

Tennis, anyone? Eh?

KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB

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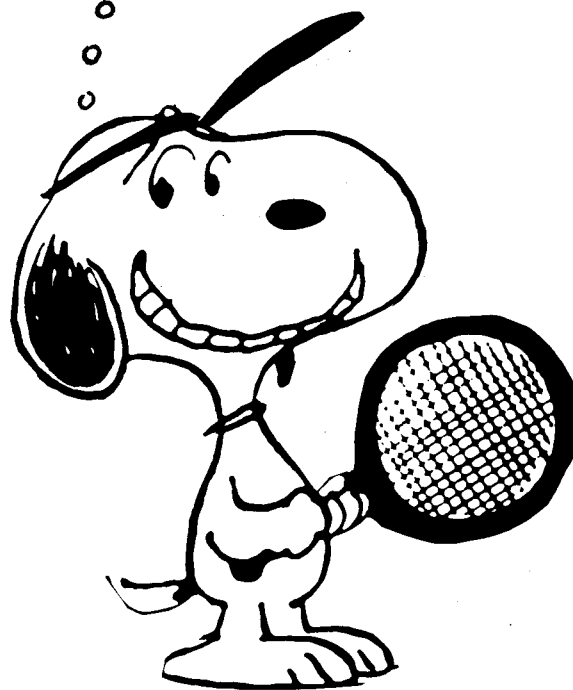
Though only a few months have elapsed, 1983 has already become a special year for tennis. Bjorn Borg retired. Carling Bassett won (well, almost) and Ivan Lendl smiled. It also promises to be a special year for the Kingston Tennis Club. Membership is booming, a new lease for the Club is being negotiated with Queen's, and a new teaching pro - Tom Sipos - has just been hired.

The clubhouse doors officially open for the 61st time on April 23rd. As always, new members - regardless of age or playing ability - are encouraged to join. Last year the membership exceeded 500 and a cut-off was enforced. Because there is a distinct possibility this will happen again this year, you are encouraged to join early and take advantage of one of the best financial sports bargains around.

1983 EXECUTIVE AND CLUB PERSONNEL

PRESIDENT: (ACTING) John Johnston
PAST PRESIDENT: Neil Neasmith
VICE PRESIDENT: John Johnston
SECRETARY: Bob Kerbel
TREASURER: Tom Newton
SOCIAL CONVENOR: Fiona Gallant
JR. DEVELOPMENT: Mary Walker
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Paul Kelly
TEACHING PRO: Tom Sipos
STEWARDS: Jennifer MacDonnell
Don Kidd
Colin Campbell

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AND CARRY
A \$75.00 (THAT'S
\$92.13 CANAD.) RACKET!



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with a slight
modification by BK...

MEMBERSHIPS AND FEE SCHEDULE

The fee schedule for the 1983 season is:

Family membership	\$ 205.	(including husband, wife and two juniors; additional juniors, \$30. each)
Couple membership	\$ 145.	
Senior (adult) membership ..	\$ 90.	
Junior membership	\$ 60.	(juniors are anyone under the age of 18 as of Jan. 1, 1983, or adults under 4 feet)

The enclosed membership application may be completed and mailed to:

Kingston Tennis Club
Box 621
Kingston, Ontario K7L 4X4

We would ask that you please include a cheque in the amount with your completed application form, and do so by May 1st. Memberships and shoe tags may also be obtained from the stewards at the club from the opening day on.

KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

In last year's newsletter it was stated that the 1981 season was probably the most successful in recent memory. As it turned out, the 1982 season was even better. Because of a surge in memberships, the Club now finds itself with a financial surplus. Some of this money will be used to make a number of much needed renovations and improvements to the clubhouse - a potentially costly undertaking. Suggestions regarding these renovations from club members are always welcome. The trend established during the last few years of increased activities, on and off the tennis court, will be continued, and in some cases expanded. This includes socials, tournaments, teaching clinics, and the junior development program.

Particularly gratifying this last year has been the success of some of the Club's juniors. A number of players are ranked nationally or provincially and congratulations are certainly in order for Kathy Sipos and Jackie Cernik. A number of other younger members of the Club are progressively improving at an amazing rate, including

TENNIS QUOTES

"I love it - you never have to worry about getting harassed by parents."

Alphonso Smith (68 years old, ex-tennis champion, Chairman of "Super Seniors' Tennis USA") when asked why he enjoyed umpiring so much in the U.S. Clay Court Championships for players 75 years of age or older.

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some who don't even speak a word of Czech. Hopefully the Jr. Development program has had an impact on this happy state of affairs and it is the Club's intention to further improve the program.

LESSONS, THE TEACHING PRO, AND JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

The Executive has spent a great deal of time during the winter considering ways of improving lessons and junior development. The choice of a teaching pro is clearly a decision of major importance in this regard. The Executive is happy to announce that Tom Sipos, a former KTC steward and level I OTA approved instructor, has been appointed as the new teaching pro. Because Tom was just hired, exact details about lessons cannot be given here. These will be made available in the Clubhouse very early in the season. However, some general details can be provided.

First, there will be group lessons available starting in mid-May, and they will be organized for beginners or intermediates. Days of the week and times will be posted as soon as possible. During the past two years, lessons for groups were given twice a week for three weeks, and the fee was \$30.00. Private lessons will, as before, be available and may be arranged with the pro.

Second, lessons are not restricted to club members. Anyone who is considering joining the club or taking up tennis is more than welcome.

Third, group lessons, beginning mid-May will be available for juniors. Times, fees (if applicable) and other details will be communicated shortly. Assisting the Jr. Development program will be Mary Walker. During May and June these clinics will be given in the late afternoon. With the end of the school term, morning sessions will be started. It is anticipated that clinics for novice and experienced (competitive) juniors will be organized.

Every effort will be made to let club members know of the details regarding lessons and junior development as soon as possible. We anticipate a very active and energetic program at all levels and encourage club members of all ages, experience, and ability to participate.

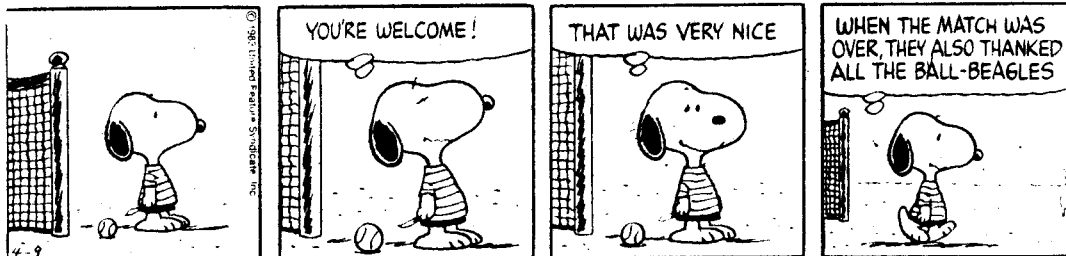


REGULATIONS CONCERNING COURT BOOKINGS AND COURT USE

i) The club will be open from 9 A.M. to 10:30 P.M. As in the past, courts will be booked for one hour periods (two hours for doubles before 7:30) with bookings on the half hour. Members may book in person or by phone up to three days in advance. *Advanced phone bookings will be accepted between the hours of 12 P.M. and 1 P.M. and then again later in the day, between the hours of 8 P.M. and 10:30 P.M. The 12-1 phone-in time is a new ruling to help make bookings a little easier. The stewards will be asked not to make any exceptions to these phone-in times. Please do not try and persuade them to do so.*

ii) When using the courts, members are asked to wear proper tennis clothes, especially shoes. Black soled jogging shoes are a definite 'no-no', as they scuff the court.

iii) Many members last year expressed dismay over the use of 'ball-hoppers' on adjacent courts during family teaching sessions. This resulted in constant interruption of games as balls wandered, bounced and trickled over from the adjacent court. As a result, a motion was approved at the last annual general meeting in which it was stipulated that ball-hoppers should not be used on courts 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 when there are games or matches being played on adjacent courts. Of course, courts 1 and 7 can be used at anytime. A ball-hopper was defined as "6 or more tennis balls".



iv) Members are permitted to bring guests. There is a guest fee (\$3.00/day per guest) and while there is no limit on the number of times a member can bring in *out-of-town guests*, there is a limit for guests *who live in Kingston*: three such guest visits are allowed in one season.

v) The Club is thinking once again of arranging for courts to be made available through the YMCA. These were available (during certain hours) at no charge to KTC members last year, but it seems few members took advantage of them. Check with the stewards later in May for details.

CLUB SOCIALS, LEAGUES, AND TOURNAMENTS

Mixed Doubles Socials, Friday Evenings, on May 13, June 17, July 15 & Aug. 26.

Fiona Gallant has once again agreed to organize these socials which have been a great success during the last few seasons. The first one will be held on May 13th. If it rains, it will be postponed until Friday, May 27th. Be prepared for lots of good food and bad tennis.

Mixed Singles League

This year Fiona and the club will again try to organize a mixed singles league. This is a great way to meet new opponents, particularly poor ones who will be easy to beat. Please sign up with the Stewards by May 13th. Leagues will change every four weeks according to the point system. Sign up and have great fun.

TOURNAMENTS.....

1. The Jack Campbell/City Sports Invitational May 21-22

This is the fifth year for this tournament, held in memory of Jack Campbell, a longtime club member. As before it will be run by Gary Quinn and Frank Kosatka with their usual enthusiasm and dedication.

Once again, City Sports is joining the event as a sponsor, along with the Head and Kennex sports equipment companies. They will help provide trophies, medals and door prizes; the club is very grateful for their contribution. A Saturday evening B.B.Q. will be held and the whole affair promises to be a great event. Don't miss it!

2. McDonald's Open Championships - July 1-3

Sponsored by McDonald's and sanctioned by the Ontario Tennis Association (OTA), this will be the fourth year for this popular tournament. Those who saw last year's tournament can attest to the outstanding calibre of play and players. This year the total prize money will be about \$1,700. For example, first prize for the Men's Singles will be \$400., or almost enough to buy a new pair of FILA tennis shorts.

3. The Buick Challenge, Mixed Doubles - July

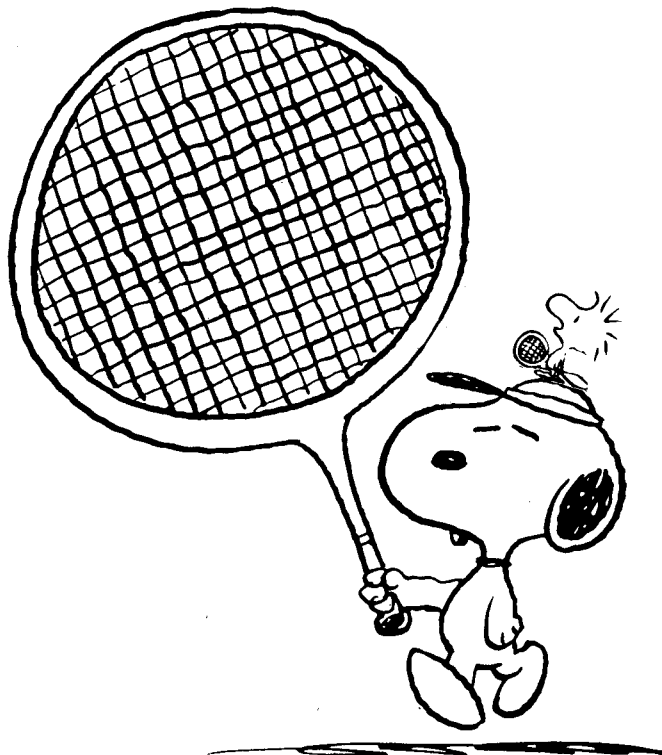
We do not know the exact dates yet for this unique tournament but these will be announced shortly. It is open to all Kingston area mixed doubles teams whether club members or not. Winners have the chance to go on to play in regional, provincial and national finals.

4. Club Championships

Men's and Ladies Singles, August 6,7.

Men's, Ladies, and Mixed Doubles,
August 20, 21.

All draws will have a B flight so that everyone will be guaranteed of at least two matches they can lose. Keep an eye out for further details.



5. The Whig Standard Junior Championships, Sept. 3-5

The annual Labour Day weekend tournament for juniors in all age categories. Volunteers will be needed to help run the event and billet out-of-town players.

6. The First Annual Wisdom-and-Experience Tennis Tournament

This is restricted to 'older' club members who feel one tournament match a day is enough, thank you. The idea is to hold the tournament over a much longer period of time than just one weekend. Logie MacDonnell has indicated his willingness to help organize such an endeavour.



AND FINALLY.....

Our thanks to Neil Neasmith (who stepped down this year as President of the Kingston Tennis Club). As is so often the case, the success of an organization depends upon the dedication and enthusiasm of a very small number of individuals. The recent successes, development and growth of the club are due in no small way to Neil, and the members of the executive would like to express their gratitude to him.

Which reminds us: there will be a second spring clean-up on Saturday, April 23. Want to help? Good. See you there.....