

KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB

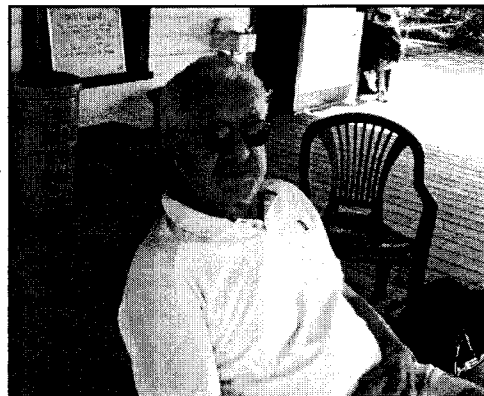


SPRING NEWSLETTER - 2006

Founded in 1924 and still thriving, the Kingston Tennis Club is one of the oldest sports organizations in Kingston; but old in years does not mean old in attitude or spirit. In fact, we're 82 years **YOUNG** and going stronger than ever. A non-profit club, the KTC is run by volunteers and welcomes tennis enthusiasts of all ages and levels of ability. Nestled in an attractive, tree-lined location on Napier Street in the heart of Kingston, the KTC is an affordable, friendly, family-oriented club, where new members feel welcome, old members feel at home, and everyone -- from rank beginners to budding Federers and Sharapovas -- can find playing partners at their level and enjoy tennis to the utmost.



Last year's newsletter suggested that we might be on the verge of a new tennis boom, of the sort not seen since the hey-day of Borg and McEnroe in the early 1980's. One thing we can say for certain is that things are booming at the KTC. Whether you're an old hand or new to tennis, an Old Stone or new to town, we invite you to join, to encourage your friends to join, and experience the Kingston Tennis Club for yourself.



Or Too Wise ...

You're Never Too Young ...



Or Too Tired ...



For Great Times at the KTC !!

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 the 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.

NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The KTC had another bumper year in 2005. Membership continued to grow, reaching 430 last season (up from 376 in 2004 and 260 in 2003) a dramatic increase of 65% in only two years. With the large, active membership, busy junior camps, and great weather the courts were well utilized. The KTC was recently featured on the cover of the Whig Spring Activity Guide, which should help to raise our profile even further. You can help us to continue to thrive by telling your friends about us.



This promises to be another good year. As this newsletter goes to press the sun has been out, the snow has disappeared and hopefully we can get an early start again this season. (Hint: Clean-up Day is April 15.) Our mild weather in January even saw two hardy club members (guess who) hitting a few balls around outside. We're sure you'll

be pleased to hear that the membership rates are going to stay the same as last year. And we're still offering the popular Early Bird Rate before April 14. An application form is enclosed with the full rate schedule. So get your memberships in early to take advantage of one of the best sporting deals around. And remember that the KTC is not just a summer club. For your money you get a Spring-Summer-Fall club, open for full service from April 22 to Thanksgiving.

As you've no doubt seen, our ongoing program of club improvements is continuing. Thanks to support from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Courts 4,5 and 6 were newly surfaced last spring, and an enjoyable senior-junior tournament was held to celebrate their re-opening. Along with Court 7, which was re-built the year before, we're over half way to redoing all of our courts. Thanks for your patience at the beginning of last season while the finishing touches were being done. We think they were worth the wait.

Thanks to our increased revenues and your generous donations we were able to continue with additional club upgrades. Part of the lower deck was rebuilt, eavestroughs were replaced, and the painting of the outside of the clubhouse was completed. Over the winter a substantial amount of tree-pruning has also been done along the fence lines,

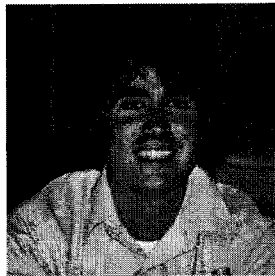
which gets rid of those pesky overhanging branches on Court 2, and should help to reduce debris on the courts and improve the lighting on Court Six. Still more improvements are on the agenda for this year. The Ladies washroom and replacing the sagging pergola over the deck are first on the list. The inside of the Clubhouse is also due for some sprucing up.

The executive has been working hard over the winter to ensure that the club is in good shape for another season. We're all volunteers and any extra help with activities, events, gardening or anything else around the club is always much appreciated. We welcome your suggestions about any improvements you'd like to see. We'll do our best to act on them. In this vein we'd like to thank Jan Myslivecek and Neil Neasmith, who are taking a break from the board after years of helping out (although we're sure they'll continue to help.) And special thanks to Bud Nelson for all his good work as President. After presiding over two of the most successful years in club history, we're glad that Bud is not leaving us, but is just making a lateral move to his first love -- maintenance and infrastructure. You can't miss him. He's the tall lefty with the hammer.

Gill Turnbull

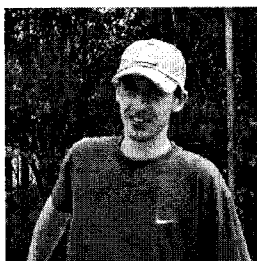
JOSH LEWIS — BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

We're pleased to announce that **Josh Lewis** will return as our club professional this summer (before he embarks on a career in the Dismal Science.) Josh proved to be much in demand as a teacher last summer, highly popular with women and men alike, and the subject of frenzied bidding at the annual auction -- so book your lessons early. Josh will offer a full range of private and group lessons, run the junior program and organize tournaments. You're sure to find him friendly, helpful and approachable.



Josh will again be ably assisted by **Andy Rogall** (like Josh, an OTA certified instructor), who returns as assistant pro and Junior Tennis and Sports Camp Coordinator.

This year the Junior Camp will offer a **new afternoon option -- Tennis only from 2:30pm - 4pm.**



As well the camp still features three other options:

-- Tennis Only: 10:30am - Noon.

-- Tennis and Multi-Sport: 9am - Noon

-- Full day Tennis and Multi-Sport: 9am -4pm. (lunch included) Racquets are provided and all participants receive a T-shirt and a Friday barbecue.

Pick up a **Junior Programs Brochure** at the club, or check our web site www.kingstontennisclub.com for further details and registration forms. Or drop by our booth at the **Recreation and Leisure Showcase** at Portsmouth Olympic Harbour. Fri. March 24, 5pm-9pm or Sat. March 25, 9am-2pm.

And Don't Forget Our Stewards ...

Our front-line employees who keep things clicking along from day to day, our stewards this year include **Michelle Lewis** (head steward) and returnees **Andrew Hartel** and **Kyle Dolphin**. **Cam Christie** will be joining the team along with **Max Luke** and **Jonathan Chan**. They're all excited about serving our members this summer. Be sure to introduce yourselves and get to know them when the club opens.

Kingston Tennis Club is a member of the *Ontario Tennis Association*



COURT IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE...

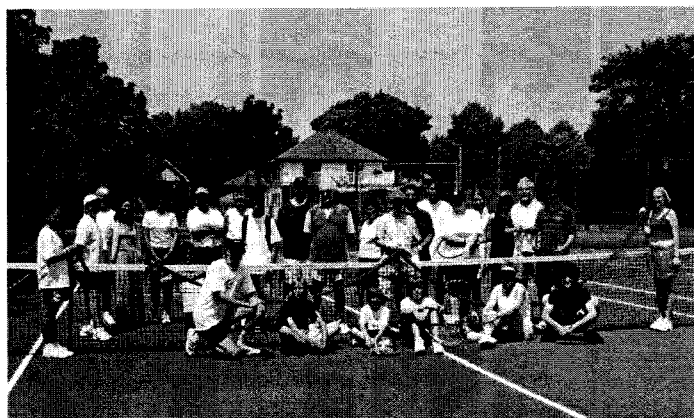
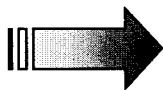


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The KTC gratefully acknowledges a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation towards the refurbishing of Courts 4, 5, & 6.

SOMETHING NEW - ANYONE FOR TEAM TENNIS ?

This year we're going to try adding something new to the KTC schedule, in the form of Team Tennis. The key feature of Team Tennis will be to give any level of player the opportunity to participate in competitive matches against others that are as close to their same skill-level as possible, as part of an aggregate team competition.



A Possible Winning Team??

Presently, with singles & doubles leagues, tournaments, socials, etc., there is plenty of organized tennis to keep everyone busy, so this one won't be designed to run you ragged with an extensive playing schedule. Players will be assigned to a team, and it's anticipated that there will be 3 pre-set matches per participant -- 2 Doubles and 1 Singles, played over a 1-1/2 month period. The cost will be \$10, balls to be supplied by participants, and the team that accumulates the most points will win the pot, to go out on the town, invest in the stock market, or do with as they wish. Team Tennis probably won't get going until mid-June, giving everyone plenty of time to get in on it. Bud Nelson will coordinate, so speak to him and keep an eye out for further announcements and sign-ups once the club is open.



Team Mascot

EARLY SEASON DATES TO REMEMBER

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE -- APRIL 14

SPRING CLEANUP -- SAT. APRIL 15, 10:30 am
Dozens of bags of leaves and piles of brush were removed by a hard-working group last fall -- thanks everyone -- but there's always more in the spring. Take an Easter weekend break, bring a rake and help get the leaves and debris off the courts and then play some tennis. Coffee and donuts are on us. (Rain date -- April 22.)

CLUB OPENS -- APRIL 22

KTC OPEN HOUSE -- SATURDAY, MAY 6

Bring your friends. Free clinics, round robins, prizes, program registration, BBQ and more!!

MIXED SINGLES LEAGUE -- Starts May 14

A great way to meet players at your level. 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 15

Mondays are for more advanced players, Wednesdays are for intermediates, and Fridays are for informal drop-in doubles for everyone. All sessions at 6:30pm.

MORNING DOUBLES

Similar to Friday evening drop-in doubles. Just turn up and a game will be arranged. Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 8:30-10:30am.

FIRST SOCIAL -- FRIDAY, May 19

Always a fun evening and a chance to make new (or renew old) acquaintances. Check the bulletin board for details and sign up with the stewards. As noted elsewhere, with Gill Turnbull's ascension to President, the position of Social Director is currently vacant. A volunteer (or volunteers) to take this on (it's not hard) would be much appreciated.

JUNIOR OPEN HOUSE -- SAT., June 3, 11am - 2pm
Free. Round robins, games, contests, prizes, BBQ.

BURSTING AT THE SEAMS -- AUCTION CONTINUES TO GROW!



This year - a bigger tent?



A hundred!



Three hundred!

Held in early September for the first time, the annual auction was a sold-out success and raised over \$3500 for club improvements. A team of volunteers coordinated by Lesley Furter did a great job in making the event bigger and better than ever.



Two hundred!



You've got to be kidding!

Many Thanks to Our Generous Donors

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| Richard Mitchell | Maggie Daicar |
| Tim Horton's | Neil Neasmith |
| Lawrence Chung | The Landings |
| Gill Turnbull and The Boiling | Valerie Dalton |
| Room Climbing Gym | Peter Girard |
| Sarah Barry | Ameena Jaffer |
| James Brett Coiffure | Jan Myslivecek |
| Bud Nelson | Frank Lewis, Josh Lewis and |
| Jennifer Brejak | Susan Lew |
| Café India | Cunnigham and Poupore |
| Lesley Furter | Affordable Gourmet |
| Alistair Wentworth | Cataraqui Golf and Country |
| Trailhead | Club |
| Birds and Paws | John and Virginia Gordon |
| The Peak Experience | Domino Theatre |
| Echo | Justin McHenry |
| Igor Kozin | Lynne Kenny |
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| Doug Wark and Smuggler's Run | Wendy Labine |
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| Doug Bowie and The Thousand | Mary Reid |
| Islands Playhouse | Second Cup |
| George Clark | John Corrigan |
| Willa Henry | Shoppers Drug Mart |
| David Strum and Mary Roach | |

KTC IN THE COMMUNITY

Last season the KTC formed a community partnership with PRO Kids (Positive Recreation Opportunities for Kids). This is a public service operated by the Kingston Department of Community Services, dedicated to ensuring that recreational opportunities are made available to Kingston children and youth who are in financial need. Through PRO Kids, two teenagers were able to play tennis at the KTC last summer, and we will continue to support this program in 2006. For more information about PRO Kids, contact the coordinator at 546-7998 ext. 1704 or visit their web site www.prokids.ca.

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 women's change room renovations and replacing the sagging pergola before it collapses. Any amount is appreciated and will be put to good use.

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Special thanks to Justin McHenry, our wine dispenser par excellence (ably assisted by noted oenophile Jan Myslivecek), our Aussie auctioneer back from retirement, Rob Cooper, and the world-renowned Frank Lewis Trio for making this lively evening a highlight of the season. Volunteers and donors are always needed for this annual event. If you'd like to help, let us know.



More Good Times at the KTC

MORE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS NEEDED

The Executive Team is looking for volunteers to fill the vacant positions of Social Director, and Fundraising Coordinator. We are optimistic that among our 430 members there are keen, dedicated individuals who would like to get involved. Duties are not overly onerous, executive meetings feature loads of fun (and 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!

VOLUNTEER EXECUTIVE

- Gill Turnbull (President)
- Doug Bowie (Vice-President)
- Gary Wilson (Secretary)
- Nancy Langevin (Treasurer)
- Lesley Furter (Promotion)
- Igor Kozin (Webmaster)
- Bud Nelson (Past President, Infrastructure)
- Willa Henry (Stewards)