



Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club Newsletter

July 24, 2023

In the blink of an eye it's going to be August. How did THAT happen?! Not to worry, there is still much tennis to be played, and Club social events to enjoy. Mother nature has challenged our resolve with lots of rain recently which resulted in the unfortunate cancellation of our 1st Annual Rookie Tournament on the weekend. John Ramsbottom and Hugh Dow planned a wonderful tournament experience for a gaggle of young tennis players. Fingers crossed that the tournament can be rescheduled for perhaps the Fall.

Our Club tournaments have begun. Details can be found later in this newsletter or on the Club website. Come enjoy some friendly competition and showcase how much your game has improved since last year. There may not be a car on the line or significant prize money but you can always count on a great time.

Tickets are now available for the Fall Social being hosted at the NOTL Sailing Club on September 16th. We are expecting a sold out event. Don't be disappointed. **Get your tickets now.**

On the heels of Wimbledon, many of us will be heading to Toronto for the National Bank Open. We have reprinted the NOTL Tennis Club offer for discounted tickets below. With many of the current headlining APT players in town, there should be some great tennis. Tangential to the Open, the **Davis Cup Trophy** is making a pitstop in **NOTL on August 3th**. Come see the trophy up close and personal with a cameo appearance by Niagara's own **Frank Dancevic**. Look for a separate special interest newsletter piece on this event in the coming days.

August is shaping up to be an amazing tennis month. See you on the courts.



A Note from Shawna, Head Tennis Professional

With great appreciation, thank you to our Go Team Members. Jayden, Felix, Christian and Tessa have brought excitement and true passion and interest in teaching. It is rare to have team members so dedicated and trustworthy. What a pleasure to spend time on court with the team!

Throughout all of June, the Go Team put many racquets in players hands. We are very happy to see such enthusiasm and so much improvement. Nothing beats our group of 4-year old's loving the "fruit salad" game.

As we progress deep into July the dog days of summer brings the club's competitive options. With the Mixed, Ladies' and Men's Doubles events we all can enjoy comradery and fun spirited competition. If you find a need for something extra in your game, like a second serve for example, join us on Tuesday Night our skills night with a 5:30pm start. For those more experienced players looking for a strategic edge Thursday Night at 5:30pm fits your need. Send me an email, addintennis@gmail.com and say COUNT ME IN!

At Go Tennis, we want to hit, serve, toss, volley, and backhand our way into our vision that sport is for everyone! Looking forward to the second half of the season!

Together we play,

Shawna Macfarlane

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Mixed Doubles Tournament Results



The Mixed Doubles Tournament was held this past weekend. The weather was perfect, the matches were all very competitive and fun was had by all. After hard fought battles on the courts everyone enjoyed some hospitality in the pavilion with discussions of who was pairing with who for the upcoming Club Championships in August.

2023 Mixed Doubles Division results are as follows:

A Division Champions: Manny Umoquit & Nicole Marsh-Burke
Finalists: Ken McGillivray & Fran Doran

B Division Champions: Dennis McCarthy & Janice Schachtschneider
Finalists: Jim Thackray & Karen Rhind

A Division Consolation Champions: John Ramsbottom & Michelle Marsh
Finalists: Pete Rider & Coral MacKenzie

B Division Consolation Champions: Dave Johnson & Karen Vine
Finalists: George Schachtschneider & Lu-Anne Sebesta

Reminder - Upcoming Club Tournaments

Find yourself a partner and **SIGN UP!** Click on the links below to register.

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| <i>Men's Doubles:</i> | A, B and Rookie Divisions Early Rounds begin August 14 th Finals Weekend – August 19 th |
| <i>Women's Doubles:</i> | A, B and Rookie Divisions Early Rounds begin August 16 th Finals Weekend – August 19 th |
| <i>Singles Tournament:</i> | A, B and Rookie Divisions - Both Women and Men Early Rounds begin September 11 th Finals Weekend – September 16 th |

Ladies Doubles Sign Up

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScn3kHOt8KhwQLUsNeGKA1IPCT4Q-wouJA32dVW0-5xDENHIA/viewform>

Men's Doubles Sign Up

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSGLuKn8YM6L0KpmlmXB3vOpPoj2aKl-zVJoPEeXbxPG2Qwg/viewform>

Wimbledon Moments



Picture courtesy of Sonja Schindeler

In recognition of Wimbledon, women in Fran Doran's Thursday morning group came dressed in whites. Later in the week, a number of Club Members congregated decked out in their whites to watch the exciting match between Marketa Vandrouova from the Czech Republic and Ons Jabeur from Tunisia. In addition to watching a spectacular event, everyone generously shared in a tennis gear exchange - many left with something gently used to don on the courts and also donated to Pathstones. Nicely done.

Tickets Now On Sale for the Fall Tennis Social

**Saturday, September 16th
NOTL Sailing Club**

Come join your fellow Tennis Club Members for the bookend event to our successful Spring Social – the Tennis Fall Social (formerly known as the Tennis Ball) on Saturday, September 16th at 5:30 at the NOTL Sailing Club. The event will follow the Ladies and Men's Singles Tournament earlier that day which is yet another reason to circle September 16th on your calendar!

Based on feedback from last year's event, we are trying out a new format this year. The event will have a more approachable price point (\$50.00) and casual vibe with hor d'oeuvres and buffet rather than a formal plated dinner. Good company, great food and music remain unchanged.

We are also testing a one step process for this event. Rather than register through one link and pay through another, we are going to process all tickets through our Club etransfer.

\$50.00 to: payments@niagaratennisclub.com

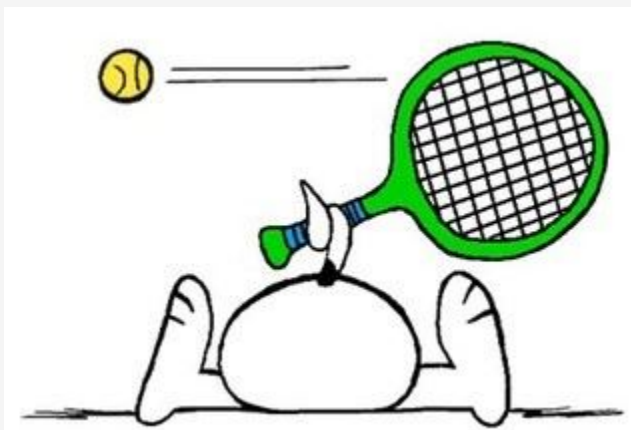
IMPORTANT: On the notes line of the etransfer, please identify the names on the tickets, and any dietary restrictions ie. gluten free, vegetarian, allergies.

Given the capacity at the NOTL Yacht Club, we expect this event to be a **SELL OUT. DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED.** Buy your tickets early and no later than August 18th.

Open Invitation

Monday Morning Round Robin at 8:30 am
Wednesday Mixed Doubles Drop In - 10am

No Advance Sign up or Fees. Everyone Welcome



Come join our Monday morning Round Robin, and Mixed Doubles Drop in on Wednesday morning. Experience the "Server Out Format" to keep everyone "mixing". This format is perfect with more than 12 players. The server rotates out, and all other players rotate around to fill in the open spot. A new player rotates into the empty space.

This mixing rotation gives players a chance to grab a drink, watch some exciting tennis and jump right back on the court. Come out and give it a try.



NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE TENNIS CLUB OFFER

SAVE UP TO 50%

Valid for select sessions. Save up to 50% on Monday, August 7th Opening Day session tickets & up to 25% on other sessions of tennis.



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*For additional assistance, you can call 1-877-283-6647 ext. 1
or email tickets@tenniscanada.com.

Only valid for select seating levels. LIMITED QUANTITIES.

*The discount is on the rate in effect at the time of purchase.

*Rates, schedules and programming are subject to change.

AUGUST 5TH TO 13TH, 2023



Save on National Bank Open presented by Rogers tickets with a Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club Offer!

On behalf of Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club, you can save on **National Bank Open** tickets in Toronto with the special **promo code: 23NBNOTLTC**. Save up to 50% on Monday, August 7th Opening Day session tickets and up to 25% on other sessions of tennis. Only select seating levels available for purchase. Limited quantities available.

To buy tickets online using the promo code above, click [BUY NOW](#), choose the applicable session(s), select your seats and check out. The discount will

already be applied. Alternatively, you can also call 1-877-283-6647 ext. 1 or email tickets@tenniscanada.com to purchase tickets with your discount promo code.

Club Member Experience Survey

Your Tennis Club Board of Directors are always keen to hear about your experiences at the Niagara on the Lake Tennis Club and your feedback on how we can meet and exceed your expectations about your Club membership. What went well and what could have been better?

We are inviting all adult members of the Club to share feedback on their 2023 tennis season in 5 key areas:

- **Membership Experience and Value**
- **Club Facilities**
- **Tennis Programming and Tournaments**
- **Court Availability and Gametime Booking**
- **Respondent Demographics**

Watch your email in August for the Survey. We will be reporting back on the results at the AGM.

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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