



# HOLLINGER NEWS

JULY 2006

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

It's hard to believe we are half way through our 2006 season already. The courts have been superbly maintained and are busier than they have been in recent years. We have replaced more than two-thirds of our windscreens. Although most of you do not have occasion to explore the boundaries of the property, the wild growth behind the clubhouse has been cleared out and it is possible to traverse around the Club, probably for the first time in a dozen years. Honeysuckle bushes and a lost, scraggy pine tree on the east side of the Club were cut out to reveal a hidden gate into the fenced enclosure in front of the garage. Unfortunately, trimming around the clubhouse also revealed peeling paint on the building and the fence in front of the garage. But, plans are underway to paint where necessary. Although the ladies' bathroom has been cleaned thoroughly during the past year, the Club ladies are not happy with its dingy appearance and the Board has committed to "brightening it up." A tentative plan has been prepared, but input from the ladies is welcome.

Our Oakwood "That Day in May" participation, mixers, and the Weston Memorial Tennis Tournament went very well. Also, despite the rain, the Fourth-of-July party was a success. The Oakwood "That Day in May" parade gave the Club good exposure, except we underestimated the popularity of the tennis balls we were handing out and ran short. Please save your old tennis balls for the Club to use in next year's parade. The mixers were well attended and enjoyed by all, and continue to be the Club's most popular social activity. This year's Weston tournament featured outstanding tennis and a new champion. Travis Curran (Lima, Ohio) and a member of the University of Toledo tennis team, defeated our long-standing champion, John Amos, in the finals.

This year's Board has been highly active and committed to doing an outstanding job in organizing and executing Club operations, promoting the Club, and making new members welcome. We are initiating changes to revive a broad-based tennis program and increase membership. The Club needs four new Board members for next year and is seeking volunteers who are willing to help the Hollinger Tennis Club to be best it can be.

**--INTS KALEPS, Board President**

## NOTES FROM JOE THE PRO:

**We're into full swing in our 2006 tennis season, but still looking for more students in our Junior Program!**

Session 2 started mid-July with some additional new students, but be sure to check with me at the clubhouse if you want to sign up for a spot with the group or private lessons. Same goes for adult lessons on Friday evening.

Also, don't forget to check the Pro Shop for tennis accessories and some Wilson demo items which are still available.



*Joe Pierce & students Skyler Bennett (7) & Elli Anne Karras (15)*

## *Weston Tournament a Success!*



*Ints Kaleps (center) with Weston Tournament winner, Travis Curran, Uni. of Toledo (left) and runner-up John Amos (Centerville)*

## Revised ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE – 2006

ACTIVITY	DAY/DATE(S)	TIME
Mixed-Up Doubles League – Drop In	Every Sunday afternoon during the season	4-6 pm
Super Seniors Men's Tourney	Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30	Sat 9-5
Member Guest Tourney - CANCELLED	Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 6	CANCELLED
Super Senior Women 6.0 Matches	Saturday, August 12 and August 26	9 am (at Hollinger)
Summer Ladder Championships (2 <sup>nd</sup> half)	Thurs, Aug. 31 to Monday, Sept. 4	to be announced
56 <sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic and Meeting	Sunday, September 17	noon/1:00 pm (meeting)



Memorial Day Grand Slam Mixer – (left) Mary Haffner, Marion Metz.



Orval Cook & Emma Voigt in "That Day In May Parade" in Oakwood

### MEMBERSHIP CORNER

I'm glad to report that our 2006 memberships stand at 180 (7 patrons, 40 family, 109 single, 9 junior, and 15 associate memberships). But we are still shooting for 200 this year; perhaps we can achieve this with mid-year discount for new members!

The past year has had its sadness for the Club. We lost five long-time, loyal members – Joe Denman, Margaret Gummer, Dave Meeker, Wally Plattenburg and Mark Treat. Several other members have been sidelined with medical problems and we hope to see them back soon. We hope you will all welcome our new members and invite them to join your groups (they are listed below).

Thanks to you members who have invited prospective members to give us a try – we continue our efforts to recruit new members. The Board has approved a mid-year incentive for new members with 50% discount off the annual fee for new members. Be sure to invite your friends to take advantage of this opportunity!

#### LIST OF NEW MEMBERS:

**FAMILY:** Dan & Caroline Gentry, Bob & Colleen Hoener, Joyce & Greg McEvoy, Vic & Jave Mullins, Tom & Elsie Stahl, Kim & Greg Robinson. **SINGLE:** Roger Barlow, Dale Dempsey, Joe Haupt, Patrick Home, Bill Mase, Victor Nanagas, Judy Warner, Tom Wilson. **JUNIOR:** Julia Chick, Peter Fermedding, Elli Anne Karras, Alex Holmes, Diana Manovich, Jackie White, Shayan Zoghi, Shervin Zoghi.

#### SPECIAL THANKS TO SPECIAL DONORS:

Recognizing our members who have made donations to support the Weston tournament, court improvements and the junior program (totaling \$2,325), we offer thanks to Cal & Nancy Busch, Don Compton, Orval & Judy Cook, Lynn & Sheila Crosby, Brian Davis, Jim Gallagher, Pat Geron, Ronald Greive, John Haddock, William Heffner, Larry Harkness, Jervis Jenney, Tony Jensen, Mel Johnson, Everett Jones, Peter Kahle, Ints & Karen Kaleps, Jeffrey Klank, Richard & Ellie Klein, John Landen, William Leakas, Bette Lutz, Roger McClung, Robert Millat, Jay & Ellie Otto, Ron & Nancy Pinard, Eugenia Plattenburg, Stuart & Sandi Postle, John Rodwall, Max Schneider, Jeffrey Shulman, Sarah Solarek, and Chris Vradelis.

*--BOB REECE, Membership Chairman*

**REMINDER:** Let your friends know that single and family memberships are still available at VHMTC – Initiation fee is waived and effective immediately, new members may sign up for 50% off until end of the season. For more information, please call Bob Reece, at 937-298-2536 (application blanks available at Clubhouse). Also, new Membership Rosters are now available at the Clubhouse; pick up yours today!

## OUTSIDE THE COURTS

Perhaps you have noticed some clean-up activities around the Hollinger grounds.

- Cleaned out trash and debris from garage, shed and behind clubhouse and arranged special pickup from city of Oakwood.
- Welded crack in water cover near west lot.
- Trimmed branches and cleaned rain gutters.
- Removed pine tree from east side of clubhouse for painting (tree dropped needles in gutters and had created roof leak in ladies' room of clubhouse).
- Quotes for painting were too expensive, so we will paint only areas needed with same color, but picture window will need special attention.
- Solicited suggestions for sprucing up ladies' room – such as painting walls (member volunteers?), better lighting, cubby holes for storing personal items, and a tennis mural (artist – member Mary Haffner!)
- Removed old dead refrigerator and installed new one donated by Ev Jones. Bud Werner offered to do fund raising to buy and install an ice machine, but he has since had quadruple bypass surgery.

--DON PRIZLER, Grounds Chairman

## ON THE COURTS

We have been doing some midsummer maintenance on the courts, scraping and patching where needed. The Club appreciates and offers special thanks to Dave Hodson for rebuilding the line brushes.

--NICK KARRAS, Courts Maintenance Chairman



Work Crew at Demo Day, June 17 (left standing, Joe Pierce, seated at desk - Karen Teske & Zak Wolf, right standing Andra Kaleps) - June 17, 2006

## Hollinger & Dayton Center Courts Merge ...for USTA Super Senior Women 6.0 Team

Hollinger and Dayton Center Courts have combined their Super Senior Women 6.0 teams to offer competition to the Five Seasons 6.0 team. The combination team scrambled to provide a roster of players for their first match on July 12. Hollinger's #1 team, Karen Lewis and Mary Novak, won 6-1, 6-3. The #2 team of Judy Comisar and Mary Marshall took time to adjust to air-conditioned indoor courts and fought hard with 6 break points to try and hold the second set; final score was 1-6, 4-6. Combined with the third court forfeit by Hollinger-DCC, the match was won by Five Seasons. (Also participating was Eugenia Ducker, a Hollinger member playing for Five Seasons.) Additional team members for Hollinger-DCC are: Judy Cook, Marion Metz, Sharon R. Murner, Eugenia Plattenburg, Linda Schuman, and Ann M. Wissler.

The remaining three matches are scheduled on Saturdays: Aug. 12, 9 am at VHMT; Aug. 19, 9 am at Five Seasons; and Aug. 26, 9 am at VHMT. Members should contact either **co-captain** with dates you are not available, volunteer for next year, or to ask questions:

**Mary Marshall (home 461-1548 or work 226-1424)**

**Eugenia Plattenburg (home 937-667-1024)**



### DID YOU KNOW...

**Q:** What 19-year old woman player from Dayton has played in the Pacific Open, French Open, Wimbledon, and Western and Southern Open this year?

**A:** Jessica Kirkland, currently ranked 190th for singles, continues to battle through close matches.

**Q:** What 18 year old player from Dayton won the Boy 18 Singles National Open this year?

**A:** Justin Kronaugh is the one and he will be attending Ohio State and adding depth to the Buckeye team.

--Mary Marshall, Marketing Chmn

**Other News and Notes:** Al and Char Barbadora would like to thank those members who remembered them with cards and e-mail during their recent illnesses. Chris Vradelis reports that her knee cap is healing slowly and she won't be back on the tennis courts this summer. Dan Johnson is doing well after heart surgery in the spring, and ready to get back on the courts soon.

**ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE FINDING SOMEONE TO PLAY WITH? BOB REECE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, ASKS YOU TO CALL HIM AT 298-2536 AND HE WILL TRY TO HELP MATCH YOU UP WITH SOMEONE.**

## 2006 Board of Trustees:

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## 56<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PICNIC AND MEETING

Mark your calendar now for Sunday, September 17, 12 noon to 2 pm, and plan to attend our annual picnic and meeting! Come join the fun of socializing with other Club members and bring your favorite entrée, salad or dessert to put on the “potluck” table for lunch at noon. The meeting will start promptly at 1:00 pm. Don’t forget to bring your tennis gear for informal tennis following the meeting.

This is an important meeting as we will be electing new board members to fill the vacant slots. We urge any member who is interested in helping to guide Hollinger Tennis Club into the future to consider running for the Board. The Club needs four new board members for next year and is seeking candidates who are willing to help! Please contact one of the board members (listed above) and let us know if you’d like to serve and in what capacity. You can join us in helping to make VHMTCC the best it can be!



*Tournament Chairman, Don Hastings (left), shakes hands with Dave Hodson (Tournament Assistant) after Don won the semi-final 65 Singles match on Saturday afternoon. This is Don's third year as Chairman for the Tourney.*

*USTA OVTA Men's Tourney - July 28-30 - A field of 38 entries signed up for the Singles & Doubles matches in age brackets 55, 60, 65, 70 and 75.*



*Pat Crawford, "desk jockey," and Carol Hodson, "food czar," worked behind the scenes during the 3-day tournament.*



**From the Board:** As these photos illustrate, the Hollinger courts are filled with more bustling activity and play this year. Some members have reported all seven courts full on many mornings and commented on how nice it is to see young players again on the courts, learning new skills and the fun of Hollinger tennis. With the added contention for court usage, we remind all members of the open court rule used at Hollinger. When there are racquets in the rack at the south end of the grandstand and your court is available at the end of a set, announce it immediately (COURT OPEN). Player with the first racquet in is eligible to remove it and move quickly to the open court with his/her other player(s). Please observe tennis etiquette at all times in order to minimize any distractions to other courts in play.