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President's Message

By: Gillian Turnbull

Welcome to the 87th season of the KTC. Much has happened over the past few years namely the resurfacing of all of our courts, thanks in part to grants from the Trillium Foundation and to all of you for your continued support of the Club.

We have some good news and bad news to share with you. Firstly the bad news (to get it over with), membership rates are going up. We deliberated long and hard about this and were hoping that we would escape the HST tax grab this year. Unfortunately, as our season goes beyond July 1st, we will be taxed on our rates for the balance of the season, so the rate increase was unavoidable. We have tried to keep the increase to a minimum. Maybe we will see more of you take advantage of our popular Early Bird Rate. The Junior Camp rates are also going up. Please see the new rates over the page.

Now for the good news! All members will receive 2 free guest passes so you can invite your friends to the club to enjoy our facilities. In addition members whose children sign up for the Junior Camps will be eligible for the member camp rate even if their children are not members of the club. You will be supplied with the membership package once you have signed up for the season. Check with the office for your package.

We have another exciting season planned and hopefully the weather will cooperate better than last year, particularly early in the season. We have a number of new executive members who are helping to initiate some changes at the club. An On-Line booking system has been on the radar for a few years now and we are hoping to get it up and running for this season.

The Junior Camps are getting a much needed facelift this year. Under the guidance of John Fielding and Don Napier, the program will show more emphasis on developing tennis skills. We have a new Camp Director Jennifer Williams who along with returning Head Pro Andy Rogall will run the teaching programs at the club.

The usual leagues and tournaments are back with hopefully stiff competition. On the clubhouse front, we have a new kitchen and office area. The renovation took place in the Fall and now just needs a coat of paint to finish it off. A major repair to the Men's washroom was also completed in the fall.

Calendar of Events

<i>April 9th</i>	<i>Early Bird Deadline</i>
<i>April 17th</i>	<i>Spring Cleanup</i>
<i>April 24th</i>	<i>Opening Day</i>
<i>May 8th</i>	<i>Open House</i>
<i>May 14th</i>	<i>Social</i>
<i>May 29th</i>	<i>Tennis for Heart</i>
<i>June 5th</i>	<i>Junior Open House</i>
<i>June 11th</i>	<i>Social</i>
<i>June 18th-20th</i>	<i>Mixed Doubles Tournament</i>
<i>July 9th</i>	<i>Social</i>
<i>July 23rd-25th</i>	<i>Doubles Club Tournament</i>
<i>August 13th</i>	<i>Social</i>
<i>August 20th-22nd</i>	<i>Singles Club Tournament</i>
<i>August 28th-29th</i>	<i>Junior Club Tournament</i>
<i>September 10th</i>	<i>Social</i>

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On the social front we are planning to get a box at the Roger's Cup again for the Men's event in Toronto in August. In addition with enough interest we may also have a bus trip to the Women's event in Montreal. If anyone is interested in helping to organize these trips, please let one of the executive know.

Later on in September our former president Doug Bowie has another play at the 1000 Islands Playhouse in Gananoque "Till it Hurts". We always like to support our members in their other creative activities so will get a group together to attend the play - maybe Opening Night.

Our popular monthly Friday Night Socials will also continue with the culinary skills of John and Diane Fielding. Please let us know if you would like to help out at any of the events.

New this year we are partnering with the Heart and Stroke Foundation in a "Tennis for Heart" fundraiser with an activity day planned for Saturday May 29th. Watch for sign ups.

We are once again taking part in the Recreation and Leisure Show at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour at the end of March. Tell your friends about us and encourage them visit us at the KTC booth.

We hope to see many of you back this year!. Clean-up day is set for Saturday 17th April. A chance to meet up with old friends and get the club in good shape for its opening on the 24th.

Looking forward to seeing you on the courts!

Socials

By John Fielding

Once again Diane and I will be hosting the monthly Friday night Socials. We have arranged a different theme, with cuisine to match, for each Social so you will have a chance to 'get in the mood' while you are playing tennis. The Social dates are....

May 14	Friday Night Social - Italy Night
June 11	Friday Night Social - India Night



*Don't waste your time
calling the club to book
your court -book from the
comfort of your own home
- anytime - with our new
online booking system -
see page 4....*

Drop In Doubles

By Lars Thompson

On each Tuesday and Thursday Morning the club will be hosting a Drop in Doubles for anyone "slightly above beginner's level". During the months of May, June, September and October it will run from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. During July and August, in order to accommodate the Tennis Camps, it will start an hour earlier at 8:30 a.m. and run until 10:30 a.m. You can just show up at the club at these times and you will be guaranteed games. If you would like more information leave your name and contact information at the club or call myself at 613-389-8747 or Rob at 613-548-1606.



July 9	Friday Night Social - China Night
August 13	Friday Night Social - Greek Night
September 10	Friday Night Social - Canada Night

On May 8th we will be hosting an Open House at the club. This is a great chance to come out and meet new playing partners, have a barbecue lunch and pick up a game.

Junior Development Programs

By Don Napier

This year, a KTC Junior Membership is only \$150 with the 'early bird' discount (regular price after April 9th is just \$165). This buys 5 months of tennis, with no court fees! Juniors enjoy tennis in a safe, friendly, healthy atmosphere, and have court booking privileges, special prices on KTC camps and clinics, as well as exclusive access to members-only events and programs.

KTC will be hosting a Junior Open House on Saturday June 5th. This is a special FREE event for any interested Juniors. Both Members and Non-members will have a chance to meet other Juniors and play mini and full court round robins. Our teaching staff will be there to offer tips, as well as running games and contests. Includes a Free Barbeque!

Junior tennis players of all levels can choose various packages of good-quality affordable Group Lessons/Clinics, offered by our two Pros Andy Rogall & Jennifer Williams.

**Our guiding principles are Fun,
New Friendships and Enhancement
of Overall Physical Health!**

Regular Junior Development Package Beginner and Intermediate

This package consists of 6 one-hour group lessons - twice in one week - over three weeks. Groups will be a maximum of six students - in adherence to the Tennis Canada Teaching standards and respecting the mandatory 6:1 student to instructor ratio.

LESSON SCHEDULE:

Group 1 - Mondays and Wednesdays:
4:30 pm to 5:30 starting Mon. April 26.

Group 2 - Tuesdays and Thursdays:
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm starting Tues. April 27.

All sessions run for three consecutive weeks

Junior Saturday Tournaments/Clinics: 10 - 18 Years (Boys and Girls)

Saturday Tournaments will be held for juniors interested in continuing to develop their game through competitive play. Starting Saturday, May 1st and running for approximately 12 weeks!

Held Saturdays from 11:30 to 4:30 p.m. Developing junior players, 10 to 12 year olds, will play according to the Progressive Tennis recommendations - playing with low compression balls from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. The 13 to 18 year olds will play from 1:30 - 4:30. Tennis Junior Camp Director, Jennifer Williams, will be organizing tournaments and providing tennis tips on technique and strategy.

**Junior Club Members: \$60.00 for summer
Non Club Members: \$70.00 for summer
(maximum 10 Non Club participants)**

All participants are responsible for bringing a new can of tennis balls to each tournament. This allows us to keep prices at a minimum for all players. Everyone is encouraged to sign up early as space is limited! To register and for additional information please contact the club at: 613-542-2467



Online Booking

By Taco Meuter

Our stewards balance their many outdoor duties with their desk responsibilities, including manning the phones for general inquiries as well as booking of courts. This occasionally leads to uncertainty as to whether a booking was made and follow-up phone calls to make sure, as well as many busy signals. To reduce this inefficient use of all our time, we are introducing an online booking system, for everybody who is comfortable with that. Those who prefer the human touch, can still phone in to speak with a steward, or leave a message.

To get started online, simply go to our website kingstontennisclub.com, in the menu bar go to "Services", and click on "Book Online". This leads you to our booking page, where you can enroll to join our online community. Once you've enrolled and we've emailed you your password and username, you can get

most bookings done online (For unusual bookings, such as a second game on the same day, you'll still have to phone the steward).

Log into the booking page, and by clicking on the day you want, you get an overview of all 7 courts, indicating for each court and time slot whether it's already booked or still available. Also shown and named on the court sheet will be regular events of each day, such as the Doubles Leagues and Socials, while upcoming events can be viewed as well.

To book a court, simply click on the time slot for the court you want (maximum of two consecutive hours, for doubles), click "next", and follow the instructions. You can even have the system email you a reminder in time for your game!

Leagues & Special Events

By Bud Nelson

This year, the Advanced Doubles will move to Tuesday nights. This is being switched, in order to avoid the 'hangovers' of holiday-Mondays, and various club-tournament weekends throughout the season. Again, this year, there is bound to be some uncertainty regarding which league a participant should be signing up for. The short answer is that the Advanced League is generally seen as 3.0 players or higher, and Intermediates is for those below 3.0, but definitely for those with knowledge of Doubles play and the ability to direct shot so as to (mostly) avoid that dreaded net-player! The Friday night Drop-In Doubles is a 'fun' night for all levels.

The Mixed Singles League is still being looked at...monthly groups may still be the way to go with this. A straight-ladder requires constant updates of rankings that appear to be too time-consuming to keep up with. It's been suggested on a number of occasions to have a "Singles Night" once a week, but this simply will not work, given the number of participants in the ladder. Any ideas are welcome, but should it require a lot of time to administer, that person should be willing to oversee it.

What do you do when there's no indoor tennis in the city? Why, look for something else to stay in shape! Over the winter months, a number of members got together on successive Saturday mornings to show off their shinny skills, and get some fresh air.

As with tennis, hockey is subject to the elements, and there were both some very cold and a(too) warm day to contend with, but the objective of getting some exercise, while meeting up with summer friends, and enjoying Canada's number-one WINTER sport were met. Although not yet ready to form the KTC Hockey Team, perhaps skating and hockey rinks at the KTC are somewhere in its future?

While on the topic of non-tennis activities, as many of you probably saw in the winter hockey email, be sure to watch for announcements for two KTC-sponsored Saturday bike rides. The first is likely to Wolfe Island (where some may get their first close-up of the windmills), and another to take place in the Prince Edward County (Picton) area.



Junior Tennis Camps

By John Fielding

This summer the Tennis Camps will have a new look and feel that will be more fun, while guiding the participants to become proficient players more quickly. Our new Camp Director, Jen Williams, and her instructors will be using the highly successful Progressive Method of teaching tennis skills. This will allow younger children (ages 5-10) to become more successful more quickly, and will eliminate for all participants a lot of the standing around and waiting for the instructor to feed the ball. Look forward to an action-packed and exciting time at the Tennis Camps this summer.

All the instructors will be Tennis Canada Certified and participants will be grouped by ability level. The sessions will be limited to 30 participants resulting in a 6:1 student instructor ratio.

For those parents with conflicting schedules we are offering an extra hour of supervision before and after the camp.

Morning Session	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Afternoon Session	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Full Day Session	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Nine one-week sessions beginning June 28th.

Fees Per Session	Full Day Tennis Ages 7-17	Half Day Tennis Ages 5-17	Before & After Camp Supervision
Members	\$200.00	\$105.00	\$5.00/hr
Non-Members	\$210.00	\$115.00	\$5.00/hr
	Lunch Included	Lunch an Additional \$30/week	

This year any member's child will be eligible for the Members Camp rate even if the junior is not a member of the club.

Staffing

By Lisa Coates

We're pleased to have Dave Jackson back as head steward. He's the tall guy with the deep voice who's constantly seen working around the grounds keeping the club shipshape and running smoothly. He's always glad to answer questions or help in any way he can. He'll be ably assisted by returning stewards Derek Bennett, Sam Faris and Katie Cuthbertson.

We are also fortunate to have Andy Rogall returning for another year as the head professional. As usual Andy will be offering a full range of lessons and clinics for beginners through to the advanced player.

Jennifer Williams will be taking on the job of assistant Pro and Junior Tennis Camp Director this year. She is also a Tennis Canada Certified Instructor and former Tennis Camp Director in Ottawa. She is a nationally ranked junior herself and looks forward to developing an exciting programme for our junior players.

KTC VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE

- Gill Turnbull (President)
- Lars Thompson (Vice-President)
- Nancy Dyck (Secretary)
- Taco Meuter (Treasurer & Webmaster)
- Erling Armson (Infrastructure)
- Lisa Coates (Stewards Supervisor)
- Don Napier (Junior Events)
- John Fielding (Social Events)
- Bud Nelson (League Coordinator)
- Karen Peters (Advertising)
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