



June 2019 Newsletter

Farewell Sid!

As many of you know, Sidney Rosenblatt is moving to Ottawa before the end of June. We hope you'll join us this Saturday, June 8, to wish Sid all the best! So far the weather looks good, but if by some small chance it rains (!), we'll have the celebration the following Saturday, June 15.

If you're not playing in Show Up 'n Play on Saturday morning then please arrive by 10:30 when the players will take a break and recognize Sid for his tremendous contribution, not just to BTC but also to the Town of Bracebridge. There will be treats and coffee, and we'll have a special surprise for you to sign to thank Sid and wish him all the best.

Drainage Repair at the Courts

Absolute Landscaping will be installing drainage at the tennis courts at Kelvin Grove Park between June 10th and June 28th. The Town has assured us that this will not interfere with play at all, but it will affect parking as they will have equipment in the parking area. This means we are not to park at the courts during this time period. We can park down below by the rowing club.

New contact information for Robin Hiltz

Robin has a new email address, especially for BTC business. If you need to get in touch with Robin, please email him at btcpresident2019@gmail.com

Thursday Night Tennis

Did you know there is scheduled mixed doubles tennis on Thursday nights for players of all levels? If you're interested in joining this group, please contact Virginia Watts at viriniawatts555@gmail.com

Etiquette

BTC has a code of polite behaviour that we ask all members to follow. I've attached a copy to this email, and it is posted at the courts. Please observe these behaviours to ensure fair play, and that all players feel respected and enjoy their game. This includes:

- Arriving on time and ready to play and ending games at the appointed time. If you arrive early for a scheduled match, do not enter the court until the appointed time unless the previous group has completed their match.
- When waiting to enter courts please keep conversations to a minimum to avoid distracting players.
- Do not offer uninvited coaching, or criticize or ridicule other members.

Mixed Doubles Mixer

The Mixed Doubles Mixer is Saturday July 6th from 9 am to noon. Rain date is Saturday July 13th. This fun event is open to all members, regardless of skill level. You don't need a partner to sign up, Shig will randomly group players based on whether they play in the advanced or general groups.

I'll post the sign-up sheet at the courts by the end of the week. Participation is limited to 12 people and the last day for sign-up is July 2. If you have any questions please contact Shig Nakamoto at shig.nakamoto@gmail.com.



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Other Events

Mark your calendars! Here are the dates for the other social events this season:

- Ladies Doubles Mixer: Saturday July 20 from 9 am - noon (Rain date Saturday July 27)
- Mens Doubles Mixer: Saturday August 10 from 9 am - noon (Rain date Saturday August 17)
- Club Social: Thursday August 22 at 6 pm (Rain date Friday August 23)
- Annual General Meeting: Thursday September 5 (Cocktails at 5 pm, meeting at 6)

If you're interested in helping with any of the mixers or the social, or if you know of anyone who would be interested in donating a prize to any of these events, please let me know. We are especially looking for volunteers to help with the Ladies event on July 20.

National Bank on the Ball Program

There is a black covered bin at the courts for used tennis balls. They are donated to National Bank to be placed on the bottom of chair legs in Ontario and Quebec schools to help reduce classroom noise and provide students with a quieter and more learning-friendly environment.

Please only deposit your used tennis balls in this bin. Your used tins and lids can be recycled in the recycling bins outside the courts.

Around the Courts

On June 21st Doreen Murray and Barb Brown will be competing in the Ontario Provincial Pickleball Championships in North Bay. Congratulations Doreen and Barb and best of luck!

Tess Kennely's daughter Megan Cambruzzi is representing BMLSS and Bracebridge at OFSSA in the Ontario Tennis Finals. Way to go, Megan! Hope to see you on the courts this summer!

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Margaret Gallant
Secretary, Bracebridge Tennis Club