



## Spring 2026 Newsletter



### Spring General Meeting April 16 at 630pm.

Activity Haven 180 Barnardo Ave

Please attend, so you know what is happening at your club.

**CLUB OPENING DATE- 01 May, 7:30am**

**WORK DAY 24 April at 830am**

**WORKDAY:** please come out to put up wind screens, place the benches, clean the club house, and get everything in place for 01 May. All dates are weather permitting, updates will be posted on FB, and QPTC website.

**2026 Board invitation:** Join us for the QPTC Kick off the season Spring Brunch;

**April 18 at 10:00am at the RailYard on Hunter St.**

Full details under Social for sign up, there's limited seating.

**From the President:** Carolyn Condon

Greeting Quaker Park tennis friends. It certainly has been an old-fashioned winter, with lots of snow, and cold weather, but SPRING is in the air, and we are SO ready to get back on the courts and enjoy "Our Little Gem By The River".

Your board has been busy working on plans for the 2026 season. You will find on the QPTC site, the revised Policies, Code of Conduct and Rules and Information sheet, which we ask each of you to review. You will be signing to agree by these as part of your application to the club this year.

We are aiming for the opening of the courts on 01 May. Yes, we are being optimistic. Based on the availability of court Contractors preparing the courts, our workday will be 24 April, putting up wind screens, putting out the benches etc. Please keep that date open.

We are delighted to have Robert and Andrew Szilagy return to Quaker Park Tennis, as Tennis pros and General Managers.

Members Spring General Meeting is booked for April 16th 630pm at Activity Haven on Barnardo Ave. We will start promptly at 630pm.

Each board member, and committee has added a summary for your convenience. Hopefully this will eliminate time the board presents and leaves more time for members to discuss any questions they may have.

My sincere thanks to ALL your 2026 board members, for their time and energy for the betterment of Quaker Park Tennis and make it the very best club for you the members.



The relaxed, collaborative environment, and professional work ethics of these individuals are very much appreciated, and a great benefit to the club.

A special recognition to Forge, who has worked tirelessly on CourtReserve to ensure the Barcode/Pin Scanning works smoothly, and revising the Code Of Conduct, Policies and Procedures, and the Waiver form. Endless hours devoted to your club! Please reach out and thank him.

### **NEW this year.**

- **All tournaments** will be open to book as soon as they are added in May, to CourtReserve. The deadline for each tournament is Sunday night 6pm, prior to the tournament start date, or once the tournament is filled. No excuses you didn't get to play! Get your names on the tournaments early, as this helps everyone running the tournaments to prepare/schedule appropriately.
- A new barcode/scanning or inputting your PIN number is being introduced and will be demonstrated at the meeting, so please plan to attend.

**VOLUNTEERING**, if you purchase the volunteer membership, it is YOUR responsibility to volunteer 2 hours from opening day to closing day. There is SO much you can help with.

See the list in the member's binder in the club house. You can record what and when you complete your hours.

**QPTC Annual SALE DAY May 09**, please offer to help prepare on the day. See more under fundraising.

### **Remembering.....**

**Barb Pritchard** passed away in January. She was a long-time member and served many years on the Executive. She and her husband were instrumental in adding courts 4 and 5 to the club. Many members may not know her, but those who went before us, left the club we now all enjoy.

**Marshall Eckler** passed away in February. He was a regular player in the men's league and enjoyed playing all 2025.

**John Nichols**, a long-time member of QPTC, passed away in January. He enjoyed playing in the men's league in 2025.



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## DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

### Membership Director: Heather Shute:

We're looking forward to another season of enjoying tennis amongst our friends in our lovely little corner by the water.

This year we will be introducing a QR bar code as a membership ID. Each person will be issued a bar code and number upon registration which will be personal to them. No more shoe tags. You will simply scan your code when you come to the club. It will be located just inside the clubhouse. This is **required** each time you come to the club. Each person applying for membership will have to register and acknowledge reading and agreeing to abide by the Code of Conduct, Club policies and Risk Waiver (which you will be prompted to view and sign) prior to being approved to join.

If you took out a volunteer membership last year but did not volunteer, the additional fee of \$50 will be added to your account to be paid along with this year's membership fee. We count on our members to follow up on their obligations.

Membership fees remain the same except for the Upgrade to Full Adult, it has been increased from \$295 to \$320.

We are looking for a May 1st opening day and we're hoping that the Spring weather will be kinder to us than it was last year. Stay safe and healthy and we'll see you on the courts soon.

### Secretary Director: Stuart Konyer

A number of changes were made at the end of last season to the QPTC governance structure in order to bring our club into compliance with the Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act. Please take a moment to review the QPTC By-Laws, Policies and Code of Conduct, all of which are available on the website or in paper form in the Member's Information Binder kept in our clubhouse.

Your Board of Directors has been hard at work along with other dedicated volunteer members to ensure another great season of tennis with plenty of social events, tournaments, and fundraising events throughout the year. Our club could not function without the dedication of volunteers. Please make every effort to attend the Spring Information Session to learn about what is new at the club for 2026.

### Property Director: Forge Hamu

Several significant property improvements were made last year, with all of them being a resounding success. The installation of our new watering system, the court areas receiving a facelift, removal of grass in play areas, the new walkway and stairs, all of which contributed to an excellent environment showing off our courts to the members



and community. With that in mind, we are continuing to make improvements both to the club grounds as well as our operational processes.

Being introduced this year is an improved process for recording the attendance of members at the club, whether it's to play a match, attend an event, enter tournaments or attend a clinic, statistical data collected will be used to provide more accurate data on court usage and event attendance. The statistical data collected will allow for improved planning as well as improved financial tracking of information.

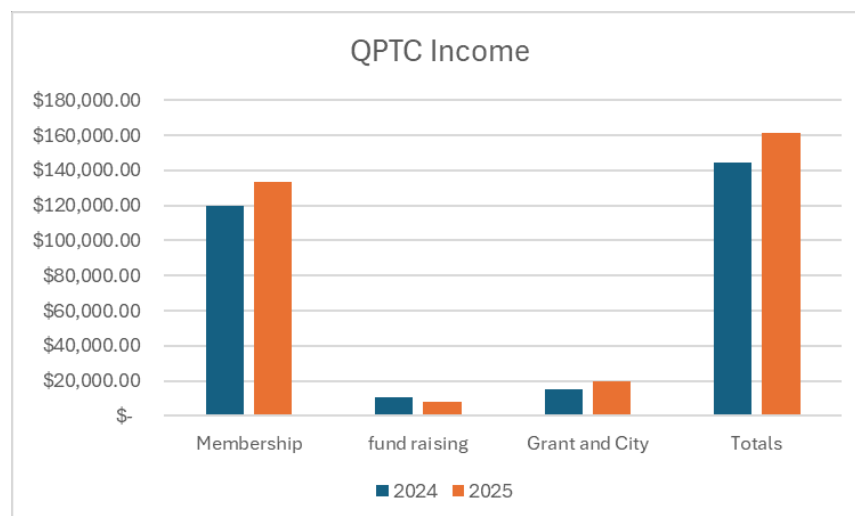
Shoe tags will be a thing of the past. A barcode, QR code or your member number will **be used each time you attend the club**. A scanner will be installed at the entrance in the clubhouse where members entering the club will register. The barcode, QR code, and member number are currently available through our Courtreserve mobile app on your smartphone.

We understand that not everyone uses or brings a smart phone to the club, so a number of options are available to scan your attendance, the most basic being your member's id number. Punching the number into the scan system will achieve the same results as using the QR or Barcode on your smartphone.

A live demonstration of the scanning process will be available at the Spring information meeting and assistance will be provided to any member needing to download the mobile Courtreserve app onto their smartphone.

### Treasurer: Heather Casey

As shown in the following charts, both our income and expenses increased in 2025. We remain in a positive position and are on track for a strong year in 2026.





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## General Managers and Tennis pros: Andrew and Robert Szilagyi

The tennis twins are excited for the warmer weather and to hit the ground running for the 2026 season!

We are hopeful to open the courts on time, without delay. Fingers crossed for sunny weather! We will be running our usual clinics, with starting dates TBD. We will keep you all posted!

Come see us for all of your gear needs. We will be carrying the latest from Head (racquets, strings, grips and Penn balls) and don't forget our selection of shoes and apparel from New Balance.

### 2026 Tournament Coordinators Mike MacLean & Tracy McCabe

As the nice weather slowly approaches, we are beginning to think about getting outside and hitting the courts. Tournament dates for the upcoming season are now confirmed!! Be sure to mark your calendars....we're looking forward to another season of great competition and fun on the courts!!

Registration will open when Courtreserve is open for 2026 play.....no need to wait, sign up as soon as the system is open for the 2026 season. Cut off for all tournaments, once the allowed spots are filled, or 6pm Sunday night prior to the tournament.

**Doubles -** July 11&12  
**Singles -** August 15&16 (potential Friday night start if numbers warrant)  
**Mixed Doubles-** September 12&13

Contact: [tournaments@quakerparktennis.ca](mailto:tournaments@quakerparktennis.ca)

### Junior Program / Grants Committee:

Bill Devitt, Carol Donaldson, Beth Fraleigh Bill Devitt, with the support of Carol Donaldson and Beth Fraleigh, is currently organizing and preparing the responsibilities associated with the Junior Program for the upcoming season. Registration for the summer tennis camps offered through the City of Peterborough Recreation Department will open in March. The Committee is also actively pursuing several grant opportunities to help provide access to tennis for children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to participate. Applications are currently being prepared for the Try Tennis program, ParticipACTION funding, and a Federal Student Grant.



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**Social: Rachel Bronson:**

**SEASON KICK-OFF BRUNCH: Saturday, April 18 Join your 2026 Board at The Railyard** starting 10:00 am at the lower level. Buffet style with limited seating. Please RSVP to [social@quakerparktennis.ca](mailto:social@quakerparktennis.ca)

**SPRING SOCIAL: Sunday, May 17** A fun round robin, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, weather permitting Please register via CourtReserve. Limited spots available.

**Advance Competitive League – Patrick Henry**

The Wednesday evening competitive league is open to both men and women. This league has been growing and provides an opportunity for advanced players to enjoy some higher-level tennis. Please reach out to Patrick at [competitive@quakerparktennis.ca](mailto:competitive@quakerparktennis.ca) if you wish for more information.

Regarding the level of your play and qualification can be discussed with Andrew, and/or Robert Szilagyi but note that the bar is set quite high for this league.

**SINGLES LADDER - Rachel Bronson:**

**Kickoff:** Sunday May 24, 4:00 pm to 6:30. Please reserve

The ladder will run this year from **June 1 to September 12**, with a few advancements. New this year will be the use of a mobile app, iTennisLadder, where players will see their profile, challenge each other and accept with a click of a button, submit their own match scores and get new rankings in real-time. To cover the subscription to this app, there will be a one-time seasonal fee of \$5.00 per player, payable to Rachel.

Payment must be made in order to get access code. To sign up or inquire more information, please email [social@quakerparktennis.ca](mailto:social@quakerparktennis.ca).

**FRIDAY NIGHT ADVANCED – Intermediate Play 7-9pm**

Organized to offer an evening of play with a high standard of intermediate play for a 2-hour period. To avoid any confusion, please ensure you discuss your tennis level with Robert. This is not open to new or recreational levels of play, nor to advance level. If you play in the Wednesday Advance Play, we ask you not to sign up. Sign up on CourtReserve, after you have confirmed with Robert or Andrew you meet the standards for this program. If you sign up, please note you are committing to play until 9pm.



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## Ladies' League – Patricia Day

The Ladies' League, the doorway for new and experienced tennis players to participate in the Quaker

Tennis Club is looking forward to the 2026 the courts and at our monthly socials. If you have any questions/suggestions please feel free to email Patricia Day (ladiesleague@quakerparktennis.ca).

**Men's League:** Dan Mitchell, Andy Kulik and Arthur Herold

Welcome back! Dig out the racquets and get ready for 2026 league play. Our Men's League welcomes all male QPTC members. We only ask that you are at the point where you can sustain a rally. We are a recreational league where results are not recorded/published. There is no fee beyond your club membership, however the schedule will identify which of 4 players should bring a new can of balls for each match. Subject to availability we try to group players of compatible levels.

We have three (2-hr) time slots (8 am, 10 am and 12 noon) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from May through October. We organize the season into 3-to-5-week sessions and you can sign up for each or all. You can indicate dates and times when you are available for play, so we can accommodate players' travels, appointments and vacations.

If you played the Men's League last year you are already on our list. But if you are new to the league, contact our league contact email below to be added. For more details, reach out directly to any of our committee members. See you soon.

Our league contact email is: [mensleague@quakerparktennis.ca](mailto:mensleague@quakerparktennis.ca)

## Fundraising Committee:

At present, we need 4-5 or more members to work on this committee. Many hands make light work! This is definitely very important to the club, please reach out to help and offer some time with other members.



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**Kick off is QPTC Annual Spring Sale May 9th at 8am.**

Garage Sale area headed by Jim Bishcoff, Plants need a lead member to coordinate the team, Used Book Table headed by Linda Nicholson and Chris Cordy, Bake Table headed by Deb Paggett and Judy Cory and friends, and BBQ headed by Rachel, Peter and friends.

Do you have a few hours to volunteer to help raise funds for your club? Please sign the sheet on the board to help plan the sale.

**Quaker Park Tennis New Logo**



**Your 2026 Board looks forward to seeing you on April 18<sup>th</sup>, and even more excited to see you on the courts!**