

Kingston Tennis Club

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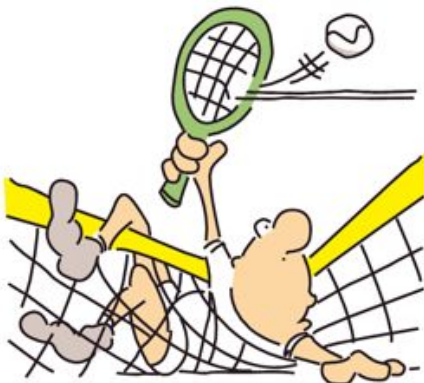
Upcoming Events

*Rogers Cup Club Outing
July 29th*

*Men's & Women's
Singles Tournament
August 12th-14th*

*Tennis Social
August 26th*

*Junior Tournament
September 3rd*



And the survey says....

The results of the Capital Project survey have been posted online and on the club's bulletin board. If you haven't yet had a chance to look over the results, here are some key points:*

- *241 members completed the survey, out of 443 (54.4% participation)*
- *Location, price of membership and lights on the courts were the top features that were important to the members*
- *The location of the club, level/pool of players and price of membership had the highest level of satisfaction*
- *A recurring theme that came through several questions and the comments was that members want courts in good condition, lights on courts 2 & 3 and a smaller clubhouse with more modest features than the original proposal*

**To access the survey online visit www.kingstontennisclub.com, click Our Club, Board of Directors then enter the member password.*

CLUB PROS



Isaac Jones

After a successful 2015 season as assistant pro, Isaac returned to KTC as the Club Pro. He has recently completed Tennis Canada's Club Pro 1 certification (results pending). He is fluently bilingual and offers lessons in both English and French.

For group and private lessons, you may reach Isaac at:
clubpro@kingstontennisclub.com

Update - Isaac will be heading to Norway to study abroad, effective August 1st.



Emile Flavin

Kingston native and long-time KTC member, Emile was camp instructor for the past three years. This year he is the Assistant Pro. He has completed Tennis Canada's Club Pro 1 certification (results pending). His tennis accomplishments include competing in OFSSAA and winning

KTC's 2015 Men's Doubles tournament with Sam Faris.

For group and private lessons, you may reach Emile at:
assistantpro@kingstontennisclub.com

WELCOME

to our newest staff
 member, Ashley
 Démoré



A GOOD READ

When I recently came across a book that had the word tennis in its title I had to check it out. The book in question is *The Tennis Partner* by Abraham Verghese.

It's an autobiography of an internal medicine physician, living in El Paso, Texas, where he meets David, a medical student dealing with a drug addiction. Abraham himself is dealing with a failing marriage. The two develop a friendship that extends onto the tennis court.

Anyone with a love of the game will enjoy the author's insights. -IP



"Abraham, the secret to the half volley is never to have to hit it!"

"You're no help. You keep chipping it back so low!"

"Move your serve around, then. Change the pace. Keep me off-kilter. If my returns land at your feet each time, then you just have to get to the net sooner, get the ball in the air. But if you have to hit a half volley," he said, demonstrating, "then lower your butt to the ground by bending your knees, keeping your body as upright as you can."

-The Tennis Partner by Abraham Verghese

"Dink'em helps you find the center of your racket," David said.

"It gets you used to meeting the ball in the center of your strings... helps you practice seeing the ball right onto your racket... warms up your 'feel' for the ball, your feel for your racket face... It's also a good way of practicing your drop shots, your touch shots."

-The Tennis Partner by Abraham Verghese

MIXED DOUBLES



MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT 17-19 JUNE 2016

Competition was among 21 teams
with the finalists Lesley Furter &
Danny Purdon vs the winning team
of Paula Loh & Michael Stych



THE ROYAL ARTILLERY TENNIS TEAM VISITS KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB 28 JUNE 2016

You may be wondering why KJC is playing a team from the Royal Artillery, but I was Captain of the British Army team for 10 years before emigrating from the UK to Canada. Tennis is particularly strong within the British Army, with many of the squad being internationally ranked players or even Davis Cup for their respective Commonwealth countries.

The highlight of the season is undoubtedly playing at Wimbledon every August, against the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. I have played on Court number 2 outwards with only Centre Court and No 1 court out of bounds. Ed Frost-Kell also represented the Army B team on occasion.

Ralph Holah



KTC was represented by Emile Flavin, Michael Stych, Sam Faris, Lesley Furter, Paige Ready, Ralph Holah and Ed Frost-Kell



Plaque presented by
team captain
Lieutenant-Colonel
Mark Whittle to Paula
Loh, club president

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DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

15-17 JULY 2016



2016 Men's Doubles Champions
Isaac Jones & Michael Stych



2016 Women's Doubles Champions
Claire Tremblay & Chloe Wilson



Champions & Finalists
(l. to r.) Michael Stych, Joe Willemssen,
Danny Purdon and Isaac Jones



Champions & Finalists
(l. to r.) Kim MacKinder, Judy Karpinsky,
Claire Tremblay and Chloe Wilson

Abuse & Harassment Policy

On 15 June 2016 the Executive Board voted unanimously to adopt an Abuse & Harassment Policy. The Policy is based on a model prepared by the Ontario Tennis Association and has been adopted by approximately 50 tennis clubs in Ontario.

One of the benefits of adopting the policy is that the Club now qualifies for abuse insurance coverage. We have been told (independently) that abuse lawsuits are rare, but they can be extremely expensive. It seems right and prudent that the Club have such a policy.

The full policy is on the Club's website (refer to Our Club/Rules & Etiquette).

The essentials of the Policy are:

1. KTC does not condone any type of abuse or violence.
2. If you are aware of abuse, harassment or serious violence you should report it as soon as possible to the President (Paula Loh), Vice President (Dave Stocks) or Secretary (Lynne Hanson). A fourth position named in the Policy is the Abuse and Harassment Officer - this is held by Allan Manson.

The Policy also defines different forms of abuse and sets out procedures for investigating and dealing with an abuse.

All club employees and professionals have signed that they have read and understand the Policy.

Tom Thayer, Treasurer

"The best time to lob," he says, "is on the first volley. Because your opponent's momentum is moving forward."

-The Tennis Partner by Abraham Verghese



Respect & Civility on the Courts

The board adopted an Abuse & Harassment Policy to ensure that procedures are in place should inappropriate or illegal behavior occur. Abuse can be verbal as well as physical. The KTC believes that its members, staff and volunteers should treat each other with respect and courtesy and can expect to be treated by others in the same manner. Please refrain from using coarse language, raised voices, making personal attacks on an individual or using any physical or verbal means of intimidation. *You can disagree without being disagreeable.*

Our club provides varied programming for people of all ages and at various stages in their tennis lives: round robin socials, drop in sessions, tournaments, junior camps, group lessons, and private lessons. At some point, many members have participated or been involved with at least one of these aspects - it may be through a child or grandchild who is attending camp, or by taking a private lesson to master an elusive skill. We require the support of the membership to enable us to accommodate these varied demands and to share the club's facilities in a fair manner.

In particular, Courts 1 & 7 have priority as teaching courts - they are separated from other courts, which permits the use of multiple balls on the court without interfering with the matches of other players. Understandably, players enjoy these courts for the same reason; however, private lessons cannot be taught on the remaining five courts, whereas regular matches can take place there. Please be aware that when you book either Court 1 or 7, you may be relocated to an alternate court should it be needed for a lesson. You will not lose your court time.

We ask that members be courteous to each other at all times. When playing, return any stray balls to a neighboring court at the first opportunity, while taking care not to interrupt the game on that court. When entering or exiting the gate to the backcourts, wait for a break in the games on Courts 3, 5 & 6.

When playing a social match, players would not normally aim hard shots directly at their opponent across the net. It can happen accidentally, however, and we expect both parties to be gracious in giving and receiving an apology at that time. When playing a competitive match, please be aware that this is an accepted tactic - if you are crowding the net and cannot handle fast-paced balls coming directly at you, then retreat to an area of the court where you have time to comfortably react.

Many of these scenarios are deemed as common sense, but we all have lapses from time to time - your fellow members will quickly forgive a minor transgression when an apology is offered. Let's continue to work together to nurture the "community" in our community club.

Paula Loh, President