30-10:00	Men: Seniors + friends	Jack Schuster	jimjakob@sympatico.ca
Thursday 8:30-10:00	Ladies: 3.0	Marion Briston	thebristons@hotmail.com
Friday 9:00-10:30	Ladies: 3.0/3.5	Estelle Simons	simons1@rogers.com
Friday 10:30-12:00	Ladies: 3.5/4.0+	Pat Young	larryandpat@talkwireless.ca
Saturday 8:00-10:00	Men: 3.5/4.0+	Dominic Ventresca	d.ventresca@sympatico.ca

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

How often do you think our Town Councillors hear about Tennis? How often have you spoken to a member of Council about Tennis? It happens that this summer would be a good time to increase that frequency.

We've mentioned that this is the 25th anniversary of our courts at Memorial Park, a good time to think about renewal. This coincides with a period during which Town Council is doing a lot of strategic planning, laying the groundwork for capital spending over the next 10 years. Our club president, Ian Waddell, has made it clear that his priority is expanding and improving our Tennis facilities.

What can you do to help? It's quite simple : just share your own personal experience. Have you recently moved to Town and are glad to have Tennis available to you? Have you recently come to the game? Have you played for much of those 25 years at Memorial Park? Has Tennis had a positive impact on your life? Do you think things could be improved for Tennis in Niagara-on-the-Lake? Are there things about Tennis you think our Councillors should know?

We hope one or more of those questions will stimulate an idea or a thought. You can help make a significant impact by writing your comment in an email to Lord Mayor David Eke (deke@notl.org) and/or Councillor Martin Mazza (mmazza@notl.org). Of course, you could also write to any of the other Councillors their emails are listed on the website for the Town of NOTL.

It isn't necessary to write something lengthy or complicated. But your personal expression can go a long way if it's part of a larger effort. If each of us will write a little something, we can make a difference.

THE TOURNAMENTS ARE COMING!

Entry forms are now available for the Men's B Doubles tournament scheduled for Saturday July 9th. You'll find them on the bulletin board at the pavilion, in the pavilion office, or you can get one from Larry Mantle, Don Chambers or Rosemary Goodwin. Alternatively, you can email Larry or Don or Rosemary to indicate you'd like to play in the tournament. It will be a big help if we can have all the entries by Tuesday July 5th.

Entry forms for the Women's Doubles tournament will be available next week. The event is scheduled for Saturday July 23, with finals on the 24th if necessary. Director Janice Schachtschneider is ready to accept entries by email at any time.

*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.*

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