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On Court

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President's Message

by Igor Kozin

It is now winter and the off-season for tennis at our outdoor club, but behind-the-scenes plans are being made for the upcoming 2012 season. We will be welcoming back Jennifer Williams in her new position as Head Pro. She has served KTC as Assistant Pro and Director of our Junior Tennis Camp for the past two years ...

We had in excess of 500 members in 2011 ...

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Head Pro, Andy Rogall, 'retires'



Andy Rogall can now play tennis year-round in the Caribbean. The beautiful island of Saba is his new home while he attends medical school there. Andy says that the tennis courts there are surrounded by jungle except for one side that faces a spectacular seaside cliff. Andy served KTC in several capacities, starting as a camp counsellor _____ years ago and was the Club Head Pro for the past _____ years. We wish him well in his educational pursuits - his positive attitude and ready smile will be missed. A tribute BBQ was held for Andy in August, where he was presented with a book filled with personal messages by many KTC members and a cash gift to be put towards the purchase of medical school supplies. An additional gift was a poem written for Andy by Mike Byrne, read aloud at the BBQ by Mike. This follows, below.

Ace

by Mike Byrne

*Some can hit a sizzling ball, a comet into the blue,
 But Andy could hit a forehand smash while at the barbeque.
 With balls and burgers he was the king,
 And even vegetarians his praises, they did sing!*

*His talents on the court and at the grill can't be denied,
 But how many of us knew his creative side?
 Punisher, Baby Face, A**monkey, were just a few,
 Of the nicknames he bestowed upon you know who!*

*Tis really sad to say farewell to such a friendly face,
 For he will be sorely missed and impossible to replace!
 But don't despair too long dear friends,
 For even though we'll miss him so,
 I've been practicing all these years
 And can fill his shoes as pro!*

KASSAA and EOSSAA at KTC

Every spring KTC offers its courts for a reasonable fee to host the Kingston and Eastern Ontario secondary school tournaments. The organisers of these events (KTC members Brian Bontekoe, David Stocks and Dan Fruhling) approached the club with the request to use all the courts for one full day during each of these events. Attendees at the AGM supported the request and voted unanimously in favour of the request. Next season KTC will be closed twice for one full day: one day for KASSAA and one day for EOSSAA. 🟡

Queen's Tennis Team

Tennis at Queen's University has not been a varsity (funded) sport for several years now. Queen's tennis players take it upon themselves to form a competitive team and join the KTC as Fall members, practising at the club during designated times. You may have noticed them, hearing the sound of many hard-hit balls coming from their direction! Their captain, Nathan Terrana, extends the following message: "I want to thank you again; without the help and support from the KTC our team would never be possible." The Queen's Tennis Team (both men and women) played in the OUA Team Championship in mid-November. Since the team has no funding or support from the university it cannot play throughout the OUA regular season and was forced to enter the tournament as the number eight seed, in last place. The team put out an amazing performance against the top-seeded teams, coming close to an upset. They look forward to an even more successful season for 2012! 🟡

New Junior Camp times approved at AGM

Several current members highlighted legitimate concerns regarding the "squeeze" on morning court availability when the camps start. In response to these concerns, the executive proposed revamping the Junior Camp structure as follows: Camps will begin at 9:30am rather than 9:00am (before and after-camp supervision will be offered for an extra charge). Thus ALL courts (apart from possible private lessons) will be available to members until 9:30am. In addition, the camps will reduce their court usage from 9:30am to 11:30am, making two additional courts available to members. As before, during the summer camps only one court can be booked by the Club Pro(s) to provide lessons to regular members and guests. The suggested changes will significantly improve the availability of courts for regular members during morning hours, while preserving all teaching aspects of Junior Camps. 🟡

Infrastructure Update

Plans are in the works this spring to replace the water supply pipe that has been slowly leaking in the vicinity of Court 7 this past season. The leak is somewhere underground between the main connection at the road and the hookup to the clubhouse, but has proven elusive to find. The simplest and most economical solution is to sever the old pipe and install a new one using a horizontal drilling method. A hole for the new pipe will be tunnelled underneath Court 7, leaving the surface undisturbed and avoiding additional costs. 🟡