

Tennis, anyone?

KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB

SPRING NEWSLETTER -- 1981

You are cordially invited to join the Kingston Tennis Club and continue a tradition dating back to medieval France, where wool-covered balls stuffed with rags and animal hair were batted around stone court-yards by jerkined and bloomed noblemen to cries of -- "Whaddya mean out?!!"

The Kingston Tennis Club has a tradition of its own, having been in operation at its Napier Street site since 1923, which makes us half as old as Wimbledon.

The clubhouse doors will officially open for our 59th season on Saturday, April 25th, and members new and old are more than welcome.

1981 EXECUTIVE AND CLUB PERSONNEL

PRESIDENT:	Frank Kosatka
VICE PRESIDENT:	Neil Neasmith
SECRETARY:	Doug Bowie
TREASURER:	Tom Newton
SOCIAL CONVENORS:	Fiona Gallant Cindy Harpell
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT:	Jenny Ellis Logie Macdonnell
TEACHING PRO:	Jeremy Walker
STEWARDS:	Tom Sipos Janice Hebert Sue Wiercinski



Our President

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CLUB

The program of major improvements begun a couple of years ago is continuing this spring with the installation of new fencing around most of the courts.

Some much needed repairs have also been undertaken in the men's shower area, and late last year we purchased a ball machine with the aid of a Wintario grant.

With the resurfacing of all seven courts within the past two years, we now have not only the best tennis facility in the city, but one that compares favourably with any in Toronto or Montreal.

The driving force behind most of these improvements has been primarily one person, Frank Kosatka, who has given energy, imagination and countless hours of his time to the club over the past two years. All members who now enjoy the improved facilities owe him a vote of thanks.

MEMBERSHIPS AND FEE SCHEDULE

The fee schedule for 1981 is:

Family	\$170.	(Including husband, wife and two juniors. Additional juniors -- \$25. each)
Couple	\$120.	
Senior	\$75.	
Junior	\$50.	(A junior is anyone under 18 as of Jan. 1, 1981)

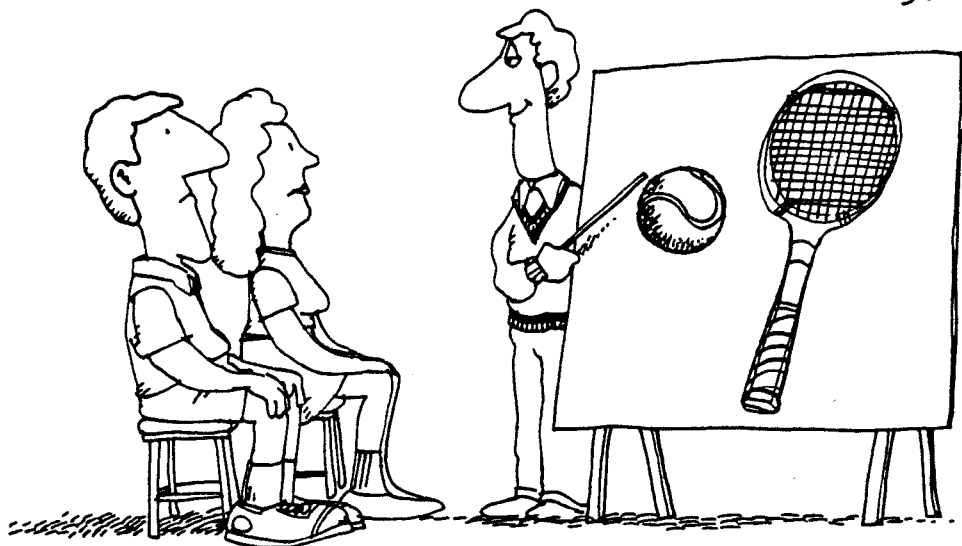
The enclosed membership application may be completed and mailed (with payment please) to:

Kingston Tennis Club,
Box 621,
Kingston, Ont.
K7L 4X4

Of course memberships and shoe tags may also be obtained from the stewards at the club from opening day on.

The major expenditures undertaken the past two years have left the club with a small seven letter word (deficit), and it would be very much appreciated if members could pay their fees as soon as fiscally possible -- certainly before they pay their income tax. The executive extends its thanks to the several members who paid their fees early. There would have been no new fencing without you.

LESSONS
AND NEW
TEACHING PRO



Our new teaching pro is Jeremy Walker, who has played at the club for many years and is known to many of the members. Jeremy is an OTA certified professional with experience at Cleveland's House and as head instructor for Pittsburgh and Portland Townships. He will be available for private and semi-private lessons throughout the summer, and we believe the members will find him a personable and helpful instructor.

Jeremy will also be offering a series of group lessons, beginning May 4, the first sessions of which are as follows:

Mixed Beginners	Mon. and Wed.	5:30 - 6:30
Mixed Beginners/ Intermediates	Tues. and Thurs.	5:30 - 6:30

Each group consists of two lessons per week for 3 weeks -- six lessons in all. The fee is \$30. The groups are limited to eight players each, and interested members are asked to register at the club as early as possible. Similar sessions will be offered as the season progresses.

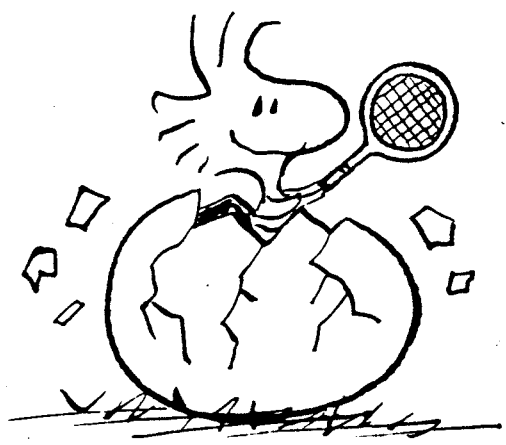
If there is sufficient demand, Jeremy is also prepared to arrange for group lessons at other times, perhaps during the day. If members are interested in lessons at times other than those above they should speak to Jeremy or the stewards.

Group lessons are particularly recommended to new members who not only will improve their games, but will find them a good way to meet people to play with.

These lessons, by the way, are not restricted to club members. Anyone who is considering joining the club or taking up tennis is more than welcome, and will find the beginner group lessons an excellent introduction to the club and the game.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

The club has a large number of enthusiastic and talented juniors (as those of us who have lost to them in tournaments know only too well) and junior development is an important and growing aspect of the club's program.



Jenny Ellis and Logie Macdonnell, along with Jeremy Walker, will coordinate junior activities this year, which will include the following:

-- Group lessons, beginning May 4.

Beginners Mon. and Wed. 4:30 - 5:30

Beginners/
Intermediates Tues. and Thurs. 4:30 - 5:30

Each group (limited to 8 juniors) will consist of six lessons at a cost of \$30. Junior lessons have always been very popular and are often over-subscribed. To avoid disappointment, juniors should register at the club as early as possible.

-- The well-attended program of free Saturday morning clinics and supervised play will continue. These are primarily to encourage participation and fun for all juniors at whatever level of ability. Parental volunteers will again be needed to make the program work. Watch the bulletin board for the first date.

-- Jeremy also plans to run a stepped-up junior training program beginning at the end of June. This will include fitness and training, instruction and play. All juniors interested in improving their games will be welcome.

COURT BOOKING REGULATIONS

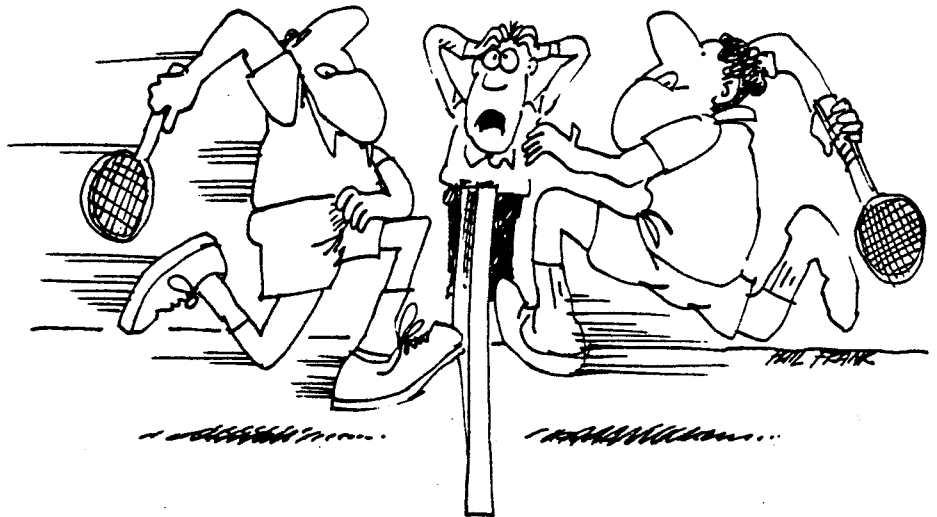
As in the past, courts will be booked for one hour periods with bookings on the half hour, and the same basic guidelines concerning court usage will apply.

There is one minor rule change. Members may book two consecutive hours for doubles, but only until the booking time of 6:30, ie. the second hour may not go beyond 8:30. The objective of this change is to increase the availability of the three lighted courts.

The system of advance booking, begun last year, was well received and will be continued. As before, members may book one hour per day in person, or by phone, up to three days in advance. Advance phone bookings will be accepted between the hours of 8 PM and 10:30 PM only.

As always, members are asked to wear proper tennis clothes, particularly shoes, as improper soles will mark the court surface. The steward on duty will be the final arbiter of any disputes but, of course, we don't expect any. A detailed set of booking rules and of senior - junior playing privileges (unchanged from last year) will be posted in the clubhouse.

TOURNAMENTS
AND
SOCIAL EVENTS



May 12 -- Suzie Julien, our erstwhile ace social convenor is interested in reactivating a women's league, or some similar form of organized women's play. There will be an open meeting on May 12 at 7:30 at the club, and anyone who is interested or who has suggestions is encouraged to attend.

Mixed Doubles Social -- May 15

This is a non-competitive round robin, featuring hit and giggle doubles, chicken, pizza and more. Open to everyone and an excellent way for new members to meet people and get involved with the club. It's rumoured that the club champion may even turn up and hit a few balls with the hoi polloi.

The Jack Campbell Tournament -- May 22 - 24

After only two years this tournament in memory of Jack Campbell, a club member for many years, has become an annual highlight. The brainchild of Gary Quinn and Frank Kosatka, it is always well run and enjoyed by all. It features a Saturday evening barbecue and is open to all Kingston residents.

The Buick Challenge, Mixed Doubles -- June 6,7

For the first time this year this will be run as a one week-end, double knockout event. It is open to all area mixed doubles teams, whether club members or not. The winning team goes on to regional playdowns.

The McDonald Open Championships -- June 20, 21

Sponsored by McDonald's, this event had a successful inception last year, and we hope it will be even bigger and better this year. It attracts top players from across the province, and is the best chance to see (or, if you're brave, participate in) high level tennis competition in Kingston. Spectators are welcome free of charge.

Club Championships

Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Doubles -- July 18 - 19

Men's and Ladies' Singles -- August 8 - 9

The singles and doubles are reversed this year to give players who are usually away in July or August a chance to play in a different event. All draws will have a B flight so everyone will be guaranteed two matches.

The Whig Standard Junior Championships -- September 5 - 7

The traditional Labour Day weekend tournament for top juniors in all age categories. Volunteers will be needed to help run the event and to billet out-of-town players.

In addition to all this the social convenors plan one steak fry/mixed doubles per month, and there will be junior club championships and other events as well. Watch the bulletin boards for details.

MATCH POINT ...

The usual clean-up day will be on Saturday morning, April 18, and members are invited to bring a rake and spend an hour or two helping get the club ready for the season.

Overall club membership was down slightly last year to 450 from 490 in 1979, and members are encouraged to pass this letter along to friends and potential new members and recommend the club to them. Ideally we'd like to get the membership back up to about 500.

Mention was made at the beginning of the Kingston Tennis Club's long tradition, but this is not to suggest that it's in any way an exclusive club. It's open to all and is quite simply the best place in Kingston to play tennis.

We hope you'll join.

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