

#### 2024 SEASON

On behalf of the Executive Committee, we 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.

<u>barrhaventennisclub@gmail.com.</u> In addition, the BTC has a *Facebook* group (barrhaventennisclub); *Instagram* account (BarrhavenTennisClub) and *Twitter* accounts for the Club (@barrhaventennis, and for the Phil LeBlanc Memorial Tournament: @PLMTForPhil).

## WHAT'S NEW

- Starting May 1, 2024, there will be a slight increase in Membership fees for 2024 to offset increased operating costs. Take advantage of last year's rates by registering online before April 30, 2024! Details can be found at www.barrhaventennisclub.com
- The BTC has a new door lock code for the 2024 Season once we have processed your membership registration, we will email you the door code. Please do not share the door code with non BTC members. When entering the courts, ensure the door is closed properly and be mindful of who you let into the courts.
- Guest fees are \$15.00 per hour and must be paid at time of reservation in CourtReserve by the booking member
- The BTC is planning to install new wind screens on May 4th ( weather permitting ).
- As mentioned in the last Club Annual General Meeting, Claude Leblanc has stepped down as Club
  President (Meeting Minutes can be found on <a href="www.barrhaventennisclub.com">www.barrhaventennisclub.com</a>. On behalf of the club, we
  would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication over the years.
- We would like to welcome Khine Thinn as the new Club President. Khine is committed to serve for the betterment of the club and looking forward to a wonderful season.

#### REMINDERS

- There will be no court attendants on weekdays during daytime hours. Players must book courts using CourtReserve.
- If you are booking a court in person, you will need ID.
- Make yourself familiar with all rules on court booking later in this booklet

# **ADULT PROGRAMS (For Members Only)**

## 1. FREE STROKE OF THE WEEK - by Club Pro

Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 for Beginners Starting May 21st Tuesdays 8:00-9:00 for Intermediates

Spaces will be limited to 12 people per session to make sure participants have a pleasant experience. Sign up is available via CourtReserve 7 days in advance.

## 2. HOUSE LEAGUE:

See details later in the booklet.



#### 3. DOUBLES CLINIC:

We will be announcing the date for the clinic via email and sign up will be available via CourtReserve.

## 4. LADIES FRIDAY SOCIAL by Club Volunteers

Session 1: Fridays 6:00 - 8:00 May 24th - July 12th

Session 2: Fridays 6:00 - 8:00 Aug 2nd - Aug 30th (Tentative)

Format: 2-3 courts of round-robin doubles play and 1 court "Queen-of-the-court". The first hour will be supervised by the Club Pro, and the second hour will be free form doubles play.

Spaces will be limited to 16 people per session to make sure participants have a pleasant experience. Sign up is available via CourtReserve 7 days in advance.

## **5. ADULT MIXED SOCIAL:**

2 dates: June and August (TBD)

Format: 4 courts of round-robin mixed doubles play. All levels welcome

Spaces will be limited to 20 people per session to make sure participants have a pleasant experience. Sign up is available via CourtReserve 7 days in advance.

## 6. 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:

Sundays 12:00-1:00 starting May 19th.

Format: Experienced instructors will be running the program, offering drills and games. The junior social will be replaced once a month by a family social where parents and juniors can participate in fun games and drills.

## 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 CourtReserve.

## 3. AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS IN MAY AND JUNE:

Session #1 Fridays 4:30- 5:30 Starting May 3

Session #2 Fridays 4:30- 5:30 Starting June 7

Session #3 Fridays 4:30-5:30 Starting Sept 6.

Format: Club Pro will be running our free after school program for junior BTC members (age 5-14).

## 4. Two 3-star NCTA/OTA Tournaments:

Tentatively set for May 31-June 2 (U12, U16) and Sept 20-22 (U14, U18)

## **CLUB PRO**:

**TBD** 

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

See our website, CourtReserve and in Club House for our other major events and tournaments.



DATE	EVENT	
April 20th	Spring Clean Up(weather permitting)	
May 1st	Opening Day (weather permitting)	
June 14th-16th	Men's Doubles Tournament	
July 4th - 7th	Women's Doubles Tournament	
July 20th	Phil LeBlanc Memorial Tournament (PLMT) – Kick off BBQ; many prizes and games	
July 17th - 28th	PLMT Singles Tournament (Open and Women's)	
August 16th - 18th	Over 55 Singles Tournament	
September 6th-8th	Mixed Doubles Tournament	
October 1st	Clubhouse Closing Day	
October 13th	Fall Clean up (weather permitting)	

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

From the Barrhaven Tennis Club Executive



## **BTC Executive**

The following is a list of volunteer Executive members:

Name	Position
Khine Thinn	Club President
Charlene Spinella	Operations Manager
Dana Geber	Treasurer /Junior Tournaments
TBD	Facilities
Jane Meddings	Membership
Pat LeBlanc	Junior Socials / Adult Tournaments
Claude LeBlanc	House League / Special Advisor to Executive
Julie Newell	Club Secretary
Theresa Latour Holmes	Promotion / IT

We welcome new members to the Executive. If you would like to participate on the Executive Committee, please contact the Executive. 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 us <u>barrhaventennisclub@gmail.com</u>. If you are able volunteer your time on a part-time or one off basis.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

The club opens officially on May 1st.

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

May, June, September			
Weekdays	4pm-9pm		
Weekends	830am- 130pm	4pm - 8pm	
July, August			



Weekdays	4pm - 10pm	
Weekends	830am - 130pm	4pm-8pm

The club remains lighted and available to **members and their guests** until around 10:50 pm. 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 CourtReserve (<a href="https://app.courtreserve.com/Account/Login">https://app.courtreserve.com/Account/Login</a>)). 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 the 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.** 

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

#### **GUEST FEES**

- Guests must pay an hourly fee of \$15.
- Guests must be accompanied by a member if booking online.
- Payment must be made online in order to make a reservation
- 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).

## NTS LESSONS, CLINICS & SUMMER CAMPS

Contact the National Tennis School at 613-723-1101 or <a href="mailto:info@nationaltennisschool.com">info@nationaltennisschool.com</a> or <a href="mailto:www.nationaltennisschool.com">www.nationaltennisschool.com</a> or <a href="mailto:www.nationaltennisschool.com">www.nationaltennisschool.com</a> or

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.



### **TOURNAMENTS**

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

## HOUSE LEAGUE

- The Club will continue with the House league on Thursday nights, beginning May 23rd
- We will also continue with a rating system for new 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.
- 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 claude2148@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 acceptable.
- 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.
- Disrespectful behavior towards fellow members, court attendants WILL NOT be tolerated and will result in losing playing privileges.



## When entering your court

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