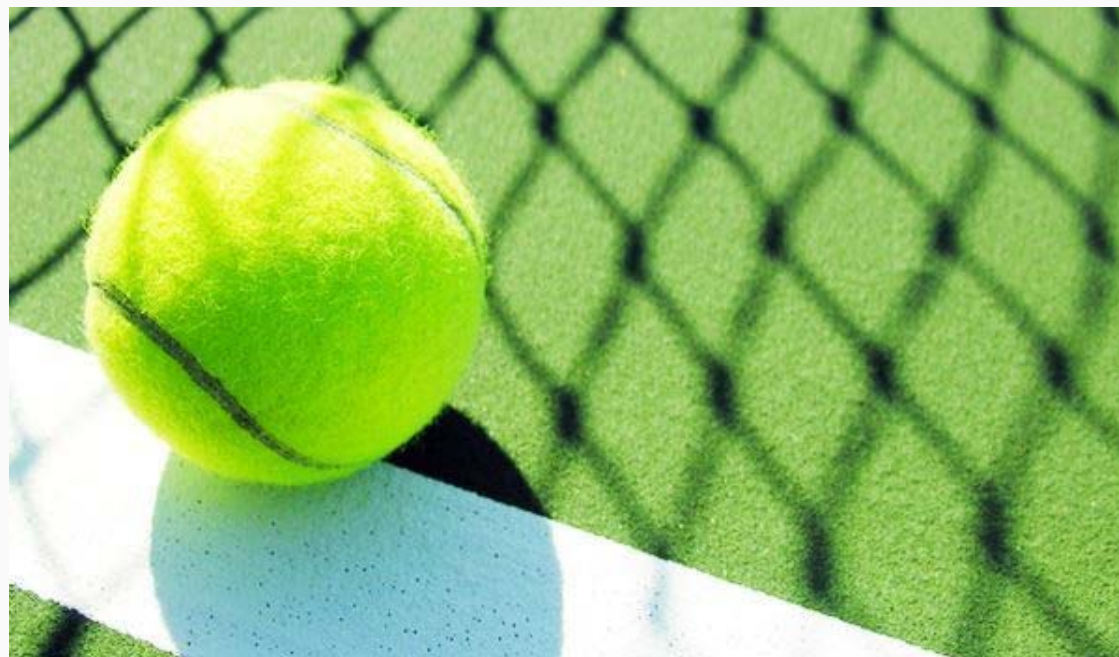


Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club

June 11, 2021 Newsletter



With the good news announcement yesterday, we are gearing up for the start of the 2021 season. Club and member groups have been booked, as well as doubles drop-ins on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Members who have registered for groups will have been contacted by their group captains concerning their schedule.

All members are now able to book doubles courts for casual games.

In addition to the COVID restrictions set out by the Municipality yesterday, concerning distances and mask wearing, we remind members that gatherings of 10 people are permitted, hand sanitizing is recommended, and to exit away from members waiting to go on.



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Update from the Go Tennis Team!

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Our philosophy is simple. We believe that if we invest in fun and fitness with positive energy, you will enjoy tennis and learn along the way - a true tennis learning experience. Even though our regular Instructional options have been on pause, we will continue to revise until we see you on court!

Our Go Tennis plan is to continue with private and semi-private lessons. When doubles play returns to the courts so will our Go Tennis Group Lessons on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Tuesday Nights geared more for new players or returning players to the game with Thursday Night play geared for those more experience.

Things to look forward to...

Serve, Rally and Play Complimentary Group Lessons to get you Swinging

- · Tentative Date: Sunday June 20th Start Time 1:00pm and 2:00pm
- · Tentative Date: Saturday June 26th Start Time 1:00pm and 2:00pm
- · Tentative Date: Sunday June 27th Start Time 1:00pm and 2:00pm

Junior Go Tennis – 6 Week Program Wednesday Afternoons July 7th through August 10th

All play levels! All Ages! Check the website for registration Form.

Together we will play,

Shawna

SUNDAY MORNING SINGLES

(submitted by Rosemary Goodwin)

The limitations on our playing options in recent weeks have caused many players to explore various possibilities, and some are finding that Singles is an enjoyable way to get additional practice. The greatest enjoyment generally comes from a tussle with someone close to our own playing-level, and it can be a challenge to link up with a variety of other members who feel the same way.

To that end, this is a call for “expressions of interest” in playing singles on Sunday mornings, during the time period between 10:00 and 12:00. Games could be for an hour, or longer if desired. At first, players could be grouped with three others at a similar level, providing a varied experience and gathering information to refine playing levels. Ultimately, it could function in a fashion similar to a ladder.

If a sufficient number of members express interest, we'll set aside courts in advance. Each week, everyone on the

roster will be invited to indicate availability for the next Sunday, and groups will be formed from among those who reply.

This is open to all members, and players are free to discontinue at any time.

If you'd like to be on the next-steps mailing list, send a note to rosemarygoodein@mac.com

WASHROOMS
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What is this?



It is a Ball Drop where members can deposit "gently used" tennis balls for use with the Ball Machine. Please insert balls in their tennis tube - not loose balls.



Members have asked about volunteer opportunities at the Games. The Canada Games website provides up-to-date information on all things "Canada Games". Check it out.

<https://niagara2022games.ca/>

On The Website

Larry Mantle, our webmaster, is looking for new photos for the website; action shots of games, random shots of players, even covid-related shots – members approaching the courts with masks on, etc. etc.

Send your photos to: larry.mantle@cogeco.ca or upload your photos to Google drive and share with Larry.

And finally, before we introduce you to our next exciting crop of new members, please, please be mindful of Court Courtesy. This is a volunteer-run Club and it is **everyone's** responsibility to pick up any items when exiting your court – this includes ball can tops.

Also, with the lovely shade on our new courts 1 and 2, come leaves --- There is a cordless leaf blower in the kitchen. !!



WELCOME

NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS



In 2012, **Elke Savage** lost her beloved husband, Kevin, to melanoma cancer at the young age of 53, six months after moving to NOTL from Toronto, and found herself with multiple myeloma not long thereafter. It's a lot for anyone to handle, but Elke's resolve was "I choose life", and she has gone forward with a renewed appreciation for all the joys life can bring. She's found that tennis and painting and sailing provide opportunities to let her creative energy flow. We trust she'll find warmth and friendship on our courts, and the opportunity to grow her game in the company of others with similar aspirations.

Yoko Miele has two very accomplished children : Olivia, who has won a spot at the Ontario College of Art for September, and Sebastian, who enjoys swimming and basketball as well as tennis. In Japan, the kids are very much missed by their grandparents, who were accustomed to seeing them each summer prior to covid. But the other side of that is the opportunity to spend summer at home in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and we're very happy to welcome them to the NOTL Tennis Club.



While **James & Deborah Betton** just moved to NOTL in October, it's been home-away-from-home for a long time. Deb's parents moved here over 15 years ago, and now James' parents have relocated here as well. Deb's older sister, Val, and Rob Lamond have been talking about the great people they have met while playing tennis, so it was a must for the newcomers. Although it has been several years since they played regularly, they are eager to get their game on. They're looking forward to meeting new people and having fun on the court.

Cathy Stewart & Vlad Haltigin moved to NOTL in August 2019 from Oakville, where they lived for over 30 years. Having been frequent visitors to NOTL, they decided this is where they wanted to be. Vlad is retired after a career with Xerox Canada, but continues to be very active with their Retirees Association. He's a provincial soccer referee assessor, a member of the NOTL Rotary Club and of the Shaw Guild. Earlier this year, Cathy moved to "active retirement," following a



long career in Human Resources, most recently with the Canadian Olympic Committee. While she continues to keep busy with various HR consulting projects, she and Vlad are enjoying everything NOTL has to offer, including tennis – and are looking forward to refreshing and renewing their game.

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