

**KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB  
P.O. BOX 621  
KINGSTON, ONT.  
K7L 4X4**

January 22, 1990

Dear Member, Past Member, Friend of the K.T.C.,

As you may know, there is a crisis at the Kingston Tennis Club. Queen's, our landlord, has informed us that they wish to terminate our lease and sell the property, which has escalated dramatically in value since they bought it for \$6500 in 1953. Although Queen's has raised the possibility of some arrangement whereby our members could use improved courts on West Campus, many have doubts that this isolated, windswept site could ever be a satisfactory alternative to our present club.

The K.T.C. was founded in 1924. It's a small part of Kingston history. It's a unique facility -- an enhancement to the neighborhood and the whole community. We don't like the idea of a phalanx of heavy construction equipment rolling down Napier Street and turning it into another housing development (or whatever.)

If you agree, if you care about the survival of the club -- this is your opportunity to do something about it. We are not asking for donations. We are not asking for something for nothing. We are simply asking you to join the club. To join now.

While this appeal may seem premature, it isn't. We need your memberships. We need your money. And we need them now.

K.T.C. membership has gradually decreased from a high of 550-560 in the early eighties to barely 300 last season. The club has operated at a loss for four consecutive years. A surplus which has carried us through those years has now been eaten away to virtually nothing. We have reached a serious financial crunch.

Our current lease agreement expired on January 1. We have a commitment from Queen's that, at the very least, the club will be allowed to operate this summer. The actual rent (now due) is still unsettled, but we will be unable to pay it, whatever it is, unless we can put some money in the bank. Now.

It is also essential that we demonstrate to Queen's that there is still a thriving interest in the club. They seem to have assumed that relatively few people care whether the club folds or not. We have to show them that they're wrong, that there are a lot of people who want to keep tennis alive on Napier Street. Our position will be significantly strengthened if we can tell Queen's that we have hundreds of members signed up and paid up before the club has even opened this spring.

The membership fees for 1990 are as follows, with a discount for those who join early.

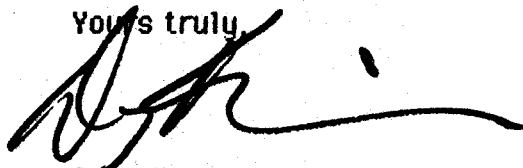
	<u>Before March 15</u>	<u>After March 15</u>
FAMILY	\$280	\$300
COUPLES	\$210	\$225
ADULTS	\$140	\$150
STUDENTS	\$90	\$100
JUNIORS	\$75	\$80

Anyone familiar with rates charged by other tennis clubs will know that the K.T.C. fees are a bargain. Although Queen's has suggested that we're an elitist club, this is patently untrue, and every effort has been made to keep membership fees at a reasonable level to encourage as broad-based a membership as possible. Everyone is welcome.

We are particularly appealing to those who have been members in the past but who have not joined in recent years, for whatever reason. You are missed. The club needs you.

A membership form is enclosed. Please join. Please encourage your friends to join. The future for the Kingston Tennis Club is now -- or never.

Yours truly,



Doug Bowie

President

P.S. To get the ball rolling, all members of the executive have already bought their 1990 memberships.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete and return to: Kingston Tennis Club, Box 621, Kingston, K7L 4X4 (with payment; NO POST DATED CHEQUES PLEASE)

NAME (Please print)                      SEX                      BIRTHDATE/AGE                      AMOUNT  
**(JUNIORS ONLY)**

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

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

### COUPLE

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

### SENIOR (ADULT)

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

### JUNIOR (Under 18 as of Jan. 1, 1990)

1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP FEES: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE JOIN NOW!!!**

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