

Tennis Club starts new season



The Bolton Tennis Club is ready for the spring season after club members turned out for clean-up day Saturday. Opening day is this Saturday (May 4). Club members Donna Marks, Azar Williams and Saori Mitchell got in some early play on the courts. Photo by Brian Lockhart

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The wind breaks are in place and the nets are up and ready.

After being idle for the winter, the courts are back in shape to start the spring and summer season at Bolton Tennis Club.

Club volunteers turned out Saturday to get things in shape and do a general clean up for opening day, set for this coming Saturday.

Some members took advantage of the sunny weather and played a few sets to get ready for upcoming house and inter-league play.

"Today, we put up the wind screens and tidied up the garbage left over from the winter," said club tournament director Colin Williams. "We cleaned up the club house and put up the nets."

The Club is currently celebrating 30 years of tennis in Bolton.

"We have around 200 members, both adults and kids," Williams said. "We have house league on Monday and Wednesday and inter-club play."

The Club hosts or travels to other clubs in the region to go up against players from other areas, including Palgrave, Orangeville and Caledon East.

"One week they come here, then the next week we go to them," commented Donna Marks, who coordinates house league play. "We have eight other clubs that we play with. There are men's, women's and mixed doubles, and we have a final tournament."

The all-volunteer club has four courts, and all of them have been resurfaced within the past few years. And there are lights for play during the evening.

"It gets you active and it's very social," Marks said of being a member of the club.

One of the great things about tennis is that it is an all ages sport. For many players, it's a lifetime commitment of getting out to play and staying active.

For new players, it's all about learning technique and developing the skills to play the game well. Players are matched up against opponents with a similar skill set and experience.

More information about the Bolton Tennis Club is available at www.boltontennis.net