

KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB

SPRING NEWSLETTER

"Tennis, anyone?" -- Humphrey Bogart's only line in his first stage appearance.

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It's spring, the favourite season of poets, lovers and tennis players, and the land is once again alive with the sounds of the venerable game -- Thwack! ... Thwock! ... \*#%@!!

You are cordially invited to join or re-join the Kingston Tennis Club for the 1979 season. New members are welcome. The club is on Napier Street, just below Earl.

The nets are already up. Opening day will be Saturday, April 28, when the clubhouse will open and the stewards and pro will be on hand to provide information and accept membership payments and lesson registrations.

1979 EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT:	Brenda Cunningham
VICE PRESIDENT:	Frank Kosatka
SECRETARY:	Doug Bowie
TREASURER:	Ron Onyons
SOCIAL CONVENORS:	John and Joan McFarlane
PROFESSIONAL:	Ian Dolphin
STEWARDS:	Gerry Finn
	Teresa Niedbala
	Karen Pope

COURT RESURFACING

The major project this spring will be the resurfacing of courts 1 and 7, which will be completely recovered with asphalt and coated with Tru-Flex a top quality surface for playability and durability. This will result in a significant upgrading of club facilities, giving us seven excellent courts. It is expected that the work will be completed and the courts playable by the end of May.

CLUB PROFESSIONAL

The new pro this year will be Ian Dolphin, who will be at the club on a full-time basis from opening day. Ian is already known to many members, having spent most of his life in the Kingston area and represented the club in many tournaments over the years. Currently finishing his Physical and Health Education degree at Queen's, he is an O.L.T.A. certified professional.

Ian will be available for private lessons throughout the season. He is also offering an extensive program of group lessons, beginning May 7.

GROUP LESSONS -- SCHEDULE

<u>Group Number</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Ladies Beginners	Mon. and Wed.	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
2. Ladies Beginners	Tues. and Thurs.	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
3. Mixed Beginners	Mon. and Wed.	1:30 - 2:30
4. Mixed Beginners	Tues. and Thurs.	1:30 - 2:30
5. Ladies Intermediate	Mon. and Wed.	10:30 - 11:30
6. Ladies Intermediate	Tues. and Thurs.	10:30 - 11:30
7. Mixed Intermediate	Mon. and Wed.	2:30 - 3:30
8. Mixed Intermediate	Tues. and Thurs.	2:30 - 3:30
9. Adult Beginners	Mon. and Wed.	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
10. Adult Intermediate	Tues. and Thurs.	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

All lessons begin the week of May 7. Each group consists of two lessons per week for four weeks -- eight lessons in all. The fee for eight lessons is \$24.00.

Each group is limited to eight players, and will be filled on a first come first served basis. Members are asked to register at the club by group number as early as possible to be assured of the day and time of their choice. Similar sessions of group lessons will be offered in subsequent months as demand indicates.

### JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

At the annual meeting in September the membership voted overwhelmingly in favour of increasing the club's emphasis on junior development. As a result Ian Dolphin is offering the following sessions of group lessons for juniors, beginning May 8.

<u>Group Number</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
11. Beginners	Tuesdays	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
	Saturdays	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
12. Intermediates	Wednesdays	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
	Saturdays	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

As with the adults, each group will consist of eight lessons at a cost of \$24.00. Groups are limited to eight players so interested juniors should register at the club as soon as possible.

In addition to the above, beginning in June, there will be a program of free Saturday morning clinics open to all juniors. These will be under the direction of Ian Dolphin and some senior members and will be held on available Saturdays throughout the summer if interest warrants it. Watch the bulletin board for the date and time of the first free clinic.

### COURT AVAILABILITY DURING MAY

Members should note that due to the stepped up lesson program and the resurfacing of courts 1 and 7, there will be a squeeze on court availability for the first few weeks of the season.

The group lessons, if fully subscribed, will require two courts leaving only three available for play, and members are asked to bear the preceding lesson times in mind when planning games.

### JACK CAMPBELL TOURNAMENT

Jack Campbell, a club member for many years, died last fall at the age of 49. Jack's many friends have organized a tournament to be held in his memory the weekend of June 1, 2, 3. It is hoped that this tournament, open to all members, will become an annual early season event.

To date, over \$350 has been raised from fellow workers and friends of Jack to sponsor the tournament. Any club member wishing to contribute to the Jack Campbell Memorial Fund may contact Gary Quinn at 389-3448.

### MEMBERSHIPS

The attached membership application may be completed and mailed (with payment please) to:

Memberships,  
Kingston Tennis Club,  
Box 621,  
Kingston, Ont.  
K7L 4X4

Of course, memberships and shoe tags may also be obtained from the stewards at the club from opening day on. Members are asked to include their full addresses and postal codes to facilitate the mailing of future newsletters, and to obtain their memberships by May 15 if possible.

### FEE SCHEDULE

Family .....	\$130.	(Including husband, wife and two juniors. Additional juniors -- \$20. each.)
Married Couple .....	\$100	
Senior <i>.(Adult.)</i> .....	\$65	
Junior .....	\$40	(A junior is anyone under 18 as of Jan. 1, 1979.)

Although it has been held to a minimum, the small increase in fees was necessitated by increased taxes, rent, salaries and, above all, the court resurfacing -- a \$12,000 expense.

In spite of the tennis boom, memberships sold in 1978 declined to 310 from 345 in 1977. Without generating additional revenue, continued upkeep of the club will become difficult and further major improvements impossible.

## STEWARDS

After a year's absence, Gerry Finn will be returning this summer as head steward. He will be assisted by new stewards Teresa Niedbala and Karen Pope.

The stewards are responsible for supervising the booking board and enforcing rules of conduct and dress, and we ask for everyone's cooperation in these matters.

## BOOKING BOARD REGULATIONS

Although they sometimes seem as complicated and contentious as the BNA Act, the sole purpose of the booking board regulations is to provide for the fairest possible use of the courts, and it is hoped that members will observe them in this spirit.

The system this year will be essentially the same as last, with the important points as follows:

1. The booking period is one hour for both singles and doubles, with bookings on the half hour. Last booking is at 9:30 p.m.
2. Doubles has preference on courts 4, 5 and 6 from 3:30 to 10:30 p.m. During that time, doubles can bump a singles booking up to ten minutes prior to the start of the playing period.
3. One player must be present to make and hold a singles booking, three for a doubles booking. Once play begins, however, the tags of all players must be on the board.
4. At the end of a booked hour, there is a ten minute period during which new arrivals may book the court. If the court is not booked within ten minutes, the players on it may retain it for a second hour. They should not move down their tags, however, so that stewards and new arrivals will be aware who has been on the courts the longest.
5. After playing for a booked hour, players may not immediately book for the next hour on a different court, but must wait for the expiry of the ten minute grace period during which new arrivals take precedence.
6. Members are required to wear proper tennis clothes which do not include cut-offs, jeans, clogs, Superman T-shirts, or, regrettably, halter tops.

SENIOR - JUNIOR PRIVILEGES

Monday to Friday:	8:30 -- 4:30	Equal
	4:30 -- 10:30	Senior
Saturday:	8:30 -- 12:30	Equal
	12:30 -- 10:30	Senior
Sunday:	8:30 -- 12:30	Senior
	12:30 -- 4:30	Equal
	4:30 -- 10:30	Senior

During senior booking hours only, juniors have first booking privileges on court 1.

During senior hours, a junior and senior cannot book a court for singles. However, two juniors may book with two seniors for doubles.

TOURNAMENTS AND CLUB EVENTS

In addition to the Jack Campbell tournament, June 1 - 3, members may wish to note the following dates and events:

Eastern Ontario Championships -- June 16 and 17.

This is an O.L.T.A. sanctioned tournament, the biggest event on the Kingston tennis calendar, with a strong field of outstanding players from across the province. Our top club players are encouraged to enter. For mere mortals, volunteers will be needed to help Ian Dolphin run the event. This is the best chance of the year to see high level tennis competition in Kingston, and spectators are welcome free of charge.

Club Championships --

Men's and Ladies' Singles -- July 20 - 22.

Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Doubles -- August 10 -12.

Tournament chairman John McFarlane is splitting this event into separate weekends this year, which should allow everyone to enter at least one draw. This tournament is not just for the top players, and everyone is encouraged to enter and test themselves against the club's best.

Whig Standard Junior Tournament -- September 1, 2 and 3

This too is an O.L.T.A. sanctioned tournament and a traditional Labour Day weekend event for top Ontario juniors in all age categories. Again, volunteers will be urgently needed, and spectators are welcome. Our juniors, of course, are encouraged to enter.

In addition to the foregoing, there will be steak fries under the guidance of Joan McFarlane, the annual Peterborough exchange, junior club championships, ladies' round robins, ladders and other excitements.

Watch the bulletin board for announcements.

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In conclusion, the executive would like to thank all the members who helped with the preparation of courts 1 and 7 for resurfacing, with the renovation of the women's locker room, and with boarding up the clubhouse in the fall.

We would also like to thank you for joining the Kingston Tennis Club and for helping to make a good club even better. And we remind you, as you struggle through another summer trying to solve the frustrating mystery of the topspin backhand, that it's only a game -- and a good one. And Humphrey Bogart couldn't hit a backhand either.

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