



# Niagara-on-the-Lake October 2020 Newsletter

**To Niagara on the Lake Tennis Club Members**

## **2020 Annual General Meeting**

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on October 8th. This year's meeting was historic in that it marked the 50th year of the Club's existence and it was held via Zoom conference call due to Covid-19 restrictions.

30 members participated in the meeting which recognized the service of Wendy Dell's 4 years as President of the Club and Fraser Ecclestone whose term on Council expired.

Hugh Dow, Marilyn Francis, Brenda Parks and Rick Sherk were elected to the Board and at its first meeting the new Board appointed the Club Officers.

## **Your 2021 Board of Directors:**

Hugh Dow, President

Marilyn Francis, Treasurer

Brenda Parks, Secretary

Rosemary Goodwin, Director

Larry Platt, Director

Rick Sherk Director

The Directors' contact information is on the website and Members are encouraged to contact them.

Irene McEvoy-Lucas who joined the Board last year and was its Treasurer and zoom-master extraordinaire, has unfortunately had to resign for family reasons. The Board acknowledges and thanks Irene for her work this year.

## Honorary Members

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At its first meeting the Board elected Bev Lees and Marlene and Danny McCarthy as Honorary Members of the Club. These three individuals are founding members of the Club and have maintained their Club memberships for 50 years!!! Congratulations Bev, Marlene and Danny. We look forward to honouring you in person when gatherings are possible again.

## Seasons Change



For every Season there is a reason that Dominic Ventresca and his indomitable crew are at work at the Club; in the Spring installing the windscreens and Court equipment, in the Fall removing same, reminding us that our Season is drawing to a close. **Dominic and his crew will be at the Courts on Saturday October 31st to remove the windscreens. The rain date is November 7th.**

## New Courts update

As many of you will have seen construction of the two new courts is progressing well. Apparently some seven layers of gravel and screen go into the base foundation before the top surface is applied. Court Contractors who built the existing courts will be installing their same "Soft Asphalt" surface which has served us well. The schedule calls for the surface and fencing to be completed this year. Once that has settled over the winter the final colour coat will applied ,weather permitting, sometime in April. Everything should be ready for the 2021 tennis season!

## Your Club

As the Season winds down the Board would like to acknowledge the work of the group leaders who filled the courts mornings, afternoons and nights. The Club is vibrant due to the many volunteer hours they spend organizing the groups. The Board also extends its thanks to all the Club members who participated in groups and clinics for their enthusiasm and adherence to protocols in this shortened, constrained Season. We were also very pleased that the Adult Instructional programs were available and popular with players at all levels, thank you Shawna Macfarlane.

## History

These photos from Tady Saczkowski provide a contrast between court building in 2020 and the way things were done at the Queens Royal Hotel about 125 years ago.

