



Kingston Tennis Club

FRIENDLY PEOPLE ! GREAT TENNIS !

Spring Newsletter 2011

President's Message

Last year, KTC had another very successful season. With well over 450 adult and junior members and growing, our club is now a real playground for athletic and social activities that attracts people of all ages and backgrounds. KTC members and their guests have got lots to enjoy. Here are a few things you can do at the club:

- * Have a friendly hit followed by a chat with your tennis buddies in our leagues and during social round-robins (the latter is usually accompanied by a delicious dinner);
- * Test your skills and competitive spirit by playing those tight sets in tennis ladders and club championships;
- * Work on your tennis technique by taking a lesson or two with our skilful pros or join in for the 'Shot of the Week' clinic!
- * Head out for 'Rogers Cup' in Toronto and Montreal to enjoy professional tennis displayed by your ATP heroes and WTA tour goddesses.
- * Come up with other interesting ideas for an enjoyable social event and you will have the support of the Executive!

The fun environment that we all enjoy



at the KTC is created and supported by all club members, and we are especially grateful to those who volunteered their time and effort to work on the KTC Executive Board. The Executive did an excellent job in planning, coordinating and directing last season's programs, events and activities. Personally, I would like to thank Gill Turnbull, our outgoing President, for her tremendous effort and dedication over the years in making the club what it is today. Both I and Anees Karmally, our

new Vice President, will certainly need Gill's inspiration, creativity and energy, in addition to all the help that the other members of the Executive can provide, to improve our club even further. We will also be counting on club member volunteers to plan and direct various events and activities, such as club socials and fundraising. Most importantly, I would like to encourage all members to provide constructive feedback, and to discuss with the Executive any problems or concerns that may be encountered at the club. Please speak up and we will try to do our best to take appropriate action!



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Important Dates To Remember:

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE - APRIL 8

Get your membership in early!

SPRING CLEANUP - SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 10:30 AM

Come out with a rake and your racquet to clean the courts and kick start your season! (Rain date—April 30)

CLUB OPENS - SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Stewards on duty from this date on.

KTC OPEN HOUSE - SATURDAY, MAY 7

Introduce your friends to the club! Clinics, round robins, prizes, program registration, BBQ and more free stuff!!

DROP-IN DOUBLES - Begins MAY 9

Informal drop-ins for everyone: - Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30-10:30am; Friday: 6:30 pm

SATURDAY JUNIOR CLINICS

Begin MAY 14

Ages 10—18. Develop your game through competitive play! Contact club to signup.

MIXED SINGLES LADDER

Starts MAY 16

Arrange your matches and move up (or down) as the season progresses. Check the box on your application form, or sign up with the stewards.

DOUBLES LEAGUES - Begin MAY 16

Tuesdays—more advanced players, Wednesdays—intermediates. Sessions at 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm.

KASSA TOURNAMENT - Tuesday, MAY 17

(Kingston area high school competition)

FIRST SOCIAL - FRIDAY, MAY 20

We are open to your ideas for the 1st Social of this season! Please contact us if you are willing to coordinate this event!

EOSSA TOURNAMENT - Tuesday, MAY 24

(Provincial level high school event)

JUNIOR OPEN HOUSE - SAT, JUNE 4

Members and non-members are welcome! Games, contests, prizes, BBQ for all ages



This season we have much to look forward to. First of all, I am pleased to report that **last year's membership**

rates will remain unchanged, and the popular 'Early Bird' discount can be taken advantage of until April 8th. The membership application form is enclosed. Detailed information regarding this season's programs and special events is posted in this newsletter, as well as in the updated **KTC Brochure**



and **KTC Junior Programs Brochure**. A wealth of resources is also available for you to download from the continuously updated KTC website at

www.kingstontennisclub.com - We all should offer our sincere thanks to *Taco Meuter, KTC Treasurer*, who has been working tirelessly not only looking after club's bookkeeping and financial planning, but also maintaining and improving our website.

KTC facilities should also receive significant updates, which will be overseen by *Erling Armson*, the Executive 'Infrastructure Director'. Erling has been very proactive throughout the winter contacting various contractors, getting quotes to implement court surface and other repairs/repainting, and to purchase court equipment in the

most economic manner (see Erling's report below for more detail).

Club stewards: We have designated three full-time and two part-time steward positions from May to Thanksgiving and have hired very reliable young individuals for this tough but essential job (see the following pages for steward's names and photos). Stewards will be on duty from 8:00 am to 10:30 pm, which will ensure that no members' requests will remain unanswered and that all club premises will be looked after in a responsible fashion. In order to provide member services after the Labour Day weekend until Thanksgiving, we are also planning to have part-time stewards (evening hours and weekends).

As usual, the club will become a very busy venue this coming spring and summer. You can take full advantage of our on-line booking system that was successfully introduced last year. A big thank you for this wonderful idea and its implementation goes to Karen Peters, Bud Nelson and Taco Meuter.

I hope this coming season all members will enjoy plenty of great tennis and fun social events. See you all very soon on the courts!

Igor Kozin
KTC President



KTC INFRASTRUCTURE

By Erling Armson

Last year saw some significant infrastructure improvements at the KTC including an updated club house office and men's washroom, new umbrellas, repaired practice hitting wall and removal of the gravel and reseeding of the main lawn area.

Infrastructure improvements will continue in 2011. Removal of small trees and shrubs along and within the fences along Napier Street has been undertaken during

February. One of the key improvements taking place this spring will be the repainting of courts 4, 5 and 6. This will occur as early as possible

(approximately early to mid May, weather dependent) and as quickly as possible. There will however be a few days that these courts will not be available for play. This spring we will also fix the water drainage problem we have had for a number of years in the corner of court 7. These are some of the significant improvements planned for the KTC this year, we hope you enjoy them and have a great tennis season! Please contact me if you have any questions relating to infrastructure.



MEMBERS' DONATIONS MUCH APPRECIATED

A special thanks to all members -- and there were a number of you -- who generously made a donation towards clubhouse repairs on top of their membership fees last year. Please note that there's a similar box for voluntary donations on the enclosed application form if you'd like to help out. Donations this year are earmarked for landscaping work along club fences, and for court surface repair/repainting. Any amount is appreciated and will be used in a most efficient manner.

MORE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS NEEDED

The Executive Team is looking for volunteers to fill the vacant positions of Social Chair, and Fundraising Coordinator(s). We are optimistic that among our 450 + members there are keen, dedicated individuals who would like to get involved.

Duties are not overly onerous, executive meetings feature loads of fun (and even fine wine), and this is a great chance to contribute your ideas and energy to further the ongoing success of the KTC! If this sounds like you, or someone that you know, please contact any member of the Executive. We need your support!

TENNIS PROFESSIONALS

Andy Rogall

We are pleased that **Andy** will be retuning to KTC as the Head Tennis Professional. A Kingston native, Andy is familiar to many of you as the Pro for the last few years. He is certified by Tennis Canada, and has extensive experience teaching groups ranging from adult and junior beginners, to Provincial and National level juniors.

Andy will continue to offer private, semi-private and group lessons, as well as special clinics (Shot of the Week).



Jennifer Williams

Building on last year's tremendous success, **Jennifer** will be taking on the job of **Assistant Pro** and **Junior Tennis Camp Director**. She is a Tennis Canada Certified Instructor and former Tennis Camp Director in Ottawa. A nationally ranked junior herself **Jennifer** brings to the KTC her experience working with children and looks forward to developing exciting programs for our junior players.



LESSONS & CLINICS

Andy:

- Private \$40/hour
- Semi-private \$50, (\$25/hour each)
- Group (4)- \$60 (\$15/hour each)

Jennifer:

- Private \$30/hour
- Semi-private \$40, (\$20/hour each)
- Group (4)- \$60 (\$15/hour each)

Scheduled Group Lessons

- **ADULTS**
5:30-6:30 p.m., Tue & Thurs (intermediate) - \$60
5:30-6:30 p.m., Mon & Wed (beginner) - \$60
- **JUNIORS**
4:30-5:30 p.m., Tue & Thurs (intermediate) - \$60
4:30-5:30 p.m., Mon & Wed (beginner) - \$60

Successive three-week sessions for the entire season.

Non-members add \$15 per session.

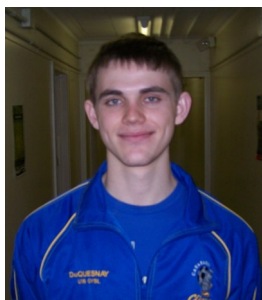
Shot of The Week

Looking to get some extra pop on your serve or how to take control at the net? Every week is a new stroke taught in a laid back and social environment.

Cost: \$10 per week, maximum 12 participants per lesson. **Mondays 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

Club Championships

- **Mixed Doubles**
(June 17 - 19)
- **Men's & Women's Doubles**
(July 15 - 17)
- **Men's & Women's Singles**
(Aug 19 - 21)
- **Junior Singles & Doubles**
(Sept 10)



Andrew DuQuesnay



Katie Doran

MEET YOUR NEW
— and OLD —
KTC STEWARDS



Stephanie Fraser



Sam Faris

A member's reflection...

Tennis – the game we love! Yet, anyone can recall one of those days... Nothing's working on the court and all elements seem to be against you... Your 'killer' forehand goes astray and you miss an 'easy' (your favourite!) cross-court volley by a huge margin. You clearly feel that it is not your day and you can't help but think of all possible reasons that prevent you from showing your tennis prowess. All kinds of excuses pop up in your mind: the club neighbours that always start mowing their lawns at precisely time when you play; your injuries, i.e.: bad shoulder/elbow/ knee/ankle, neck, back, hip, and so on (feel free to add your own aches and pains to the list); the other members and their guests that always walk leisurely by your court while an important point is being played; and, worst of all, the silly crows that make their raucous cries every time you toss the ball for a serve; ...*(your own favourite excuses may be added here as well)*. On such a day, your misery seems to continue on and on until the game is over and you come to the net to shake hands with your happy opponents. They may console you a bit by praising your game, but you crawl back home

totally devastated, thinking that you will never step on the tennis court again, ever! Strangely enough though, a day or two passes by and gradually your blistered soul starts healing, and then, all of a sudden, you realize that you miss tennis so much, and then you are back in the game!

Now turn your imagination on. When things go right and you start winning those tight rallies, life becomes simply terrific! You just love hitting those blistering Raonic-like winners out-wide and down-the-line,



and, miraculously, every shot goes in! You grunt and even roar when serving those pacey, high-bouncing, kick serves and approach the net to hit a

put-away volley or to place a 'cute' but deadly drop-shot. In doubles, your opponents try their best to rise to the challenge.

They moan and groan, but nothing seems to work to neutralize your game. They look at you in astonishment and



try to hide their frustration behind brave faces, making every possible attempt to get you to lose your focus. Their major weapon is ... jokes - especially the overly cheerful and perky ones! - they pop up each and every time you hit a good shot. Those hilarious jokes emphasize just 'how lucky you are to make those incredible shots today', and that [instead of playing tennis] 'the best thing you can do is to rush to a nearby convenience store and buy yourself a lottery ticket!' You just smile in return because, when your game works, you are kind, and generous, and understanding. It is now your turn to console your opponents when shaking hands at the net. And then you head back home with the winner's aura around your head. quietly sigh with satisfaction and celebrate your victory...until the next time.

Isn't tennis great?!

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