

Quaker Park Tennis Club

Fall Newsletter 2024

Mark Your Calendars Now!!!

Fall General Meeting: Monday, October 21, 6:30 PM

Activity Haven, [180 Barnardo Avenue](#)

A chance to learn about the challenges and opportunities the club faces, to provide your opinions and to vote on important matters. There are a number of positions open for the 2025 Executive. If you have skills that you think may help, please reach out to any Executive member to discuss.

Club Closing Date: October 26 at 9:00 AM

All hands on deck...please come and help.
This is your opportunity to ensure your 2 hours are covered.

Two courts will remain open into November, weather permitting. If you want to play, you need to know:

1. You must have a QPTC key for the gate so that security can be maintained,
2. Our Club House will be closed with security turned "ON",
3. Water will be turned "OFF",
4. You can still use Court Reserve to book your court time, and
5. You will be responsible for sweeping the court and lines before you play, as needed.

President's Note (Carolyn Condon)

Well this certainly has been a season of changes and challenges! The club received so much rain and so often, it really messed up our games. I want to thank Robert and Andrew Szilagyi, our Club Pros, for offering to run the club for the last 6 to 8 weeks as Managers, which has been a huge help to the entire membership. The top priority for QPTC is a new sprinkler system; we are narrowing down our options and will send more details within the next few weeks.

The club settled our bank loan, so we are presently debt free. (Drum roll please!!!!) A sincere thank you to Forge who has given and continues to support, and share his many years of experience as President, to aid me in this new position. And a huge thank you to all members who continue to come forward to give their time and energy for the betterment of our club.

Property Update (Forge Hamu)

Well, considering the overwhelming amount of rain this year and the number of rainouts, one has to appreciate and notice that the courts are draining faster. It may not have felt that way, given the number of rain days, but for those who have been around the club for years, you must have noticed that puddles are at a minimum and courts are returned to playable status quicker than in the past (and with less labour cost).

We have some repairs which are being planned for the spring, namely the fascia boards on the clubhouse are rotting and in need of replacement. Our nets are in good shape as are our windscreens, so purchases this coming year may be reduced somewhat and we can focus our expenditures on the above-ground sprinkler system which is currently being investigated.

For those of you who were down at the clubhouse during our most recent event (Doors Open Peterborough), you may have noticed how nice the clubhouse and grounds looked. A big thanks to our current President who was relentless in making sure everything was ready and looking pristine for visitors.

We have experienced some issues with both ball machines which have been out of commission for several weeks. We have recently been successful in getting one of the machines up and running, however, we have to limit its use to Court 2 as the battery for the unit is not operational and the machine can only be used with a constant power source via an extension cord. We will be looking into ordering a new battery for the unit, however, as these batteries are somewhat sensitive if left flat for extended periods of time (winter months), we will look to order the new battery for next season.

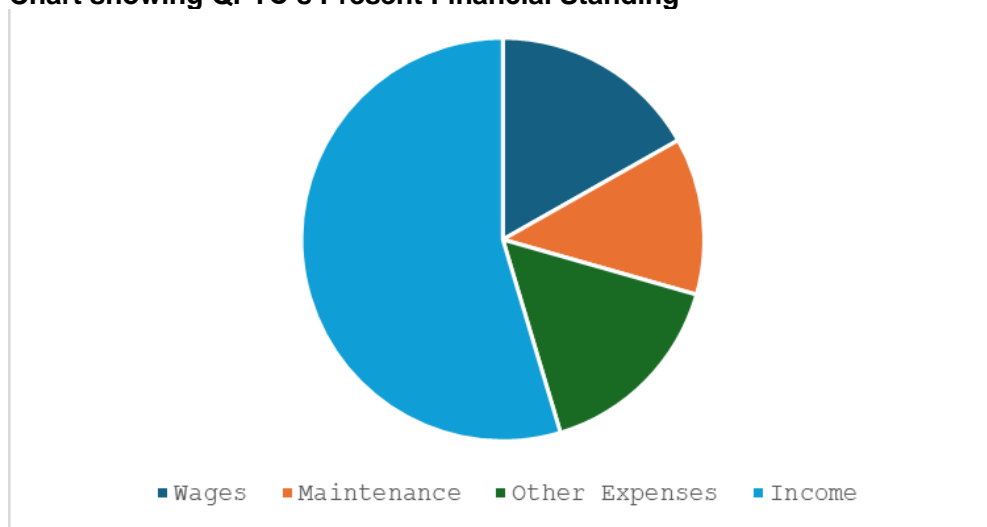
Membership (Heather Shute)

This year we have 249 members, up from 218 members last year. The breakdown is as follows: *(not all membership categories are included)*

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Full Adult Members	104	105
Adult Non Volunteer	34	41
Family Junior	24	15
New Members	27	36
1/2 Year Members	10	12

Treasurer (Heather Casey)

Chart showing QPTC's Present Financial Standing



Doors Open Peterborough - September 14, 2024

QPTC was thrilled to be asked to participate in the 2024 "Doors Open" event run by the city's Historical Department. Close to 100 guests attended enjoying hearing about our rich history as explained by Chris Dummitt. Bill Devitt organized a full day of events including tennis teaching demos, and members on hand to invite guests to consider playing and/or joining. Robert and Andrew filled the courts with members, showcasing our great courts. Christine Clinton provided beverages and snacks, and the Champagne crew, Elias, Stella and Holden helped and played, showing what a great club this is for juniors. Ethan Copeland worked the whole day, helping out and serving the visitors and enjoying some tennis. Many members contributed to make the club shine, both inside and out. Grass was trimmed to the

very edges, webs were removed and flowers were arranged. Thanks to all who allowed our "Little Gem" by the river to shine.

Fundraising (Carolyn Condon)

The May Sale was a great success! We held it on the same day at the East City Garage Sale, so we attracted a huge stream of buyers. Just over \$4,000 was raised.

The Euchre Tournament, thanks to Denise McLean and Linda Copland, raised just under \$1,000.

Club Tournaments raised \$1,200. Thank you Rachel and Mark!

Court Sponsorship added \$1300, Golf and miscellaneous \$400, plus the Pancake Breakfast added \$1,000 - thank you Rachel!

That's approximately \$9,200 thus far, and with the Membership Raffle Ticket sales and another Euchre Tournament, we hope to achieve \$12,000.

To be honest, fundraising has had to take a back seat, as I moved into my new role on the Executive. But it has still been a great success, due to SO many members organizing and helping with events.

We Ask That You Support The Businesses Who Support QPTC:

Court 1 - Andrew Galvin and the Galvin Team

Court 2 - Ken Pipher, Mincom Kawartha Lakes Realty

Court 3 - The Ashburnham Ale House owned by Scott Wood

Court 4 - Vital Tree Care

Court 5 - McLeods EcoWater

WalkWay - Matthew MacLeod Century 21 United Realty

Social (Christine Clinton)

A new event, "Taco Tuesday", was introduced this year to hopefully draw more members into Social Tennis on Tuesdays evenings. We had great feedback and those who participated in both, enjoyed the effort put in by Julie Dotsch and Pat Parnall helping me make this possible.

The Cornball tournament was cancelled due to lack of participants.

We may look at another event for wrap up near the end of October. Stay tuned!

Tournament Reports (Rachel Bronson)

20 July Men and Women's Doubles Championship:

Men's Winners Jim Bischoff and Abhishek Uduwat Finalists Isaac Horbyluk and Mike McLean

Women's Winners Tracy MaCabe and Linda Copland Finalists: Ania Gabrychowicz and Rachel Bronson

24 August: The Men's and Women's Singles Tournament had 14 men and 4 women participating. A good number of guests dropped by to cheer on the players. Players were charged \$35 including a delicious lunch. Thank you once again Rachel, Chef extraordinaire!

Men's Singles Winner: Mike Pezoulas vs Sam Coxwell

Women's Singles Winner: Ania Gabrychowicz runner up Denise McLean

Men's Singles Consolation Winner: Laurence Milner vs Finn Sutcliffe Dummit

Women's Bronze Winner: Macy Milstrom. Women's 4th Place Winner: Debbie Whalen

04 Sept: Zoomers was held later this year, due to the rainout June date. A great turn out with members enjoying both tennis and social interactions.

Champions: Jim Boschoff and Maxine Heffernan vs Bob Stevens and Cecily Parker

21 Sept: The QPTC Fall Classic Mixed Doubles

This event was well attended with a full registration of 16 teams (32 players), plus volunteers, spectators and visitors from Fleming College Massage Therapy

program as part of their community outreach efforts. It was a great day for tennis, making new friends and gathering among fellow members and community. Everyone enjoyed the free 15-minute massages provided by the Massage Therapy students through the Fleming coordinator, Brent Miller. A huge thank you to Mark Arbogast, Robert and Andrew Szilagyi for organizing the draws, and being there so early in the morning as well as all day maintaining the courts and providing the players with all they needed for the tournament. Thank you also to Andrew and Rob for providing the Fleming students with the opportunity to try their hand at tennis and providing the needed equipment. They enjoyed that experience immensely, plus the chance to watch great tennis and be a part of our community. A big mention to our volunteers: Jason Yang and Angela An, as our grill masters, who ensured the food was cooked to perfection, plus Carolyn Condon who oversaw the day's event so that everything went smoothly.

Other recognition to Gerry Itong and Shawn Beatty for assisting us through a very busy day, and Heather and Mike Casey for loaning us their tent and setting it all up. A huge thank you to Peter Branson for helping all day, especially with the clean up. Residuals from the tournament came to \$491.

Please congratulate all of this year's Champions and Finalists!
Jim Bischoff & Jane Rosborough vs Mike McLean & Tracy McCabe

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Golf Tournament Results??? *(Isn't this a Tennis Club)*

The first QPTC Golf Tournament took place on September 15, organized by Laurie Fulcher and Lynn Yulle. A 9-hole at Herons Landing followed by lunch for 27 QPTC members and 8 guests. Bragging rights go to Andrew, Robert, Jim Bischoff and Will Seeley. Mother nature co-operated, and it was a fantastic, fun event. Thank you ladies!

Juniors Programs (Bill Devitt)

Our club runs a number of programs for youth including: Sunday Night Tennis Club, Try Tennis Newcomer Tennis Program (Funding assistance from the City of Peterborough) as well as summer tennis camps run by Andrew and Robert, our Pro Staff.

These programs are vitally important as we introduce the sport to new families. Hopefully, these players will continue their association with our club in years to follow!

QPTC Volunteers

It's been a busy year with many successful events - from tournaments to fundraising. The Executive wish to thank all participants and volunteers for their support.

The club is **always seeking volunteers** so why not offer to help and meet some of your fellow members! Check the Facebook Page for more information or the Information Board in the Clubhouse. If you have purchased the regular Adult Membership, you are required to volunteer at least 2 hours during the season. If you have not volunteered the required 2 hours for regular adult membership, please reach out to an Executive member. If you choose not to volunteer before the closing, you can pay the \$50. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board as you enter the clubhouse.

Nominating Committee

Needed Immediately - 2 current QPTC members to recruit members for positions on the 2025 Executive. Caroline and Forge will provide guidance and the QPTC Constitution/Bylaws have all the position details.

We Need Your Opinions - Member Survey Coming Soon!

Watch for an email containing our upcoming Survey! Your Executive want to *serve* our members! Transparency and fairness to all are key to ensuring a safe and fun environment for seasons to come. We have some pretty big challenges ahead so we need your help in shaping our plans.

League Reports

Quaker Park Ladies' League (Patricia Day)

Social events started with an opening breakfast in May. We welcomed our past members, along with members new to our league. Coffee and breakfast goodies and of course some lively tennis were enjoyed that morning. Our first gathering outside the clubhouse was enjoyed in June at the lovely Auburn Village Gardens Common Room. We enjoyed an English tea, complete with fine china teacups, and scones with clotted cream! Many thanks to Margaret Hughes, for securing this fabulous venue for our Ladies League Tea! Early in July, we celebrated Canada Day with our annual Red and White tournament. Once again our breakfast goodies, along with coffee and many donated desserts were enjoyed. Our tournament winners were Pat Smith, Heather Shute, and Linda Wilson, and best red and white costume went to Lynn Yule. Thank you to the Kawartha Credit Union and to Robert and Andrew for their prize donations. Our August pot luck was hosted by Mai Rebane at her lovely home on Pigeon Lake. A special birthday celebration for two of our members was also enjoyed, along with some lively pickleball games on Mai's fabulous tennis court. We have completed our season with a turkey dinner, held mid September, again at our lovely Auburn Village Gardens venue, with thanks this time to Gabrielle Southby. Thus another fabulous tennis season at Quaker Park!

The Singles Ladder was very successful this season with about 40 participants playing throughout the summer. Each cycle ran on a 3-week basis, with rankings continuously changing based on points accumulated from match results. Ladder coordinators were Sam Coxwell, Matt Douglas and Rachel Bronson.

Wednesday Night Advanced Doubles League (Patrick Henry)

This league had another successful season, providing an opportunity for advanced level members to play in a more competitive structure. This league had 30 players this year, including three women. Several new players joined this year and new players are always welcome. Thanks to all who participated

Men's League (John Curly)

We had another busy year with 43 players. We played Tuesdays and Thursdays, May through October, in five sessions, with games scheduled among teams arranged according to skill levels and experience.

We encourage our guys to come out for the club closing to help with nets and windscreens again. As we head our separate ways over the winter, we hope you all keep active and healthy!

Pro Comments (Andrew and Robert Szilagyi)

The Tennis Twins have had a busy year on the courts! A successful after school kids program kicked off the season this spring! Enrolment in our junior camps remained high, but some unfortunate weather cancellations gave us a few headaches.

We would also like to thank our supportive members for attending our various clinics throughout the season. Our clinic attendance has remained strong throughout the year.

We are now wrapping up our fall afterschool kids programming with this amazing September weather. Thanks to the membership and Executive for their continued support.