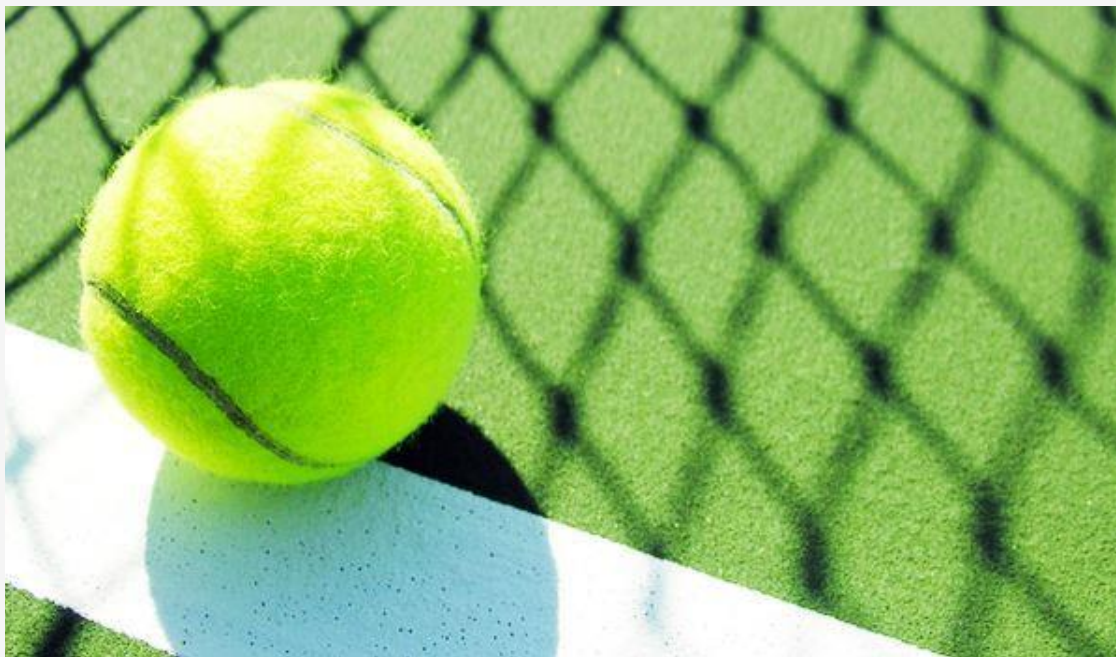


## Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club

September 2021 Newsletter



### **A message from the Club President**

As the season draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the passionate and committed team of Directors that I have had the privilege of working with during this Club year.

We have seen a full range of situations during 2021. From a complete lockdown of our courts, to singles only play through to opening our two new courts and then some exciting doubles tournaments.

All of the Directors went above and beyond in keeping the Club operating and informing members of the ever-changing developments.

Marilyn Francis did a wonderful job in keeping our finances in shape and introducing our customized adaptation of our new GameTime on-line booking system.

Brenda Parks took on the role of preparing and editing our very popular Club Newsletter. She was also able to perfectly capture the sometimes very lengthy minutes of our board meetings.

Rosemary Goodwin took on the daunting task of scheduling Club groups and introducing new playing opportunities for our many new members.

Larry Platt who was in charge of facilities used his shopping and negotiating skills to secure all of our new court equipment -including the infamous owls.

Holly Anderson, together with Rick Sherk, organized and scheduled our very successful Club tournaments. And of course, Holly was responsible for our new Club caps -soon to become a collector's item.

Three of our Directors, for a variety of reasons, have decided they will not be seeking re-election at our upcoming AGM. On behalf of all members, I would like to thank Holly Anderson, Rick Sherk and Larry Platt for their service.

I am pleased to report that we have a full slate of nominations for the upcoming vacancies on the Board. These nominees will be appointed at the upcoming AGM on Sept 30. More about the nominees below.

In spite of the challenges, all in all a very successful year for the Club. Tennis in NOTL is clearly no longer a local backwater sport but a major sporting activity with considerable upside.

Hugh Dow,

President



**AGM MEETING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 6 p.m.**

**via zoom webcast**

**REGISTRATION LINK available for Members on Club Website**

## **Board Nominees, 2021**

**Rosemary Goodwin**, has agreed to run for a second term.

And the following three members have also agreed to stand for nomination:

### **Natalie Early**

Natalie took up tennis when she and her husband Bruce started dating. It's been a mutual love affair ever since. Just before COVID started its run, Natalie was in the process of being certified as an OTA tennis official. Natalie's retirement bucket list includes trips to each grand slam.

Moving to NOTL last year for work, Natalie is very grateful for the Club's warm welcome to the community and group activities. She's really looking forward to working with the Board to showcase our Club to the public next summer during the 2022 Summer Games, and to continue the legacy of great Club experience for our membership throughout the season.

Natalie has over 30 years' experience working in municipal and provincial government. She's a subject matter specialist in operational and regulatory policy, corporate performance and service analytics, and business process reengineering.

### **Nancy Marchese**

Nancy has been playing tennis for about 20 years, and loves every minute of it!!

She looks forward to the opportunity of volunteering with such a great group of people, and hopes that her accounting background and skills might be helpful to the club.

### **Janice Schachtschneider**

Janice has been a member of the Club since 1987, and has served as the Membership Registrar since that time. She has a great love for this community being a lifelong resident of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Janice's Club activities also include,

Past Board member 1987-2002

NOTL Junior Program volunteer coach, 2008-2011, 2018-2019

Active in Club instructional programs

Tournament Chair, Women's Doubles, 2000-2002

Club Captain of member run group

Janice is an OTA certified instructor

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*coming soon!*

**Ladies Grape & Wine Tournament**

**Saturday, September 25. 1 p.m.**

**Ladies/ Men Singles Tournament**

**October 3rd. Matches start at 10:00.**

**Warmup courts available from 9:00.**

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## **Still Lots of Tennis to Play**

Most Club and member led groups are continuing their weekly games well into October. However, schedules are being modified gradually. Members looking for casual games are encouraged to check GameTime every day for additional playing opportunities.

With perhaps cooler weather arriving, maybe you'd like to consider an early afternoon game. Lots of availability.

p.s. there's a leaf blower in the kitchen for use on the shady new courts

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HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF THE TENNIS SCORING SYSTEM?

SOME TENNIS TRIVIA FOR YOU.

A popular belief is that clock faces were used centuries ago to keep score for tennis with a quarter move of the minute hand to indicate a score of 15,30 and 45. When the hand was moved to 60 the game was over. However, in order to ensure the game could not be won by a one- point difference in players scores the idea of "deuce" was introduced. To make the score stay within the "60" ticks on the clock face the 45 was changed to 40. Therefore, if both players had 40, the first player to score would receive 10 points and that would move the clock to 50. If the player scored a second time before the opponent was able to score, they would be awarded another10 and the clock would move to 60. The 60 signifies the end of the game. However, if a player fails to score twice in a row, then the clock would move back to 40 establishing another "deuce".

DAZZLE YOUR TENNIS FRIENDS WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE

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**HAVE YOU LOST IT???**

Rosemary has been tidying, and look what she's found. Collect your item in the kitchen, or contact Rosemary. Items not collected will be donated.



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