

Kingston Tennis Club

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Election time - Isabelle Pollock

Voting is in the air! While Trump and Clinton battle it out south of the border, there is another election taking place at KTC. Part of running a volunteer-based club is the election of board members.

So mark your calendar and show your support of the club by attending the annual general meeting!

As the season is winding down, it is a good time to reflect back on a wonderful tennis season. Much of the success is due to the dedicated staff: stewards and camp instructors. We are grateful for your hard work and wish you a successful year.



KTC Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday
26 October 2016
7 pm**

**Ongwanada
Resource Centre
191 Portsmouth Ave
Kingston**





At the start of the 2016 season a suggestion box was introduced. Here is a sampling of suggestions with their corresponding action.

Replace water fountain with one that fills bottles.

That particular style of water fountain is planned for the new clubhouse.

A few more chairs outside.

Due to the very hot summer, chairs were moved to courtside by the players, in addition several chairs were disposed of due to cracks & breaks. More chairs will be purchased at the start of the next season.

We need a first aid kit in the locker room during OJJ hours.

We currently have 2 first aid kits, one used by the Junior Camp and a second one stored in the office. The suggestion to have one in the locker room is seriously being considered by the Board.

Check net heights regularly.

Net heights are checked by the stewards. Several factors will cause the centre strap to loosen such as leaning on net. Hanging on the wall outside the locker room is a "measuring stick" that can be used to verify the correct height of the net.



There were several suggestions regarding the hitting wall.

It'd be nice to have another wall to hit.

I wish the hitting wall was available all day.

Part of the Capital Project for the new clubhouse is to include a hitting wall and even possibly two.

During the Junior Camp sessions, to only have 1 court available for the Tuesday/Thursday drop-in session.

There were several occasions where only one court was used by the drop-in participants. However for the majority of the summer there were more than eight participants using the two courts. No changes are being considered at this time.

The club used to offer free watermelon slices at tournaments.

A good suggestion that will be considered for next year's tournaments.

I think staff should wear uniforms at all times.

The board agrees and also the use of name tags.

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2015-16 TIMELINE OF CAPITAL PROJECT

by Paula Loh

At a Special Meeting in November 2012, the membership passed the resolution to: "Demolish the existing clubhouse structure in order to construct an additional tennis court between Court 1 and Court 7; the new clubhouse is to be built within the space currently occupied by the front lawn adjacent to Court 3."

NOVEMBER 2015

A design for a two-storey 4,000-square-foot clubhouse was presented to the membership, along with plans to build an 8th court and install lights on Courts 2 & 3. The vote passed to approve the project by a slim margin. Due to this, the board decided to delay implementation and to explore options that included a smaller clubhouse and a project with less debt than that proposed.

MAY 2016

A membership survey was completed by 241 members. When asked to rate the attributes of a tennis club, the highest priority was court quality and maintenance. When asked to rate the importance of various capital projects, adding lights to Courts 2 & 3, building a new clubhouse, and constructing an 8th court all ranked high. The existing location of the club was repeatedly noted as being extremely important to the membership.

JUNE 2016

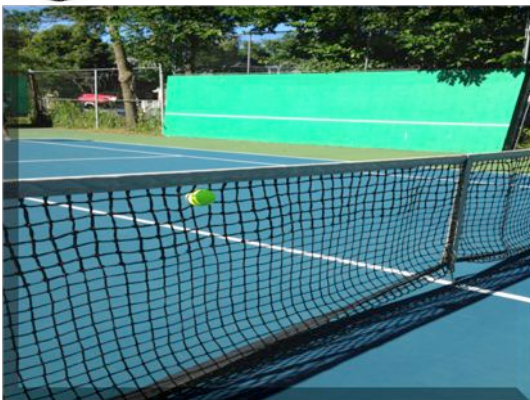
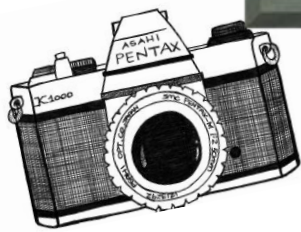
Discussions were held by the board on capital project options, with consideration given to our level of savings and potential level of debt, in conjunction with membership survey results. Options of gutting and renovating the existing clubhouse (an estimate approaching \$450,000 was received) and relocating the club were assessed. Both were deemed to be infeasible based on cost, value for money, resources required, and membership survey results.

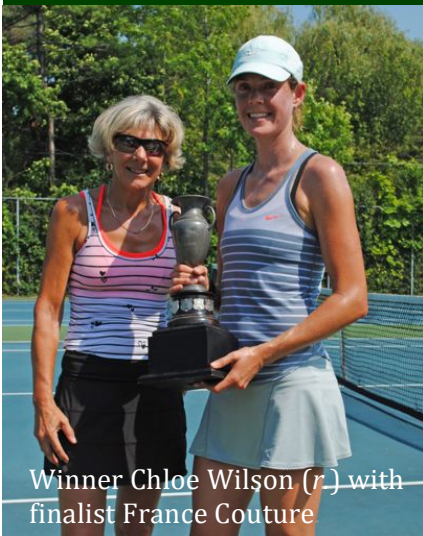
JULY 2016

Learned that we qualify to apply for an Ontario150 capital grant, worth up to \$250,000 towards infrastructure upgrades. If awarded, work must be completed by March 31, 2018. Eligible work may be done concurrently with other work as part of a larger initiative. This opportunity to potentially fund a large amount of court improvements aligns with the high priority that court quality was assigned in the membership survey. The board decided to apply for the grant and to move forward with a capital project that includes building a new clubhouse adjacent to Napier Street that is smaller than the 2015 proposed clubhouse, construct an 8th court, and proceed with court improvements and lighting.

SEPTEMBER 2016

Ontario150 grant application submitted; processing takes 3-4 months. Infrastructure work covered by the application: removing concrete slabs from three courts (Courts 1, 2 & 3) and rebuilding four courts (Courts 1, 2, 3 & 7); installing lights on Courts 2 & 3; replacing fencing.





Winner Chloe Wilson (r.) with
finalist France Couture

This year's Singles tournament
had 28 men and 16 women
compete over the weekend of
12-14 August 2016.

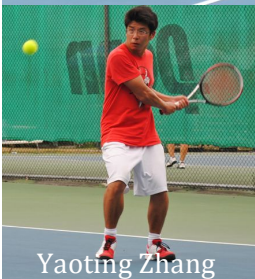


Winner Michael Stych (r.)
with Jeff Neasmith

Singles Tournament



Renée Austin



Yaoting Zhang



Sarah Barnes



Dora Nomikos



Brittney Bauer



James Brown



Shujun Yang



Dan Chen



Maria G.



Josh Vollebregt



Fernando Camacho Cadena



Jeremy Dalglish



Danny Purdon



Deborah Melman-Clement



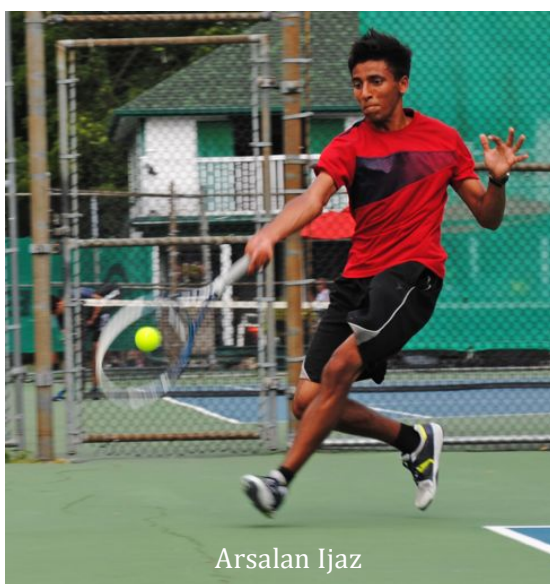
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Marie Kerby



Bud Nelson



Arsalan Ijaz



Clare Gordon



Emile Flavin



Jocelyn Purdie



Wilfranc Sainval



Aaron Zhou



Asia Zolnierczyk



Paula Loh



2016 Junior Tournament

On Saturday September 3rd over 20 junior tennis members came out to participate in the club's annual junior tournament.



The younger players partook in various activities while the older players competed in tournament matches.

