

# Tennis

## KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB

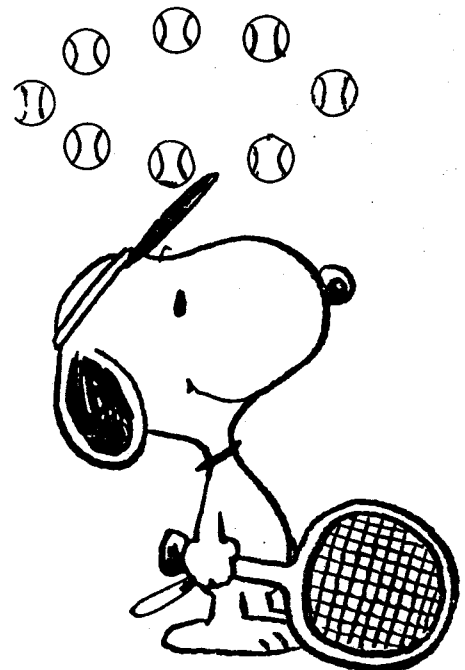
SPRING NEWSLETTER ——— 1984

The season officially opens at the Kingston Tennis Club for the 62nd time on Saturday, April 28. Well known as one of the best sports bargains in the city, the club has seven excellent courts, including three "under the lights", a pro, and an active teaching program. It is located on Napier Street, between Earl and Hill Streets in downtown Kingston.

There are no 'permanent' members or waiting lists for new members. Each year the club receives applications for membership and these are approved strictly on a first come- first served (no pun intended) basis. Hence new members - regardless of age or playing ability - are encouraged to join. But don't procrastinate: a ceiling of 520 members has been imposed by the club and this figure was reached quite quickly in the 1982 and 1983 seasons. There is also no need to worry about losing court time due to bad weather: Neil Neasmith has once again made appropriate arrangements for a season of dry, sunny weather.

### 1984 EXECUTIVE AND CLUB PERSONNEL

PRESIDENT:	John Johnston
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Colin McCleery Susie Julien
SECRETARY:	Bob Kerbel
TREASURER:	Tom Newton
SOCIAL CONVENOR:	Fiona Gallant
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:	Dawn Tait
TEACHING PRO:	Tom Sipos
STEWARDS:	1. Jennifer MacDonnell (chief steward) 2. to be decided 3. to be decided



MEMBERSHIP AND FEE SCHEDULE

The fee schedule for the 1984 season is:

Family membership .....	\$210.	(including husband, wife and two juniors; additional juniors, \$30. each)
Couple membership .....	\$150.	
Senior (adult) membership..	\$100.	
Junior membership .....	\$ 60.	(juniors are anyone under the age of 18 as of Jan. 1, 1984; (adults who throw tantrums on the tennis courts do not qualify as juniors..))

The enclosed membership application may be completed and mailed to:

Kingston Tennis Club  
Box 621  
Kingston, Ontario K7L 4X4

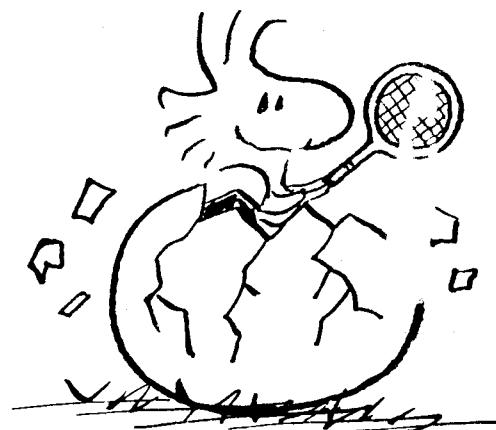
We would ask that you please include a cheque in the amount with your completed application form and do so by May 1st. Please: NO POST DATED CHEQUES! This creates problems and extra work for the treasurer of the club who gives freely of his own time.

KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

Last year the club hired a new teaching pro, Tom Sipos. We are happy to report a very enthusiastic response was received from club members of all ages to his first season, and that he will be joining us again for the upcoming season.

The surge in membership the club experienced a few years ago has not declined and because of this the club has maintained a financial surplus from last year. This has allowed the club to undertake some much needed (and expensive) renovations. All new fencing has been installed around the club property at a cost of \$9,500. New furniture has been purchased for the clubhouse (\$1,000). The clubhouse was painted and a new concrete block wall erected to replace the old one which collapsed during a violent wind store. Landscaping will be undertaken again this season. It is anticipated that further improvements will be made this summer as we'll e.g., new bleachers and court resurfacing, if necessary.

## Junior Development



There was a welcome increase in some aspects of the club's social activities last summer. Most notable was the mixed singles league organized by Fiona Gallant. In last year's newsletter it was stated that participation in this league would be a great way to meet new opponents, particularly poor ones who would be easy to beat. It appears that there were a lot of people who wanted to win badly. In any case, everyone involved seemed to have had a great time - winning or losing.

Very gratifying again this year has been the continuing successes of many of the club's junior players. In the 1983 Ontario provincial rankings Kathy Sipos is now ranked number one in girls under 16 and fifth for girls under 18. Kathy is also in the top five on Tennis Canada's 1983 under 14 ranking list, and was invited to take part in the Carling Bassett Development Program for one week in Florida last December. Jackie Cernik was ranked fifth in girls under 14 (and tenth in girls under 16), Elinor Ip 12th in girls under 18, Christine Quinn 10th in girls under 12, and Robin Walker fifth in boys under 18, all in Ontario provincial rankings. And Doug Bowie won an ACTRA. Congratulations to all of them!



#### LESSONS, THE TEACHING PRO, AND JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

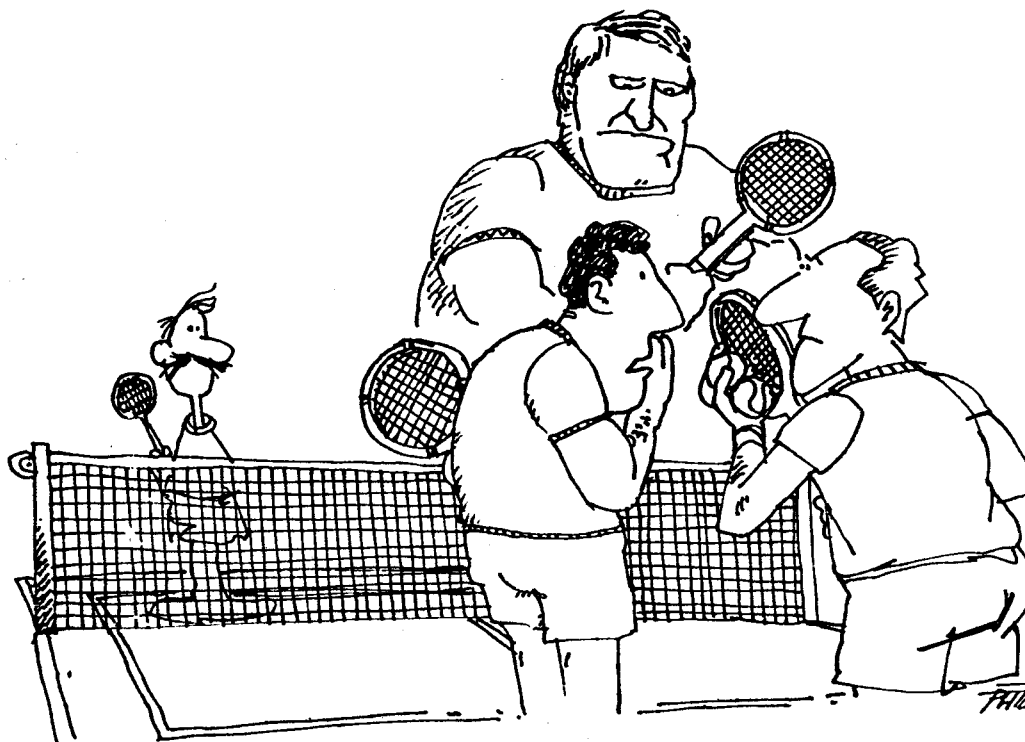
As in previous years group lessons will be available, starting about mid-May. They will be available for both beginners and intermediates. Days of the week and times will be posted as soon as possible. Or you can obtain the information directly from Tom Sipos. Private or semi-private lessons will of course be available as well, and these are to be arranged directly with the club pro. Non-club members can also arrange for private lessons, if time permits.

Group lessons will also be available for juniors. The organization of the classes will depend in part on the response. In the past, junior clinics were usually given in the late afternoon in May and June and in the mornings starting in July. Once again club members should contact Tom Sipos for the details regarding these classes.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING COURT BOOKINGS AND COURT USE

i) The club will be open from 9 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. As in the past, courts will be booked for one hour periods (two hours for doubles before 7:30) with bookings on the half hour. Members may book in person or by phone up to three days in advance. Advanced phone bookings will be accepted between the hours of 12 P.M. and 1 P.M. and then again later in the day, between the hours of 8 P.M. and 10:30 P.M. The 12-1 phone-in time was a new ruling instituted last year to help make bookings a little easier. The stewards will be asked not to make any exceptions to these phone-in times. Please do not try and persuade them to do so.

ii) When using the courts, members are asked to wear proper tennis clothes, especially shoes. Black soled jogging shoes are not permitted, as they scuff the court.



"TRY TO HIT IT TO YOU-KNOW-WHO!"

iii) Many members have complained in the past over the use of 'ball-hoppers' on adjacent courts during family teaching sessions. This resulted in constant interruption of games as balls wandered, bounced and trickled over from the adjacent court. Ball-hoppers can no longer be used on courts 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 when there are games or matches being played on adjacent courts. Of course, courts 1 and 7 can be used at anytime. A ball-hopper was defined as "6 or more tennis balls".

iv) Members are permitted to bring guests. There is a guest fee (\$3.00/day per guest) and while there is no limit on the number of times a member can bring in out-of-town guests, there is a limit for guests who live in Kingston: three such guest visits are allowed in one season.

CLUB SOCIALS, LEAGUES, AND TOURNAMENTS  
Mixed Doubles Socials

Fiona Gallant is once again organizing these socials which have become so successful. The first one will be held on Friday evening May 25th, and the next one Friday, June 15. If it rains they will be held one or two weeks later. We recommend that you bring along a bazooka or howitzer for the June social to help fend off the mosquitos.

Mixed Singles League

This year Fiona Gallant and the club will again organize a mixed singles league. As already noted, this league was a big hit last year. This is a great way to meet new people and tennis partners. Please sign up with the Stewards by mid-May. Leagues will change every four weeks according to the point system.

TOURNAMENTS ...

1. The Jack Campbell/City Sports Invitational - June 1,2,3

This is the sixth year for this tournament, held in memory of Jack Campbell, a longtime club member. As before it will be run by Gary Quinn and Frank Kosatka. Once again, City Sports is joining the event as a sponsor, along with the Head and Kennex sports equipment companies. They will help provide trophies, medals and door prizes; the club is very grateful for their contribution. A Saturday evening B.B.Q. will be held and, if the past is any indication, the whole affair promises to be a fun event.

2. McDonald's Open Championships - June 30-July 2

Sponsored by McDonald's and sanctioned by the Ontario Tennis Association (OTA) this will be the fifth year for this popular tournament. This year the total prize money will be about \$2,000. This tournament has become one of the highlights of the season as it affords Kingstonians an opportunity to see some of the best tennis players in Ontario.

3. Club Championships - July 21/22 and August 11/12

Men's and Ladies Singles, (July 21/22): Men's, Ladies, and Mixed Doubles, Aug. (11/12). All draws will have a B flight so that everyone will be guaranteed of at least two matches they can lose. Keep an eye out for further details.

4. The Whig Standard Junior Championships - August 25,26

This tournament is for juniors in all age categories. Volunteers may be needed to help run the event and billet out-of-town players.

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There was considerable discussion this year about the issue of age eligibility in the Club Championships. The issue involves the question of whether juniors should be allowed to play in both the junior and club championships. Although a motion was debated at the last general members' meeting in September 1983, it was not passed unanimously, and only 25 people attended the meeting. Consequently the Executive feels it is appropriate to seek the views of club members in the form of a ballot. It is to be found on the other side of the membership application form. Please take a moment to fill it in when you complete your form.

THE ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

This year the clean-up date is set for April 28th - i.e., opening day. We hope more people will help out than in the past. An hour or two of your time and a rake or broom would be greatly appreciated - especially by the seven or eight members who have faithfully turned up in the past, every year, to do their bit ...

TOM NEWTON: AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS FROM THE CLUB

Members will notice that the membership on the Executive changes regularly. It is our good fortune, however, to have Tom Newton, club treasurer, stay on for another year. This is now the sixth year in a row that Tom has volunteered to act as treasurer. This job occasionally involves a lot of work on Tom's part, all of it provided at no expense to the Club. The Club is grateful to him for his dedication and for the detailed financial reports for the Club that he prepares every year.



KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete and return to: Kingston Tennis Club, Box 621, Kingston, K7L 4X4 (with payment), or complete and bring to club.

<u>NAME</u> (Please print)	<u>SEX</u>	<u>BIRTHDATE</u> (If Junior)	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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MARRIED COUPLE

1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

SENIOR

1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

JUNIOR

1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Including postal code)

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB BALLOT

1. Do you feel that junior players (18 years of age and under) should have unrestricted access to both Junior and Senior Club Championships?

YES

NO

2. If your answer is NO, do you feel that Junior players should be required to choose between competing either in Junior Championships or Senior Championships?

YES

NO