

QUAKER PARK TENNIS CLUB

2023 QPTC SPRING NEWSLETTER



SPRING GENERAL MEETING

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The spring general meeting (SGM), will take place on Tuesday, April 18 at 6:30pm at Activity Haven, 180 Barnardo Avenue. QPTC is undergoing many changes this year including a new board of directors, new club management, a new electronic booking system, as well as other changes. We will have much to share with you so please join us.

Unlike previous years, we will NOT be taking membership applications at the SGM as our new booking and database system requires an online application with payment. We can try to organize small group tutorials for those flustered with electronic applications for another date, however the new system does have an electronic tutorial.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – INTERIM PRESIDENT FORGE HAMU

Spring is around the corner and with the additional daylight as well as the rising temperatures, I know many of us are looking at our tennis racquets and getting them spruced up for another season.

This year has been extremely challenging, with the resignation of our long-time club manager and the sale of our court booking system, the Executive have been scrambling to get all the pieces together to ensure a timely opening day.

The Executive team has experienced some major challenges with both the presidential position as well as the treasurer position. These are significant impacts to the operation of our club, and have warranted a number of interim changes to cope with the work which is required.

There will be a number of operational changes to how the club operates which will impact each and every one of you. Many of these changes are needed in order to streamline our operation and serve the club and its members. Changes in how we accept payment is required in order to meet financial reporting responsibilities with the limited resources the Executive has.

Please bear with us as we test and implement changes to better serve our members. Change is inevitable and growing pains are the symptoms which accompany the changes, but over time, we will all benefit.

Have a great season.

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President@quakerparktennis.ca

QPTC EXECUTIVE SLATE FOR 2023 SEASON

President:	Interim President Forge Hamu
Past President:	
Vice President:	Carolyn Condon

Secretary: Julie Stark
Treasurer: **OPEN POSITION**

Directors:

Fundraising: Carolyn Condon (new)
Junior Program: Chris Dummitt (new), and Bill Devitt
Membership: Heather Shute (new)
Property: Carolyn Condon (new)
Publicity: Social media – Melissa Harvey (new)
Newsletters: OPEN POSITION
Social: Rachel Bronson
Tournaments: Rachel Bronson

Representatives:

Ladies League: Patricia Day, Joan Livingstone
Men's League: Andy Kulik/John Curley/Art Herold
Competitive Wednesday evening league: Patrick Henry



OPENING DAY

While it is too early to confirm opening day, we always aim for May 1. If weather co-operates in April, we could have the club opening/cleaning at the end of the month. As always, we will need many volunteers to get the club ready to go for the season. Towards the end of April we will send an email with more detailed information and dates.



PROPERTY – CAROLYN CONDON

With all the exterior work completed last season in preparation for the 100th anniversary celebrations, the club is in good shape (except for spring cleaning). If anyone knows of a business that would like to take advantage of advertising on our courts, please reach out to me.

Carolyn Condon
property@quakerparktennis.ca



MEMBERSHIP – HEATHER SHUTE

This is my first year in the Membership Director role and there are indeed many changes that I too will be learning. While we can no longer use tennisbookings.com, we will soon be revealing a new booking and data base system. Full details will be presented soon but in the meantime there are a few important changes you should be aware of.

- With the limited resources of the Executive team, we are no longer accepting cash or cheque payments. All payments are to be done by e-transfer. If you have difficulty doing this, ask a friend you trust to assist. It is a safe and effective way to transfer funds which eliminates much manual labour for the Treasurer and allows faster application processing time for the Membership Director.

E-Transfer to treasurer@quakerparktennis.ca

- We have a new Introductory Membership category that replaces the Sponsored membership. It will no longer be a 3 tiered membership. Persons who were are now in the second year of the sponsored membership will still receive that benefit and will be paying the same price as the new Introductory Membership. Next year they will pay full price.

The Introductory Membership is for those players who are new to QPTC or have not been members of the club for the previous 5 years.

- A system and management change has resulted in changes on the courts too. Only **NEW** members and 2nd year members, who were new to tennis last season, will receive **4 free group lessons** with their membership (Tuesday evenings). These group lessons are designed for beginner tennis players.

- If you still have those little cardboard guest passes, throw them out! They have been obsolete for a few years. Each full adult membership includes 2 free guest passes per year. To utilize, these must be booked electronically. Once you exceed those 2 free passes, a fee is charged for any further guest bookings. Again, payment is to be made by e-transfer.

- Morning bookings for members now begin at 7:30am. Morning bookings for leagues also begin at 7:30am with no change to existing league game duration.

- Members will only be able to have one booking per day during **PRIME TIME** hours.

PRIME TIME is defined as 7:30am – noon, Monday through Saturday, and 5:00pm-8:00pm Monday through Friday. Sunday has no prime times.

- The Executive Board may need to implement playing time changes which may affect both singles and doubles.

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	FEE + HST (13%)	PAY
ADULT	Annual Rate <i>Add \$50.00 if electing to not help with volunteering this season</i>	\$393.81 + \$51.19 (HST)	\$445
	KCU or Pepsico Employee/Spouse	\$309.73 + \$40.27 (HST)	\$350
	Introductory Special, <i>Cannot have been a member within the past 5 years</i>	\$331.86 + \$43.14 (HST)	\$375
	Sponsored Adult, Year 2	\$331.86 + \$43.14 (HST)	\$375
	Spring Special, May 1-June30 + 4 group lessons for beginner players only.	\$207.96 + \$27.04 (HST)	\$235
	Half Year (after August 1)	\$207.96 + \$27.04 (HST)	\$235
STUDENT	Annual Rate- <i>Must be full time student & under 25</i>	\$203.54 + \$26.46 (HST)	\$230
JUNIOR	Annual Rate	\$128.32+ \$16.68 (HST)	\$145
	(If a parent or a grandparent is a full member)		FREE

The volunteer policy is being reinstated this year after a hiatus due to Covid and it must be acknowledged when completing the online application. You may either agree to give a minimum 2 hours of your time to assist where needed and when requested, or opt out of volunteering and be charged an additional \$50 above your membership fee.

Heather Shute
Membership Director



MANAGERS – ROBERT/ANDREW SZILAGYI

Hi everyone!

Andrew and I have taken on the new and exciting role of Co-Club Managers. We will be getting the courts ready as soon as the weather cooperates. While there are a number of operational changes this year, we look forward to seeing everyone at the club soon for another season of fun tennis.

Tuesday BEGINNER Lessons

New members and those returning members from last season who were new to tennis, are welcome to attend **4** free group lessons in the month of May, starting May 9th. These lessons will only be once a week on Tuesday from 6:00-7:30pm, and will be for beginner level tennis players. New members please contact Andrew or Robert before May 9th.

Intermediate Group

Stay tuned for more details, lessons will be on Thursdays from 6:00 -7:30pm (fees apply).

Thursday Morning Clinic

Great instruction and advanced tactics for the dedicated player at this clinic. Andrew and Robert will take you to another level! Starting date will be announced (fees apply).

Famous Players

Saturday mornings! Stay tuned for more details (fees apply).

We will be sending out an email at the start of the season with more details. Some new clinics are under construction!

Andrew Szilagy – andrew@tennistwins.net

Robert Szilagy – robert@tennistwins.net



TREASURER – HELP!

QPTC is in dire need of a treasurer. We need someone(s) with book keeping or accounting experience. This position can be done with a partner if need be. Our membership rates will increase significantly if we have to hire someone to handle this. Please help!

Please contact: president@quarkerparktennis.ca



LADIES LEAGUE – JOAN LIVINGSTONE/PATRICIA DAY

Well, it's almost time to hear those 'perfect pings' echoing from play on the QPTC courts and as you approach the clubhouse, inhale that sweet smell of freshly cooked cereal emanating from Quaker!

This season we'll be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Ladies League at QPTC so be prepared for extra fun!!! We have so many precious memories to treasure.

The Ladies League, "Swing into Spring" opening morning, will be held as soon as the club opens, which is usually the first week in May. All are invited! Once we have the date confirmed, we will email you with the details!

A light breakfast will be served, we'll have league Registration available, a short introductory meeting and of course, TENNIS! (weather depending!!)

Our League plays tennis on pre-booked courts from 7:30am – 10:30am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the season.

All lady members of QPTC are cordially invited and we welcome all levels of tennis skill. Don't worry if you're new to tennis! After you've completed the complimentary tennis lessons the Club offers to new full time members, we have a mentoring/buddy system available to help you feel comfortable as you keep improving your new skills. Soon, you'll be feeling like a seasoned player!

Being in harmony with the philosophy of tennis, our league offers fun social events every month! This is a great opportunity to get to know other players too. Many lifelong friends have developed from our league!

Joan Livingstone, Patricia Day & our Executive Team
ladiesleague@quakerparktennis.ca



MENS LEAGUE – JOHN CURLEY / ANDY KULIK

Men's League: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 – 9:30am, 9:30-11:30am, and 1 – 3 pm

Welcome back to spring! Bring out the rackets, dust off your shoes (shoe tag in place!), and get ready for men's league play again this season.

We have three time slots on Tuesdays and Thursdays from May through October. We organize the season into 5 week sessions and you can sign up for each or all. You can indicate dates when you are available for play.

If you played the Men's League last year you are already on our list. But if you are new to the league or club, contact a committee member below to be added. Please do this early if you want to play in the first session.

See you soon!

Andy Kulik, 748-6111, aakmps@gmail.com
John Curley, 745-9490, jpcurley@gmail.com
Arthur Herold, 536-0035, herold@nexicom.net



WEDNESDAY EVENING ADVANCED LEAGUE – PATRICK HENRY

On Wednesday evenings we have a doubles league for players with advanced tennis skills. This league provides an opportunity for advanced players (women and men) to enjoy some competitive tennis. Line-ups rotate and are sent out on a weekly basis. If you are interested in joining, please contact me.

Patrick Henry
henryfamily@wisponline.ca



JUNIOR PROGRAMS –CHRIS DUMMITT/ BILL DEVITT

QPTC, in collaboration with the city's Recreation Department, offers junior tennis instruction programs. All programs are geared to making sure kids have fun while learning basic skills and game play. For full information on all programs and camps, as well as how to register, please go to the city's Recreation Department website. There are programs for kids of all ages from 3 upwards.

We have a new program on Sunday nights from 5 to 7 pm. This program is designed to give kids from ages 10 to 17 an opportunity to play games and have fun in a supervised atmosphere. This will help them feel more comfortable at the club. This program is designed for kids who can play independently and it starts May 21.

There is a link on the QPTC site to the City Recreation Department for spring, summer and fall tennis programs. These programs, open to the public, are well subscribed. Don't be disappointed—register early. Registration begins March 22, and please refer to [program-guide.aspx](#) pages 47 and 48

Quaker Aces

The ACES junior competitive travelling team have played in the Inter-county Metro Toronto Junior League. Please contact Andrew Szilagyi, andrew@tennistwins.net to find out about the plans for this spring. They usually practice on Friday nights.

Junior Directors

Chris Dummitt

Bill Devitt

Juniors@quakerparktennis.ca



SOCIAL AND TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR - RACHEL BRONSON

SOCIAL & TOURNAMENT REPORT

Welcome back members to a new season at Quaker Park Tennis Club!

Please note the following dates and mark them on your calendar! Fees vary and spots are limited so ***please register online once our new system is operable***. Deadlines apply - no late registrations.

RECREATIONAL/SOCIAL PLAY (For Members):

(This is not to be confused with Tuesday Night Social although format will be the same – mixed doubles with 30-minute matches)

May 27 (Saturday) – Spring into Summer BBQ & Fundraiser

June 25 (Sunday) - Wimbledon Wonderland (wear your whites and enjoy some strawberries & cream)

July 29 (Saturday)

September 10 (Sunday) – Autumn BBQ

INTERMEDIATE/COMPETITIVE PLAY (Tournaments):

Zoomers (55+) June 14 (Wednesday) ***Members only***

Men's & Women's Doubles July 15 (possible to next day, July 16) ***Members only***

Men's & Women's Singles August 12 (possible to next day, August 13) ***Members only***

Fall Classic Mixed Doubles* September 16 (possible extension to next day, September 17) ****IMPORTANT NOTICE - The Fall Classic will have early registration for club members and will then be opened to local clubs.***

INTERCLUB PLAY – PORT HOPE TENNIS CLUB

I have been in contact with Port Hope Tennis Club with regards to having interclub play in which both clubs will take turns hosting. Plays will be on weekends only. Details are yet to be finalized, but if you are interested in playing, please contact me at social@quakerparktennis.ca to add your name to the roster.

They also have an invitational **Summer Smash Fundraiser** doubles tournament in August (likely 19 & 20) which I strongly encourage that we sign up for to show our good will and support. Last year's proceeds went to Rebound Child & Youth Services and raised awareness for youth mental health.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

This program is designed to welcome first year members and ease them into our community. We are looking for volunteers to offer guidance with the club processes, share experiences and introduce them to similar skilled players.

It would be ideal to have representatives from the Men's League and Ladies league. Please email me at social@quakerparktennis.ca if you are interested in being part of this program.

QPTC Happy Hour at AAH

All volunteers and crew coming to work on opening day at the clubhouse (weather permitting) are invited afterwards at Ashburnham Alehouse at 2:30 Saturday, April 29. Quaker Park Tennis Club has access to a limited number of tables. Have a chance to wind down and order a delicious meal. Come support our top sponsor and give yourself a great reward for a day's hard work. Good company, lively conversations and camaraderie guaranteed!

*Each person will be billed separately.

As always, please check out website periodically for important updates and news of upcoming event. See you all on the courts!

Rachel
social@quakerparktennis.ca



FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR - CAROLYN CONDON

As you have read in past emails from Forge, the club has been very limited in the ability to hold fundraising events for the last 3 years due to Covid concerns and restrictions. During this time, our costs have increased significantly. Our clay quote alone this year is almost 50% more than what we paid 2 years ago. Thus fundraising is VITAL to offset some expenses in the hope of keeping our membership fees at the present rates.

This year, fundraising will be shared by **ALL** members.

The goal is having group of members suggest events/ideas and take the initiative to implement them instead of placing the burden on one member to handle everything. Get your tennis pals together and come up with an idea to host/produce or implement. If MANY contribute with these initiatives, we all benefit.

PLEASE contact me, with any ideas, suggestions you have that would help the club and we can discuss further.

27 MAY KICK OFF - mark this date on your calendar as it is the kick off to the QPTC Social Events too

PLANT SALE

We need your plants! The more the merrier. Our last plant sale in 2019 was a great success and 2023 should be bigger and better. Plants can be picked up at your home, and even dug out if you need help.

This only works, IF we have plants to sell. Please, reach out to Carolyn, at fundraising@quakerparktennis.ca about donating or if you are able to help with this sale.

BAKE SALE:

Always a great success, delicious baked goods and preserves have been best sellers. Please contact Carolyn at fundraising@quakerparktennis.ca or co-captain Deb Pagett at dpagett@trentu.ca about donating bake sale items or assisting with this fundraiser.

Again, this ONLY works if we have goodies to donate.

CRAFT TABLE

We will have a craft table. Donated items could be hand knitted, sewn, crocheted or any homemade items. Please contact Rachel Bronson at social@quakerparktennis.ca if you can contribute/help out with items or assist at the sale.

USED TENNIS CLOTHING/EQUIPMENT

Definitely time to purge, those gently used clothes and tennis equipment. If you didn't wear or use it last year, why not donate to this "first time" sale for QPTC? Please contact Carolyn at fundraising@quakerparktennis.ca or Denise Kouri at dkouri1700@gmail.com.

The end of season Gala is still being discussed, and I am open to suggestions/comments before a definite date and venue is confirmed. What would you like the gala to be?

50/50 draws will be held throughout the summer, so please don't miss out on your chance to win great prizes! PLEASE participate.

What events/ideas/suggestions can you come up with? QPTC seriously needs your input, help, and support to keep membership fees stable. I am looking forward to hearing from you, regarding what you think we can do that's fun, low key work wise, and can make some money for the club!

It's MY serve,
Carolyn
Fundraising@quakerparktennis.ca

NATIONAL BANK OPEN AT AVIVA CENTRE (PREV. ROGER'S CUP) – DONNA MCGILVRAY

I am awaiting information regarding group ticket sales for the National Bank Open, August 2023 but we already have the bus booked! We have enjoyed this coach trip to the Aviva centre for many years now and it has proven to be a wonderful day of world class tennis. This year we will be seeing the men in Toronto while the Ladies will be playing in Montreal. The date is Tuesday, August 8th, and I am sure that we will have a sell out. People are already asking me to put their names on the list. As soon as I have more information, I will be able share with you pricing for the day. Please contact me if you are interested in this fabulous event.

Looking forward to another great adventure!

Donna McGilvray
dmcgilvray6@gmail.com

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

Does anyone have a bbq in good working order they can donate to the club? Or are you good at fixing BBQ's? WE NEED YOUR HELP! We have a number of social events planned for this season that will require an operable BBQ and unfortunately we found out last fall our existing BBQ is not working properly. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Please touch base with Rachel Bronson at social@quakerparktennis.ca if you can help.

SOCIAL MEDIA – MELISSA HARVEY

Did you know that our tennis club has a Facebook page and that we are on Twitter?
You can find us online for Facebook at Quaker Park Tennis Club and @QPTennisclub for Twitter.
When taking photos for posting on social media sites (not our bulletin) I will ask your permission to post.

We know our club cannot function without its amazing volunteers so we are hoping that you will step up to the net and volunteer your time. However small or large a contribution, volunteers are what make this club successful. This season we will be featuring a QPTC volunteer once a month on our social feed, and the hardworking member will receive a can of balls for their service. We would love everyone to get involved!

Reach out to me if you have any questions or if you have some fun pictures/ideas that you would like to share.

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