



# HOLLINGER NEWS

OCTOBER 2007

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are soon coming to the close of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season at Hollinger Tennis Club. It has been an eventful year as we have increased participation in day-to-day play and tournaments, while maintaining sufficient membership numbers to keep our Club running without a deficit.

This year we have enjoyed a number of successful tournaments, social events, and other Club activities. Our Junior Program was expanded to include a joint junior tennis camp with the Oakwood Community Center, along with our usual Junior Clay Courts tournament and junior clinics. The Weston Tournament in May and the Super Senior Tournament in July were real crowd pleasers with outstanding competitors. In addition to the annual Memorial Day and Fourth of July mixers and lunch, many members and guests enjoyed the added Labor Day party this year.

At each of these Club social events we had a chance to review the historical display set up by our archivist, Jane Rininger, showing highlights of the past 60 years. Jane's exhibit was displayed once again at the Annual Meeting on September 16 and we were joined by a number of our long-time members, whom we honored during the meeting: Bill Clark (past president), Elly Reist (past membership chair), Jim Beard (twice past pres.), Don Compton (past pres.), Al Barbadora (past club treasurer

and organizer of the Super Senior tournaments), Chris Vradelis (past pres. and regular supporter of Club activities), Marty Kuntz (long-time member and Club supporter), Roland Eaton (avid player, organizer of group tennis) and Don Hastings (outstanding player and current organizer of the Super Seniors tournament).

With the help of our hard-working Club members, we have continued to make improvements in the clubhouse and grounds. Some of these are: a "new" used golf cart was purchased, the court roller was totally overhauled by Dave Hodson, the weed patch on the west side has been cleared and grass planted, the storage shed was repainted and a light has been installed there for evening workers, and an Aussie Mat was donated by Roland Eaton.

So, as we wrap up the 2007 tennis season at Hollinger, I would like to thank our Patron members for their generous support to the Club again this year; they are Bill Clark, Don Compton, Roland Eaton, Steve Miller, Barbara Rion, and Tom Shulman. The combined teamwork of our member volunteers, Patrons, the Board of Trustees, and our Club Pro/Manager and staff has greatly contributed to the success of the Hollinger Tennis Club during this past season. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you, and I look forward to another great year of tennis in 2008.

- *Ints Kaleps, Board President*



*Annual Meeting attendees assemble on the court for photo.*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season at Hollinger was a success. We had great participation in our Sunday afternoon Mixed-Up Doubles, and plan to continue it next year. We kept our membership numbers on track and enjoyed a number of social events and lots of great tennis on our clay courts. The total number of memberships this year was 183, with a total number of members equaling 243. The numbers of memberships in categories were as follows:

Patrons – 6, Family – 38, Single – 118, Juniors – 13, and Associate – 8.

Compared with last year, the number of junior memberships nearly doubled, while associates decreased by over 50%. The Family and Single categories included 3 new graduate education members (a new initiative this year to recruit new members at discount rates for graduate and professional students and families from local colleges). We also gained 3 new family “gift” memberships from charity auctions, and hope they will return next year.

While maintaining the status quo is satisfactory, we shall strive to increase our memberships in 2008 and again urge our members to assist in recruiting new members by sharing the good news about Hollinger Tennis Club. Tell your friends about our website or give them a brochure (available in the Pro Shop or call me if you want some copies to hand out). You may also call me if you want more information about membership fees and categories. My phone number is 937-298-2536, or you may contact me by e-mail at [robertreece@woh.rr.com](mailto:robertreece@woh.rr.com).

- Bob Reece, Membership Chairman

**OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS**, elected at the Annual Meeting in September are: Julie Thomes, Nancy Shelton, Stefan Czerwinski, & Elli Anne Karras:



Officers for the Board of Trustees, elected at the October meeting, are: Ints Kaleps, President; Steve Robertson, Vice President; Diana Sanders, Treasurer; and Nancy Shelton, Secretary. The Board continues to meet monthly throughout the year and welcomes comments and suggestions by our members at any time.

**OUR WEBSITE:** [HollingerTennis.com](http://HollingerTennis.com)

## ACTIVITIES REPORT

Steve Robertson and Nick Karras wish to thank all members for their participation and help with our Club events during 2007. Turnout was great, and the Labor Day party was especially enjoyable this year. We hope to provide a full schedule again for next year, and welcome new ideas from our members for these events.



Nick Karras “chef”



Some Players in Annual Meeting Mixed Doubles



Some board members congratulate honorees at Annual Meeting: Al Barbadora, Marty Kunz, Roland Eaton, Nancy Shelton, Bill Clark, Don Compton, Ints Kaleps, Erica Echko and Orval Cook



Historian – Jane Rininger (Sept 07)



Spectators – Char Barbadora, - Norinne Werner & Mary Haffner



Party Hostess – Chris Vradelis

## GROUNDS & FACILITIES

Adding to comments by our President on page 1, we wish to thank numerous members and staff for their hard work in keeping our club grounds and facilities in good repair. Some of the workers who cleared weeds on east and west sides and honeysuckle on the west side were Don Prizler, Chuck Spears, Ints and Andra Kaleps, Orval Cook, Diana Sanders, Nick Karras and Jane Rininger. Dave Hodson installed a new faucet behind Court 6 and the old clubhouse refrigerator was repaired by Orval, both saving the Club some additional expenses. One of our staff members, Karin Teske, built a cornhole game to use at Club events.

### MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT, July 21, 2007



Winners (center) Erica Echko & Billy Kieninger; runners-up - John & matt Rudisill



Consolation winners (right) Joe & Paul Piechota; runners-up Bill & Andy Leakas