



KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB SPRING NEWSLETTER 2009

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Some early dates to remember:

- * **April 3-4:** Spring Leisure Show at Portsmouth Harbour
- * **April 9th:** Early-bird cutoff
- * **April 18, (Saturday, 10:30am):** Cleanup Day
- * **April 25:** Opening Day
- * **May 2 (Saturday):** KTC Open House
- * **May 12:** KASSAA Tournament
- * **May 19:** EOSSAA Tournament
- * **June 8:** Junior Open House

President's Report

The snow is melting and the weather is getting warmer so that means that Summer is just around the corner. I had my Spring jacket on today so outdoor tennis is imminent.

Our plan to resurface all the courts is finally coming to a conclusion. Courts 2 and 3 were resurfaced last Fall and are now awaiting a coat of paint. We hope to have them in action by the end of May. As we will be short of playing courts for the start of the season please be patient and fair with court time for all members. We have been able to complete this project thanks to grants from the Trillium Foundation. A big thank you goes out to Doug Bowie who has been the chief liaison with Trillium for the last 2 applications. Also to Jan Myslivecek who has helped to oversee the project.

As a result of our debenture drives over the past few years we have been able to pay out our mortgage to Queen's University and are now totally financed by friends and members.

We are therefore in a position to pay off some of this money to further reduce our debt. With the club now on a firmer financial footing there is renewed talk about a new clubhouse as well as the possibility of indoor courts – although serious discussion of these may be a few years away. For those of us that remember playing tennis at Matchpoint during the Winter, it would be really great to have a facility to accommodate year round tennis.

On the staffing side, Andy Rogall will be back again as our Head Pro for another season. Andy has been with us for many years starting as a member of the camp staff and working his way up. We are also in negotiations with another Tennis Pro from Ottawa and look forward to having a strong team to improve our on-court game. Ben Lewis will be back to help with the camps.

Our clean up day is planned for Saturday 18th April (a week before the official opening day). There is always lots to do after the Winter to

get the courts and the clubhouse into shape. We hope that you can spare some time that day to come down to the club to help out. Bring a rake – we will supply the coffee and doughnuts. Membership rates, I am glad to say, are the same as last year. As usual we have an early bird rate



Courts 2 and 3 await a paint job

for returning members – please note the deadline this year is April 9.

As we look forward to another season of competitive and social tennis, we hope that you enjoy the club as much as I have done over the years. This will be my last year as your president – time to hand over the reins.

I look forward to seeing you on the courts.

Gill

KTC Chat

Over the last few years, Friday night Drop-In Doubles have been a big hit with many members. These are scheduled each Friday at 6:30 in the evening, whenever socials or tournaments are not taking place. Participants might keep it to one set, or play all evening (some just won't leave until they win!). Competitive foursomes are matched up, as best the steward (or occasionally a more knowledgeable member in attendance) can do.

Last year, the deck received some attention. This year, that 'crumbling' hitting wall will be



One of the BBQs, with head-chef Andy Rogall

fixed. The court improvements also arrive full-circle, with the resurfacing of 2 and 3. Some members will remember many years ago when court 7 was closed for an

entire season...how times have changed! If all goes well, the plan is to have these courts finished, sometime between mid-to-third week of May. Until then, nets will likely go up on the courts, to be used as practice areas until they are completed.

On occasions when courts are out of commission we have to make an extra effort to accommodate the annual May KAASSA and EOSSA (high-school) tournaments. These tournaments are seen as a good way to promote youth interest in tennis. On those dates there will be no courts available until 4:30.

Returning and New Pros

Once again Andy Rogall will be returning to the club, newly recertified, and ready to help you with your game. Andy has also been a great help in organizing clinics, lessons, the Junior Camps, and the club tournaments.

We are pleased and excited to announce that we will be welcoming Andrew Polus to the teaching staff at the club. Andrew comes to us from the Rideau Tennis Club in Ottawa. As a level 3 coach he has

over 20 years of coaching experience. He is looking forward to meeting the members, bringing his perspective to the club, as well as taking charge of the summer camps.

Andy and Andrew will both be involved in teaching group lessons. Because of the high demand for group lessons, and limited spaces within each session, we should stress that *payment in advance* is necessary to secure a spot (cheques being the preferred method of payment). When signing up, if you didn't bring your chequebook, don't worry, there will be a waiting list, and we'll work assiduously to get you into a session quickly.

"It's a lot of bling to play with. You got to have the bling."
Serena Williams after playing with \$40K diamond earrings

KTC MISSION STATEMENT

THE KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CLUB RUN BY VOLUNTEERS FOR TENNIS LOVERS

Your KTC Executive is committed to -

- providing an affordable, friendly club where new members feel welcome, old members feel at home, and people from all walks of life can enjoy healthy exercise in a community atmosphere.
- promoting recreational tennis—"the sport of a lifetime" - attracting new players, and raising overall interest and participation in the game.
- encouraging and supporting the development of tennis skills for players of all ages and levels of ability.
- continually upgrading and improving our facilities—the courts, the clubhouse, and the grounds—while offering a full range of programs and activities.
- In short, our goal is to make the KTC the best and most enjoyable place to play (and learn) tennis in Kingston and the surrounding community.

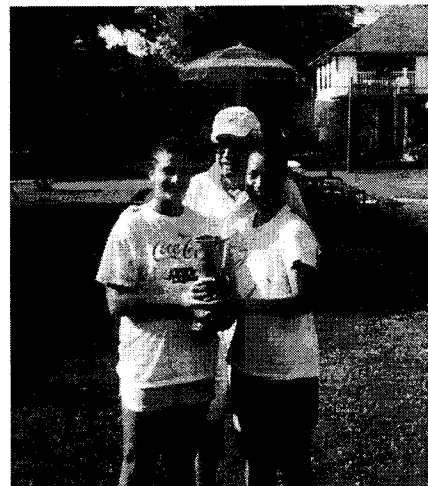
This year should see a re-emphasis on the role that juniors play at the club. The Pros will be making plans, and are ready to discuss junior programs with you.

Returning Stewards

At time of writing, Dave Jackson and Sam Faris will be returning as stewards. Dave's knowledge will help immensely in the smooth running of things, and Sam (when not on court) can also be counted on to assist members with their needs, as well those of new staff.

Congratulations to 2008 Club Champions

Mixed Doubles—Lara Bogdan/John Berkok
 Mens Doubles—Ben Lewis/Terry Kelly
 Womens Doubles—Judy Liwanpo/Lara Bogdan
 Mens Singles—Ben Lewis
 Womens Singles—Laura Kim
 Mens Over-55—Graham Lord
 Mens Over-65—Jim Muzzin



Lara Bogdan and Judy Liwanpo
 Womens' Doubles Champions
 (Slavo presenting)

One Man's Junk ...



This one hasn't made the Dates to Remember section quite yet! We are thinking of holding a fundraiser yard sale, but this event is not yet confirmed. First, we're looking for members who would like to make a commitment in helping with the it's organization. Once there are enough people to help (or take charge!), we'll put out an email, asking for goods that people would like to donate.

One of the main considerations of an event like this (besides weather) is the arrangements to dispose of unsold items, so even 'haulers' will be needed. If you are interested in helping and have ideas to make this a success, we'd like to hear from you.

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"The serve was invented so that the net could play."
 Bill Cosby

2008 Auction was pared down, but no less enthusiastic

Over the summer of 2008, the call went out for an organizer for the club's annual dinner/auction. Unfortunately, there were no takers—an undertaking like this, admittedly, can be a bit daunting, but once again a number of the ladies, led by Gill and Karen, came up with an alternate location and format, which took place at The Landings in October. With upwards of 40+ attendees this

years event was smaller but a fun time for all in attendance, including optional golf beforehand. Champions trophies were represented to winners in attendance, and silent-auction bidding was spirited, as always. Thank you to all who were able to come out and support the club.



Laura Kim is presented with the Womens' Singles trophy by runner-up Gill Turnbull

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Friendly people! Great tennis!

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Doug Bowie-Vice President

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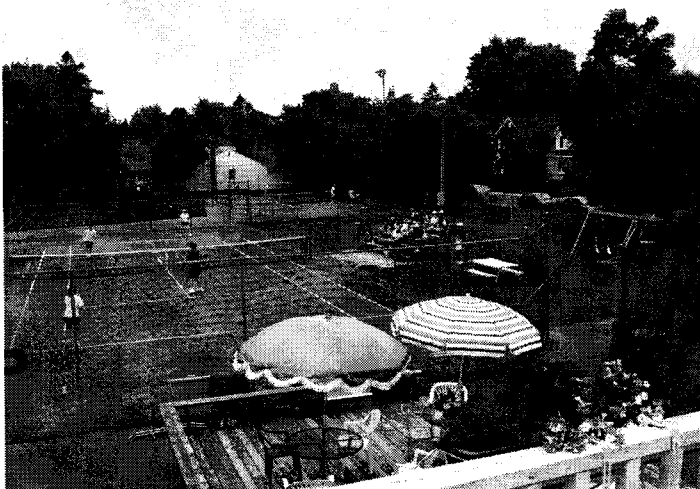
Bud Nelson-Infrastructure, etc.

Lisa Coates-Stewards

Taco Meuter-Member at Large

(contact information is on the KTC web site)

It's (almost) always sunny at the KTC!!



These four never left all winter!