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2024 NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Hello everyone,

Erin Mills Tennis Club welcomes you back to the 2024 Tennis season! We also look forward to meeting new members. You may now register online by clicking the "REGISTER" button at www.ErinMillsTennis.ca, where you will see the 2024 fees. We also added a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) section on our website.

The Executive Team is busy working on the logistics to get us started. This year, there will be a delay in opening the courts, as the City of Mississauga is in the final stages of paving the new courts. The completion of this work depends on several factors, including the weather. For now, we are tentatively planning to open on May 10th (subject to the City's confirmation). Please check the EMTC website for updates, including information on events and social activities. You can also join us on Facebook (Erin Mills Tennis Club) & Instagram (@erinmillstennis).

Registered members will benefit from several free clinics and social activities. This year, we are adding a new Tennis coach (Jagath Welikala) to our team. He will help us with organizing and coordinating popular events such as Adult Round Robins, Leagues, and Tournaments. He will also deliver some additional Beginners and Intermediate Clinics on Tuesday mornings. Amanda Arkaev and Jagath Welikala will work in partnership to deliver a better experience to our members. We are open to members' feedback, and we will do our best to continue to evolve the variety and quality of programs being offered. To address the ongoing issue related to "no-shows" after a court is booked, new booking procedures will be introduced this year (details are available on Jegysoft). The 2024 Season looks promising!



Happy Tennis!

We look forward to seeing you on the courts soon!

2024 Clinics and Camps

Contact: Amanda Arkaev, Erin Mills Tennis Club Pro (amandaheadtennispro@gmail.com)



Amanda was born in the United States, and she started playing tennis at 7 years old. She coached in her native country for 10 years before immigrating to Canada in 2009. Amanda held a top 10 national ranking throughout her junior career. She earned a college scholarship where she was All American junior and senior. She was ranked 16th in the nation's mixed doubles with her husband. She is a PTR and USPTA-certified tennis coach with 20 years of experience across various development levels. She has been with the Erin Mills Tennis Club since 2010.

Registration forms for the Kids summer camp may be obtained from Amanda. All clinics are registered online through the Club's website. Queries regarding clinics, lessons, summer camps, extras and racket stringing should be directed to Amanda. Here are Amanda's programs:

Adults:

Tuesday May 21st runs 8 weeks free adult clinics: 6-7pm beginners.

7-8pm intermediate

Mondays June 3rd runs 4 weeks free adult clinics: 8-9am seniors.

9-10am doubles clinic

Adult clinics extra clinic please contact amandaheadtennispro@gmail.com: June 7th 6 weeks (extra): 6-7pm beginners clinic

Juniors:

Free junior round robins: Sundays May 12th 8 weeks round robin 11-12pm

Free junior clinics Tuesdays May 21st: 4 weeks:

5-6pm juniors 10 and older

Free junior clinics Fridays June 7th 4 weeks:

5-6pm mini tennis 5-9yrs

Extras: please contact amandaheadtennispro@gmail.com for more information.

Sundays June 2nd 6 weeks: 10-11am Junior Clinics 9 older

Juniors Tuesdays June 25th 6 weeks: 5-6pm Junior clinics 10 older

Juniors Fridays July 12th 6 weeks: 5-6pm mini tennis

Camps: 9-11:30am July 1,8,15,22,29

2 courts Aug 5 & 12

Cost: \$165 per week

Note: Dates may be subject to change upon short notice (due to the weather etc).

Free additional Beginner and Intermediate Clinics will be provided by Jagath Wilekala on Tuesday mornings. Please see below.

Introducing New Tennis Club Pro

We are pleased to announce that Jagath Welikala will join EMTC in April 2024 as our new Tennis Pro, to complement Programs being offered by Amanda, and further enhance the value that players will gain from their membership. Jagath is from Sri Lanka. He is well-known in the Tennis world, as he received a recognition from the International Tennis Federation (ITF) in 2021 for his work related to the development of wheelchair tennis in Sri Lanka. He began coaching wheelchair tennis in Sri Lanka in 2002 and has continued for the last 20 years. He produced several high-ranking players in the tennis world and has led several international tournaments in Sri Lanka for more than 10 years.

Contact: Jagath Welikala, Erin Mills Tennis Club Pro (jwelikala@yahoo.com)



In his new role, Jagath will assist with several activities, including Ladder matches, Adult Round Robins, House League, Junior ICTA League, Lakeshore League and Adult Tournaments. He will also coach additional Beginners and Intermediate Clinics. Here is his preliminary schedule:

Program	Day	Time	Duration
Beginners' Clinics (Free)	Tuesday	9 am – 10 am	June 11 th – Aug 6 th
Intermediate Clinics (Free)	Tuesday	10 am – 11 am	June 11 th – Aug 6 th
Adult Round Robins (Free)	Staggered Tuesdays	8 pm – 9 pm	June 11 th – Aug 6 th
		6.30 pm – 9 pm	Aug 13 th – Oct 1 st
	Thursdays	6.30 pm – 9 pm	June 13 th – Oct 3 rd
Women's Round Robins (Free)	Tuesday	10 am – 12 pm	June 18 th – Sept 24 th
Ladder Matches (Free)	Saturday	As arranged by the members	Effective June 8 th Jake.Miguel@hotmail.com JWelikala@yahoo.com
Adult House League (\$15 per player)	Sunday	4 pm – 6 pm	June 23 rd – Oct 5 th
	Saturday	10 am – 11 am	June 8 th
Tryouts (Free)			
Junior ICTA League (Free)	TBC	TBC	May – Sept (dates TBC)
Adult Tournaments (\$20 per player)	TBC	TBC	August (dates TBC)
Lakeshore League (Free)	TBC	TBC	June – Sept (dates TBC)
Training (Free)	Sunday	10 am – 12 pm	As scheduled by the Captain
Tryouts (Free)	Saturday	10 am – 11 am	June 8

Social Events (Free for EMTC Members)



Event	Date (Tentative)	Time	Highlights
Meet & Greet	Sunday, June 2 nd	10 am to 12 pm	Meet new members, enjoy coffee and snacks, play Round Robin.
Member Appreciation BBQ	Tuesday, July 16 th (Rain date: Sunday, July 21 st)	6 pm to 9 pm	Enjoy a BBQ dinner, meet with dignitaries, watch exhibition matches, win raffle prizes.
Pre-Wimbledon Get-Together	Sunday, July 7 th	10 am to 1 pm	In anticipation of the Men's Wimbledon Final on July 14 th , play Round Robin and friendly tournaments, enjoy strawberries and cream.
Potluck Global Fare	Tuesday, Aug 13 th	7 pm to 9 pm	Members bring a dish to share with others.
End-of-Season Potluck	Tuesday Sept 10th	7 pm to 9 pm	Members bring a dish to share with others. Pizza, wings, and drinks (courtesy of EMTC). Play Round Robbins.
AGM (Annual General Meeting)	Saturday Nov 16 th , 2024	6:30 pm onwards	Updates from the Executive Team on the 2024 season and plans for 2025. Members share feedback and suggestions. Enjoy a pizza dinner.

Volunteers

EMTC is seeking volunteers to assist with the Club's activities. Please consider offering your help with the workload associated with running a Club. Your experience could look good on a résumé. If you are interested, please contact:

Inquiries@erinmillstennis.ca