



**BTC News  
May 2020**

***This newsletter is being sent to all 2020 BTC members on behalf of the BTC Board:***

Hello everyone,

I have good news! The 2020 season is about to begin!

There is no opening day this year because we're not able to gather. Please mail your completed and signed application, which is attached to this email, and payment to Susanne Collins, Treasurer for the Bracebridge Tennis Club. Susanne's address is on the application.

Since the season is starting later than usual and we're limited to singles play, the Board is offering 3 membership fee options:

- A reduced membership rate of \$75 for the 2020 season only.
- We also recognize some members may have been adversely affected financially by COVID-19. For those members we are offering a 'pay what you can' option.
- If you choose to join on or after August 1, the 2020 membership fee will be \$50.

Rest assured all membership information is confidential.

Once we receive your signed application and payment, your scheduler will be notified. Scheduled play will begin June 15th. If Susanne receives your signed application and payment by June 10th, you'll be included on the June schedule; otherwise you'll begin playing in July.

The Board has faced a number of challenges in getting the season started because of COVID-19. We are working with the Town to ensure all members can enjoy tennis in a safe and responsible environment.

This means:

- **Singles play only.** At this point we don't expect to include doubles play in our season. If anything changes we will let you know.
- Since there are no doubles groups, there are no 'mixed' groups.
- Since we cannot gather, there is no Show Up 'n Play, and the mixers have been cancelled.
- We have taken the Mixed Doubles, Advanced Mixed Doubles and Show Up 'n Play times and made them 'Club Time', where you can arrange your own games. If others are waiting to play please restrict your play time to 45 minutes. A copy of the schedule is attached.
- Only two people allowed on any court at any time, and no more than 5 people on site at any time.
- Maintain a physical distance of 2 meters.
- Bring hand sanitizer and use often.
- Bring lots of water with you. The fountain will not be turned on.
- Each player should bring their own uniquely marked balls.

- Avoid touching your face, benches, nets and posts and refrain from sharing equipment.
- Handshakes, high-fives and/or elbow taps are not recommended. A simple thumbs up from a distance is a recommended alternative.

***As far as we know, the washrooms will not be available.***

**What's new on the 2020 application form:**

- All members, new and returning, must complete all sections and sign this application.
- Request for emergency contact information.
- Member's declaration, which must be signed.
- Once your application has been processed you'll receive an email Doodle poll from the scheduler for your group. They will email you a schedule once it's complete, and a copy will be posted at the courts.

**Remember:**

You must review the schedule and find a spare if you are unable to play. Spares are listed on the schedule. If you cannot find a spare contact the captain for that match for assistance. Any player who is a 'no-show' two or more times in a month will be left off the roster and listed as a spare the following month.

If you're new to BTC please contact Thelma Yates ([thelmayates@sympatico.ca](mailto:thelmayates@sympatico.ca) or 705-645-9453) and arrange to be evaluated so we can ensure you're assigned to the appropriate group. We want everyone to experience fun, fair and competitive play. This is not a judgement of your tennis ability, merely an evaluation of how your game matches with other BTC members; for example, you may play in a more advanced group at another club, but based on the make-up of BTC your game might fit better with the non-advanced players.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank everyone for their patience and cooperation. These are unprecedented times, but we will still have a great tennis season!

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Margaret Gallant  
Secretary, Bracebridge Tennis Club