

# The Waterloo Tennis Club Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events:

### Easter Hours

Friday: 9am-11pm

Sunday: 9am-3pm

### Learn to Play

Starts Mar. 3

### Spring Jr. Lessons:

Starts Mar. 28

### Wing's & Irish Beer

Fri. Mar.13 Intermediate  
and Advanced R.R.



Doug and Hanna Dykaar

## SUPERBOWL WEEKEND A SUCCESS

*THIS GROUP ATE THREE POTS OF CHILI*

Our second annual Super Bowl Weekend once again brought our members together to support Ray of Hope. A special thanks to those 35 members and 6 Pros who participated and donated to the cause. Proceeds will be used for the Youth 180 Program. The Executive Director of Ray of Hope, Mark, was on hand to personally thank the members and play in our Play the Pros event (not a bad game Ian). Every Friday at WTC John Murray coaches tennis to a group of kids from Youth 180. We are happy to assist with such a fine cause and look forward to bigger and better things next



year.

It seems our members enjoy an opportunity to play with our Pro's. Special thanks to **Mike Radcliff, John Murray, Jim Kopperson, Marko Agatonovic, Marlon Coelho** and **Chris DeVriendt** who became a pro for the evening to help us out.

In our doubles exhibition, Jim and John triumphed over the youth of Marko and Marlon. We will be holding other Member-Pro events as well as other exhibition matches in the future.

## PARENT/CHILD TOURNAMENT

As part of our Super Bowl weekend we held a Parent Child Tournament. Most were participating in their first ever competitive event. At the finish of our round

robin format **Hanna and Doug Dykaar** emerged as winners.

They were followed by Matt Dykaar and Mom Donna Strickland, Aaron and John Banbury, and

Ibrahim Okeil and Lorraine Banbury. Our summer tournament will be **Adult-Child** so we can involve more adults and kids in this fun event.

*March*

*Break*

*Tennis*

*Camp*

*4 days*

*Mon/Tue/*

*Thurs/Fri*

*March*

*16,17,19,20*

*Daily or*

*Weekly Rates*

*Matches*

*every day*

*Register by*

*Mar. 4 and you*

*could win a*

*Head Back*

*Pack*

## THE JUNIOR PAGE

### HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM SHOWING RESULTS

Our Junior Program continues to reach more and more upcoming kids in our community. Not only do our numbers continue to grow but results in tournament play are happen-



ing as well. **Kye Allen**, **Lorna Cantalare** and **Chelsea Leigh** are all training diligently for the Ontario High School Championships in June. Our **High Performance** training has been a nice addition to our tennis program. They have been working hard three hours a week for about 15 weeks now and their skills are showing considerable improvement. We encourage both Coach Joel and the kids

to keep their intensity level high.

Program members include from left: Ali Silcher, Emelie Gee, Ali Pintea, Alex Gee, Coaches Joel Ayer and Brad Slingo. Absent Marija Milic.



### SUNDAY JR. COMPETITIVE CHALLENGE

In response to requests for more competitive opportunities we have launched the **PEP** program. Every Sunday coach **Brandon Reoch** and new coach **Kye Allen** will supervise match play from 11:00–1:00

(this will be expanded to 11:00-2:00 if numbers warrant). Players attending will be placed in competitive groups and play singles and doubles matches. Members who would like to help the kids with strategy or playing

tips will be most welcome. We are pleased to have Kye join our coaching team. His energy and enthusiasm are most welcome.

### JUNIOR 'TEAM PROGRAM'

Our coaching staff at WTC has instituted a Junior '**Team Program.**' Members will be selected for their desire, determination and dedication on and off court. Team members must commit to compete in tournaments, take lessons, play matches,

maintain a high level of sportsmanship and volunteer within the club. Juniors chosen will be presented with a distinctive **Team Program Jacket** that will be unique to the 'team.'

Congratulations to **Kye Allen**, **Chelsea Leigh** and **Lorna Cantalare** our first team members.

# PLAYER RATING SYSTEM

WTC is instituting a **Player Rating** system based on the Tennis Canada model (NTRP). Such a system will help with balance and fairness in Round Robins, tennis ladders and in tournament situations as well.

Ratings go from 1.0 (beginner) to 7.0 (pro) with a majority in the 3.0 to 4.5 range.

The Canadian and U.S. rating systems are posted on the club bulletin board.

Individual copies of the **Rating System** will be available at the reception desk.

Every player rated will receive a 'rating sheet' that will have suggestions for you to improve your game.



While Coach **Dave Rowat** continues to rehab his shoulder for an April return, he has kept active visiting Florida and advising **Liga Dekmeijere** (above). Dave started coaching Liga at last year's WOW Challenger.

*When we train incorrectly, we're just warming up the balls.*

*'Hosokawa Roshi'*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers Needed:

1. Web page design and website up-keep;
2. Newsletter;
3. Finding and applying for grants.

If you are willing to help in any of these areas please contact Dennis Long (q8enigmas\_hawk@yahoo.ca) to help with the web site; Dieter Engelmann (royalcd96@aol.com) to help with the newsletter;

Sheila Brown (sheilabrown@sympatico.ca) to help find grants and apply for them.

## MANAGEMENT REORGANIZATION

The management structure of the Waterloo Tennis Club has changed.

A new General Manager has been hired to deal with day-to-day running of the club. Please welcome John Bezear to your club the next time you see him.

Doug Ing has accepted the part-time position of Tennis

Director. He will be responsible for all tennis related activities. See him for all of your tennis related needs.

The Board of Directors is still here to answer any of your questions so feel free to approach any of them. See the website under Contact Us to see who is volunteering to put in countless hours on your behalf to ensure you have a

pleasant tennis playing experience.

Remember, the Waterloo Tennis Club is a member-owned tennis facility so you are as much a part of running the club as is the paid staff. Treat it like it is your own and you will reap the rewards.

*Stay tuned for Team Tennis - arriving this spring*

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*Our Mission: "To provide affordable, year-round tennis lessons and activities in a safe, inviting environment for people of all ages."*

*Serving the Greater Kitchener/Waterloo area since 1915 the Waterloo Tennis Club is located in beautiful Waterloo Park. We have six clay courts for outdoor play in the summer and six permanently covered hard courts for year round enjoyment. We are close to both Universities and to eclectic downtown Waterloo.*

*We are the pre-eminent junior training facility in the region with top notch coaching led by Dave Rowat, a former junior #1 player in Ontario.*

*We provide tennis instruction for all ages and all levels, all types of play from competitive singles and doubles challenges to recreational doubles and mixed doubles. In addition there are many recreational round robins catering to all levels of play.*

*"Learn to Play" and "Learn to Play Better" are our trademark cornerstones that encourage new comers to join the "Sport of a Lifetime."*

*Contact the manager at [waterlootennis.manager@rogers.com](mailto:waterlootennis.manager@rogers.com)*

**W.O.W. ITF RETURNS TO THE  
WATERLOO TENNIS CLUB  
JUNE 21-28**

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