

# QUAKER PARK TENNIS CLUB

## 2024 SPRING NEWSLETTER



### SPRING GENERAL MEETING – APRIL 16, 2024

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** The Spring General Meeting (SGM), will take place on Tuesday, **April 16** starting at 6:30 pm at Activity Haven, 180 Barnardo Avenue, Room 3. QPTC is undergoing many changes this year including a new board of directors, new club management, as well as other changes. We will have much to share with you, so please join us. Check [www.quakerparktennis.ca](http://www.quakerparktennis.ca) for updated information about the meeting!

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ANDREW GALVIN

Recently I sent out a letter to the membership, in order to provide immediate information especially about 2024 fees. In addition, it is my great pleasure to introduce the current members of the QPTC Executive. These volunteers will be playing “Doubles” this season – players, on the courts, and Executive members, around the meeting table. While each has a designated set of duties laid out in the QPTC Constitution and By-Laws, overlap becomes obvious every time we meet. It is a great privilege to get to know and work with these dedicated tennis enthusiasts!

Executive Position	New	Name	QPTC Contact Email
President	●	Andrew Galvin	<a href="mailto:president@quakerparktennis.ca">president@quakerparktennis.ca</a>
Past President:		Forge Hamu	<a href="mailto:pastpresident@quakerparktennis.ca">pastpresident@quakerparktennis.ca</a>
Vice President		Carolyn Condon (As chosen by the Executive)	See below
Secretary	●	Lillian Horn	<a href="mailto:secretary@quakerparktennis.ca">secretary@quakerparktennis.ca</a>
Treasurer	●	Heather Casey	<a href="mailto:QPTCTreasurer@gmail.com">QPTCTreasurer@gmail.com</a>
Fundraising Director		Carolyn Condon	<a href="mailto:fundraising@quakerparktennis.ca">fundraising@quakerparktennis.ca</a>
Junior Program Directors		Bill Devitt and Chris Dummitt	<a href="mailto:juniors@quakerparktennis.ca">juniors@quakerparktennis.ca</a>
Membership Director		Heather Shute	<a href="mailto:membership@quakerparktennis.ca">membership@quakerparktennis.ca</a>
Property Director	●	Abhishek Udawat	<a href="mailto:property@quakerparktennis.ca">property@quakerparktennis.ca</a>
Publicity Director	●	Nigel Lall	<a href="mailto:publicity@quakerparktennis.ca">publicity@quakerparktennis.ca</a>
Social Director	●	Christine Clinton	<a href="mailto:social@quakerparktennis.ca">social@quakerparktennis.ca</a>
Tournament Director		Rachel Bronson	<a href="mailto:tournaments@quakerparktennis.ca">tournaments@quakerparktennis.ca</a>

## Representatives for the Leagues in 2024 are as follows:

Ladies League:

Patricia Day

Men's League:

Andy Kulik/John Curley

Competitive Wednesday Evening League:

Patrick Henry



## SPRING OPENING AT QPTC

While it is too early to confirm opening day, we always aim for May 1. If weather co-operates in April and the clay order is delivered as expected, we could have the club work party on **Saturday, April 27th**.

Volunteers, who answer the call, will be asked to put up the wind screens and deliver the benches and trash/recycling containers to their courtside locations. Both the outside and inside of the clubhouse will need a good cleaning before opening. Maybe our flowerbeds too! A bit of work but lots of fun and your name gets crossed off the volunteer list for 2024.

## PROPERTY – ABHI UDAWAT

I look forward to meeting you at the Spring Opening Work Party (See your invitation, above).

Plans for regular court and property maintenance are being developed as this letter is being prepared. More information will be shared as details are confirmed.

## MEMBERSHIP – HEATHER SHUTE

Your 2024 Executive has struggled over the **QPTC 2024 Fee Schedule** given the increased costs which have occurred in the past couple of years. (Andrew has mentioned all of the drop shots with which we have had to respond.)

Type	Description	Breakdown	Payable
<b>ADULT</b>	Adult & Volunteer	\$526.55 + \$68.45 (HST)	<b>\$595</b>
	Adult & Volunteer Opt-Out	\$570.80 + \$74.20 (HST)	<b>\$645</b>
	New Members (Only new in 2024)	\$349.56 + \$45.44 (HST)	<b>\$395</b>
	Spring Special - May 1 > June 30	\$265.49 + \$34.51 (HST)	<b>\$300</b>
	Half Year - Aug 1 > Closing	\$269.91 + \$35.09 (HST)	<b>\$305</b>
	Upgrade from Spring Special to full	\$261.07 + \$33.93 (HST)	<b>\$295</b>
<b>STUDENT</b>	Annual Rate <i>Must be Full Time &amp; Under 25</i>	\$256.64 + \$33.36 (HST)	<b>\$290</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	Junior - not yet in Grade 9	\$176.99 + \$23.01 (HST)	<b>\$200</b>
	Family Junior – not yet in Grade 9 * * Parent or grandparent is member of QPTC	\$44.25 + \$5.75 (HST)	<b>\$50</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	KCU Employee	\$411.50+ \$53.50 (HST)	<b>\$465</b>
	Executive (Past Season)	\$421.24 + \$54.76 (HST)	<b>\$476</b>

As in 2023, payments are to be done only 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.

Please note that new members are being encouraged to try the sport of tennis. This season, new members only, can play for only \$395. We think it is important to offer this discount in order to encourage new players to “give it a try”.

Returning QPTC members will be able to utilize their existing CourtReserve account to register for the 2024 Season. 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. Please also note that free memberships for “Family” juniors have been changed. They are very welcome to be active at the club but a \$50 fee has been established. Those who only visit occasionally may be better treated as “guests”.

**New Members Are Welcome to the 2024 Registration System.** We are excited you want to be part of the Quaker Park Tennis Club this year. Please read this entire set of instructions prior to completing the forms to avoid delays. You should have checked out our different memberships and selected the one that applies to you. (See the chart above, Andrew’s email, or the website.)

### **Processing Your Membership:**

There are 3 steps in processing your membership (After you click ‘Create Account’ button at the end of the form)

Step 1 - We receive notice of your application.

Step 2 – You will receive an email welcoming you to the club and providing you with some basic information regarding the rules of the club. At this point, your membership is INACTIVE. The email will also detail how to make your payment to the club in order to activate your membership.

Step 3 - This is when you need to make the payment to the club. This payment should be made via **e-transfer to membership@qptc.ca** within 48 hours of your application.

Once the funds are received, your account will be activated, and you will be able to book courts and access the member portal. An envelope with your name on it, containing a shoe tag and the new password to access the member portal will be waiting for you in the club house once you are activated.

If funds are not received within the 48-hour time frame, your application will be withdrawn and you will need to start the process again.

**Applying for Student and Junior Memberships** – Please note additional information is required when applying for either of these two categories. Not providing this information will result in delays in processing the membership.

- Student Memberships – This membership requires that you enter your age and the school you are registered in.
- Junior Memberships – This membership requires you to insert the date of birth of the junior as well as the school he/she is registered in and the full name of the parent.

### **Adult Membership – V (volunteering) vs Adult Membership-NV (non-volunteering)**

Volunteering time is essential to the operation of our club. If you do not wish to or are unable to volunteer a minimum of 2 hours to the club, choose Adult Membership – NV. Note that there is an additional cost to not volunteering during the season. If you have not been approached to help out, it is your responsibility to contact a member of the Executive before the end of the season to fulfill your commitment or pay the additional \$50. Keep an eye on your email for the confirmation email that your membership has been accepted to proceed to the payment phase as soon as possible.

## CLUB PROS – ROBERT/ANDREW SZILAGYI

Hi everyone! Robert and I are excited to be back as your Head Tennis Pros. We cannot wait to see you all at the club, very soon. As the weather turns for the better, it's time to dust off our tennis gear and get moving. It's always a good idea to head down to the practice wall to find our swings again.



Come see us at the start of the season for your gear needs. Those strings and grips may need replacement! We will be carrying the latest from Head (racquets, strings, grips and Penn balls) and New Balance shoes and apparel.

We are excited to be offering a variety of clinics once again, starting in early May. For more information about our junior classes, please visit the City of Peterborough's recreation site.

See below for descriptions of our adult clinic offerings:

### **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. These lessons will only be once a week on Tuesday from 6:00-7:30 pm, and will be for beginner level tennis players. New members, please contact Andrew or Robert for further questions.

### **Intermediate Group**

Stay tuned for more details, lessons will be on Thursdays from 6:00 -7:30 pm (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 Szilagyi – [andrew@tennistwins.net](mailto:andrew@tennistwins.net) & Robert Szilagyi – [robert@tennistwins.net](mailto:robert@tennistwins.net)

## TREASURER – HEATHER CASEY

There is no greater challenge or pleasure than to step into a complex situation and be able to use one's skills to ease the stress. Much of our early season Executive meetings have been directed to reviewing the Club's financials and Andrew Galvin and I have had a number of opportunities to visit both the RBC and TD banks which service QPTC's accounts. The Executive has authorized some changes and we are now negotiating a strategy to reduce the Club's debt load related to the loan taken out in 2006 to complete upgrades to our facilities. In addition, a priority has been established to once again grow a contingency fund so that if/or when unexpected expenses arise, we are prepared.

I look forward to introducing a new idea for funding, the **National Sport Trust Fund**, at the Spring General Meeting. See you there!





## LADIES' LEAGUE – PATRICIA DAY

It's almost time for tennis! Yeah! With this early spring-like weather, we are all so stoked, ready and motivated to get back on the clay!! Can't wait to share, but the Ladies' League has lots of great ideas for the 2024 Tennis Season!

Firstly, we will have our Opening Morning as soon as the Club opens... usually during the first week of May. We will be sending out an email with the exact date. All are invited! We will have a light breakfast, some brief announcements, registration and of course.... weather permitting, tennis!!!

Our league welcomes all QPTC lady members regardless of skill level. If you're brand new to tennis, the club offers lessons, so you can soon be ready to play! Our league is applauded for introducing hundreds of ladies to tennis and blending them into QPTC. So many ladies have joined our league and have become confident tennis players! Many move on to join groups etc. with other Ladies' League members. Actually, we're requesting that some of those players come back even once a week, to help with mentoring etc. Your participation will be appreciated!

Our league plays organized games Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 7:30 to 9:00 am and then 9:00 to 10:30 am. This has evolved over the years and has become very popular! Being in harmony with the social aspects of tennis, we also have monthly "social" events throughout the season, to add fun to our league! Many, many new and long-lasting friendships have developed from enjoying the QPTC Ladies' League!

Cheers! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Patricia Day (Captain) and our Executive Team! [ladiesleague@quakerparktennis.ca](mailto:ladiesleague@quakerparktennis.ca)



## MEN'S LEAGUE – JOHN CURLEY / ANDY KULIK

Men's League: Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 – 10:00 am, 10:00 am - noon, and 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Welcome back to spring! Dig out the rackets and get ready for league play again this season.

We have three time slots on Tuesdays and Thursdays from May through October. We organize the season into multiple 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, contact a committee member below to be added.

See you soon.

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Andy Kulik	705-748-6111	<a href="mailto:aakmps@gmail.com">aakmps@gmail.com</a>
John Curley	705-745-9490	<a href="mailto:jpcurley@gmail.com">jpcurley@gmail.com</a>
Arthur Herold	705-536-0035	<a href="mailto:herold@nexicom.net">herold@nexicom.net</a>



## WEDNESDAY EVENING COMPETITIVE DOUBLES LEAGUE – PATRICK HENRY

I am also happy to serve as the convener for this league once again. Last season we had about 30 members and play went from the start of club opening through to the week of Thanksgiving. The purpose of this league is to have a place where more experienced players can enjoy an advanced, competitive brand of tennis (fun is still the key goal).

We do welcome new members who may be looking for this fit and had several new players join last year. We were glad to have four women in the line-up. We do welcome new members who may be looking for good quality competitive play. Please contact me if you are interested in joining or continuing.

Patrick Henry  
henryfamily@wisponline.ca

## JUNIOR PROGRAMS – CHRIS DUMMITT/ BILL DEVITT



QPTC, in collaboration with the city's Recreation Department, is offering Junior Tennis Instruction Programs and a Junior Sunday night Tennis Club. All programs are geared to letting kids have fun while learning basic skills and game play.

The Peterborough Recreation Department's *Spring and Summer Sports Guide* is available on-line. Full information on all instruction programs, spring and fall camps, as well as how to register, can be found in the city's Recreation Department guide, [BookingCoursesPage](#) under Community/Instructional Sports and is duplicated on the QPTC website under Juniors, <http://www.quakerparktennis.ca>

These programs, open to the public, are well subscribed. Don't be disappointed – register early.

If you are interested in our junior Aces Competitive Team or private lessons, please contact Andrew or Robert Szilagyi. [andrew@tennistwins.net](mailto:andrew@tennistwins.net)

## TRY TENNIS 2024 – BILL DEVITT

QPTC will run the free Try Tennis program again for four Friday nights, June 7, 14, 21 and 28<sup>th</sup>. At least two or three courts will be needed from 6:00 to 7:00 pm on these evenings. I am hoping to attract 25 participants, both kids and young adults. Robert and Andrew will be running this program and all those in the program will be encouraged to register with ParticipAction.

This is a unique opportunity for kids who have tried tennis once or have no experience. We are inviting participants from the New Canadian Centre, the YES shelter, and lower income families through the City of Peterborough. The Club will provide racquets and balls for the young people to use at the Club.

If you know of kids or families who would like to be part of this program, please contact Bill Devitt at 705-292-0183. You may also call, if you wish to volunteer on any of the Friday evenings or have used racquets that you wish to donate.

## FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR - CAROLYN CONDON

It's MY serve, but I'm not ready yet! Please watch the QPTC website for fundraising events coming to you soon.  
Carolyn

## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR - RACHEL BRONSON

Welcome members both new and returning! I am extremely excited to continue as your Tournament Director for the 2024 summer season. To begin, please welcome Mark Arbogast as our team leader and convener for the tournament



events. Mark has contributed countless hours assisting our club in past tournaments. He will continue as lead to the events and work with the Tennis Twins in setting up the tournament brackets.

As mentioned at the last Fall General Meeting, there will be an increase in tournament fees. These fees have not increased for quite some time, but this moderate increase lines up with rising costs of equipment and food. Considering the changes, I do hope to improve the tournament experience with the anticipation of enlisting new recruits, allowing longer games, and rest periods between matches to reduce the risk of strain or injury.

The following are the proposed tournament dates. Please be sure to keep referring to our website or the CourtReserve mobile app for updates as the format and dates have yet to be finalized. Finals, in all divisions, will be played on the last day.

Tournament Event	Proposed Dates	Duration	Fees (Per person)
● Zoomers	June 12	1 Day	\$25
● Men's/Women's Doubles	July 6 – 20	2 weeks	\$35
● Men's/ Women's Singles	August 3 – 24	3 weeks	\$40
● Mixed Doubles (Fall Classic)	September 7 – 21	2 weeks	\$35

See you on the courts!

Rachel Bronson

### ● GET YOUR PHONE READY FOR QPTC COURT BOOKING

Want the CourtReserve app on your phone or other device? Go to [CourtReserve.com](https://www.courtreserve.com). Under features there is a link for the mobile app. Once on the page, you will see the links for Android devices (Google Play) and for iPhones (App Store)

### ● SOCIAL DIRECTOR - CHRISTINE CLINTON

Please welcome Christine back from the sunny south. She is very much wanting to hear from you as she is forming a Social Committee. What a fun way to get your volunteering credit.

### ● SPRING GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

Draft Agenda and draft Fall General Meeting Minutes are available at <http://www.quakerparktennis.ca>

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*I have complied the above information for QPTC. As tennis players, we understand that not all shots will be "the best". If you find errors, omissions, confusing text, or presentation, please let me know. Thanks!*  
*Lillian Horn, QPTC Secretary*

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