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Close matches for NOTL tennis champs



Finalists Fran Doran and John Pilling, left, congratulate Paul Plourde and Kim Laidlaw, who won the mixed doubles title at the NOTL Tennis Club tournament. RICHARD HARLEY

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The NOTL Tennis Club mixed doubles tournament was filled with close matches, as the sun beat down on players Friday and Saturday.

The tournament was the first for the tennis club

since 2019, before the start of the global pandemic.

Paul Plourde and Kim Laidlaw, first-time partners, took home the championship title.

Laidlaw, a member of the club for two years, said the win felt “fantastic.”

“I had a great partner, but it was the hottest day I think I’ve ever played,” she said after getting off the courts from her winning match.

Plourde said the game was “evenly matched” with finalists Fran Doran and John Pilling.

“A lot of credit to my

partner,” Plourde said.

“We want to say thank you to George Dell, one of the organizers. He was the one that paired us together, because Kim and I didn’t know each other before the tournament.”

Tournament director Holly Anderson said the event was filled with close

matches.

“There was some great tennis with extremely competitive matches, many of which went down to the wire with tie-breakers to decide the result,” said Anderson.

“Judging by the cheers and applause, the many spectators present enjoyed

the event and appreciated the quality of tennis involved.”

Bagged lunches were prepared in place of a buffet by Mary Lou Turner of Let’s Get Fresh Catering.

“It was a successful event and we hope a tremendous return to normalcy,” Anderson said.