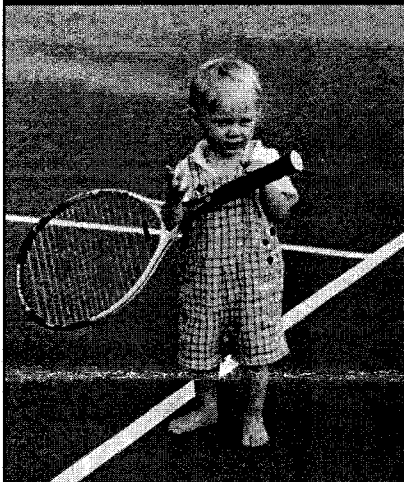


KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB



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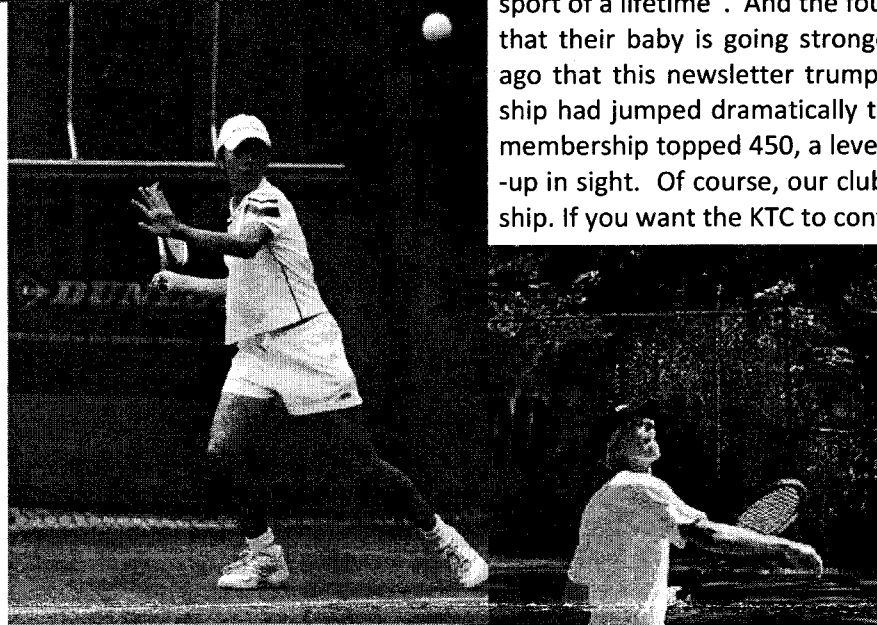
It was June 28, 1924, when a handful of tennis enthusiasts with a gleam in their eye gathered (on what is now Winston Churchill field) to celebrate the very first opening day of their baby -- the newly formed Kingston Tennis Club.

There are no photos from that day and one can only imagine what sort of courts those must have been -- grass? mud? -- and wonder what the original founders would make of the changes which their club and their sport have undergone over the years. Racquets are no longer wood, balls no longer white, long flannels have given way, in the case of Rafael Nadal, to pirate pants. The KTC itself moved in 1927 to the site we still occupy today.

But the essence of the game of tennis has remained the same -- a dynamic, challenging sport for all ages -- a great way to get a heart-pumping, fresh air workout, spiced with camaraderie and competition -- indeed, "the sport of a lifetime". And the founders would no doubt be smiling that their baby is going stronger than ever. It's only two years ago that this newsletter trumpeted the fact that KTC membership had jumped dramatically to 375. Well, this past season the membership topped 450, a level not seen in 20 years, with no let-up in sight. Of course, our club is only as strong as its membership. If you want the KTC to continue to grow and thrive, we urge

you to join, to encourage your friends to join, to volunteer for events and projects and take an active part in club activities.

The days are getting longer and another tennis season is just around the corner. Hope springs eternal and, so far, just like Federer, we're all undefeated.*



SPORT
OF A

LIFETIME !!

* As this newsletter was going to press, Federer actually lost a match to some obscure Argentinean. What is the (tennis) world coming to?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your KTC executive has been working hard over the Winter to insure that programs are in place and our club is in good shape for another great summer of tennis.

We're pleased to welcome a new Head Pro -- Andy Rogall. (See accompanying article.) Andy has been a member of the KTC family for years, and is keen to continue and build on established programs, and to introduce new clinics for both Adults and Juniors. He will be ably assisted by Terry Kelly who has been playing at the club for the past few seasons, almost every day, I think. And sorry ladies, he just got married.

For those of you interested in an investment opportunity we are issuing a new series of debentures at an attractive rate. We would dearly like to pay off our mortgage to Queen's this year, and the deadline is April 30th. Please see the enclosed letter for more details about the debenture offer. We've also included the club's financial statements for the past four years so you can see where your money is going.

Although we were reluctant to do so, we've had to increase membership rates slightly -- the first such increase in four years. But the KTC is still a bargain, particularly if you take advantage of the Early Bird Rate before April 13. An application form is enclosed or available on our web site.

We hope the extra membership revenue generated will help us to carry on with

the never-ending upgrades to the club. Major improvements for this year include the rebuilding of Court One. After a scare in the fall when we hit an underground pipe, the new asphalt was laid, and we expect the court to be resurfaced and back in action as soon as weather permits this Spring.

The ladies change room has been gutted



Our President (and Her Loyal Entourage)

and will be refurbished with a new toilet and shower area. As I write our contractor has taken a break to go to the Daytona 500 -- is that tennis tournament? -- but assures us that the much overdue new facilities will be ready for use by opening day.

As a result of three break-ins last summer we plan to install motion detection lighting, which we hope will bring extra security to the clubhouse. It will also help those of you that play till closing time and have to fumble around in the dark to find your way out! One request: since we had the break-ins, we would like to keep the amount of cash on hand to a mini-

mum. We therefore ask that whenever possible you pay for lessons, leagues, etc. with Interact, cheque or Visa. Of course you can still pay cash for smaller items.

On the social side, one of the highlights last season was our very own suite at the Rexall Centre for the Rogers Cup. It was quite a luxury to watch the likes of Federer and Nadal from the comfort of an air-conditioned suite. We hope to repeat the experience this year if Tennis Canada offers it again.

We would like to emphasize again that the KTC is a not-for-profit club run entirely by volunteers. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our club and any extra help is always appreciated, either on the executive, or with special fundraising events such as the auction. Meetings include loads of fun and fine wine and volunteering is a great way to insure that the KTC remains a vibrant and always improving

place. In this vein we thank Lesley Furter and Willa Henry for their valued contributions and welcome Nancy Dyck and John Fielding to the executive. We also wish our popular outgoing pro Josh Lewis well as he leaves us --(was it something I said?) -- for the halls of academe.

We're looking forward to another great tennis season and we welcome your suggestions about any improvements you'd like to see. We hope that you enjoy the Summer at the club and I look forward to seeing you on the courts.

Gill Turnbull



Some of the KTC happy gang...



at the Rogers Cup in Toronto

VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE

Gill Turnbull (President)
Doug Bowie (Vice-President)
Nancy Dyck (Secretary)
Nancy Langevin (Treasurer)
Gary Wilson (Advertising & Promotion)
Igor Kozin (Webmaster)
Bud Nelson (Infrastructure)
John Fielding (Social Director)
Mary Roach (Stewards Supervisor)

NEW DEBENTURE OFFERING - A WIN-WIN SITUATION

As Gill mentions in her message, we are offering a new series of \$1,000 and \$5,000 debentures.

To spell this out, for each \$1,000 debenture you own you receive 10% off a FAMILY membership (presently \$510) annually, no matter what level of membership you purchase. So, for example, if you buy an Early Bird Adult membership you would pay \$255 - \$51 = \$204, amounting to a 20% discount. If you

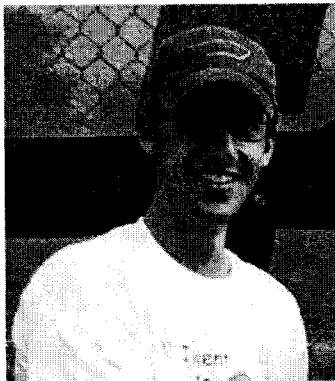
own two \$1,000 debentures, the discount would be 20% or \$102, and so on. This continues for as long as you own the debenture, which is redeemable at face value after 5 years. The \$5,000 debentures pay 5.5% interest annually for five years with no membership discount. The debentures are secured by a second mortgage on the KTC property.

We think this is a pretty good deal, not only for debenture purchasers, but for

the KTC as well. If the debenture drive is successful it will enable us to pay off our mortgage to Queen's (currently at 7%) and reduce our annual interest payments. Just as importantly, it will put full control of the KTC in the hands of those who care about the club's future the most -- the members. If you think these debentures might be right for you, please take a look at the enclosed letter and KTC financial statements.

KTC WELCOMES TWO NEW TEACHING PROS

We're pleased to announce that Andy Rogall is our new club professional. A Kingston native, Andy is familiar to many of you as assistant pro to Josh Lewis and Junior Camp co-ordinator. He has been playing tennis for 13 years and teaching for the last ten. He is certified by Tennis Canada at the Club Pro level, and has extensive experience teaching groups ranging from adult and junior beginners, to Provincial and National level juniors. Andy will offer a full range of private and group lessons, oversee the junior program and organize tournaments. Always popular with juniors, adults are sure to find him helpful and approachable as well.



Andy Rogall

Andy will be assisted by Terry Kelly, also known to many of you as one of the best players at the club. You may not know that he's also a competitive beach volleyball player and a

singer/songwriter -- a veritable Renaissance jock. Terry was formerly the main instructor for the Queen's University Instructional Sports Skills program, and is a Tennis Canada Certified Instructor. He's looking forward to assisting Andy with group lessons, strategy clinics and much more.

Our popular Junior Tennis and Sports Camp will again be offered this summer with various convenient full-day and part-day options. Racquets are provided and all participants receive a T-shirt and a Friday barbecue.



Terry Kelly

Pick up a Junior Programs Brochure at the club or check our web site www.kingstontennisclub.com for all the details and registration forms. Or drop by our booth at the Recreation and Leisure Showcase at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour. Fri. March 23, 5pm-9pm or Sat. March 24, 9am-2pm.

LONG TIME STEWARDS RETURNING

We're delighted that two of our favourite stewards -- Michelle Lewis (head steward) and Kyle Dolphin -- will be back with us this season. Our stewards are crucial to the smooth running of the club, serving the members, handling countless day-to-day duties and keeping the grounds shipshape. If you don't already know them, be sure to introduce yourselves and when the club opens.



Michelle Lewis



Kyle Dolphin

Kingston Tennis Club is a member of the Ontario Tennis Association



THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS

A special thanks to all members who generously made donations towards clubhouse repairs on top of their membership fees last year. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE'S A SIMILAR BOX FOR VOLUNTARY DONATIONS ON THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION FORM IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP OUT. Any amount, large or small, is appreciated and will be put to good use. In addition to the court resurfacing and women's change room renovations, fence repairs, leaking eavestroughs, and the deteriorating pergola are on the to-do list for this year.

Thanks to your donations of Canadian Tire money, we are able to purchase a Ping Pong table to provide some action, particularly for Junior Camp kids, on rainy days. Many thanks to the Hartel family who loaned us their table last Summer. We are still short of bats and balls so if you care to donate more CT money we will have a collection jar set out.

THE ANNUAL AUCTION - THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON !!

A bigger tent was ordered this year, and even it was packed, as our fundraising auction was once again a hot ticket. Coordinated with Martha Stewart-like precision by organizer extraordinaire Mary Roach, graced by local dignitaries, with good food, good company and the mellow musical stylings of the Frank Lewis Trio, this lively evening was a highlight of the season. Special thanks to Liz Hamacher for an array of delectable hors d'oeuvres and centrepieces. And thanks

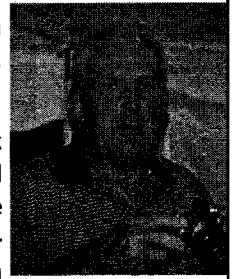


Speaker of The House

as always to our super sommelier Justin McHenry, his aide-de-vin Jan Myslivecek, and auctioneer Rob Cooper.

Most importantly, we sincerely thank the many generous individuals and businesses whose donations made the 2006 Auction such a success. The complete list of all donors is featured on our website at

www.kingstontennisclub.com.



Master of the House?



A special evening of Indian cuisine -- one of the most vigorously contested items at the 2006 auction -- was prepared by Ameena Jaffer. The winning bidders were served by members of the executive and enjoyed a delectable dining experience. Thanks to Ameena (and Taj)!

APRIL/MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE—APRIL 13

Take advantage of the discount. Get your memberships in early!

SPRING CLEANUP—SAT. APRIL 21, 10:30 AM

A veritable plethora of leaves and brush was removed by volunteers last fall—thanks to everyone who helped—but somehow there's always more in the spring. Bring a rake (and a racquet) and help the clean up the courts and then play some tennis. We'll supply the coffee and eggs Benedict. (Rain date—April 28.)

CLUB OPENS—SAT. APRIL 28.

The club officially opens and stewards will be on duty from this date, but past experience suggests there will be nets up well before this. Members itching to get an early start to the season are welcome to use the courts.

KTC OPEN HOUSE—SATURDAY, MAY 5

It's free! Introduce your friends to the club. Clinics, round robins, prizes, program registration, BBQ and more!!

MIXED SINGLES LEAGUE—Starts May 13

A great way to meet players for challenging competition at your level. Arrange your matches and move up (or down) as

CALLING ALL (JUNIOR) ARTISTS!

Last season we introduced a competition among the Juniors to design the T-shirt for the Summer Sports Camp. Congratulations to Kiara Flavin for providing us with the winning design from a pile of very artistic entries. Kiara's T-shirt was worn proudly by all the campers. We hope to repeat the competition this year.



The Winning Design

FOR ALL YOUR TENNIS SUPPLIES ...

Once again we are partnering with **SOURCE FOR SPORTS** on downtown Princess St. Support a local business and receive a 15% discount on tennis-related items with your KTC membership card.



DOWNTOWN KINGSTON'S
Source
for sports.

the season progresses. Check the box on your application form, or sign up with the stewards.

DOUBLES LEAGUES—Begin May 14

Mondays are for more advanced players, Wednesdays are for intermediates, and Fridays are for informal drop-in doubles for everyone. Sessions start at 6:30pm.

MORNING DOUBLES

Similar to Friday evening drop-in doubles. Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30am.

FIRST SOCIAL—FRIDAY, May 18

New Social Director John Fielding will no doubt have things running like clockwork. These evenings are always fun and a chance to make new (or renew old) acquaintances. Check the bulletin board for details and sign up with the stewards.

JUNIOR OPEN HOUSE—

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Round robins, games, contests, prizes, BBQ. ids of all ages, Members and non-members, welcome.

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See You On The Courts!