



KINGSTON TENNIS CLUB

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"Tennis is a game anyone can play." -- Billy Talbert

GAME, SET ...

You are cordially invited to join or re-join the Kingston Tennis Club for the 1980 season, and prove (or disprove) Mr. Talbert's questionable axiom.

The nets are already up and opening day will be Saturday, April 26. Chief steward Gerry Finn will be on hand from that date to provide information and accept membership payments and lesson registrations.

New members are welcome and will find the club on Napier Street, just below Earl.

1980 EXECUTIVE AND CLUB PERSONNEL

PRESIDENT:	Frank Kosatka
1ST VICE PRESIDENT:	Gary Quinn
2ND VICE PRESIDENT:	Jim Cunningham
SECRETARY:	Doug Bowie
TREASURER:	Tom Newton
SOCIAL CONVENORS:	Suzie Julien Fiona Gallant
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT:	Jenny Ellis
PROFESSIONAL:	Ian Dolphin
STEWARDS:	Gerry Finn Teresa Niedbala Janice Hebert



"Tennis is humiliating. You lose in public with so few clothes on." -- Vic Braden, Tennis for the Future

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CLUB

The program of major improvements begun last year will continue this spring with the resurfacing of courts 2 and 3 with Tru-Flex as soon as weather permits. This means all seven courts will have been resurfaced within the year.

Members will also find a new, much enlarged canteen in the upstairs lounge, which should function much more comfortably for the stewards and more efficiently for the members. This renovation was carried out over the winter at virtually no expense to the club by Frank Kosatka, Gary Quinn, Jan Myslivecek, and Vaclav Smola.

Plans are also in the works for a new practice wall, new fencing and acquiring a ball machine. The net effect of all these improvements will be to leave us with unquestionably the finest tennis facilities in the city.

LESSONS

Ian Dolphin will be returning for his second season as club professional. An experienced, O.T.A. certified teacher, Ian will be available for private lessons throughout the season. He will also be offering a program of group lessons which were very well received last season. The first session begins May 5 with the following groups.

<u>Group Number</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Time</u>
1. Ladies Beginners	Mon. and Wed.	2:30 - 3:30
2. Ladies Beginners	Tues. and Thurs.	2:30 - 3:30
3. Mixed Beginners	Mon. and Wed.	6:30 - 7:30
4. Mixed Beginners/ Intermediates	Tues. and Thurs.	6:30 - 7:30

Each group consists of two lessons per week for three weeks -- six lessons in all. The fee for six lessons is \$22.00.

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

"Tennis is a sport for the beautiful people -- movie stars, socialites, senators, royalty." -- Geist & Martinez,
Tennis Psychology

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 obtain their memberships by May 15 if possible.

FEE SCHEDULE

Family\$150. (Including husband, wife and two juniors.
 Additional juniors -- \$25. each)
 Married Couple ..\$110.
 Senior\$70.
 Junior\$45. (A junior is anyone under 18 as of
 Jan. 1, 1980.)

The substantial improvements carried out last year and planned for this year have dictated the small increase in fees. Compared to the fees for winter indoor tennis or other summer recreation such as golf, however, the tennis club remains a bargain. And where else in Kingston are you apt to meet movie stars, socialites, senators and royalty?

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

Ian Dolphin will again offer his popular program of group lessons for juniors, with the following sessions beginning May 5.

<u>Group Number</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Time</u>
5. Beginners	Mon. and Wed.	4:30 - 5:30
6. Beginners	Tues. and Thurs.	4:30 - 5:30

As with the adults, each group will consist of six lessons at a cost of \$22.00. These junior lessons were much in demand last year and both groups were over-subscribed. To avoid disappointment, interested juniors should register at the club as soon as possible.

Junior development was a major topic of discussion at the annual meeting in September, and will continue to be an important aspect of the club's program. Last year there were several free Saturday clinics, open to all juniors, and other clinics run by Ian Dolphin for advanced players.

This year Jenny Ellis has been elected to the new position of junior development officer and, with Ian, will be in charge of coordinating junior activities. She hopes to run a stepped up program of free clinics and supervised junior play, probably on Saturday mornings. The emphasis will be on providing playing and instructional opportunities for juniors of all calibre, not just budding Borgs and Austins. Parental volunteers will be urgently required to make the program work. Watch the bulletin board for details.

"The true player is freed from concern about the fruits of victory. He becomes devoted only to the goal of self-knowledge." -- Timothy Gallwey, The Inner Game of Tennis

COURT BOOKING REGULATIONS

As in the past, courts will be booked for one hour periods with bookings on the half hour, and the same basic guidelines concerning court usage will apply.

As voted at the annual meeting, we will be allowing advance booking for the first time this year. Members may now book one hour per day by phone up to three days in advance between the hours of 8 PM and 10:30 PM only. No advance bookings by phone will be accepted except during those hours. Members may also make advance bookings in person at any time if a steward is available, again up to three days in advance.

It is hoped that advance booking will prove to be an added convenience for members, particularly those living some distance from the club. The stewards will have the responsibility for running the system and enforcing the rules and we ask for everyone's cooperation in the likely event that it takes a few days to get the system running smoothly.

A detailed set of booking rules will be posted in the clubhouse.

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

* Until school is out, equal privileges for juniors are extended to 6:30, Monday to Friday.

As passed at the annual meeting, a junior and senior playing together will have equal privileges this season until 6:30 on week-days on two courts.

"Every tennis player honestly and sincerely believes that he is a far better tennis player than he actually is." -- Arthur Hoppe, The Tiddling Tennis Theorem

TOURNAMENTS AND CLUB EVENTSThe Jack Campbell Tournament -- May 30 - June 1

This tournament in memory of Jack Campbell, a club member for many years, was one of the highlights of last season. Run with professional flair by Kosatka - Quinn Inc., it featured good tennis and good food and was enjoyed even by those who lost 6-1. 6-1. (Bad calls.) It is open to all Kingston residents, and everyone from hotshot to hacker is welcome to play.

The Macdonald Open Championships -- June 21 -22

This is a new event this year, taking over from the old Eastern Ontario Championships. Now under the sponsorship of Macdonald's, who will help with financing and promoting the tournament, we hope it will become a top flight competitive event and attract many of the best players from across the province. Certainly it is the best chance to see high level tennis competition in Kingston and spectators are welcome free of charge. Ian Dolphin will also welcome volunteers to help in running the tournament.

Club Championships

Men's and Ladies' Singles -- July 18 - 20

Men's, Ladies' and Mixed Doubles -- August 9 - 10

The club championships will again be split into two weekends to give more people a chance to enter. All events will have a B flight so everyone will be guaranteed at least two matches. (and the opportunity to experience the agony of defeat not once but twice.)

Whig Standard Junior Championships -- August 30 - September 1

This is the traditional Labour Day weekend tournament for top juniors in all age categories, and the chance to watch a lot of depressingly good twelve-year-olds make the game look easy. Anita Sipos will be in charge of billeting out-of-town players and will be looking for volunteers, as will Ian Dolphin for help with running the event.

In addition to the foregoing tournaments, there will be junior championships, round robins, inter-club exchanges, ladders, and I'm told the new social convenors have some surprises up their sleeves.

Watch the bulletin board for announcements.

"If you can't volley, wear velvet socks," we Old Gamesmen used to say." -- Stephen Potter, Theory and Practice of Gamesmanship

... AND MATCH

There will be a clean-up day on April 19 and anyone who would like to bring along a rake or broom and lend a hand to help get the club cleaned up for the season will receive a free membership and an all-expenses paid trip to Wimbledon.

1979 was an enjoyable and successful season at the KTC and we hope you'll join and help make 1980 even better. As mentioned at the beginning, new members are always welcome and don't hesitate to pass this letter along to your friends and encourage them to join.

I've heard of one or two people who are hesitant to join because they have the idea that the Kingston Tennis Club is for snobs. Anyone who has ever played there knows how ridiculous that is. It's a club for Real People -- with just a sprinkling of movie stars and royalty.

"Here's looking at you, kid." -- Humphrey Bogart (Italian Open Champion, 1933)

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