



# ON COURT

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## President's Update:

By: Gillian Turnbull

Well the season is well under way and we can't complain about the weather so far. With all 7 courts in play we have seen a lot of use of the courts. The new on-line booking system seems to be working well and cutting down on calls to the club. This allows the stewards to work out on the grounds to make sure that the courts are in good playing shape. While the weather has been good, we are still a little behind in cleaning the courts. Courts 4, 5 and 6 in particular are very slick at the back especially after rain, so please take care when running for your shots. We hope to have them cleaned and the muck removed in the next week.

As outlined in the previous newsletter, we are giving 2 guest passes to each membership. These are available in the office. Please ask one of the stewards if you have not received your package.

May was a busy month, with the Open House on the 15<sup>th</sup> (delayed from the 8<sup>th</sup> due to the weather), the 2 high school tournaments, our first social on 21st May and our big Fundraiser with the Heart and Stroke Foundation on the 29<sup>th</sup> May. All were very successful. The fundraiser rose over \$5,000 dollars and we now have a defibrillator at the club. At present it is being housed in the office until we can find a better location for it so it is as accessible as possible to everyone. Watch for notices for its location.

### Tennis for Heart Fundraiser 2010



## June Events

**Saturday  
June 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Junior Open House:**

Tennis related games show casing fun new targets for the juniors to test their tennis skills on and a Bar-B-Q at 12:30

**Friday  
June 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **Social:**

Indian Dinner with tandoori chicken, chick pea salad, curried (mild) rice, nan bread, samosas, cucumber raita, and an Indian dessert There will be a limit of 26 people so sign up soon. Starts at 5:30 and eat about 7:00 or 7:30., and balls are provided, for only \$10.00! A good chance to find a partner for the following week end.

**Weekend of  
June 18<sup>th</sup>,  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **Mixed Doubles Tournament:**

Find a partner and sign up with the steward in the office. If you do not have a partner we will do our best to find you one. Club tournaments are a lot of fun and the price includes a BBQ on Saturday night.

**Saturday  
June 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **Bike Ride – Wolfe Island**

Depending on fitness, numbers, types of bikes, etc., there may be different routes that can be taken by groups, and everything from going stateside (though passport required), to Big Sandy Beach, to a finish at Brown's Bay Inn are options. More details to follow.

## Online Booking

By Bud Nelson

The new online booking system appears to be quite popular. Just thought we'd clarify a few features of it.

When an individual starts booking a court, they select the court-time (1 square for singles, up to 2 for Doubles) and presses 'Next', the system then knows you by your login(Booking details box). Below this, you must provide some information

- 1) Singles or Doubles
- 2) Number of Guests: usually 0, BUT PLEASE enter the appropriate number when a non-member (guest) is involved, and
- 3) Other Players names (including guest-names).

This year the club is providing two guest passes per membership, which you can get upstairs, and there should not be any reason for not providing one of these passes, OR the guest paying \$10(you cannot owe your guest pass, if you've forgotten it). Note that a guest is limited to 3 visits per season. Regarding Other Players name(s), this is information for the stewards to know who is on court, and helps them get familiar with members. We realize that there are bad spellers, and you sometimes don't know everyone's last name, but please put in something, even if 'TBA'! If the steward is unsure of who is on court, they may need to ask you.

You may wonder why some bookings show member-name(s), while others just indicate 'Reserved': This is dependent on the "Display my name when this booking is viewed by others" checkbox, which we've defaulted to NO. If you would like others to see that you are already playing that day (ie. so people don't contact you to play), then check this box. The 'Others Players' names don't show, unless the booking is done through the office.

If you've tried to book more than one court on the same day, you'll notice the system adheres to the club rules (only one advance booking per day). Unfortunately, unlike our old booking system that input all participants equally, and was able to tell when anyone was double-booked, this system only recognizes the person logged on, so the person typed

in the Other Players box isn't recognized in the system as officially booked. This allows you to be playing more than once a day, as long as the booking was made by someone else, and is basically against the booking-rules. The stewards are instructed to watch for double-names, as other members may not get access to a court because of someone being double-booked that day. Bottom-line is: if you are already playing that day, police yourself and DO NOT ACCEPT another playing time for that same day, with someone else, or you risk the steward deleting that booking, and disappointing 2 people by doing so. Keep in mind that you CAN play more than once on the same day, by booking any 2nd available court, at that exact time (onsite).

So far, the feedback is that this is a great and convenient new service for the members, at a reasonable cost to the club, and its impact will be looked at once the season ends. If you like it, be sure to let us know!

Chris & Donna Burnett at the  
Tennis for Heart Fundraiser



## Friends of KTC..

**Racquet Science** is now offering a 10% discount for all KTC members on proof of membership. We are not routinely giving all members a membership card but they are available from the steward in the office. Please pick one up when you next visit the club

**Boston Pizza** on Gardiner's Rd has a unique fundraising program which I have signed the club up for. Any time you eat there just sign the back of your receipt with Kingston Tennis Club name and place it in the box. 5% of the total is available to the club to pick up at any time. This is an easy way to raise funds for the club. The restaurant was very generous giving up coupons for our recent Heart and Stroke Fundraiser and they are very supportive of local community



In mid-June we will have available for sale the first batch of KTC polo shirts in several different sizes, for both women and men.

The shirts are made of comfortably cool, moisture-wicking, anti-microbial fabric, and feature the KTC logo on a small crest. This first batch is available in white, with red shoulder accents for women, black for men. Available at \$29. Ask for them at the upstairs office!

## Infrastructure:

By Erling Amson

You may have noticed a few new features at the KTC this past month. Our beloved hitting wall has been repaired and will soon get a coat of new paint to practice on.

Our patio deck which was painted recently now sports new umbrellas, sprucing it up and keeping you cool in the shade. Finally courts 2 and 3 have a new wind screen to keep the balls flying straighter.



**World No. 1, and now five-time French Open champion, Rafael Nadal owned his Roland Garros rematch against Robin Soderling on Sunday. Nadal played a flawless tournament, taking the championship without dropping a set. He ruled the court in true Nadal style**

## KTC is going to the Rogers Cup:

On Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup> – Daytime session - we will once again have a box at the Rexall Centre, **Toronto** for the Men's event. The cost of the tickets is \$95.00/person. This gives you priority parking, a tournament program, comfy seats in our air conditioned private box and access to the hospitality tent for a gourmet lunch. This has always been a popular event for the club. Seating is limited so sign up soon to reserve your seat. The price does NOT include transportation to Toronto.

The following week we are off to **Montreal** to the Women's event on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August – daytime session. We have booked a McCoy bus for 27 people. We will leave early, in time for the 11am start of play and stay till the close of the day session. We will then board the bus and stop for dinner on the way back. Total cost of the trip will be around \$120.00/person. This cost covers the transportation and your ticket only. With only 27 seats available, early sign ups with ensure that you have a spot for this great trip.