

BARRHAVEN TENNIS CLUB INFORMATION BOOKLET
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2023 SEASON

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to welcome you to another season at the Barrhaven Tennis Club (BTC). We are one of the largest public tennis facilities in Ottawa. The club features 8 lighted plexipave courts for day and night enjoyment. The club is run by a volunteer executive under the auspices of the Community Services branch of the City of Ottawa.

If you wish to receive emails from us regarding news and upcoming events, please place our address in your address book to avoid having our mail blocked by your email filtering program. - barrhaventennisclub@gmail.com. In addition, the BTC has a *Facebook* group ([barrhaventennisclub](https://www.facebook.com/barrhaventennisclub)); *Instagram* account ([BarrhavenTennisClub](https://www.instagram.com/BarrhavenTennisClub)); and *Twitter* accounts for the Club ([@barrhaventennis](https://twitter.com/barrhaventennis), and for the Phil LeBlanc Memorial Tournament: [@PLMTForPhil](https://twitter.com/PLMTForPhil)).

REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP RATES/GUEST FEES:

- Membership fees for 2023 are posted on our web site. (see early bird specials).
- We strongly recommend that you register online (www.barrhaventennisclub.com). If you are unable to do, you can register at the club starting May 1st at 4:00 pm. We will not be issuing membership cards.
- The BTC remains a member of the Ontario Tennis Association.

WHAT'S NEW

COURTRESERVE The Barrhaven Tennis Club is converting to CourtReserve. Some of you might be familiar with the system from having used it at other clubs. It will provide our members with an easy-to-use platform to buy club memberships, book courts, and sign up for events. We hope to be able to roll out the new system no later than the end of February.

ROUND ROBIN: We will be organizing round robin events for members once a month on Saturday afternoon or early evenings. More details to follow.

NEW NTS INSTRUCTOR FOR LADIES SOCIALS: Friday evenings from 6:30-8:30. It will be run by Ramin Anam, the BTC club pro. You must be 18 years or older. The event is offered to all female BTC members. Start date to be determined.

SOME REMINDERS

- There will be no court attendants on weekdays during daytime hours. Players must book online.
- If you are booking a court in person, you will need ID.
- When the club house is open and court attendants are working, all members and guests must sign in before proceeding to their assigned court.
- Make yourself familiar with all rules on court booking later in this booklet

NEW RULES ON GUEST FEES: SEE LATER IN THIS BOOKLET

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SOME OF OUR RETURNING PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES (WHERE WE DO NOT HAVE EXACT START DATES, THEY WILL BE EMAILED TO MEMBERS OVER THE COMING WEEKS)

ADULT PROGRAMS

1. **FREE STROKE OF THE WEEK/CARDIO TENNIS CLINICS FOR ADULT MEMBERS ON TUESDAYS:** The first hour (7:00-8:00) will be set aside for developing players and the second hour (8:00-9:00) for stronger players. *Spaces will be limited to 12 people per session* to make sure participants have a pleasant experience. Those interested can sign online.
2. **HOUSE LEAGUE:** See details later in the booklet. Team captains will be exploring over the coming weeks how we can do a better job of tracking scores and making results more meaningful. By doing so, we hope to develop a friendly rivalry between teams.
3. **DOUBLES CLINIC:** Details to follow.
4. **FREE RATING SYSTEM:** We will be holding a rating session for all new players who wish to join the house league. (See further details under House League in this booklet).
5. **ADULT TENNIS LADDER:** You can sign up online. The ladder begins May 1 and ends September 30. (Rules will be posted online and in the Club House.)

JUNIOR AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

1. **JUNIOR SOCIALS:** Offered to junior members on Sunday mornings starting May 21.
2. **FAMILY SOCIALS:** Once a month, beginning in June, the Sunday junior social will be replaced by a family social where parents and juniors can participate in fun games and drills. See dates on our website..
3. **AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS IN MAY AND JUNE:** Starts May 5. See details later in booklet
4. **JUNIOR TENNIS LADDER:** You can sign up online. The ladder begins May 1. (Rules will be posted online and in the Club House.)
5. **Two 3-star NCTA/OTA Tournaments:** Details to follow

CLUB PRO: Ramin Anam

ACCESS CODE (to be provided in due course)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR (See our website and in Club House for our other major events and tournaments.)

DATE	EVENT
April 22; Rain dates April 29 or April 30	Spring Clean Up
Saturday July 22	<i>Phil LeBlanc Memorial Tournament (PLMT) – Kick off BBQ; many prizes and games</i>
Wednesday July 19 – Sun. July 30	<i>PLMT Singles Tournament</i>

I hope everyone has an enjoyable season. I look forward to seeing you on the courts.

From your President,
Claude LeBlanc

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Executive

The following is a list of volunteer Executive members (all 613 prefixes):

Name	Position	Phone #	Email
Claude LeBlanc	Club President	825-2148 866-7445c	claud2148@hotmail.com
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Theresa Latour- Holmes	Promotion IT	843-9343	tlatourh@rogers.com

We welcome new members to the Executive. If you would like to participate on the Executive Committee, please contact Claude LeBlanc. In addition, if you cannot participate as a member of the Executive but are willing to volunteer your time to help us in other areas, we would love to have you.

Please contact Claude LeBlanc as well if you have a skill that you think we could use and are willing to volunteer your time on a part-time or one off basis.

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HOURS OF OPERATION

The club opens officially on **May 1st**. However, courts will be available for online booking before that date. We will be providing you with further information in due course.

Court Attendants will be on duty only during the hours listed below:

Under Construction			

The club remains lighted and available to **members and their guests** until around 10:50. The city controls the time at which the lights go off.

BOOKING RULES (MEMBERS ONLY)

You can book a court up to a maximum of 48 hours in advance and must be made at least 1 hour before the court time.

The preferred method for booking will be through our online booking system. You will be given access to it once you become a member. If you do not have access to the internet, you can book in person or by calling the clubhouse at 613-825-5337 during hours of operation.

To ensure everyone has a chance to play, we will not permit back-to-back court bookings. In other words, neither you nor your partner - or partners in the case of doubles - will be allowed to book two consecutive hours. In other words, players occupying a court cannot reserve another court within a two hour time frame. (Example: If you have a reservation for a court for 1:00pm, then the next possible reservation would be at 3:00 pm.)

With our new CourtReserve platform, the person booking the court will need to identify from a pulldown menu all players who are playing at that time.

Please note that you are allowed to continue playing on the court you booked if there is no one after you. If there is someone after you, you can move to an adjacent court. Otherwise, your time is up. In addition, you are allowed to book two hours during the same day – so long as they are not back-to-back.

Out of courtesy to other players, if they are unable to play, we urge members to cancel their booking. The Club will continue to monitor court bookings to make certain **BOOKING** rules are followed. If a member tries to book two consecutive hours, we will cancel the second hour of your double booking and allow someone else to take the court. The Club will notify you of the cancellation.

Courts 1-4 will be booked on the ½ hour, and courts 5-8 on the hour. If you want to book a specific court, you must comply with the time schedule for this court. (i.e. court 5 may be booked for 5:00 or 6:00, but not for 6:30. **These times will be strictly enforced. However, they are subject to change because of programming.**

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Failure to occupy the court within 5 minutes of the booked time frees the court for waiting players.

Failure to show up for booked courts on 2 or more occasions might result in forfeit of booking privileges.

During **Prime Time** (see times below), all courts must have a minimum of 2 players and no baskets of balls will be allowed. Lessons through the NTS will be exempt.

The following take precedence over the above booking rules:

- House League play
- Club events such as ladies' socials, house league, and tournaments

Prime Time Hours are defined as:

Monday to Friday: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday: 7:00 am to 1:00 pm

ACCESSING COURTS when courts attendants are on duty

- All members must sign in the clubhouse before play.

GUEST FEES

- Guests must pay an hourly fee of \$10.
- Guests must be accompanied by a member if booking online.
- It is the member who books and pays for the guest.
- Walk-on guests can play without a member, but they must pay before they begin play.
- Guests will be limited to playing three times a year. (The Club will be monitoring bookings.)
- BTC members are responsible for their guests and should acquaint them with the Club rules including the rules governing proper tennis attire.
- Non-members are not permitted to play in any BTC programs or socials. The same goes for tournaments, other than the Phil LeBlanc Memorial Tournament (PLMT).

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LESSONS, CLINICS & SUMMER CAMPS

Contact the National Tennis School at 613-723-1101 or
info@nationaltennisschool.com
www.nationaltennisschool.com

The National Tennis Club is the only entity authorized to provide lessons or run camps and clinics at the Barrhaven Tennis Club. (This excludes informal instruction to family who are members.)

LOOKING FOR A GAME

To assist new members and others looking for a partner or foursome, please leave your contact information, and look for the contact information for others interested in a match on CourtReserve. Registration for Looking for a Game will be open beginning in May. We will provide details on how to register in the coming days.

TENNIS BALLS

- New tennis balls are provided by the Club for House League matches. These balls are then used for Club Social nights and Round Robins.
- Balls are available for sale at the courts for \$5/can.

CLUB SOCIAL TIMES FOR MEMBERS

Adults

- **Women's Socials: per page 2 of this booklet.**
- **Round Robin** on Saturday afternoons or evenings – details to follow

Junior Socials

- **SUNDAYS FROM 12:00 TO 1:00 PM** The BTC offers free of charge to our junior members drills and games. Experienced instructors will be running the program. The junior social will be replaced once a month by a family social where parents and juniors can participate in fun games and drills.
- **AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS IN MAY AND JUNE (AND SEPTEMBER IF NUMBERS WARRANT):** Ramin Aman will be running once again our free after-school program for junior BTC members (age 5-14). The event will be held every Friday from 4:30-5:30 in May and June, and possibly in September depending on numbers and volunteers). Participants will need to be a member of the Barrhaven Tennis Club to partake in this activity. This complements our already very popular Sunday socials for junior members and NTS lessons..

TOURNAMENTS

Dates will be posted on our website and in the Club House.

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HOUSE LEAGUE

- The Club will continue with House league on Thursday nights.
- We will also continue with a rating system for all players who wish to play house league. The rating system helps us not only in making the House League but also dividing the groups for the adult clinics; organizing Social Round Robins; setting up the tennis ladders; and helping out those who are simply looking to organize a game and would like to play with someone of similar caliber.
 - The rating will involve an assessment on all facets of the game using the USTA rating system.
 - The rating sessions will be held on May 14 and May 16.
- A sign-up sheet and a USTA rating system information sheet will be available at the Club House.
- House League is intended for **Intermediate/Advanced** level players.
- Play will consist of a team format.
- Thursday evenings, beginning in late May
- Commitment Fee: \$10.00 per player. (Fee helps to cover cost of tennis balls)
- For further information contact: Claude LeBlanc at 613-825-2148 or at claudio2148@hotmail.com

BARRHAVEN TENNIS CLUB RULES

Responsibility of Membership

- Membership of the club is contingent on acceptance of and compliance with the Club Rules.
- Enforcement of the Rules is the responsibility of the Executive, court attendants and Club Members.
- Complaints should be made in writing to the Executive Committee c/o of the Club House.

Safety

- Young children (not playing tennis), pets, skateboards, bicycles, lawn chairs and roller skates are strictly prohibited from being on the courts.
- No glass containers are permitted on the courts.
- Litter must be placed in the containers provided.

Dress & Conduct

- Proper tennis clothing (including a shirt or blouse) is required on court. Track suits are acceptable, cut-offs, blue jeans, and beach wear are NOT.
- **Soft-soled regulation tennis shoes** must be worn on court - **no exceptions**.
- Throwing of tennis equipment, smashing balls into the fence, abusive language and other disruptive behavior WILL NOT be tolerated and will result in the player losing his playing privileges.

When entering your court

- Please do not walk across other courts when a match is in progress:

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- Wait until the point has been played, then walk quickly behind the baseline to your court,
- Avoid unnecessary crossings (ideally limited to the beginning and end of your scheduled time),
- If people are already on your court, don't disturb them until their time is up.

Etiquette (some reminders)

- Minimize the use of extra practice balls to minimize disruption to play on adjacent courts.
- When your ball enters another court, please wait for the other players to finish playing the point before calling for your ball. Do not enter their court, unless permission has been given.
- If a ball rolls onto your court from an adjacent court:
 - a. If you are rallying and not playing a game - stop playing and return the ball:
 - b. If a point is in progress- if the ball disturbs either you or your opponent, stop playing immediately and return the ball, or else return the ball at the completion of the point.
- If your opponent has served a fault and the ball is outside the playing area, wait until your opponent's second serve is over before retrieving the ball. Interruptions between the first and second serve will disturb your opponent's rhythm.
- Limit conversations to meetings at the net during crossovers when there are active matches taking place around you.
- Each player is responsible for line calls on their side of the net. If in doubt, it is better to err by calling "out" balls "in" than calling "in" balls "out". If a ball has touched even a portion of the line, it is "in". Never call lines on your opponent's side of the court, unless your opponent asks for your help.
- Avoid arguments with your opponent: a. To avoid disagreements about the score, call the game score before each game, and the point score before each serve, b. If you cannot agree on the score, consider returning to last score on which there is agreement.
- Be positive - have fun:

RULE CHANGES

- Please note that the club executive reserves the right to modify these rules at any time.