

Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club Newsletter

January 2023



Are you excited about the new tennis season? It's still a few months away, but your volunteer board is hard at work getting things in place for another banner year. The Board has been busy working on a list of capital improvements to enhance our enjoyment on and off the court, as well as planning an inspired schedule of activities including clinics, socials and tournaments. The proposed schedule is noted below so that you can put "holds" in your calendar. You can also find the schedule on the Club's website. Stay tuned for more details in next month's newsletter and our usual call for volunteers.

In the coming weeks, returning members will start to receive emails from group captains to confirm participation in organized play. If you participated in a **Club Night** last season, you will be automatically registered for this season. If you **do not** want to participate in a Club Night, please email Janice at janice.sch@me.com and she will remove the Club Night fee from your invoice. Membership Renewal invoices will be emailed out on March 1 so be sure to follow up with Janice before then. If you would like to give our Club Nights a try this season, please fill in the [Club Night Registration Form](#).

If you have any questions about our groups or programs you can always reach us at askus@niagaratennisclub.com. The email is always monitored and you will get a quick response. Of course, always feel free to reach out to any of our Board Members (contact info on our website niagaratennisclub.com) or any of our current club members. They will be pleased to help you navigate signup for our activities.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the courts!

Upcoming Events

- **2023 Club Season Begins**
April 01, 2023
Memorial Park Courts
- **Complimentary Serve Rally Play Clinics**
Memorial Park Courts

Tuesday, April 18th: 5:00pm & 6:00pm

Thursday, April 20th: 5:00pm & 6:00pm

Saturday, April 22nd: 1:00pm & 2:00pm

Sunday, April 23rd: 1:00pm & 2:00pm

Tuesday, April 25th: 5:00pm & 6:00pm

Thursday, April 27th: 5:00pm & 6:00pm

Saturday, April 29th: 1:00pm & 2:00pm

Tuesday, May 2nd: 5:00pm & 6:00pm

- **Live Ball – Member Mixer**
May 06, 2023
Memorial Park Courts
- **Junior Program - First Day**
May 10, 2023
Memorial Park Courts
- **Live Ball – Member Mixer**
May 13, 2023
Memorial Park Courts
- **Ontario Senior Games**
May 25, 2023
Memorial Park Courts
- **Spring Social**
May 28, 2023
Memorial Park Courts & Pavilion
- **Davis Cup**
June 24, 2023
Memorial Park Courts
- **Mixed Doubles Tournament**
July 22, 2023
Memorial Park Courts
- **Men's & Ladies Club Championship**
August 19, 2023
Memorial Park Courts
- **Ladies & Men's Singles Tournament (Final)**
September 16, 2023
Memorial Park Courts
- **Grape & Wine Tournament**
September 23, 2023
Memorial Park Courts
- **Annual General Meeting**
September 27, 2023
Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre
- **Tennis Ball Dinner Dance**

Date and venue to be determined (more on this below)

Spring Social - May 28

How well do you recall our opening social last May? Here are a couple of photos to nudge your memory. This year's edition of the Spring Social is scheduled for May 28. On top of all the other special activities that come with the event, this year we are excited to be featuring the OTA Smash Cage with a speed gun. Ever wonder how fast your serve is? Be sure to drop by the Smash Cage and find out! As usual the Spring Social includes lots of "on court" activities. Fun, Food & Friends. We can hardly wait!



Tennis Ball Dinner Dance

If two heads are better than one, could we also say that 350 heads are better than 7? Your volunteer directors have been searching for a venue for our 2023 Tennis Ball, the event that we hold in the fall to celebrate our season of tennis.

The search includes the parameters we've gathered from your feedback: nice, but not too fancy; great music for dancing; within the municipality of Niagara-on-the-Lake; moderately priced; atmosphere conducive to visiting with old friends, but also for meeting new acquaintances. The tentative dates are earlier this year targeting the weekends of September 8,9 or the following week, September 15, 16.

We could really use your help on this. We've been looking for a barn or more casual setting for this year's event. If you have a bright idea, please do let us know. You can reach Natalie at natalie.early@outlook.com, or Nancy at nlongocga@yahoo.ca.

PS. The Court House is already booked by the Shaw Festival for the months of September, October and November.



National Bank Open (August 4 - 13)

It's not too early to be making your plans for the National Bank Open, either in Toronto (ATP) or Montreal (WTA) on August 4-13. Tickets are on sale now, and it's a good idea to sign up on the website for the regular newsletter and/or for the app.

Group travel is a great way to go ... either in a foursome, or a larger group if you can manage to arrange transportation.

We hope you're feeling inspired by the great matches at the Australian Open in Melbourne. We're very fortunate to have these incredible athletes competing so close to home each summer. You don't want to miss it!



[The Ontario Senior Games Association](http://www.osga.ca) is dedicated to keeping Ontario's 55+ population healthy and vibrant. Staying active through friendly competition in our favourite sport is an important component.

Since 2012, there have been OSGA Tennis competitions in District 24 (all of Niagara Region) - originally at Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club, and since then at the Welland Tennis Club. Some of our district players have advanced to the provincial tournament, and some even to the national playoffs.

This year, the NOTL Tennis Club and the Welland Tennis Club are teaming up to offer OSGA competition in five age categories. The 55+ and 65+ events will be played at Welland Tennis Club, while the 70+, 75+ and 80+ events will be played at NOTL Tennis Club. The tournament is open to all residents who meet the age threshold, so the winners will be Niagara Region Champions.

The tournament will be played on May 25-26-27. There are three events in each age division : Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles. Entry fee is \$35 for the first event (this includes \$15 for your OSGA membership) and \$10 for each additional event).

We're entitled to "play down". Thus, at age 76, a player could enter two doubles events in the 75+ division, and also two events in the 70+ division. Of course it's also an option to simply enter one event.

The "as-of" date for determining age is December 31 2023. If a player will be 70 by the end of the year, he/she is eligible for the 70+ events.

The inspiration for this event came from our own Richard & Monica Berti. Here are some throwback pictures from the event in 2012.



Quick Tennis Hits

- [Rivard: Renault - new driving force behind Félix Auger-Aliassime - Tennis Canada](#)
- [Tennis Canada releases official 2023 National Event Calendar, reveals seven new professional events - Tennis Canada](#)
- [Monday Digest: Netflix Curse Wreaks Havoc at Australian Open - Tennis Canada](#)

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