



Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club Newsletter

June 2023

The Tennis Season is in Full Swing

It's hard not to start this newsletter with a **WOW**. There's been so much activity in the last few weeks that we may have to share the "news" with you over two volumes!

From tournaments to socials, the installation of new amenities and clever "MacGyvering", deals on National Bank Open tickets, not to mention falling into the wonderful rhythms of our organized play - there's no denying the 2023 tennis season is in full swing and busy!

They say that pictures are worth a thousand words. Thank you to Tady Saczkowski and Sonja Schindeler for capturing the moments and sharing the images in this month's newsletter.

Spring Tennis Social



The picture says it all. This year's Spring Social was a great success. Mother nature delivered sunny skies and warm temperatures. The afternoon's festivities began with open court play and ball machine drills led by Terry Francis. After a quick physical warmup led by local fitness centre F45, play transitioned to the courts for a series of spirited drills and games led by Club pro Shawna Macfarlane and the GoTennis team. It's no easy feat programming 100 people on court at the same time!



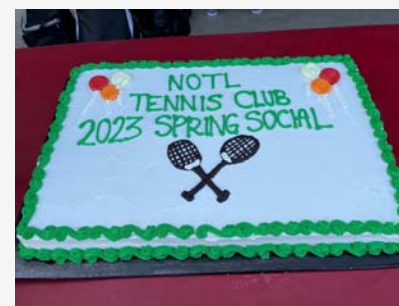
The OTA's National Bank Roadshow including the Merchant of Tennis Smash Cage was a special feature this year. Players enjoyed the challenge of measuring their serve speed.

Thanks to Merchant of Tennis for an excellent selection of racquets to try in the Smash Cage and on court. John Ramsbottom helped players understand the options available in various racquet styles and Christian Breton was on hand to provide stringing advice and service.



No social event is complete without breaking bread and eating cake! Nancy Marchese and Natalie Early pulled out all the stops again this year for a delicious and plentiful spring social dinner served by our very own Board of Directors.

Special thanks to Joanne Dow, George and Janice Schachtschneider, Bruce Zvaniga, Gerry Marchese, Gina Snary, Tady and Nancy Saczkowski, Chris Wormwell, Trish Spagnol, Marilyn Francis, and Rosemary Goodwin for the behind the scenes support.



Upcoming Club Tournaments

Club tournaments have grown in participation over the years and we expect that to continue for the 2023 Season. So find yourself a partner, continue to hone your skills and game, and **SIGN UP!** Click on the links below to register.

Dates to Remember

<i>Mixed Doubles:</i>	A & B Divisions July 22 nd
<i>Men's Doubles:</i>	A & B Divisions Early Rounds begin August 14 th Finals Weekend – August 19 th
<i>Women's Doubles:</i>	A & B Divisions Early Rounds begin August 16 th Finals Weekend – August 19 th
<i>Singles Tournament:</i>	A & B Divisions for Both Women and Men Early Rounds begin September 11 th Finals Weekend – September 16 th

Mixed Doubles Sign Up

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wIVcddiAL8g3QeHiB-PLBZU4tCZ9R1_pYXNloZlc_2U/edit#gid=355713583

Ladies Doubles Sign Up

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Men's Doubles Sign Up

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Just like that we find ourselves in June with many serves and volleys behind us! The Club Tennis Professional team's focus is to have more people

playing tennis more often. We are here to make sure your tennis experience is so fabulous that you will WANT TO play tennis for a LIFETIME!

Here is a run down of our current programming.

Go Tennis Tuesday Night 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Our clinics provide an incredible introduction to the simplest and most efficient teaching concepts in the game. This clinic option focuses on stroke development with a lead into court positioning and pattern play. Registration recommended but not required. (\$15/week)

Shawna, addintennis@gmail.com

Go Junior Tennis Wednesday Afternoon 4:00pm and 5:00pm

Kids playing tennis, kids being active and outside is our goal! We offer a progressive program from Red Ball through the four stages graduating into full court play. Our summer session begins on June 21st running through July. We welcome players to join mid-session.

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Go Tennis Thursday Night 5:30pm to 7:00pm

We emphasize “live” ball drills that relates directly to real play not to mention we will run you around! This group does require experience and moderate ball control.

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Monday Morning Round Robin with Jayden, 8:30am to 10:00am

Join Jayden on court to start your week off with game playing. This is a nice option for those looking for a more recreational game with moderate advice on starting positions for both singles and doubles.

Ball Machine Member Workout with Jayden

Ball Machine Bang! Jayden offers Ball Machine drills featuring games to help you get the most out of your practice time. July-August Weekly sign up for our Friday 2:00pm session is by email, rally@niagaratennisclub.com. Friday Session packages are available, \$50 for 5 Sessions. Drill sessions are also available on your own schedule by simply reaching out to Jayden, \$35/session.

What is all the RACQUET about? New to our team is Christian, our technical specialist with knowledge of how a string can enhance your “bad second serve”. All jokes aside, fresh strings always make you feel better on the court. Text Christian, 514-243-1245

Together we play,

Shawna Macfarlane

2023 Niagara Region 55+, 65+, 70+, 75+, 80+ Championships

It's not easy for more than 50 players to gather for group photos ... let alone gather to compete for three doubles titles in each of five age categories. But that's what these amazing players did on May 25-26-27. The event was masterminded by Mike Robinson, who has been managing competitions for as long as anyone can remember, and also does us a very special service by maintaining a close working relationship with the OSGA and CSGA organizations.

The youngsters played their matches at Welland TC, and will advance to the provincial OSGA competition in Brantford in August. The 70+++ gang convened at the Niagara-on-the-Lake TC, with our own Rosemary Goodwin expertly at the helm. Other than the chilly winds on Thursday morning in NOTL, conditions were pretty terrific. It was a wonderful occasion for making new acquaintances and rekindling existing friendships. Sportsmanship and camaraderie abounded.

Congratulations to all. Shall we celebrate tennis-for-life again next year?

80+ Men : Gene Kiernicki & Ralph Connelly (gold); Terry Roberts & Ken Lamb (silver); Richard Berti & Jim Thackray (bronze)

75+ Women : Danna McDonough & Joan Maida (gold)

75+ Men : yet to be completed

75+ Mixed : Ted Scott & Joan Maida (gold)

70+ Women: Maria Dinga & Rosalyn Hatch (gold); Danna McDonough & Joan Maida (silver); Christine Honsberger & Liz Najbert (bronze)

70+ Men: Dennis McCarthy & Paul Collins (gold); Wayne Vent & Ole Tang (silver); Patrick MacNeill & Martin Quick (bronze)

70+ Mixed : Ole Tang & Rosalyn Hatch (gold)

65+ Women : Fran Doran & Kim Laidlaw (gold); Linda Anderson & Linda Vaughan (silver)

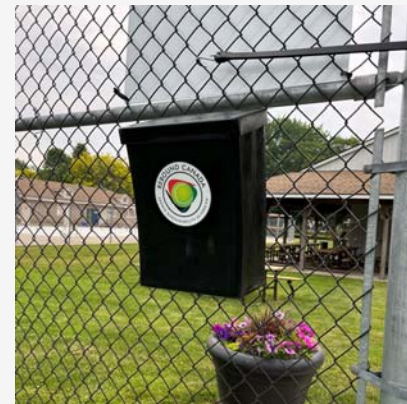
65+ Men : Don Pozojevic & Hank Andrulis (gold); Ken McGillivray & John Ramsbottom (silver); George Najbert & Manny Umoquit (bronze)

65+ Mixed : Michael Robinson & Kathi Pizzacalla (gold)

55+ Women : Els Swart & Ann Davies (gold); Marie McCauley & Leslie Wale (silver); Diane deMoel & Gwen Pinto (bronze)

55+ Men : Gerry McIlhone & Hank Andrulis (gold)

55+ Mixed : Don Pozojevic & Diane deMoel (gold); David Mitchell & Gloria Brummet (silver); Bruce Zvaniga & Natalie Early (bronze)



An Eco Friendly Solution for "Dead" Tennis Balls

Tired of having cans of dead tennis balls cluttering your closet or tennis bag? Hate throwing balls and cans into the garbage?

Thanks to Carol MacSween's leadership, we are excited to announce a **tennis ball recycling** initiative so dead tennis balls will live on in other forms as rubber, fabric, plastic bin liners, ink and t-shirts. Every part of the tennis ball, plastic sleeve and lid is being recycled as part of an innovative program.

HOW TO DO YOUR PART - It's EASY ! You will notice a black bin by the two court gates with a RECYCLE logo. When your balls are considered "dead", please deposit them in these bins instead of the garbage bins on the court. **Balls, ball sleeves, plastic lids and metal tags -- it all goes in the recycle bin.** Carol will be looking for a few volunteers to empty the bins on the court every few days. Please reach out to her if you would like to volunteer a few hours in the season to help keep tennis balls out of landfill.

CLUB NIGHT balls will continue to be deposited in the CLUB NIGHT ball drop in the pavilion. These Club Balls are reused in our Ball Machine and for Round Robin play before they will make their way to the recycling program.



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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*The discount is on the rate in effect of 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: 23NBN0TLTC**. 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.

Spotlight on Enhancements Around the Club

Your Board continues to be hard at work thinking of ways to enhance our member experience on court and off. You may have noticed our new bleachers located at the Pavilion and beside court 1 just in time for our upcoming tournaments. Stay tuned for phase 2 which will include a shade solution above the larger bleacher. We have also installed a new bike rack system with storage large enough for wider ebike tires. Our world is a little brighter with new path lighting, and warmer with the new heater in the Pavilion. The heater has come in handy recently with cooler nights.

A quick shout out to Hugh Dow for his tenacity and ingenuity to find a cost effective automatic gate closing solution for the Club. The traditional coil system was quoted at \$2,700! With a bit of assistance from Gary and Dan at the Town, "heads were put together" and a rubber bungee band solution proved to do the trick. A \$2,700 problem was solved with a **10 pack of bands for \$40. Definitely a MacGyver moment!**

Well done Hugh and thanks for taking this on as well as our other facility enhancements for the Club.

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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