

# Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club Newsletter



*What's happening around the Club ...*

**May 2022**

## **A Beautiful Thing**

With a little bit of coaxing the sun is finally gracing us with her presence and warmer temperatures. The Club is rocking and rolling with an overwhelming response to the recent Complimentary Clinics and the start of group play.

The courts are active with lots of new faces - 70 new members and counting - what a beautiful thing.

## **Club Spring Social – Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – 6pm**

Join us on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for our first social event of the season.

Come in tennis gear and take part in fun activities on court including drills, skills and games with our Club Pro Shawna and her team.

The ball machine will also be on the court so Members can have an opportunity to see it in action and give it a go. Come meet Terry Francis and members of the ball machine committee to answer your questions.

Thinking of buying a new racquet? Renzo Bianchin will be on site with a bevy of demo racquets and wisdom on stringing and grips.

A dinner catered by Antipastos will be served around 5:30. Enjoy pasta, meat, veggies, salad and of course dessert !! Vegetarian and gluten free options will be available.

A number of terrific door prizes will be drawn just before dinner. Everyone who checks in at the registration desk will receive a ticket for the draw. You must be present to win! If you would like to contribute to the door prizes please contact Natalie Early at [natalie.early@outlook.com](mailto:natalie.early@outlook.com).

**Dinner is \$20 per person.** FUN AND GOOD TIMES FOR ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE FREE. Non-member spouses and partners are warmly welcomed to join us for dinner.

To assist us with our numbers please [order dinner tickets here prior to May 27th \(click the link\)](#). Payment for tickets is via a e-transfer to [payment@niagaratennisclub.com](mailto:payment@niagaratennisclub.com). Please include a note with payment “dinner tickets for .....

## Join Us On Court

### Monday Morning and Wednesday Morning

#### MONDAY LADIES' ROUND ROBIN 8:30am

Monday Morning Ladies' Tennis is back! This round robin style activity is open to all club members for an energetic start to your week. We invite

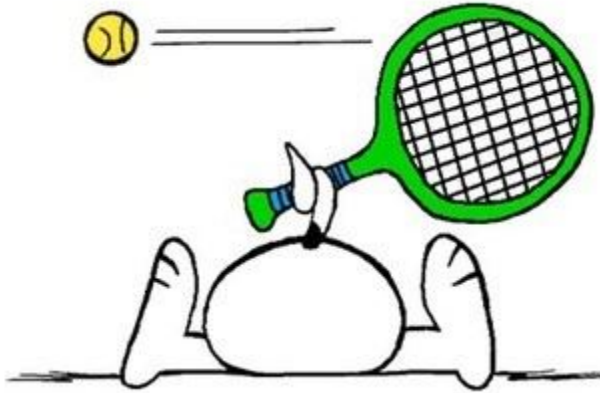
everyone to either sign up on TeamReach with group code: **niagaratennis** or email Shawna ([addintennis@gmail.com](mailto:addintennis@gmail.com)) and say YES I WANT TO PLAY! From our first day out you can see fun was had by all!!



Elke Savage, Jennifer Ridson, Shawna Macfarlane, Lise Andreana, Sandy Plant, Bouty Sornarajah, Leslie Yoxall, Valerie Cickello, Lucy Brookhouser, Kanny Gordon, Sonja Braun, Brenda Parks

### **WEDNESDAY OPEN MIXED DOUBLES 10:00am**

To keep everyone "mixing", men and women are welcome to join our Mixed Doubles, Server Out Format. This format is perfect when you have more than 12 players. The server rotates out while all other players rotate around to fill in the open spot with a new player joining the court. Register on TeamReach with our group code, **niagaratennis**. We want to connect you with someone to play!



## **THE CLUB JOINS ICTA**

The Intercountry Tennis Association is a non-profit organization that coordinates inter-club tennis leagues. Almost 100 clubs and over 8,000 players are involved.

To date there has not been a Niagara Region League. We are pleased to announce that our Club, together with the Welland and Pelham tennis clubs, have joined the ICTA.

We have committed to field a Ladies team consisting of four doubles pairs. Zeny Umoquit and Cathy Reid will be captaining our team. Both home and away matches will be involved. Watch this space for updates and pictures.

We wish our team every success!

## **Reporting Injuries on the Court**

The Club is in the process of renewing its insurance. To be in compliance, if a serious injury requiring medical care or other serious incident occurs on the Tennis Courts, Group and Member Captains, and all players, are requested to inform the Club by phoning a member of the Club Board, or by emailing the Club at [askus@niagaratennis.com](mailto:askus@niagaratennis.com)



## Club Housekeeping

### Help Keep the Club Looking Good

- Please hang court drying tools on the **back end** or **side of the courts**. This keeps a nice clean view of the courts from the pavilion and picnic tables.
- A court broom is now located on the back end of court 3. Please return to this location after use.
- If the divider net is not tied back, please use the bungee cord at the fence to secure the netting.

## Overheard at the Pavilion by a New Member

To our new Members, there are no bad questions! A frequently asked question is “where are the washrooms?” Washrooms at the Pavilion have been on our capital wishlist for many years. It’s something we continue to advocate for with the Town. The closest washrooms are located on the far side of the pool building. Great question. Keep them coming.

## OSGA Tournament

After a 4 year hiatus, the Welland Tennis Club will host the District 24 Senior Summer Games from Thursday, May 26 to Saturday, May 28 with a rain date scheduled for Sunday, May 29 if needed. The deadline to register is Friday, May 20 at 6:00pm.

This tournament was cancelled in 2020 due to Covid. Whether it be just a tennis social event or if you wish to compete for the opportunity to qualify

for the provincial level OSGA held in Peterborough August 9-11 there will be good tennis on court.

There are 6 distinct age categories in 5 year increments. If you wish to compete with the goal of qualifying for the provincial level you may enter the 55+ or 65+ categories. If you would like to play without advancing to the OSGA then the 60+, 70+, 75+ or 80+ categories will be available to you to play with our local players. Age categories may have to be combined if there are not enough entries for a particular category.

If you have any questions please give the OSGA Convenor a shout.

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## **Compliments and Feedback**

We are always on the lookout for content for the newsletter. If you would like to share a story or have feedback, please email Natalie Early at [natalie.early@outlook.com](mailto:natalie.early@outlook.com)