



Kingston Tennis Club

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Dear Member (or Friend) of the K.T.C.

Yes, we're still here. For one more summer at least, perhaps more. A new lease has been signed with Queen's and the club opens on April 25. We hope to see you there.

The long term picture remains unsettled. The good news is that Queen's has reiterated, in writing, its promise that we will not be forced to leave Napier Street until we are provided with an alternate, affordable facility acceptable to us which is "as good or better" than our Napier facility. This may happen in a year or two. It may happen in five years. It may never happen.

For Queen's the preferred option is still to have us move voluntarily to a new site on West Campus. A committee consisting of representatives from Queen's, the club and the city has been meeting regularly for over a year to explore the ramifications of this option and to see whether it is viable from Queen's standpoint -- and from ours.

It is agreed by all sides that this would not be the barren, unkempt West Campus site as it is now -- but a completely rebuilt, upgraded facility with new courts, lights, landscaping, a new clubhouse etc. It would also not mean the end of the Kingston Tennis Club. The club would continue to operate autonomously under a lease or licence arrangement with Queen's similar to the one we have now.

A detailed report will be forthcoming from the committee some time in the spring. This will be a proposal only. Nothing has been decided. Nothing is carved in stone. Members will be given every opportunity to see it and respond -- to make suggestions, or voice objections. Once the proposal is available we will have a general meeting on the subject.

It is also possible that Queen's may not like the proposal. Given the current state of property values and the cost of a new facility at West Campus, they may decide to put the whole thing on hold.

In the meantime it is important to keep our club strong and thriving. The more members we have and the more the club is used, the stronger our bargaining position is with Queen's. Last summer was again very successful for us. We had 488 members, up 15 from 1990, and our highest total since the early 80's. The club showed a profit (of \$9,000) for the second year in a row, after five years of losses.

While our financial picture has improved, there is still no reason for complacency. This summer we face another hefty rent increase (from \$14,000 to \$16,500). Our leaking roof is desperately in need of re-shingling, the deck needs repair and we expect significant increases in taxes and other expenses. As a result, we need your memberships, and we need them now.

As an incentive to join early, we are once again offering our popular pre-season discount. As always we have tried to keep fees as low as reality permits. In fact, members with good memories will notice that this year's pre-season rates are actually lower than last year's regular rates. For example, last year's regular family rate was \$350. A family can join now for 1992 for only \$337. More than ever it pays to join early.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 1992 SEASON: (including GST)

	<u>Before April 15</u>	<u>After April 15</u>
FAMILY	\$337	\$368
COUPLE	\$253	\$273
ADULT	\$169	\$184
STUDENT	\$112	\$121
JUNIOR	\$90	\$95

While this mailing is directed to past members, others may take advantage of the pre-season discount as well. So tell your friends. Tell casual acquaintances. Tell complete strangers. Everyone is welcome. A membership form is enclosed. Please join now.

As an added wrinkle this year we are enclosing a questionnaire asking for your input on various aspects of the K.T.C.'s operation and programs. Please take a moment and give us your feedback and ideas, tell us what we're doing right or doing wrong, and help us to make improvements -- in your club.

Yours truly,



Doug Bowie
President

P.S. There may be one or two openings for stewards this summer and anyone interested may apply to Sue Young, P.O. Box 621, K7L 4X1 before March 15. Due to the tremendous popularity of the junior tennis camp and the consequent demand for instructors, preference will be given to stewards with teaching experience.

**** P.P.S. The ever popular, always exciting, not-to-be-missed CLEAN-UP-DAY will be held Saturday, April 25 at 10 AM. Please bring a rake and join us for an hour or two if you possibly can. Don't let others have all the fun! ****