

QPTC – UPDATE BULLETIN

QPTC is now into its 6th week of operation. As we informed members at the onset of the season processes and restrictions regarding COVID will change as the government restarts the economy. With the Peterborough Area designated as a Stage 3 eligible area, many businesses and services are coming online bringing changes to operations, and we are no exception.

The Executive and club staff have been monitoring our COVID restrictions and we are delighted to report that we continue to maintain a high level of adherence to the new processes and court etiquette which we originally implemented. A bit of work is still required ensuring that members use the exit as clearly marked. **To reiterate, the entrance is one way only and members must exit behind the clubhouse.**

Looking forward into the balance of the season we continue to make changes by easing some of the restrictions which were initially implemented. Please take note of these changes as they will likely affect you in some way:

UPDATES / CHANGES

1. Clubhouse and Deck
2. Guest / Visitors
3. Ball Machine
4. Lessons
5. Fund Raising
6. Executive

Please note that while we are easing the initial restrictions, we continue to express the need for **physical distancing, practicing good hygiene** (covering a cough or sneeze and avoiding touching your face) and **regular washing of hands with soap** and water or use of hand sanitizers.

1. Clubhouse and Deck

Clubhouse is now open to members and no longer restricted to the use of the bathroom. We ask however that if you bring items which are in need of refrigeration, that they are clearly marked with your name and in a sealed container.

Chairs will once again adorn our deck for those wishing to sit and watch games in progress. Members may wait on the clubhouse deck for their court to clear. Please ensure however that physical distancing is practiced at all times.

2. Guest / Visitors

Effective immediately, guests are once again allowed to attend the club. Please familiarize yourself with the new GUEST POLICY which is posted on the website. It is important to note that the Guest Pass Request can **ONLY** be completed by Login into the Member section of the website.

We will continue to enforce a NO VISITOR policy. To clarify, a guest is a person accompanying a member and playing with that member. A visitor is a non-member not accompanying a member wishing to use the courts or take private lessons.

3. Ball Machine

Our new ball machine is now in full operation and available to all members at a cost of \$10 per hour. The machine is a programmable piece of equipment designed to provide the user with consistent shots so as the user can benefit from repetition. A number of benefits of using the ball machine is that it works at your pace, it always has the time for you (it's never too busy not to accommodate your schedule) and it doesn't have a comment should you hit a ball out of the court.

Ted will be scheduling a number of tutorials over the next few weeks for anyone interested in receiving instruction on its use. The tutorial should not be more than 10-15 minutes.

Please check the bulletin board in the clubhouse for Tutorial times.

4. Lessons

The re-configuration of how lessons are provided and how people can sign up for lessons has been to date more of a word-of-mouth rather than clear information to all members. To ensure everyone is aware of the lessons which are available, how to register for lessons, what kind of lessons they are, what the cost is and when are they being held, a new menu item has been added on the website under the menu item "LESSONS" is now available on the website under "Current Events".

While we are easing the number of participants on a court as it relates to lessons, the pre-registration and payment process will remain in place. To register for lessons, simply sign into the Court Booking software and choose the EVENTS tab at the top left of your screen. A listing of events will be displayed on the left side of your screen and by choosing lessons or clinics, a sign-up process will be displayed.

Please refer to our new Lesson page

5. Fund Raising – Bottle Drive

As you are all aware, the club has sustained a significant reduction in income. While some relief in wages due to a late opening was also experienced, the annual costs of court preparation did not in any way diminish. With this in mind early in our preparations, the Executive attempted to initiate a bottle

drive in order to raise funds. A communication went out to the membership asking that members retain their bottles and that arrangements would be made to have them picked up or delivered to the club.

Unfortunately, the Executive were unsuccessful in recruiting a few people to receive the bottles at the club and make arrangements for their delivery to the Beer store. While we are again appealing to the membership for a “few good folks” to take on this task, we are not confident of a positive response.

In light of this situation, we are asking all our members, who have been hoarding their bottles for this occasion to, where possible, make arrangements to take the bottles into the beer store and donate the funds to our club. For those doing so, you may send your donation to treasurer@quakerparktennis.ca and include a note with the donation clearly stating it is to be allocated to the bottle drive.

6. Executive

We have a number of openings on the Executive which are in desperate need of filling. We currently have the need for a Treasurer, Fund Raising lead, Membership Director and a Social Director. While many of the duties for this year are close to completion, we cannot operate without these positions addressed. Many of the current members have been doing double duty and we simply cannot continue to abuse their generosity. We need members to step up and participate. This is not an onerous task irrespective of the position you may be interested in and there will always be someone to assist you.

Please consider giving some of your time to the Executive in order to continue the excellent work maintaining this club.

Please email president@quakerparktennis.ca if you wish to discuss the responsibilities of any of the positions or wish to put your name forward.