



# HOLLINGER NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are looking forward to another great season as we enter our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Throughout the season we will display various items that will reflect our history which began with founding of the Club in 1947. Many of our members will be able to reminisce about special times at the Club and individuals that we remember. The Virginia Hollinger Memorial Tennis Club was the center of tennis activity in the Dayton area in the 1940s and 1950s. It was named for Virginia Hollinger, who was a national champion in 1938. Our club has been home to such outstanding players as Barry and Bonnie McKay, Shaw Emmons, Bill O'Neill, Bob and Dan Kronauge, Joe Pierce, Bill Pendle, Blitz Creager, Bud Bickham, Mary Wilson and Ruth Laird -- to name just a few. We plan to have a special occasion to begin our 60<sup>th</sup> year celebration on May 28, in conjunction with a luncheon following the Memorial Day Mixer and before the finals of the annual Weston Memorial Tournament.

The Club is continuing to pursue its special initiatives from last year to revitalize junior development, increase membership across all age groups, and provide more playing opportunities for all members. We will again have Joe Pierce as our manager/pro. He will be spending more time at the Club this year and will be available for lessons, coordinating tennis activities and for racquet sales and stringing.

Enthusiastic, friendly and helpful students from UD and various high schools will again maintain the courts and grounds. In addition to the Weston and seniors' tournaments, we are planning a junior and ladies tournament. We hope these will help the Hollinger Tennis Club to the forefront of competitive tennis in the Miami Valley. Every attempt will be made to minimize interference with playing time of our members. I wish a great season on the courts and hope to see you throughout the summer.



*Ints Kaleps, Board President*

## CELEBRATING OUR 60<sup>th</sup> YEAR

**SOME CLUB HISTORY** - Following nine months of planning among a handful of members from the Dayton Tennis Association, the Virginia Hollinger Memorial Tennis Club of Dayton was incorporated in December 1947. The original 49 members started out using the clay courts at the Dayton Community Golf Course, until the Club moved to our present facility between Shafor and Shantz avenues on land donated by Wally Weston. There were four courts initially, which were dedicated in September 1950. The clubhouse was begun in 1951 with volunteer help of club members and court # 5 was added in 1952. The clubhouse was dedicated in May 1953. Court # 6 was built in 1959; and finally, Court# 7, in 1963. Weston Memorial Stadium was added in 1969.



*Virginia in old news clipping*



*Dayton dignitaries at dedication*

Our club was named after Virginia Hollinger who was Dayton's first national tennis champion. In 1937 at the age of 16 she was runner-up at the National Indoor Girls Championships and won the title the very next year. In 1950 a second Dayton girl named Bonnie MacKay and her doubles partner won the national championship, and appeared on our courts in an exhibition match at the Club's dedication. News articles by Erma Bombeck, Jim Nichols, and others often appeared in local newspapers touting the merits of our fine facility. Jim Nichols received the first honorary lifetime membership in 1964. In the 1990s there was a waiting list for membership, lasting up to 8 years.

A number of dedicated people worked hard over the years to make this club what it is today – an ideal tennis environment for young and old players alike in a shady, secluded setting like your own backyard.

**COURTS OPEN SOON!  
APRIL 1 (weather permitting)**

## ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE – 2007

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>DAY/DATE(S)</u>	<u>TIME</u>
COURTS OPEN	SUNDAY, APRIL 1 – Weather Permitting	
Welcome Back to Tennis Mixer - Potluck Lunch	Saturday, May 12	9 am -- 12 noon noon – 1 pm
That Day in May Parade (Oakwood)	Saturday, May 19	to be announced
Weston Memorial Tournament	Friday, May 25 - Monday, May 28 FINALS – Monday, May 28	to be announced 1:00 pm
60 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION KICKOFF	Monday, May 28 (during Memorial Day and Weston Finals)	
Memorial Day Grand Slam Mixer - Potluck Lunch	Monday, May 28	9:30 am - noon noon -- 1:00 pm
Ladies Softcourt Regional Starts	Thursday, June 7 FINALS – Sunday, June 10	to be announced
WEEKLY MIXED-UP DOUBLES starts	Sunday, June 10 (& every Sunday thru Aug.)	4:00 pm
Junior & Adult Classes begin	Monday, June 11 thru August 18	(see page 4)
Demo Day (racquets & accessories)	Saturday, June 23	10 am – 3 pm
July Fourth Mixer (Mixed Doubles Play) - Potluck Lunch	Wednesday, July 4	9:30 am – noon noon -- 1:00 pm
OCC/VHMTTC Junior Tennis Camp starts	Monday, July 9 through Friday, July 27	to be announced
NOTE: This new joint venture with Oakwood Community Center will help kids experience hard courts and clay surface. Juniors play at Shafor Courts on Monday-Wednesday-Friday; Hollinger will host them on Tuesday - Thursday.		
Junior Regional Softcourt Tournament starts	Friday, July 13 FINALS – Sunday, July 15	to be announced
Member Guest Tournament	Saturday, July 21	to be announced
Men's Super Senior Tournament starts	Thursday, July 26 FINALS & brunch, Sunday, July 29	to be announced
OCC Junior Rallyball	Monday, August 13 – Thursday, August 16	to be announced
NOTE: This new program gives juniors a chance to play at Quail Run/Kettering and Hollinger Tennis Centers. Each group (beginners and moderate players) will have 2 days of lessons and 2 days of fast-paced match play.		
Family Tournament	Saturday, August 18	to be announced
Annual Ladies Carry-In Luncheon	Tuesday, August 21	noon
Labor Day Mixer and Brunch	Monday, September 3	9 am – 1 pm
Annual Meeting Events – Mixed Doubles Potluck Lunch and Meeting	Sunday; September 16	9 am – noon noon, 1 pm
COURTS CLOSE	Sunday, November 4 - Weather Permitting	

**NEW HOLLINGER WEBSITE OPEN!** Check it out NOW -our new web address is [www.hollingertennis.com](http://www.hollingertennis.com). If you have something to add or comments regarding the new site, please contact our Webmaster, Pat Horne [see CONTACT tab at the site].



## 2007 Board of Trustees:

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**CURRENT STATUS:** The deadline for membership dues passed last week and many members sent the money on time. However, it's almost time to start play and we are still waiting to hear from many others. Timely submission is important in helping us assess our financial condition and in preparing a new membership roster for all members. If you haven't sent your dues yet, we urge you to do so now.

**RECRUITMENT:** We will undoubtedly lose a few members each year because of ill health or relocation or other factors, so recruitment remains a high priority. We are starting the year with a number of prospects and we are working on recruitment strategies. The most effective method is direct personal contact – word-of-mouth. Please help by approaching prospects yourself or by giving me their names (call 298-2536 or e-mail [robertreece@woh.rr.com](mailto:robertreece@woh.rr.com)). Bring friends to try out the courts, taking advantage of our guest policy which allows one free play to a new potential member. (See policy next column.)

Once a new member is signed up, you can help by including that person in your group, perhaps starting as a sub – or refer him or her to me so that I can help find a group. Club brochures are available in the Clubhouse and refer prospects to our new website.



-Bob Reece, Membership Chairman

*Editor's Note: Bob has sent out some letters to prior members, inviting them back. Please help Bob in his recruitment efforts by encouraging former members you know (and new prospects) to come check us out.*

## A REVIEW OF OUR GUEST POLICY

Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests. Local guests are welcome to use the facilities provided they are accompanied by a club member. Members must register each guest in the Guest Book pay the \$10 fee before play. There is no limit on the number of different guests you may bring each month (It is incorrect to assume that a local guest may play more than twice in a month because he or she is playing with different members at different times.)

Non-resident house guests of a member for an extended time are entitled to play with a member up to three days per month at no charge. However, for each additional time, the guest must pay the \$10 fee. Use of club facilities as a non-resident house guest is limited to 10 days during the season.

**NOTE:** If no one is in the Pro Shop to accept the fee, envelopes will be provided with instructions. Members may purchase Guest Pass Booklets at any time from Orval Cook, Board Treasurer (*phone 299-5299*) for \$50 for 10 guest passes (a savings of 50% per play). The guest passes may be used throughout the season.



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## CALLING SENIOR WOMEN FOR USTA

Mary Marshall is collecting names of women (50+) to form a Hollinger Senior Women's team for the summer 2007 season; also, possibly a Super Senior (60+) league. CALL MARY SOON if you are interested, as she needs to know if we have enough members to form a team. Mary's phone numbers are: 937-461-1548 (home) or 226-1424 (office).

**HOLLINGER JUNIOR PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2007**

<u>Student Level</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>FEES:</u>		<u>Session 1</u>		<u>Session 2</u>	
			<u>Weekly Rate</u>		<u>Mbr</u>	<u>NonMbr</u>	<u>Mbr</u>	<u>NonMbr</u>
*Pee Wee (ages 4-5)	9:00-9:45 am	M-W-F	22.50	27.50	90.00	115.00	97.50	122.50
*Tennis Tigers (6-8)	10-11:00 am	M-W-F	30.00	35.00	120.00	145.00	130.00	155.00
	6:00-7:00 pm	Friday	N/A		50.00	65.00	50.00	65.00
Beginners A (8-10)	10-11:00 am	M-W-F	30.00	35.00	120.00	145.00	130.00	155.00
	6:00-7:00 pm	Wednesday	N/A		50.00	65.00	50.00	65.00
Beginners B (11-15)	11am-noon	M-W-F	30.00	35.00	120.00	145.00	130.00	155.00
	7:00-8:00 pm	Wednesday	N/A		50.00	65.00	50.00	65.00
Intermediate	11am-noon	M-W-F	30.00 (members only)		120.00		130.00	
Advanced	noon -1:30pm	M-W-F	35.00 (members only)		145.00		155.00	

**SESSION #1, June 11 – July 13, 2007**  
*(5 weeks, 14 classes - no class July 4)*

**SESSION #2, July 16-August 17, 2007**  
*(5 weeks, 15 classes)*

*NOTE: Please pay in advance of session (if weekly, pay on Monday of each week played).*

**\*PRO SPECIAL – Students in Pee Wee or Tennis Tiger classes who sign up for one entire session will receive a free tennis racquet.**

**HOLLINGER ADULT PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR 2007**

**LADIES CLINIC** (drill/play format) – Monday evenings (7-8 pm) beginning June 11 (\$75 for 5-week session)  
 Second session beginning July 16 (\$75 for 5-week session)

**ADULT BEGINNERS** – Friday evenings (7-8 pm) beginning June 15 (\$50 for 5-week session)  
 Second session beginning July 20 (\$50 for 5-week session)

*NOTE: Please call the Pro Shop (299-2961) and talk to Joe Pierce (Club Pro/Manager) or leave a message if you have any questions about either the Junior or Adult classes. Sign-up forms will be available soon in the Pro Shop and on the website - [www.hollingertennis.com](http://www.hollingertennis.com) (formerly [www.vhmtc.com](http://www.vhmtc.com)).*