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2024 NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Hello everyone,

Erin Mills Tennis Club welcomes you back to the 2024 Tennis season! Many of you already registered. We look forward to many more people joining us. You can 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 finalizing the logistics to get us started. In the past few months, we have been working closely with the City of Mississauga to ensure that the new courts open with minimal delay. Unfortunately, there were some unexpected circumstances that postponed the opening date. The City has now informed us that the courts will be ready for play on May 31st. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this transition period. 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 have been introduced this year (details are available on Jegysoft). The 2024 Season looks promising!

Jeevan Pragasam



Happy Tennis!

We look forward to seeing you on the new courts soon!

2024 Clinics and Camps

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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:

Free Beginners clinics: Tuesdays, June 11th to August 6th (excluding July 16th which is BBQ Day), runs 8 weeks, free adult clinics: 6 pm to 7 pm.

Free Intermediate clinics: Tuesdays, June 11th to August 6th (excluding July 16th which is BBQ Day), runs 8 weeks, free adult clinics: 7 pm to 8 pm.

Free Seniors clinics: Mondays, June 10th to June 24th runs 3 weeks, 8 am to 9 am.

Free Doubles clinics: Mondays, June 10th to June 24th, runs 3 weeks, 9 am to 10 am.

Adult clinics (**extra**): Please contact amandaheadtennispro@gmail.com: June 7th to July 12th, 6 weeks (extra): 6 pm to 7 pm, Beginners clinics.

Juniors:

Free junior round robins (11 pm to 12 pm): Sundays, June 9th to July 28th, 8 weeks.

Free junior clinics, 10 years and older (5 pm to 6 pm): Tuesdays, June 11th to July 2nd 4 weeks.

Free junior clinics (mini tennis), 5 to 9 years old (5 pm to 6 pm): Fridays, June 14th to July 5th 4 weeks.

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

Junior Clinics, 9+ years old, Sundays, June 9th to July 14th 6 weeks: 10 am to 11am

Junior clinics, 10+ years old: Tuesdays, July 2nd to August 13th (excluding July 16th which is BBQ Day), runs 6 weeks, 5 pm to 6 pm.

Juniors mini tennis: Fridays, July 12th to August 16th, runs 6 weeks: 5 pm to 6 pm.

Camps: 9 am to 11:30 am: July 1,8,15,22,29 + 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 joined EMTC in May 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 25 th – Aug 20 th
Intermediate Clinics (Free)	Tuesday	10 am – 11 am	June 25 th – Aug 20 th
Adult Round Robins (Free)	Staggered Tuesdays	8 pm – 9 pm	June 25 th – Aug 20 th
		6.30 pm – 9 pm	Aug 13 th – Oct 1 st
	Thursdays	6.30 pm – 9 pm	June 20 th – Oct 10 th
Women's Round Robins (Free)	Tuesday	10 am – 12 pm	June 25 th – Oct 1 st
Ladder Matches (Free)	Saturday	As arranged by the members	Effective June 22 nd Jake.Miguel@hotmail.com JWelikala@yahoo.com
Adult House League (\$15 per player)	Sunday	4 pm – 6 pm	June 30 th – Oct 13 th
Tryouts (Free)	Saturday	10 am – 11 am	June 22 nd
Junior ICTA League (Free)	TBC	TBC	June – 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 th

Social Events (Free for EMTC Members)



Event	Date (Tentative)	Time	Highlights
Meet & Greet	Sunday, June 23 rd	10 am to 12 pm	Meet new members, enjoy coffee and snacks, play Round Robin.
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.
Member Appreciation BBQ	Tuesday, July 16 th	6 pm to 9 pm	Enjoy a BBQ dinner, meet with dignitaries, watch exhibition matches, win raffle prizes.
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 Oct 8 th	7 pm to 9 pm	Members bring a dish to share with others. Pizza, wings, and drinks (courtesy of EMTC). Play Round Robin.
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