
WINTER 2021 BULLETIN

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Happy 2021!

While it is not the best way to start a new year with a “COVID LOCKDOWN”, vaccines are on the way and COVID numbers appear to be falling. This is great news and we look forward to a May opening with COVID strategies for our mutual safety. Yes, this means the Social nights, tournaments and other social activities will be suspended pending further notice.

As we look to our 2021 season, we want to provide our members with an update on the work being done now, on your behalf.

Directors: We still have vacancies on the Executive. Marc Rochon, our current Treasurer, was to have finished his tour of duty prior to the 2020 season. Marc has been very gracious in providing the club with additional time (covering the full 2020 season) however his other responsibilities do not allow for any further extension. A great BIG thanks to Marc for carrying us through 2020. Although bookkeeping or accounting background would be an asset, it is not a requirement. Please consider volunteering for this essential position.

Other vacant Executive positions: Social Director, Tournament Director, Fundraising. Note that with COVID restrictions, the work involved with these positions is quite minimal. We have also had very positive results with members acting as co-directors.

Membership: Fees will again remain unchanged for 2021. A new registration form will soon be available online with an attached waiver. The registration form together with the waiver and payment must be received by the Treasurer prior to entering the club. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Opening Day: We continue to aim for a May 1, 2021 opening day, unless we are further impacted by COVID restrictions or excessively wet or cold weather. Please keep your eyes on our website for any updates.

Fundraising: We need COVID-friendly ideas. If you have any or are aware of

any fundraising ideas which other clubs have implemented successfully, please let us know. Send an email with your ideas to president@quakerparktennis.ca

2021 Bottle Drive: Please start keeping bottles and cans to donate to the club. We will once again set up a drop-off at the club, however if you feel more comfortable in taking your own bottles in for a refund and donating those funds to us, QPTC, we will be happy to receive the donation.

100th Anniversary Celebration: A committee is currently developing plans for the 100th anniversary of the Quaker Park Tennis Club which occurs in 2022. We are currently looking at a one-day public event with a number of special seasonal events for our members.

Chris Dummitt is taking the lead in researching both our history and the history of tennis in Peterborough. We have many members who have been with the club for over 30 years who may be able to help Chris with his research. We are looking for pictures, documents and the names of previous members who are no longer participating in the sport but may be able to provide information on the history of the club. If you can help with any of these, please contact Chris at history@quakerparktennis.ca

Members of the 100th Anniversary committee include, Chris Dummitt (historical research), Juliet Sutcliffe (Social Media), Rachel Bronson (public/community activities), Sue Mackenzie (member celebration activities), Bill Devitt (junior activities, source funding and OTA contact) and Forge Hamu (property improvements).

While these members are leading their respective areas, they need some help. Please reach out if you are able to assist or have ideas.

Fundraising Event: The new ball machine has been quite busy this past season. As a COVID-friendly idea, we are offering Ball machine packages for sale. While this would have been a great Christmas gift for that someone who just can't get enough of hitting the ball, it makes a great Valentine's day or birthday gift for that hard to buy person in your life. Prepaid packages will be posted on-line and available for purchase soon.

As we close this communication, the warmer weather is not that far away. Before you know it, spring will be here and we will all be looking to get out and hit that tennis ball. So stay safe and stay well and we hope to see you out there starting May.

Forge Hamu, President