

Mark Your Calendars Now!!!

Spring General Meeting (SGM)

Tuesday, April 15, starting at 6:30 PM

Activity Haven, 180 Barnardo Avenue, Room 3

Come out, see familiar and new faces and learn what is planned for the 2025 season.

This is an excellent opportunity to share and ask questions.

Club Opening Date - Thursday, May 1, 8:30 AM

While it is too early to confirm opening day, we always aim for May 1st. Yes, it is a Thursday, but let's see what we can get done, and continue if necessary to finish up on Saturday, May 3rd.

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. Opening the clubhouse requires cleaning, as well as our flowerbeds over the first week. A bit of work but lots of fun and your name gets crossed off the volunteer list for the season.

President's Report: (Carolyn Condon)

After a long, old fashion winter, we are ALL very excited to get back on the courts at QPTC, our "Little Gem by the River." Your executive has met monthly as a group, but have also been working diligently behind the scenes this winter in smaller groups, to ensure plans are in place for the very best season for 2025. We are delighted to have Robert and Andrew Szilagyi returning as Head Pros, AND as our Club Managers, overseeing the successful operations of the club.

The installation of the sprinkler system will begin as soon as the snow has cleared. This will be a huge asset for the club. The system will reduce some court closures for maintenance as well as staff hours. In addition, watering the courts with a more efficient method will protect the longevity of the clay, which will yield another cost reduction.

QPTC will adopt a "cashless format". Clinics, tournaments, ball machine bookings, guest fees will be charged on Courtreserve, with etransfer payments to the QPTC Treasurer, in a timely manner. More details at the SGM.

At the SGM, and throughout the season, we will review QPTC booking policies, as detailed on our website, to ensure members are both aware of and following them.

On a personal note, taking on the President's role was not something planned, but it is greatly eased when working with such a professional group on your executive, each who offers their time, expertise, and enthusiasm to ensure the club is the

very best it can be. My sincere thanks to each director, and to all the members who continually step up, to help on a regular basis.

Your 2025 Executive:

President: Carolyn Condon

email: president@quakerparktennis.ca

Past President: Forge Hamu

email: see below

Vice President: Forge Hamu (*As chosen by the Executive*)

Secretary: Stuart Konyer

email secretary@quakerparktennis.ca

Treasurer: Heather Casey

email QPTCTreasurer@gmail.com

Fundraising Director: Carolyn Condon

email fundraising@quakerparktennis.ca

Junior Program Director: Bill Devitt

email juniors@quakerparktennis.ca

Membership Director: Heather Shute

email membership@quakerparktennis.ca

Property Director: Forge Hamu

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Tournament Directors: Tracy McCabe and Linda Copland

email tournaments@quakerparktennis.ca

Publicity Director: OPEN position

Social Director: OPEN position

Membership (Heather Shute)

The best news regarding membership, is that adult membership fees remain unchanged for the 2025 season. For example, the full season Adult Membership fee is \$595 and the Adult Membership with the opt out as a Volunteer remains at \$645. The online application is required once again for 2025 and all the membership types are listed on the website along with fees. Returning members simply go to the Courtreserve site (courtreserve.com) and log in. Once in your profile, you may choose the membership you wish to purchase. Please update your personal information on your profile so we have your most up-to-date contact information. Once you have applied, your application will be verified but "pending" until the membership fees are received. The fees are to be paid via e-transfer to Membership@quakerparktennis.ca. Upon receipt of the funds, your account will be activated however, your ability to book will not start until May 1, 2025. An envelope, labelled with your name, will be waiting for you in our club house. It will contain your shoe tag, a page of general information and the password for the member portal.

Your shoe tag **MUST** always be visible when you are on the courts. It is your proof that you have paid for your 2025 membership.



Please note that if you are applying for Student and Junior memberships, there is additional information required, i.e. the age of the student as well as the name of the school they are registered to attend, and full name of parent in the case of junior members.

There is always something to do and it is your responsibility to ask, "How can I help?" Please make sure your name is added to one of the volunteer tracking lists! Those V members, who have not contributed a minimum of 2 hours, will be billed \$50 in early November.

Last season, we had a total of 249 members which included 105 volunteers, 52 non-volunteers, 37 new members, 8 students, 15 family juniors and 13 half-year members. We look forward to another fun year at QPTC. Hope to see you there!

Club Pro Comments (Andrew and Robert Szilagyi)

We are very excited to be back as your General Manager/ Head Pros for 2025! We look forward to the weather turning soon and to the improvements coming to our club and the courts.

A brand new sprinkler system will be installed above ground before the opening this spring. Hopefully, everyone will be as excited as we are as we think we will be able to provide better court conditions throughout the season! Another added bonus will be reduced maintenance during the day, with more bookings available!

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 don't forget our selection of 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 "Sports" option at: [City of Peterborough's Summer Day Camps](#)

Our 2025 Adult Clinic Offerings are as follows:

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 be once a week on Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:30 PM and will be for beginner level tennis players. In the weeks following the free lessons, members can continue to receive instruction from 6:00 - 7:00 PM but a lesson fee will apply. New members, please contact Andrew or Robert for further information.

Intermediate Group

These lessons will be on Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:30 PM (Fees apply). Stay tuned for more details.

Thursday Morning Clinic

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

Famous Players

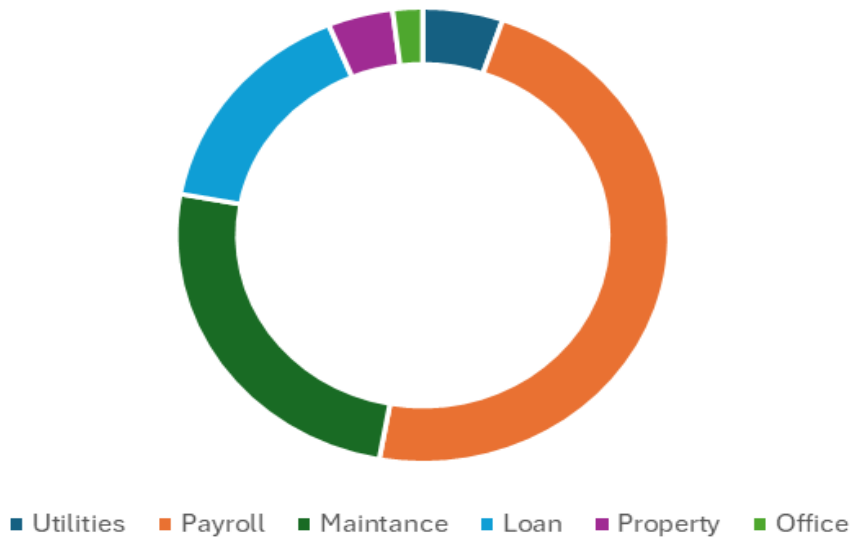
Saturday mornings! Stay tuned for more details (Fees apply).

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

Andrew – andrew@tennistwins.net & Robert Szilagyi – robert@tennistwins.net

Treasurer (Heather Casey)

As I am sure you know, our club runs on your membership fees, fundraising and city/government funds received through programs and grants. We budget each year to make this money last until the following spring. In 2024, we determined that we could pay our loan since the interest rates had increased substantially. (These funds were borrowed to help pay for the clubhouse update in 2017.)



The chart, above, shows QPTC's expense breakdown for 2024.

During 2024, we also purchased short-term cashable GICs with the funds to receive interest until the funds are required. Last year by ordering our clay for two years, we reduced the cost of the clay and shipping costs, which however increased our maintenance costs for 2024. This year will reflect the reduction.

With the club's payroll being our biggest expense, it was determined that a sprinkler system would reduce this cost, and the board decided to go ahead with a sprinkler system.

I look forward to seeing everyone again on the courts this spring!

Property Update (Forge Hamu)

As we finished the 2024 season, you may have been aware that we suffered another break in wherein the utility cart was stolen. Unfortunately, small losses of this nature do not warrant an insurance claim, however steps have been and are being taken to discourage and minimize the temptation for break ins.

An additional camera has been installed in the shed area as well as additional lighting. There will be clear direction to all staff that assets of the club are not to be left in plain sight unless they are being utilized.

Tentative work and purchases planned for 2025 include:

1. Purchase of a new ball machine
2. Replacement of clubhouse fascia boards
3. Improvements to our court display monitor
4. Replacement of locking mechanism to shed
5. Replacement/repair of toilets
6. Minor repair on 2 electrical outlets
7. Create an inventory of assets



There is never an end to property improvements and maintenance and we ask all our members to notify staff of any deficiencies, in order that we may address them as soon as possible.

Fundraising (Carolyn Condon)

May 10: QPTC Spring Sale

WE NEED YOU! Come and support the sale. Please prepare to donate any of the following: goodies for the bake table, treasures for the garage sale, plants, and books. There will also be a raffle draw for some great prizes. Come out and enjoy breakfast and/or lunch by Rachel Bronson and family! If you have questions, please reach out to Jim Bischoff, Julie Stark, Diane Pagett, Rachel Bronson or Carolyn Condon.

(We need flower pots in advance. If you have any, please drop them off at the clubhouse starting May 1st.)

June 7: French Open Breakfast

Make a reservation for yourself and your guests to enjoy this special meal hosted by Rachel Bronson, Carolyn Condon and helpers. It is going to be so good... a repeat event that many members enjoyed last season.

July 5: Wimbledon Breakfast

Same time and place plus a delicious menu. Make sure to sign up early to save a place for you and your guests.

September 6: US Open Breakfast

Yes, another mouth watering meal with great company with the same hosts.

Free QPTC Membership Draw

Tickets for a free QPTC membership for 2026 will go on sale in September. Who doesn't want to play for free? The winner's name will be revealed at our Fall General Meeting.

Fall Event Possibilities

In October, we are working on some ideas for a Club Get-Together, another BBQ or dinner.

Also we hope Laurie Fulcher, and Lynn Yule, will organize another social golf tournament (hint - hint). Let's de-throne Andrew, Robert, Jim and Will.

November 25 – Please save this date for our Fall Dinner - place to be advised.

Court Sponsorship

Do you own a business? Or perhaps your friends/neighbours/relatives may want to advertise. It is a tax write-off and great exposure. We encourage members to support these businesses. We will have signs on each court. Please reach out to Carolyn Condon for more details at carolyn4889@gamil.com.

Tanzanian proverb: *Little by little, a little becomes a lot.*

Social

Outside of the Club championships, we are going to try two or three social tennis events, on Saturday or Sunday mornings between 8:00 AM - noon. Emphasis will be based on meeting other members and enjoying some tennis. Brad and Sue McConnell have volunteered to take leadership in hopes there will be interest.

May 18: Sign up on Courtreserve. More details to follow.

As new events are organized, we will share the details. Please stay tuned. If you have an event you wish to see happen, please contact any Executive member.

Tournament Plans (Linda Copland & Tracy McCabe)

Hello fellow tennis enthusiasts! We are Linda Copland and Tracy McCabe, your new Tournament Directors for the 2025 tennis season. We are excited to take on this role together, taking over from Rachel Bronson who has done a tremendous job over the past few years but has decided to pass the torch. As Rachel did, we will continue to work alongside Mark Arbogast and Andrew and Robert Szilagyi to coordinate all of the upcoming tournaments this season. All tournament dates have been confirmed, but formats are yet to be determined. Please refer periodically to our website or CourtReserve mobile app for updates for tournament

formats. One change that has been confirmed is that we are making the men's and ladies singles a 2-day tournament rather than a single day - preliminaries on Saturday and finals on Sunday. Hopefully, this format will generate more interest and participation from our members who find a single day of multiple matches too much! Any suggestions you have for tournaments; we are happy to listen. We hope to see you at the SGM on April 15, but if not, we'll see you on the courts!!!

2025 QPTC TOURNAMENT DATES:

(These tournaments are for members only.)

Zoomers

Tuesday, June 10, 1-day event with rain date of Tuesday, June 17

Men's & Women's Singles

Saturday, July 12 and Sunday July 13 (new 2-day format this year)

Rain dates are Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20

- The two-day format is in response to members' concerns about overexerting themselves resulting in possible injury with a one-day format.
- Saturday would be the qualifying day and Sunday for the semi-finals and finals.

Men's & Women's Doubles

Saturday, August 16, 1-day event with rain date on Saturday, August 23

Mixed Doubles

Saturday, September 20, 1-day event with rain date on Saturday, September 27

Registration Information:

There is a 2-week registration period, closing on the Wednesday prior to tournament day. Registrations are to be made online, using Courtreserve.

Tournament fees are to be paid via etransfer to treasurer@quakerparktennis.ca

Please add your name and the tournament for which the payment is being made.

Juniors Programs (Bill Devitt)

The Peterborough Recreation Department's Spring and Summer Sports Guide is open for registrations. 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. All programs are geared to letting kids have fun while learning basic skills and game play.



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If you know of anyone interested in our junior Aces Competitive Team or private lessons, please contact Andrew or Robert Szilagyi at andrew@tennistwins.net

OSGA

This is a qualifying year for the Ontario Senior Games. While dates are not currently set, qualifying usually occurs in late May or early June. This year the host club is Port Hope. More information will be displayed on the clubhouse bulletin board as it becomes available.

League and Other QPTC Group Reports

Quaker Park Ladies League

The Ladies' League, the doorway for new and experienced tennis players to participate in the Quaker Park Tennis Club is looking forward to the 2025 season. We will be playing Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at our usual times: 7:30 - 9:00 and 9:00 - 10:30.

Beginners are welcome upon completion of the Club's free lessons. Former members of the Ladies' League are encouraged to sign up one day per week to help mentor new members and add to our spare list. Your participation will be appreciated. We are looking forward to seeing you on the courts and at our monthly socials. If you have any questions/suggestions, please feel free to call Patricia Day at 343-544-6869.

Patricia Day and the Ladies League Executive Team

Men's League

Welcome back! Dig out the racquets and get ready for league play again this season. Our Men's League welcomes male QPTC members of all abilities. We are a recreational league where results are not recorded/published. Subject to availability, we try to group players of compatible levels. We have three, 2-hour, time slots, starting at 8 AM, 10 AM and 1 PM, each Tuesday and Thursday from May through October. We organize the season into 4 or 5 week sessions and you can sign up for each or all. You can indicate dates and times 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.

Dan Mitchell	705-741-6194	dan.mitchell3591@gmail.com
Andy Kulik	705-748-6111	aakmps@gmail.com
Phil Adams (Scheduler)	705-308-3893	phil.adams111@gmail.com

Wednesday Evening Advanced Competitive Doubles Play

Last season, we had about 30 members and play went from the start of club opening through to the week of Thanksgiving. 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

Friday Evening Competitive Intermediate Play (NEW OPORTUNITY)

We are delighted to offer an evening for the higher intermediate members looking for a more competitive level of play. The plan is to start with 2 courts at 6:00 PM, and add courts at 7:00 PM, depending on the demand. Friday nights tend to have soft usage, so it could be an ideal evening to fill the courts with this event. Sign up will be required on CourtReserve as this will not be a drop-in session. SPOTS WILL BE LIMITED.

The format is under development - suggestions are welcomed. If there is a good response, we know this can become a very good evening of fun, competitive tennis. Please reach out to Rachel at jogs3547@gmail.com, or Carolyn at carolyn4889@gamil.com for questions, comments and suggestions.

Tuesday Evening Recreational Doubles Play

A perfect evening for those attending the free lessons to stay and play. For other members, it offers an evening to meet others, and play at a level you are comfortable with, in an-inclusive, and encouraging atmosphere. This is a drop-in opportunity which continues after the lessons have been completed and is supported by a staff member.

QPTC Singles Ladder

The QPTC co-ed singles ladder makes its return for another season led by Sam Coxwell and Rachel Bronson. There will be one single session starting from June 1 and going to October 3 - NO INDIVIDUAL CYCLES., Players can sign up at any time. However, for initial rankings, players must sign up by May 31st. Players signing up on or after June 1st will be required to start at the bottom. The ladder will be structured differently this year, so please check the club bulletin board for sign-up and the new rules. All players MUST be QPTC members (minimum 14 years old) to participate.

Our Website Has a NEW LOOK

A new QPTC website has been developed and members are encouraged to access the site at <https://quakerparktennis.ca/> The site has a calendar of events section as well as a blog where information about what is going on around the club can be displayed. Access to the member section has not changed, therefore if you do not remember the username and password, please contact an executive member.

Compiled for you, on behalf of the QPTC Executive, by Lillian Horn.

Spacing, presentation and spelling errors are mine. Love All!