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## Quaker Park Tennis Club Bulletin

### Fall 2020

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#### President's Report

##### Forge Hamu

It's been a season of challenges and uncertainty. The Regional Health Centre and the City of Peterborough provided only general guidelines with regard to COVID and directed most inquiries regarding safety protocols to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Tennis Association. The plan to open a month late and restrict play to singles was changed at the last hour in late May to allow for doubles play.

A significant amount of work was done in a very short time by the Executive to meet and exceed the COVID requirements. Signage, changes in processes, cleaning schedules and overall Club operations including Executive meetings through teleconferences all contributed to an increased cost of opening the Club for play. While we experienced additional opening costs at a time where we were not sure of our membership revenue, we thankfully experienced some reductions in certain other costs together with some financial help from the government.

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throughout the season. with their hard work and commitment we were able to get the leagues going. We unfortunately were unable to salvage any type of tournament, social play or get-togethers. We are hopeful the 2021 season is closer to the unrestrictive environment we have enjoyed prior to this season.

On behalf of the Executive, I want to thank each and every member for their cooperation and dedication to following COVID protocols which allowed this season to be deemed a glowing success.

Best wishes for continued health to all members. We hope to see all of you back during the 2021 season.

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## Club Closing – October 17

**October 17<sup>th</sup>** has been set as the closing date for the club. For those interested in assisting to prepare the club for closing, **PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 10 AM.** There will be no food or refreshments this year given COVID concerns. We will once again leave one court up until the weather pattern dictates otherwise.

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## Treasurer's Report

**Marc Rochon**

The Club is financially stable entering the end of the 2020 season. This year there was doubt the Club would be able to open given the restrictions. We were given the green light and, all things considered, came out in a positive position.

Total revenues were down 22% from the previous year. Membership revenue is down 10% and there were no summer program revenues collected as they did not run. There has been a good result in Fundraising thanks to Rachel Bronson (mask fundraising), Kathy Schmidt and Penny Fischer (bottle drive fundraising).

We were able to take advantage of a few wage subsidy programs to reduce the payroll expenses incurred in the year. The Club successfully received the \$40,000 CEBA loan to assist with cash flow.

With the additional funds, a full order of clay was purchased to be used over a two year period. A new ball machine was ordered in the spring and there has been more interest and use this season. There was a reduction in spending on repairs and maintenance. There is a plan to install a railing on the steps between Court 2 and 3.

The province is introducing a small minimum wage increase beginning October 1, 2020. This will have a low impact on our future labour expenses.

Because of the restrictions on other team sports, there was an increase of 28% in the first and second-year sponsored membership revenue. We hope to see this trend continue as more individuals and families become aware of the Club and our great amenities.

I want to thank all current and former board members for their efforts and diligence during this challenging season, and to all members who participated in aiding the Club and its Board.

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## The Quaker Park Executive Team Needs You!

### PROPOSED SLATE OF EXECUTIVE'S FOR 2021 SEASON

Please consider joining the team. There are a number of open positions on the QPTC Executive for the 2021 season. Current members are happy to help those willing to take on these roles.

Open positions include:

**President:** **Open for nomination/volunteer** (Current President: Forge Hamu)

**Past President:** Current President fills this position once new President is in place

**Vice President:** **Selected by Executive from Executive Members**

**Secretary:** Julie Stark

**Treasurer:** **Open for nomination/volunteer**

**Directors:**

Fundraising: **Open for Nomination**

Junior Program: Bill Devitt /Andy Kulik /Rachel Bronson

Membership: Lillian Horn

Property: Maxine Heffernan

Publicity: **Open for Nomination**

Social: **Open for Nomination**

Tournaments: **Open for Nomination**

**Representatives:**

Ladies League: **Open for Nomination**

Men's League: Andy Kulik/John Curley/Art Herold

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## 100th Anniversary

The Quaker Tennis Club will be 100 years old in 2022!

As one of the oldest clubs in Ontario we need to celebrate this milestone in style! (We expect Covid-19 to be over by then!)

A planning committee is being created for this event and we need members to assist us. This committee must convene soon (phone/ socially distanced) so that a date can be set as local politicians and other dignitaries should receive their invitations well in advance. We also need to spread the word so that new and old members can plan to attend.

Long-time members who have seen the changes at the Club over the years would be especially valuable to this committee. Do you have old or new QPTC pictures/ stories you could share? All ideas are welcome.

Please let Bill Devitt know if you are interested in helping on this committee ([billiod@hotmail.com](mailto:billiod@hotmail.com)). Many hands make light work!

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## Manager's Report

**Ted Lucas**

Despite the late start the 2020 season was quite successful in that we welcomed many new members, and managed to keep the adult instruction and the leagues running.

My staff and I missed having courts full of kids in July and August but we ran some Junior lessons in September. They were well attended.

Many QPTC members helped us out with their time and skill during this season. They are too many to list. We are grateful to all.

A "Shout Out" to staff:

- Andrew: Tireless Tennis Instructor, fellow Seahawks fan and hamburger aficionado.
- Robert: String Maestro, Seahawk fan and discerning burger consumer.
- Jared: Maintenance Guru - I'm not sure if he spends more time maintaining or playing!! I'm not complaining. I'm jealous!!

2020 was a great group effort. Thank you everyone.

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## Membership Report

Lillian Horn and Hal Briggs

The Executive was concerned about a loss of members this season due to COVID 19 restrictions. The details for both this season and 2019 are given in the table below:

Membership Type	2020	2019
<b>Adult Members</b>		
• Full	121	155
• KCU Employee	0	1
• Upgraded from Sponsored	7	2
• Second Year Sponsored	18	9
• First Year Sponsored	35	33
• Half Year	8	4
• Spring Special	0	3
<b>Student Members</b>		
• Full	2	4
• Half Year	0	2

• Junior Family Members	40	20
• Junior Paid Members	1	0
<b>Staff</b>	5	5
<b>Honorary</b>	0	0
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>238</b>

With regret, the Executive accepted the resignation of Carolyn Condon from the Membership Director's position in June. Please remember to congratulate her and give her your thanks for the terrific jobs she has done on QPTC's behalf over the past several years. Once again, Hal Briggs provided back-up and is now going into training mode as Lillian Horn has stepped forward to take over the membership responsibilities. With three terms as the Club's Secretary, Lillian knows the Club's policies and procedures but needs to learn the membership software. Something fun for her to do over the winter!



## Social Report

**Rachel Bronson**

Although we didn't have a chance to interact from more social events this season, the Thursday Mixed Doubles, in its second year, had a good response from the members. Despite COVID safety measures and protocols of social distancing in place, our league was able to implement two sessions this year, with the second session at full capacity with 12 teams registered.

Congratulations to Laurie Fulcher and Phil Adams as our elected 2020 QPTC S.T.A.R. players. The S.T.A.R. award (SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAM PLAYER AWARD AND RECOGNITION) is given to an individual male and female player who embodies true sportsmanship and spirit. It is less



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winning recipients get a small memento (trophy), a \$10 Starbucks gift card and most importantly, bragging rights until next season.

Thank you to all who have participated in this league and made it so enjoyable and successful. I would appreciate any feedback or suggestions to make the league's playing time more enjoyable!

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## Ladies League Report

**Sue McKenzie**

The Ladies League was much different than in previous years, but then again everything has been during this pandemic. We were fortunate to be able to play tennis and enjoy each other's company, and had a great tennis season despite restrictions.

This year the league had 29 members, five of whom were new. Understandably many previous league members did not sign up this year due to COVID-19 concerns.

In keeping with social distancing, our game format was changed to scheduled 1.5 hour games. This format was well-received, and many members commented that they prefer this way of playing. It is something that shall be reviewed and may be incorporated next year.

In keeping with tradition, we had a closing luncheon on September 17, although this one was socially distanced and outdoors. It was a picnic lunch catered by Two Fat Greeks chip truck. We had a good turnout of 22 members/friends. This is the only social event the league will have in 2020.

The Ladies League thanks Ted and Jared for all their hard work at the Club and on the courts. We are also grateful to the QPTC Executive members for volunteering their time, and keeping our Club afloat during these unusual times.

Wishing everyone a safe and peaceful time during the off-season.

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## Men's League Report

**John Curley**

Despite the virus, 2020 has been a busy year for the Quaker Men's League. We had 44 players, which accounted for approximately 400 hours of court time. These numbers are down from last year due to the delayed Club opening.

We played our usual Tuesday and Thursday time slots from mid-June through October in four sessions, with games scheduled among teams arranged according to skill levels and experience. Thanks to Ted for all his work on our behalf.

Also due to the virus we did not hold our joint day with the Ladies League, or our end of season BBQ. We are really looking forward to getting back to normal next year. We encourage our guys to come out for the Club closing to help with nets and windscreens. As we head our separate ways over the winter we hope you all keep active and healthy.



## Junior Programs

**Bill Devitt and Andy Kulik**

QPTC, in collaboration with the city's Recreation Department, offers Junior Tennis Instruction Programs. The Recreation Department worked with our pro Ted Lucas and the Szilagi twins to develop a fall program which started in early September 2020. All programs are geared to letting kids have fun while learning basic skills and game play.

The petite tennis on Saturday mornings was full with 8 kids. Mini tennis had 5 kids and the junior after school program had 10 kids. All parents and kids were thrilled to get some tennis in, considering the long lockdown in the spring and summer for sports activities.

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Department flyers and on-line in the spring. A big thank you to Ted Lucas, the Szilagyi twins, the Peterborough Recreation Department, and Forge Hamu for making the tennis instruction happen this fall.

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## **Tennis Twins Season Recap**

**Andrew and Robert Szilagyi**

Another season is coming to an end and we'd like to thank Ted, the membership and the executive for the constant support during this interesting year. It has been the busiest season for us, by far.

The Tennis Twins introduced several new programs during the tennis season, namely Cardio Tennis and Serve's Up. These new programs saw great attendance during the summer months and we are most definitely looking forward to starting them up again, come springtime.

The Aces also had scheduled practices on Friday evenings. A new program was created, called "Aces Transition". This program introduces our future young stars to a competitive training environment. Our U18 junior travelling team also practiced on Friday evenings, even without "Intercounty" play this season.

The Twins are very excited about next season. Stay tuned for new program updates during the winter months. We hope everyone stays safe and well.

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## Fundraising Report

### **Bottle Drive**

Our bottle drive fundraiser is ongoing until October 7 so please continue to drop your empty beer cans, liquor and wine bottles into the bins at the back of the clubhouse.

Spearheaded by Penny Fischer and Kathy Schmidt, this fundraiser has so far raised more than \$300. In a year where fundraising options were limited these funds are greatly appreciated, and we thank Penny and Kathy whole heartedly for heading this up.

Kathy and Penny are happy to continue managing this fundraiser for 2021 and require the assistance of one more volunteer. Please consider giving them a hand, and thank you to all who participated.

### **Mask Fundraiser**

Rachel Bronson fabricated face masks that were offered for sale as another fundraiser for the Club. Not only did she have an assortment of fabulous tennis themed fabrics and other fabrics, she made them to fit adults and children. Rachel was able to raise almost \$675 through this project.

Masks are still available for purchase. There are lots of designs to choose from, including tennis themed options and two designs in recognition of Breast Cancer Month (October).

## Property Report

**Maxine Heffernan and Ted Lucas**

There were no capital expenses at the Club house in 2020. Next year the Club will have installed an additional railing along the steps leading down onto the North court walkway. Thank you to all who volunteered their time during the 2019/2020 season and also to those who generously provided items for the Club.

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## Tournament Report

**Sandra and John Mekitiak**

Due to the COVID-19 virus the four tournaments planned for this tennis season - Zoomers, Singles, Mixed Doubles and the Fall Classic - were cancelled. Thank you to members who signed up to volunteer for these tournaments.

If all goes well, we plan to have the four tournaments in the 2021 tennis season and will be looking for volunteers to help run them. Next spring, please sign up to help make these tournaments happen in 2021.

Enjoy the winter and get your racquets ready for next year.

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