



Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club Newsletter

April 2023

Let the Fun Begin

Wow, that warm stretch at the beginning of the month certainly got us thinking about getting on court and hitting some balls. The Club has never looked so good, so early in the season.

A big thank you to the many volunteers that came out to get the windscreens up. We had the largest crew ever - **31 enthusiastic volunteers** - from the Saturday morning group, from Terry and George's groups, and from the general membership. Lessons learned - having the windscreens labelled last fall proved to be a great step towards their efficient installation!

Special thanks to Dominic Ventresca and Marilyn Francis for their leadership on the day. From establishing teams, to assigning tasks, everything got done with military precision. The pavilion is looking like our "little cottage clubhouse" once again.



Picture courtesy of Tady Saczkowski



Picture courtesy of Rosemary Goodwin

Here is a snap from April 1, 2023. First day of the new season at Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club.

Not a cloud in the sky and only a few puddles to clear on the courts.

First balls were struck by this intrepid foursome - Patrick MacNeill, Martin Quick, Derrick Penman and Bill Devolin



Meet our GO Team

SHAWNA MACFARLANE, Head Professional & GO Team Director

SHAWNA brings a unique combination of skills and qualifications to our tennis club. She is a former collegiate athlete coming from a strong junior resume in the United States. With 38 years of experience as the Director of Tennis with the Niagara Falls Country Club in Lewiston, New York, and a long-time association with the USTA as a community tennis leader, Shawna has seen all sides of the tennis world.



Contact Shawna: addintennis@gmail.com
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JAYDEN JEONG

JAYDEN is a first-year student at Queen's University studying Bachelor of Health Sciences with a keen interest in the business side of medicine. Jayden's first tennis interest came in 2014 while living in Cairo.

In 2018 the NOTL Tennis Club offered complimentary junior lessons - Jayden instantly loved the game! Last year Jayden completed the OTA Instructor's course and joined the Go Instructional Team.

With great excitement to see everyone at the Club, Jayden has expanded his responsibilities as our newly appointed Tennis Coordinator. Look for Jayden around the Club!

Contact Jayden: rally@niagaratennisclub.com

CHRISTIAN joins our Go Team as a Master Racquet Technician and a newly certified PTR Professional. We now will be offering on site racquet stringing with over 75 different strings with an added bonus of on court personal fitting.

See Christian at the courts during our Go Tennis Groups on Tuesday and Thursday nights and our Wednesday afternoon Junior Program.

Contact Christian: thechrisbreton@gmail.com





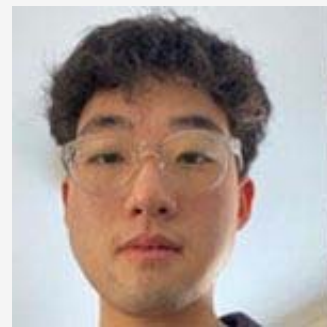
**TESSA
MACFARLANE**

TESSA graduated from Ridley College and Guelph University and now works in Occupational Therapy at Ross Rehabilitation in Hamilton.

Tessa is no stranger to tennis having spent most of her life on a tennis court. Look for Tessa during our Junior Program and Thursday Night GO.

FELIX currently is a grade 11 student at Eden High School. His love for tennis began in 2018 with the NOTL complimentary Junior Program. The past two seasons he has been a valued player on his high school team.

Although tennis is his main sport, he loves badminton, baseball, and ultimate frisbee. Felix specializes in Junior Program.



FELIX JEONG



KENDRA OSA

KENDRA started playing tennis when she was 7 years old. Currently a high school student she loves badminton and has started to play some squash. A strong advocate for gender equity in sport: a strong advocate for her program, Girls Fun Tennis; a strong supporter of tennis!

Look for Kendra on the courts during our GO Tennis Programs.

ROBBIE is a Client Relationship Manager at McCabe Promotional in London, Ontario. With his prior experience as the Associate Tennis Professional with the London Hunt Club and a Physical Education teacher with Buffalo Seminary he brings a strong knowledge of sport.

Look for Robbie to join us on court for special appearance throughout the summer



**ROBBIE
MACFARLANE**



**CHARLOTTE
PETRICK**

CHARLOTTE played on the Women's Professional Tour, a two time Canadian National Champion. Was a teaching professional in Oakville prior to returning to NOTL.

We extend congratulations to Charlotte and her family as they expecting a second child. Charlotte will rejoin us on court in 2024.

Groups Looking for Players

We have a few Member Groups looking for additional players as either spares or regulars. Check out these opportunities:

Women's Group, **Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**, players welcomed with skill level 3.0 to 3.5. Contact Trish Spagnol at: pattianddave949@hotmail.com

Men 65 or over **Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8:30 am – 10:00 a.m.**
Contact Will Wilson at guitarbanjoman@gmail.com

Women's Group, **Wednesday and Thursday mornings 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** - looking for others to join the spares list. Contact Marion Briston at marionjbriston@gmail.com or 905 325 8183.

Women's Group, **Thursday morning 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** - looking for others to join the spares list for a group of ladies at around the 3.0 playing level. Contact Lynne at lynnegough7@gmail.com

Women's Group, **Thursday morning 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** – looking for others to join the spares list for a group of ladies at the 3.5 level. Contact Fran Doran at frandoran2003@yahoo.com.

Women's Group, **Friday Morning 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Playing level is 3.0+ - looking for new members to join. Contact Jill Evans at jill.evans3@gmail.com

Women's Group, **Sunday morning 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.** Playing level is 3.0 to 3.5 – looking for new members to join. Contact Sheila Rider at sheilarider81@gmail.com

Club Spring Social Sunday, May 28th, 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Join us on Sunday, May 28th 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 Go Tennis Team.

The ball machine will be on the court at the beginning of the event 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.

New this year is a collaboration with the Ontario Tennis Association (OTA) who are bringing their Smash Cage with a speed gun. Ever wonder how fast your serve is? Be sure to drop by the Smash Cage and find out!

Christian Breton will be on-site with his racquet stringing machine and wisdom on stringing and grips. If you are in the market for a new racquet, Merchant of Tennis will also be on site with demos you can try during the on-court fun.

A dinner catered by Antipastos will be served around 5:15. 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!

Dinner is \$20 per person (GST included). 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. Please include a note with payment "dinner tickets for"

Door Prizes for the Spring Social

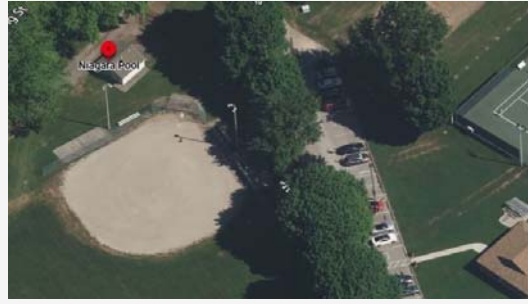
We are seeking door prizes for the Spring Social in May. Please reach out to Natalie Early at natalie.early@outlook.com or Nancy Marchese at nlongocga@yahoo.ca if you can help us out.



DID YOU KNOW ?

- Washrooms are located behind the swimming pool and on the other side of the baseball hut.
- **The Town opens the washrooms around 8:00 am and closes them around 8:00 pm.**

Note: if you notice the red town truck driving down the lane in the evening, it is probably to lock the washrooms!



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

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