



# ON COURT

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## President's Update:

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Another month has gone by, and I think this season is the busiest I have seen at the club. The weather has been hit and miss but play has been lively and the courts have been well used.

Corrections to the last newsletter: There has been a glitch with the 10% discount offered by Racquet Science to KTC members, so unfortunately the store is not offering a discount this year. The prices are still competitive with other sports stores in town so I would encourage you to support Larry at Racquet Science. He is a big supporter of the tennis club and has supplied prize money for our club tournaments for the past 2 years.

Over the next 2 months the Junior Camps will be in full swing. Record numbers of kids have signed up for the newly vamped camp so there will be lots of activity around the club during the day. The changes to the camp structure means that there will be a reduced number of courts available for members for certain periods of the day. While we appreciate that everyone wants to play at certain times, there will have to be some flexibility among members in order to fully utilize the courts. Drop in Doubles is a popular club program and open to any member. If you are unable to book a court, just show up to get a game. For more information on the new camps please see John Fielding's report in the newsletter.

We have become a victim of our own success and find that there is a lot of competition for court time. Maybe now is the time to look at a new clubhouse on the grass area and build a new court where the current clubhouse stands. Any ideas on this matter would be welcome.

While on the subject of court time, please take note that the club is open for play between 7.30am and 10.30pm only. There have been complaints that some people have been playing as early as 6am. Also the lights have been seen on and people playing at 2 in the morning. Please be respectful of our residential neighbours who like to have some peace early in the morning and during the night.

A reminder of our 2 outings to the Rogers Cup.. The Men's event in Toronto is on Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup> and the Women's event in Montreal is on Wednesday

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## July & August Events

**Friday**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Tennis & Dinner Social**

After last week's rain-out... Menu: Souvlaki, roasted potatoes, salad, meatless moussaka, and baklava for dessert!

**Friday**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> -**

**Sunday**

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Men's & Women's Doubles Club Championships**

Grab a friend and join us for some friendly competition.

**Friday**

**Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Tennis & Dinner Social**

The Menu will be steak and corn on the cob or Chinese. How is that for a decision? Keep tuned for announcements but whatever we decide the tennis will be fun and the food good.

**Thursday**

**August**

**12<sup>th</sup>**

**KTC Outing to Toronto for the Roger's Cup Matinee Men's Event**

Tickets for the KTC box are \$95. Price includes free parking, souvenir magazine, seating in our air conditioned box, close circuit TV and access to hospitality dining area. Ticket price does NOT include transport to Toronto.

**Wed**

**August**

**18<sup>th</sup>**

**KTC Outing to Montreal for the Roger's Cup Matinee Women's**

Tickets for this event are \$120.00 Price includes: McCoy Bus to Montreal and ticket to main stadium. The bus leaves Kingston around 6.30am and will leave the stadium around 5.30pm There will be a dinner stop on the way home. Arrive back in Kingston around 9.30pm.

**Friday**

**Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> -**

**Sun Aug.**

**22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Open & Women's Singles Club Championships**

In order to offer competition to everyone the Men's category has been changed to an Open division.

**Fri. Aug.**

**29<sup>th</sup> & Sat.**

**Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Junior Tournament**

Just in time before going back to school. All Junior members welcome!

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August 18<sup>th</sup>. Signup sheets are available in the office with the steward. It would be appreciated if payment could be made at the time of sign up as we have financial obligations with ticket purchases.

Doug Bowie, a past president of the club, has another play being performed at the 1000 Island Playhouse in Gananoque "Til it Hurts". We will be having a KTC outing to see the play in mid September so keep Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September free to join in the fun. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

## Mixed Doubles Club Championships:

Tennis doubles is not considered a young person's game but Sunday at the Kingston Tennis Club a team of teenager's battled opponents just over twenty for the club championship. And as often happens, the "old guys" won.

Jennifer Williams and David Corrigan won the trophy by defeating Larischa De Wet and Michael Stych in two tight sets, 6-4 and 7-5.

Consolation "A" saw the hardest-fought match of the day that took a third-set tie break to decide. Lisa Coates and David Stocks beat Willa Henry and Craig (Bud) Nelson 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (3).

In the consolation "B" contest, Gill Turnbull and Erling Armson defeated Lisa Boulay and Mike Byrne, while in consolation "C" Alma Thayer and Tom Thayer defeated Lynne Hanson and Allan Manson.

## Junior Camps:

Despite the brutally hot and humid weather the first of our revised Tennis Camps that implements the highly recommended Progressive Method of developing tennis skills got underway this month. With capacity enrolment Jen Williams and her instructors did a fantastic job at helping these aspiring young tennis enthusiasts not only to learn some skills but to have fun too. The challenge this year is to run the Camps on our KTC property as opposed to taking the kids to a local park, which involved crossing both Johnson and Brock Streets. The practice of taking them to the park involved safety and liability issues as well as the question of how it related to learning any tennis skills.

On Friday at the end of the first week I spoke with half a dozen parents of children attending the camp and the feedback was very positive and a couple of great suggestions for improvement were put forward are being

## Club Clothing:

The Club Polo's are now available for sale upstairs. They're currently available in white, but other colours can be ordered. They've already proven comfortable and cool in use, and quite stylish. Claims that they improve your game by 12% or more seem credible, and are still being tested!

### Mixed Doubles Club Championships



Jennifer & David/ Larischa & Michael



Bud & Willa / David & Lisa

implemented. A few parents did question why we eliminated the trips to Churchill Park but when I explained our concerns and why we made the changes they totally agreed. Already our instructors have benefited from what they learned from the first week's camp and this second camp appears to be even better organized and running smoothly. I see kids having fun, hitting lots of balls and learning to enjoy the game of tennis – what more can we want from our camps!

I realize that keeping the camps on site has meant that members gave up courts 2 and 3 from 9:00 to 10:30 but from what I was able to see most players were able to continue to book courts when they wanted. For those who experienced difficulties in getting court time we apologize and ask for your patience and understanding as we implement what we believe is a better and safer tennis camp for our children.