

# Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club

May 25, 2021 Newsletter



**THE DAY HAS FINALLY ARRIVED!**





From a gleam in his eye 10 years ago, to hitting the first ball – Our President, Hugh Dow, has been the prime mover in the Club’s expansion from 4 to 6 courts.

Today, with the Town represented by Kevin Turcotte, Director of Parks and Recreation, and joined by Club Pro, Shawna Macfarlane, Hugh opened the courts!

“The Local” newspaper was on hand with reporter, Mike Balsom.

Obviously, COVID protocols prevented us from having a formal opening.

Check out the News section of the Website for links to the full media coverage.

While there are a few housekeeping issues to be cleaned up on the courts, they are now officially open for booking on Game Time – and booked they are! Starting Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

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## **COMPLIMENTARY CLINICS ARE COMING!**

We haven't forgotten about the Complimentary Clinics. We are waiting to finalize July dates. Keep your eye on the website for specifics. Shawna and her crew are ready and able to provide tons of much-needed fun and training.

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# **GAMETIME**

Court Booking

**Click or Tap Here**

# GAMETIME

For those new to Gametime, Marilyn Francis has provided the following :

Please book all your court usage, even walk-on games, on GAMETIME so we have a record for contact tracing, if required. Also note that the Board will be using our GAMETIME booking data to help determine the best **future allocation of courts** between open booking privileges or block bookings for organized Group Play.

You can access our Tennis Club Gametime website at **[ntc.gametime.net](http://ntc.gametime.net)**.

## HELPFUL HINTS:

- If you are accessing from a phone or tablet you may find it easier to view the DESKTOP version.
- If you are logging in for the first time you need to click on the that says "FIRST TIME USER". Here you will be able to setup your **User Name** and your **Password**. *This screen is only available in the desktop view*
- Check the Remember Me option so that the system will remember your user name the next time you log in.
- Either save the website to your desktop favourites or to your Home Screen, if you are using a mobile device. That way you can book a court in a few clicks, wherever you are.
- When booking a court remember to use the pop-up list of names and select from there. Just enter in the 3 or 4 characters of the last name and a list of names will appear. Click on player name to add it to your court booking.
- Our Club website has full details on booking rules and a handy cheat sheet to install the website link directly to your home screen on your mobile devices.

**Don't get frustrated!** If you need help to get yourself setup for the first time email Marilyn Francis at [marilyn@marilynfrancis.ca](mailto:marilyn@marilynfrancis.ca) and she will help to get you set up to book your courts.

**ZOOM ORIENTATION SESSION:** If you are interested in a ZOOM session to see a demonstration of how Gametime works, how to set it up on your phone and to answer any questions, please send an email to [askus@niagaratennisclub.com](mailto:askus@niagaratennisclub.com). Based on the interest, we will contact you with details on when this 20 – 30 minute session will be held.

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# WELCOME



**Jim Kramer & Jennifer Risdon** moved to NOTL in pre-pandemic November 2019. They decided to retire here so they could participate in all the things they love best : cycling, walking, theatre and drinking wine! Jim grew up in Niagara Falls and was keen to return to this area. Jennifer grew up in Florida and spent happy childhood years playing tennis there. They're looking forward to meeting new friends at the tennis club, having been encouraged to join by club member John Ramsbottom (with an assist from Ken McGillivray by way of trivia night at Exchange Brewery).

**Charley & Patricia Scrivener** are about halfway through their first year of transition from super-charged Toronto into the sweet life, Niagara-on-the- Lake style. While maintaining involvement with business interests, they're looking forward to carving out more time for golf and tennis, as well as getting to know their new home town better. Previously, tennis was combined with sailing at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, which was the setting for this photo at an event with a 60s theme. They've remained close to the water with their Kings Point residence, where we now count at least six households of tennis club members!





**Karen Gallagher & Doug Hanes** first met as high performance volleyball players at the University of Guelph, then 25 years later on the beach courts while watching their daughters compete. The second time around proved irresistible. They've been very active retirees since relocating to Niagara in 2012, with Doug picking up tennis after a 30-year hiatus and joining the club in 2018. He's formed a successful doubles partnership with Manny Umoquit, going undefeated so far in the Niagara Tennis League. Karen has continued her lifelong commitment to volleyball, competing internationally at the Masters level in Italy, Australia and New Zealand among others. She's excited to be a new tennis player, enjoying hitting sessions with Doug on their local St Davids courts and also happy to have help from their neighbour Shawna Macfarlane. There's a rumour that Karen's knitting expertise could convert into a barter opportunity for tennis lessons.

**Ann Deuerlein & Jonathan Sobol** turned to tennis at the start of the covid lockdown in spring of 2020. By creating a 4-family bubble in their Regent Street neighbourhood, they were able to keep kids and parents occupied and active during those first unsettling weeks. The Rye Park tennis courts provided a destination where they could learn the game together. Joining the tennis club seemed like a good next-step, especially with encouragement from their neighbours Maggie & Helmut Hammerling. Ann is a teacher with DSBN, and Eve and Greta are students at Crossroads School. Jonathan is a screenwriter and director, and has spent the past several months in Cayman working on a film. A family still very much affected by covid!



**Tracy Dalglish & Michael Medline** have been playing tennis together since they were 17 years old. They spent a lot of time in NOTL over the last decade and fell in love with the area and the community, buying a house last year. They can't wait until the theatres and restaurants reopen and NOTL can get back to normal. Tracy is a teacher and Michael works in retail.

**John and Lesley Yoxall** moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake in September 2020. They're a family of five with daughters Elise, Annabel and Camilla. Previously living in St Martin in the Caribbean, their passions include wine (John is a partner in Curatas wine club in Toronto) and sailing.



**Rosie & David Sherman** have spent the last 15 years in two homes - one in Toronto, the other in Boca Raton Florida. This summer they will be in Port Dalhousie with an eye on finding their forever summer home in NOTL. They have been drawn to Niagara by their son who lives in St Catharines, and by their good friends Herb and Lil Cohen. Rosie and Lil met 5 years ago, playing for the same tennis team in Boca. Off the court, Rosie's other passion is painting. She's hoping to meet other artists and for the opportunity to teach painting. David, still works part time, exporting lighting from China. They both look forward to making new friends on and off the tennis court.

**James Holt & Donna Campbell** have been a couple for 30 years. James grew up in Welland and had a Jewelry store in Welland from 1979 to 2008. Donna has a Veterinary practice in Welland - Rose City Animal Hospital - and looks forward to retirement at some point, hopefully soon. They have played tennis at the Welland indoor and outdoor club for many years and were convinced to join the Niagara-on-the-Lake club by Nancy and Tady Saczkowski. James really enjoyed playing with our club last summer and Donna decided to join this year. We're very glad she did!



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