



HOLLINGER NEWS

JULY 2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the midpoint of our 2008 tennis season, I am happy to report that the Club is again bustling with activity and, this year especially, we are seeing more young people on the courts. Our new Club Manager and Director of Tennis has introduced a thriving Junior program, as well as new classes for adults and a special class called Matilda Blue (see CUBBY'S CORNER).

As always, Hollinger Tennis Club would be unable to operate successfully without the support of members beyond the payment of dues, both in donations and volunteer labor. We are especially grateful for our generous patron members, whom I'd like to thank and acknowledge here: Bill Clark, Rolland and Carol Eaton, Steven Miller, Everett Jones, Barbara and John Rion, and Tom Shulman. Special thanks also to a number of other individuals who made donations for Club improvements and support to the junior program, and to our Weston tournament sponsors, Don Prizer and the Crosby group (Wright State University Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine). Also appreciated is Mary Marshall's donation of funds for the Hollinger Junior raffle at the Oakwood May parade carnival.

While it is impossible to name all members who have volunteered their time and efforts this year, I would like to mention a few here. Thanks go to Chuck Spear, who cleared weeds and undergrowth along the south side of the courts; Dave Hodson, who repaired the water fountain; Angela Pyle (wife of Mark), who painted the inside of our Clubhouse; Rolland Eaton and Nick Karras, who scraped the courts recently; and Jane Rininger, who despite recovering from recent back surgery, has continued to spruce up the landscaping areas around the Club. Jane and Chris Vradalis have continued their excellent hostessing at our Club parties and picnics; thanks also to Marian Metz, who assisted Chris at the Memorial Day picnic. I also wish to thank new member Perry French, who donated our new flag, and Bill Scarff for donating the bush to add to our landscaping. Sorry if I have missed naming others, but I also do appreciate your efforts, along with our Board members who have been working diligently along with the staff on my lengthy Task List.

Ints Kaleps, Board President

website: HollingerTennis.com

CUBBY'S CORNER

The Junior Development program has been going well, with 35 students in the first summer session and 15 students in the second session, which just started last week. The Early Bird special (new adult program) has only 5 students, but we all have a blast on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 7 am.

Another new program at Hollinger, the Matilda Blue Adaptive Tennis Serving for Autism program, now has 24 students, participating along with their families on Saturday mornings. This program, which I founded, provides an interactive, recreational experience for children with autism spectrum disorder and includes siblings and parents. Assisting my wife Rachel and me with this one-of-a-kind program thus far are Karin Teske, Joe Piechota, Alex Holmes, Elli Anne Karras, Emily Reed, Orval Cook and Bob Reece.



Chris Cabbage (left) instructing Matilda Blue students, July 5.

Private and group tennis lessons for adults and juniors will remain available throughout the summer and into the fall, as weather permits. Please feel free to call (937-304-6892); I welcome the opportunity to answer all Club and tennis-related questions.

Chris (Cubby) Cabbage, Club Manager and Director of Tennis at Hollinger Tennis Club

PS: After 26 years in the tennis business, I have finally experienced two tennis socials that are top on the list – the Hollinger Club's Memorial Day and Fourth of July mixers with round robin and luncheons were as good as it gets! Thanks to all who were involved. My family joins me in thanking everyone at the Hollinger Tennis Club for making us feel right at home here.

ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE – 2008

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DAY/DATE(S)</u>	<u>TIME</u>
WEEKLY MIXED-UP DOUBLES begins	Sunday, June 8 (& every Sunday thru Aug.)	4:00 pm
JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM begins	Monday, June 9 thru Thursday, August 14	(see website)
ADULT TENNIS PROGRAM begins	Monday, June 9 thru Thursday, August 14	(see website)
OCC/VHMTc JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP starts Play at Hollinger courts on Tues/Thurs	Monday, July 7 (Tuesday, July 8 @ Hollinger) Program continues thru July 25	
SUPER SENIORS MEN'S TOURNAMENT FINALS & BRUNCH	Friday, July 25 – Sunday, July 27 Sunday, July 27	Singles start Fri. pm Doubles, Sat pm
MEMBER GUEST TOURNAMENT POTLUCK LUNCH	Saturday, August 9	9:30 am – noon noon-1 pm
LADIES ANNUAL CARRY-IN LUNCHEON	Tuesday, August 19	noon – 1 pm
LABOR DAY MIXER POTLUCK LUNCH	Monday, September 1	9:30 am – noon noon – 1 pm
ANNUAL MEETING EVENTS – Mixed Doubles POTLUCK LUNCH, MEETING	Sunday, September 14	9 am – noon noon, 1 pm
COURTS CLOSE	Saturday, November 1 (or later, weather permitting)	

*NOTE: Additional details, times, etc. will be posted at the Clubhouse and online, as they become available.
We welcome volunteers to help with any activity; contact Steve Robertson (438-8625) or Nick Karras (293-4938).*

MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT COMING SOON

Hollinger members are urged to invite a guest and plan to join our Member-Guest Tournament again this year, scheduled to be held at the Club on Saturday morning, August 9, beginning at 9:30 am, with lunch at noon. Another fun-filled event is planned and you may bring a guest to be your partner for doubles (men's, women's or mixed pairs). Any non-member who wishes to attend may do so and you will be paired up with a partner even if you are not a sponsored guest. We will use a regular tournament format, 8-game pro sets with consolidation draw/round robin (you will play at least 2 matches). Advance sign-up is required – please use the sign-up sheet on Clubhouse window or call the Club at 299-2961 and leave your name, phone number and name of guest. NOTE: Members may bring a salad or dessert; burgers, dogs and drinks will be provided.



2008 Board of Trustees:

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership is down this year by about twenty members from the end of last year. We have lost several members who have moved, and some have had medical problems this year. We have also gained a few new members. Despite our increased efforts at advertising, almost all our new members resulted from personal contact. So, please talk about tennis and Hollinger to folks you know or meet.

Welcome to our new members: the Perry French family, the Wade Rupper family, the Jason Sell family; single memberships, Frank Gieszl, Ken Hambrick, Karen Kirkham, James Lewis, BJ O'Brien, Lois Thomas, Justin Weprin; and junior member, Jessica Piechota.



Bob with Jessica Piechota

HALF-PRICE MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW BEING OFFERED FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Please help our recruitment efforts by giving prospective members my e-mail address, robertreece@woh.rr.com, or phone number, 937-307-4262.

And don't forget to bring your friends and neighbors to try out the courts, taking advantage of our guest policy which allows *one free play* to a new potential member. We still have guest pass books available at 10 plays for \$50 (a 50% savings over the usual \$10 fee per guest play). More information about joining the Club is available at our website.

-Bob Reece, Membership Chairman



Men's Doubles players relax on a Monday morning after tennis.



Some Ladies Doubles players with their new HollinGirls shirts

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Hollinger Tennis Club members will be held on Sunday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m. As in the past, we will have a round of mixed doubles in the morning, followed by a potluck lunch and the meeting. The agenda for the meeting will include two action items for members:

Election of Board Members -- A slate of nominees will be posted at the Club House in advance of the meeting. Please look for it there.

Bylaws Revisions -- The Board of Trustees will present some proposed changes to the Bylaws (our Code of Regulations). An ad hoc committee has been at work updating the Bylaws. Most of the changes under consideration are more cosmetic than substantive. Some are needed to make the total document consistent with changes made in 2006. Some reflect changes in the operation of the Club as it has changed over time. The proposed changes will also be posted at the Club House in advance of the meeting.

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING ON THE BOARD -- and contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Nancy Shelton, Orval Cook, or Julie Thomes) to put your name in the hat for election to next year's Board of Trustees. This is one way you can contribute personally to the continued success of our wonderful club.



Tom & Mary Craeger join Hollinger staff members march in the 2008 Oakwood "That Day in May" Parade

NOTES FOR OUR MEMBERS

- **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

If you arrive at the courts and the gates are locked (or if any other problem is encountered and there is no staff member available), please call one of these people (in the order given):

- 1 – Chris Cabbage - 304-6892
- 2 – Orval Cook - 271-1146 (or 294-6938)
- 3 – Ints Kaleps - 271-3109 (or 233-0252)

NOTE: On one occasion a member forced open a locked gate, bending the mechanism severely. We regret that the assigned staff member had failed to open the courts that day, but in the future we hope our members will follow the above guidelines.

- **NEED HELP FINDING EVENING MATCHES?**

If you want to play on a weekday evening and need help finding players, Bob Reece may be able to help. Call him at 307-4262 or e-mail him at robertreece@woh.rr.com.

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Board and staff can always use help with ongoing tasks, such as landscaping and trimming, or Club activities. Please contact Orval Cook or Stephen Robertson if you wish to volunteer to help. We also welcome suggestions for improvement of our facility to make it more comfortable and enjoyable for members.



Jane Ringer and Karin Teske tend to gardening tasks



Hollinger Tennis Club Block party participants, May 10, 2008

WESTON TOURNAMENT



(left) winner Art Peller receives plaque from Ints Kaleps; (right) runner-up Ross Wilson with line umpire, Stefan Czerwinski - May 26, 2008



(left) "Chef" Nick Karras and Oakwood Mayor Judy Cook at luncheon before Weston finals; (right) Elsie Stahl samples some goodies from the famous Hollinger Dessert Table



Cubby (right) giving pointers to mixed doubles group on July 5