



Niagara Tennis News

what's happening around the Club

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Tennis Clinics, Tuesday & Thursday from 5:30 - 7:00 pm



Great News! Go Tennis Clinics **continue** [throughout the summer.](#)

Shawna & Robbie just want to remind all members that the clinics are running every Tuesday and Thursday evenings with a 5:30 pm start time. \$15 per session, no sign-up required. Just drop by the courts and get involved. They promise fun, exercise, and a few tennis tips that will stay in your tennis brain for your next match.

A few reminders.....

HITTING THE BALL THROUGH THE MIDDLE of the court in doubles does quite a few things to hinder your opponent. It creates confusion as to which player will take the ball, it dramatically reduces the angle the opponent has to return the ball and it gives you the highest percentage chance to make the shot (The net strap is the lowest point on the net). It also creates holes for you to attack on the next ball. Once you bring both players to the middle you can then use the wings to put volleys away or create more pressure. Attacking down the middle whether you have two players back, two players at net or a traditional doubles set up will reward you greatly and make you look good!

MOVE WITH YOUR PARTNER AND COVER THE MIDDLE! Move with your partner (L and R, up and back—think of "windshield wipers" moving as a unit) and follow the ball. If your partner (or opposing player) is pulled out wide, one of you should be touching the center line of the court with one foot to be covering the middle.

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Club Social & BBQ - Highlights Of The Day



May 28th seems like a long time ago, but it is never too late to extend a **BIG** thank you to the team of Club Members that volunteered to make the day such a wonderful success.

Although May weather can be a bit "iffy", this year it seemed more like the end of August, weather wise. Despite the hot temperatures, we had tennis players of all ages on the courts in the afternoon.

The event kicked off with a **Kids Tennis** program, which was offered to all the kids in our community, and was hosted by Robbie Macfarlane. After playing on the courts the kids enjoyed the pavilion shade and some yummy, refreshing gelato provided by **Gelato di Carlotta**

The courts were then filled with members trying out some stretching exercises being led by Massage Therapist, Dwynwyn Droppe. Shawna and Robbie Macfarlane then took the program over with a variety of fun tennis games and challenges.

Of course Pam from Pam's Pro Shop was also on hand to offer racquet stringing services along with great deals on tennis gear & equipment. The on-court group activities were followed by some exhibition matches. Members grabbed a cold drink, found some shade and were treated to several exhibition tennis matches.

After all the on-court activities, everyone was ready for the fabulous pasta dinner from Antipasta's.

And of course none of this would have been possible without the team of organisers and volunteers lead by Jane Overmeyer and Joanne Dow that were there to make everything happen off the courts and Shawna and Robbie Macfarlane that took charge of all the the on-court activities.

And an extra **big THANK YOU** goes to Kash and Carlotta from **Gelato di Carlotta** for so generously donating the yummy gelato enjoyed by all throughout the afternoon. Don't forget that you can drop in to their shop at 59 Queen Street to quench your sweet tooth any time throughout the summer. If you see Kash or Carlotta in the shop, be sure to thank them personally for their generosity.



It's Important & Just Polite



A friendly, reminder to all Club Members that participate in any of our organized regular games or Club Groups.

Our volunteer co-ordinators spend a lot of time and effort throughout the season to get games scheduled and the courts filled weekly.

When you are one of 8, 12 or 16 players that are scheduled to play a game, it is just polite to arrive at least 10 minutes early. Arriving 5 or 10 minutes late disrupts everyone else's game.

If you know you are going to be late for an unavoidable reason, let your co-ordinator know to save them the panic of trying to figure out if you are a dreaded "no-show" and trying to find a last minute sub.

Please keep in mind that when you are late, you disrupt the enjoyment of the game for typically 7 other players, (your co-ordinator's game and the game you are scheduled for)

Thanks for respecting your fellow Club Members time as we all respect the rare, unavoidable situations that can arise.

Rainy Weather Etiquette



The Club has four court drying rollers and two rain shuttles to allow 4 or 6 members to pitch in to dry the courts when necessary.

Although Group Co-ordinators are often the first one's out after a rain, I am sure that any of them would appreciate their group members coming out 30 minutes early to help dry areas that need some attention.

The courts drain quite well after a rain, and once any excess water is cleared away, the sun and breeze typically dry the surface in 10 to 15 minutes.

If you have never used a squeegee roller or rain shuttle before, don't worry, they are very easy to use. Your teammates will appreciate your effort and maybe they will buy you a coffee after the game.

Please remember that **we are a VOLUNTEER Club** which means **we need "YOU" to pitch in and help out.**

