

Twelve sleeps to Opening Day!

Is your application completed and ready to go? Here's hoping the snow melts in time!

Members of the Executive will be at the courts from 9 am – noon on Saturday May 5th to take your application. Snow date is May 12th. Hopefully we'll be able to hit some balls as well!

Scheduled play begins Monday May 21st.

If you can't make it to opening day you can always mail your application to Thelma Yates or drop it by her house (her address is on the form), or bring it with you to tennis and give to your scheduler.

I've attached the application for anyone who needs one.

Ecclestone Drive is still under construction. I will confirm with the District if the entrance to the park will be open in time, where to park and how to access the courts before opening day. Hopefully the construction will be done by the time our season is in full swing.

Doug Philpott Inner City Tennis

The Doug Philpott Inner City Tennis Camps provide free lessons from qualified coaches and instructors to youth in the heart of Toronto's diverse neighbourhoods. If you have a gently used racquet you no longer need feel free to bring it with you to opening day, and we will donate it to this program through the OTA.

Muskoka Youth Tennis Programs

This year BTC will be offering two youth programs: The Muskoka Junior Tennis League, which is going into its third year, and a new Teen Tennis program. Both are progressive learn to play programs for young people.

Muskoka Junior Tennis League is for kids aged 6 – 12. The spring session will begin Tuesday May 22, and run every Tuesday and Thursday evening for 4 weeks. The summer session will start the week of July 10th and will run every Tuesday OR Thursday for 8 weeks.

Teen Tennis introduces youth age 13 – 18 to the game of tennis. It will run Friday evenings from May 26 to June 22.

If you're interested in volunteering with one or both of these programs please let me know as soon as you can. Even if you can help for one or a few nights it would be greatly appreciated. All volunteers working with youth must have an up to date police check. I can forward you the requirements and assist you in completing them if necessary.

Monday night tennis, anyone?

A few members have inquired into the possibility of replacing Monday night Show Up 'n Play with scheduled tennis. This would be scheduled play for a combined mixed Intermediate and Advanced

group. If you are interested in playing as part of this group, please let me know as soon as possible. If there is enough interest we'll start Monday June 4th.

And for those of you who have dreamed on playing on grass...

The Bracebridge Lawn Bowling Club has offered BTC members and their families the opportunity to try their hand at lawn bowling! Some of you may remember we tried to do this last August, but were, surprisingly, rained out. We'll send out an interest finder in the coming weeks to see who might want to try lawn bowling. It will be on a Tuesday evening and the cost will be \$10 per person, which is a 50% reduction in their standard fee and goes towards the maintenance of the lawn bowling green.

Celebrate 100 years of tennis in Ontario!

The Ontario Tennis Association (OTA) is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. To recognize this special milestone they've designated June 2018 as 'Tennis Month in Ontario' and have invited member clubs to plan a special event at their club to build awareness of tennis in their community. If you're interested in working with a group of members to plan a special event to mark this please email me.

Get into the Mix!

Here are the dates for this year's special events:

Event name	Date	Rain Date
Mixed Doubles Mixer	Saturday July 7	Saturday July 14
Club Social	Thursday July 12	Friday July 13
Ladies Doubles Mixer	Saturday July 21	Saturday July 28
Mens Doubles Mixer	Saturday August 11	Saturday August 18

The Annual General Meeting is Thursday, September 6th at the Pasta Tree in the Quality Inn in Bracebridge.

The club may also host a couple of events in partnership with the OTA. I'll keep you posted.

We do need volunteers to help us run these events. If you're interested in helping out, please let me know!

That's all the BTC news for now... Thanks everyone, see you on the courts!