



## Welcome to our *Tennis Ladder* for the summer of 2010.

### **The following are Rules for play:**

*The challenger of the match is responsible for reserving the tennis court and supplying new or agreed on used balls. After challenging another player, players must find a time that works best for both of them.*

**Placement on the ladder:** *Names are randomly placed on the ladder. Place you're ranking under your name on the paper chip (1- beginner to 10 being expert. I am an intermediate player so I gave myself a 6). Any players who are added after the first week will be added to the bottom of the ladder. The ladder will be open to both male and female players of all levels.*

**Challenging:** *Challenges should be made by calling other players. Please respond to challenges as soon as possible to allow for more matches to be played. When challenging, you may only challenge within three positions above or below yourself on the ladder. For example, if you are 8th on the ladder, you may only challenge the 5th, 6th, 7th, or the 9th, 10th, and 11th place players. Invalid challenges may be played, but are not used in adjustment of ladder position. Players must accept the challenge within 4-5 days. If a player fails to respond to a challenge or declines a challenge, they will lose by default.*

**Scoring:** *Matches are 2 out of 3 sets (The first to win 6 games, by two, wins the set. The first to win 2 sets wins the match. If the score is 6-6, a tie-breaker is played. The first team to score 7 points winning by two wins the set. The tiebreaker continues until one side wins by two.*

**Moving up the ladder:** *When a higher position player loses, the winner will replace that individual and the loser moves down one spot. Everyone in between the players will also move down one spot. For example, if player #3 challenges player #1 and wins, then player #3 will take the #1 position, player #1 will move down to the #2 position and player #2 be bumped to the #3 position. If you challenge and lose, no one moves.*

**Tips for Greater Enjoyment:** *A new member on a challenge ladder may find that the first one or two matches played on the ladder appear to be mismatches (in terms of skill levels). Don't be discouraged --as the tournament progresses, the ladder sorts itself into order. You will soon discover other members with whom you can play comfortably.*

*So don't just sit there--join the ladder! And, regardless of your frequency or level of play, there are tennis matches waiting for you!*

*If you have any questions or know of someone who wants to join **call Teresa at (519) 725-3116** or email: "[teresa\\_pitt@hotmail.com](mailto:teresa_pitt@hotmail.com)"*

*See you on the courts! **Teresa (Tennis Challenge Coordinator)***

### **Review of Tennis Rules for those who may need refreshing.**

*The server always calls his score first. If the server wins the first point, he gets a score of 15. Scoring is done like a clock. See example below. Love means zero in tennis. The second point is called 30. The third point is called 45 (now-a-days known as 40) and game is won when the score goes back to love. If the score is 40-40, also known as **deuce**, one side must win by two points.*

***Advantage-In** means if the server wins the next point, he wins the game. **Advantage-Out** means the receiver has a chance to win the game on the next point.*

*All players must follow the general rules for tennis – only tennis shoes, and proper tennis wear.*