STONEY CREEK TENNIS CLUB 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER



## SPRING 2024

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# President's Message

Hello, my favourite season of the year is coming. Tennis Season! It's a time to get outdoors to feel the warmth of the sun on your face and the breeze on your back. It's a chance to make that great shot and to have a few laughs. Meet up with some old friends and make a few new ones. Join us this season to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> year. See you on the courts.

### George Bougiouklis



Tennis in Stoney Creek Community Park, Part of Empire Day 1923 HISTORY OF THE STONEY CREEK TENNIS CLUB

# In The Beginning....

During the 1962-63 season a group of community and tennis minded citizens met with the objective of forming a tennis club. By 1964, the Saltfleet-Stoney Creek Tennis Club was formed. Two courts were established behind Saltfleet High School (present day St. John Henry Newman Catholic High School). In the beginning, the club had 150 members and Mrs. Mary Gordon served as the first president. The executive changed the club's name from Saltfleet-Stoney Creek Tennis Club to the Stoney Creek Tennis Club effective January 1, 1974. The Club operated successfully on two courts for 13 years. With a membership of 400, no washroom facilities, no drinking water and some conflict with school programs, it became evident that expansion would be necessary. A delegation from the Club met with the Recreation and Parks Committee of the Old Town of Stoney Creek in September of 1973. A proposal was made for more courts, good lighting, fencing and a suitable clubhouse. In 1978, the club was relocated to it's present location and 4 courts were constructed.

#### What's Next?.....THE CLUB HISTORY AFTER 1978

#### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN **OF STONEY CREEK** TENDERS

Sealed Tenders, clearly marked as such, will be received by the Purchasing Agent until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday. October 8, 1981 for the following:

The construction of:

- (1) Stoney Creek Tennis Club Clubhouse, 1,620 sq. ft.
- Valley Park Washroom/Storage (2) Building, 800 sq. ft.

Specifications and Tender Forms may be oblined from the Purchasing Department at 777 Highway #8, Fruitland, Ontario for a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Bernice C. Kipps (Mrs.) **Purchasing Agent** and Deputy Treasurer

Parking improve-ments at Little League Park and Stoney Creek

Tennis Clubhouse are in

order and the tender reports will be com-bined in May.

In 1980, lights were added to the new facility.

Construction for the Stoney Creek Tennis Club clubhouse begins in June 1982

# **Clubhouse for tennis club**

been broken and construction is expected to start sometime this week on the Stoney Creek Tennis Club's clubhouse.

facility re-The presents the culmination of hard work

Ground has finally of Club President Paul Petit, Treasurer Harry Serabian, Building Chairman Frank McGurk and Richard Conner. The club had been negotiating with the town for three years before a final agreement was reached. Cost for the facility is

somewhere in the vicinity of \$100,000 with the town, the Club and Wintario picking up the tab. According to the agreement, the tennis club has use of the clubhouse for half the year and the city takes over for the other half.



ONSTRUCTION WORKERS? Harry Serabian (1), Paul Petit and ank McGurk (r) officially break the ground at the site of the \$100,000 ibhouse for the Stoney Creek Tennis Club.

JUNE 30/82

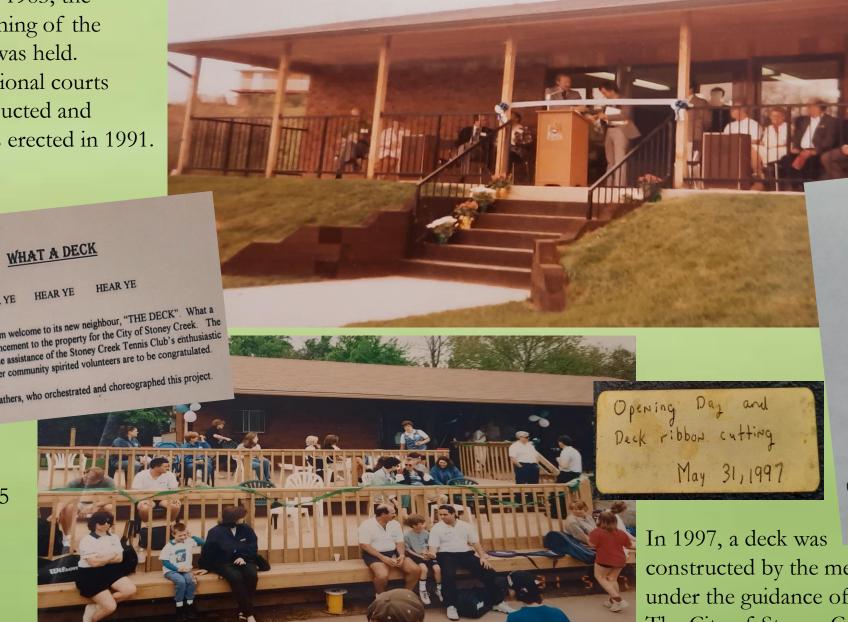
On May 7<sup>th</sup> 1983, the official opening of the clubhouse was held. Three additional courts were constructed and lighting was erected in 1991.

HEAR YE HEAR YE HEAR YE The clubhouse extends a warm welcome to its new neighbour, "THE DECK". What a wonderful addition and enhancement to the property for the City of Stoney Creek. The City of Stoney Creek with the assistance of the Stoney Creek Tennis Club's enthusiastic executive, members and other community spirited volunteers are to be congratulated. Special thanks to Dennis Mathers, who orchestrated and choreographed this project.

WELL DONE!!

May 31, 1997

In 1985, the Club had 375 members.



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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE STONEY CREEK TENNIS CLUBHOUSE



on the Seventh Day of May ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE 1:00 P.M.

constructed by the members under the guidance of The City of Stoney Creek.

In 2000, our club went digital with the addition of our new website. In 2004, 3 of the 7 courts were resurfaced with a new rubberized deco turf aimed at reducing wear and tear to our bodies. In 2006 our parking lot was repaved.

#### 2011...

The Stoney Creek Tennis Club entered the modern business world with the relaunch of our website to include a new interface for phones and tablets as well as many new features, as well as the launch of our Facebook page and email newsletter available to all members and subscribers.

Illustration by Una DiGallo 2015

# The SCTC SMASH



President Todd Griffin Welcomes All Members Tennis is lots of fun and SCTC is a fun club.

Stoney Creek Tennis Club Newsletter Heading "The SCTC SMASH" 2001

Rasim Sehovic and friends



Fashion Show



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COMMUNITY

In 2019,

all 7 courts were

repainted with a

resurfaced and

blue on green

colour scheme.

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# STONEY CREEK TENNIS CLUB ALL ACES

# **CLUB'S SEVEN** COURTS FIXED. **REPAVED, READY** TO SERVE

LAURA LENNIE llennie@hamiltonnews.com

The Stoney Creek Tennis Club has all-court advantage. The club at 830 Queenston Rd. had its seven courts fixed and repaved recently, just in time for the 2019 season.

#### "We've been pushing for this for quite a while," - Sandy Shichowy

The not-for-profit community organization, which has programs for all ages and abilities, received \$130,000 in funding from the city - thanks to efforts by former Ward 9 Coun. Doug Conley -

for the project. resurfaced in mid-June, followed by the other three courts the first week of July.

Club manager and junior director Sandy Shichowy says the courts' cracks were becoming bigger and the surfaces were getting increasingly worn by the year, with the last resurfacing taking place on only three courts in 2005. "We've been pushing for this

for quite a while," she said. "The played tennis since he was about

Laura Lennie/Torstar

Four courts were repaired and Bernie Greenwood, front, is among many members enjoying the newly-improved courts at the Stoney Creek Tennis Club.

> courts look fantastic. It's given us 30. a really fresh look."

Member Bernie Greenwood agreed the courts look great.

The 87-year-old is the oldest member at the club, having

"I like the colour and they did a good job on the lines, although I think the baselines should be further back," he laughed. "Tennis is a great sport. It keeps you active, healthy and fit."

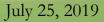
Ladies Travel Team mid 2000's

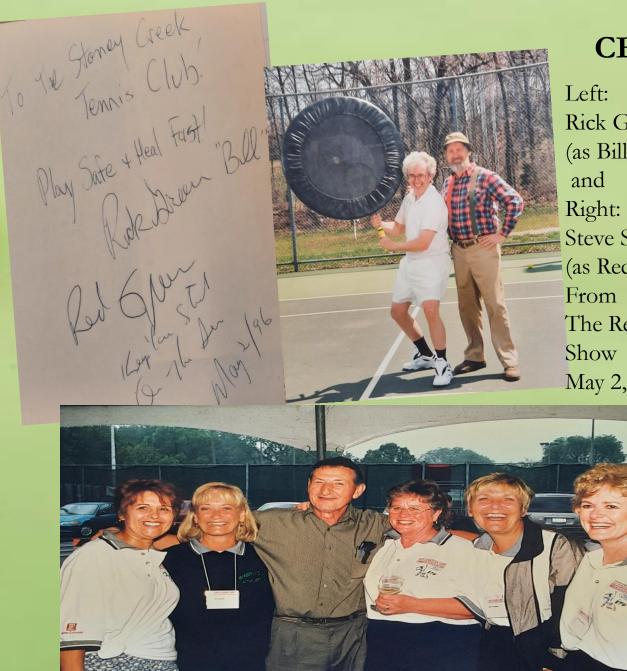
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# **BEHIND THE RACKET**

The Stoney Creek Tennis Club has junior camps and academy classes, ladies and men's leagues, clinics, private and group lessons, round robins, tournaments and more. The not-for-profit community organization operates under the direction of volunteers and some part-time staff.

Its building, courts and property are owned by the city. It generally sees about 300 members - and 150 to 200 guests - per season. For more information, call 905-664-2026 or visit sctennisclub.com.





# **CELEBRITY VISITORS**

Rick Green (as Bill Smith) Steve Smith (as Red Green) The Red Green May 2, 1996



Walter Gretzky with Lady Members during 2000 tournament Sheila Copps attending a tournament in 2000

# STONEY CREEK TENNIS CLUB

Please Join Us For an

# **OPEN HOUSE**



To Celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 2 pm

Members are invited to bring family and friends to participate in tennis, light refreshments and prize giveaways.

# **STONEY CREEK TENNIS CLUB PROGRAMS 2024**

# JUNIOR ACADEMY

Our programs are designed to help your children develop: -self confidence

-determination

- -discipline
- -social skills

That will aid them throughout their lives.

**Beginner lessons** give your child the introduction to a sport that will increase their physical activities and conditioning through:

-Basic tennis strokes, hand-eye coordination, balance and movement

-Fundamentals of grips, stroke patterns and timing

--An understanding of scoring and rules of the game

-Sound strokes through fundamental training, repetitive drills on ground strokes, serves and net play -Tennis etiquette, fair play and good sportsmanship

Intermediate Lessons are

created for children who have previous experience or have moved through our programs to achieve this level.

Advanced Lessons add a competitive component designed to develop junior tournament players through the use of high-intensity drills, advanced movement, spins and match strategy.



# DAY CAMP ACTIVITIES

Our popular full and half day tennis camps have provided a great experience for boys and girls at all levels of tennis. Our program is designed to promote personal development and tennis skills and of course, to have fun! Our court campers are divided according to age and playing level. Morning- Focus on warmups, strokes, drills, footwork and games Afternoon- Organized activities such as basketball, soccer, swimming and leisurely games Last Hour of the Day-Tennis Matches or skill building games

Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 16 are welcome to attend our fun filled camps. Children will learn the fundaments of grips, stroke pattern, timing, scoring, rules of the game, basic tennis movement, balance and handeye coordination.

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#### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

All SCTC adult programs are well organized and are intended for participants at all levels. No partner is required and fun is guaranteed! Adult Programs include:

Ladies' League Singles Ladder Cardio Tennis

# **CARDIO TENNIS**

Cardio tennis is an excellent way to improve your tennis skills and your health while having a great time. Feel free to bring a friend. Our Stoney Creek Tennis Club Pro instructs adults of all ages and levels in one-hour-long classes. Try your first class for free!

Regular price is \$12 per class

#### **CLUB EVENTS**

**Open House** May 26<sup>th</sup> **Clinics** Racquet Demo



Social Events Invitational Tournament AGM Club Tournaments

Men's & Ladies' Singles Men's & Ladies Doubles Mixed Doubles Juniors

#### CLUB PROFESSIONAL RASIM SEHOVIC

Rasim has many years of international teaching and coaching experience. Retired after 24 years as Head Coach of McMaster University Men's Tennis Team where he worked with top-performing teams helping high-performance athletes to improve their skills. Rasim is now focused on our junior program as Junior Director and Coach. Rasim is Certified by the United States professional Tennis Association (USPTA) and endorsed and recognized by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) as an Elite Professional. Rasim Schovic is back for his 24<sup>th</sup> season with the Stoney Creek Tennis Club. To arrange private, semi-private or group lessons with Rasim feel free to call him at 905 517-5210 or email him at rsehovic@gmail.com

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# **PROGRAM CALENDAR**

# JUNIOR PLAYING TIMES

Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm Weekends and holidays from 1 pm to 4:30 pm Juniors may play any time with an adult family member or while taking lessons. JUNIOR ACADEMY SCHEDULE

May to September Every Monday, Thursday and Friday:

Intermediate 4:30pm to 6pmAdvanced6 pm to 7:30 pmSession 1April 29- May 31Session 2June 3-June 28Session 3July 4-August 2Session 4Aug. 5-Aug. 30Session 5Sept. 5- Sept. 30

Every Tuesday and Wednesday:Teen4:30pm to 5:30 pmBeginner5:30 pm to 6:30 pmEvery Saturday:BeginnerBeginner10 am to 11 amTeen11 am to 12 pmSession 1April 30 to May 29Session 2June 1 to June 29Session 3July 2- July 31Session 4Aug. 3 to Aug. 31Session 5Sept. 3- Sept. 28

Every Sunday in May and June: **5 and Under** 10 am to 11 am



#### FULL DAY CAMPS

9 am to 4 pm \$375/week +\$25 for non member Camp 2 July 8-12 Camp 4 July 22-26 Camp 6 Aug. 12-16

## HALF DAY CAMPS

9 am to 12 pm \$175/week +\$25 for non member Camp 1 July 2-5 (\$140/week) Camp 3 July 15-19 Camp 5 July 29- Aug. 2 Camp 7 Aug. 19-23

# **KIDDIE CAMP**

For children 5 and under 9 am to 12 pm August 6-9 (4 days)

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays Singles Ladder 8 pm Tuesdays starting May 7th Ladies Doubles League 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm Wednesdays Round Robin 9 am to 11 am (starting May 3<sup>rd</sup>) Men's Doubles League 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm (starting May 8<sup>th</sup>) Fridays starting May 10<sup>th</sup> Mixed Doubles beginning 7:30 pm Saturday Singles Ladder 8:30 am to 10 am Saturday evening Singles Ladder Tier 2 Sundays starting June 4 Mixed Doubles

# REGISTRATION

Please fill the forms online at <u>www.sctennisclub.com/forms</u> We will be accepting online payments.

**Registration after May 1<sup>st</sup>** Registration is available after May 1<sup>st</sup> at the clubhouse during operating hours

Make cheque payable to Stoney Creek Tennis Club And mail to Stoney Creek Tennis Club PO #36565 75 Centennial Parkway N Hamilton, ON L8E 2P0

# **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Junior \$85 15 years and under Student \$120 16-23 with a student card Adult \$195 20 years and over Senior \$160 60 years and over Family \$415 2 adults and all juniors and students

Years of age as of December 31, 2023 All prices include HST

# **CLUB SPECIALS**

# **Early Bird Specials**

**New Adult Members-**sign up by June 1<sup>st</sup> and receive two complimentary cardio classes or beginner clinic classes **New Junior Members-** sign up by June 1<sup>st</sup> and receive two complimentary academy classes



For Academy and Camp

registration and pricing Please contact Rasim Sehovic at 905 517-5210 12

#### Purpose

The Stoney Creek Tennis Club ("The Club") is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. The Club expects all individuals to always conduct themselves in a manner that includes fairness, integrity and mutual respect for the members, volunteers, guests and staff of the Club. **Scope** 

This policy applies to all individuals associated with the Club, including but not limited to members, staff, guests, visitors or volunteers. It relates to conduct that may arise at the Club and/or during Club activities and events, including but not limited to league play, competitions, practices, social

# CODE OF CONDUCT

activities and meetings.

to conduct that occurs

individual is representing

detrimental to the image

and reputation of the Club.

Proper tennis attire is to be

guests. Shirts must always

Non-marking footwear are

Cutoffs may not be worn.

Coaching is only allowed by

the Club Pro or designate.

worn by members and

be worn on the courts.

required on the courts.

the Club and such conduct

the Club when the

is determined to be

**Dress Code** 

Coaching

outside of

This policy may also apply

#### **Court Etiquette**

swearing

Court etiquette must be always followed. This includes the following:

-checking in with staff before starting play

-let other sessions finish their game before going onto the court -be prompt in leaving the court at the end of your scheduled time -do not go onto an adjacent court to get a ball when play is on -return balls to adjacent court in a timely and courteous manner, only when their play has stopped -wait until play has stopped before retrieving your ball on another court -no excessive shouting or

#### General

Parents are responsible for the behaviour of their children on the Club premises. The courts and the facilities must be treated with respect by

all members.

Guests must check in at the Club.

**Violations and Discipline** A complaint by a member regarding the conduct of a fellow member shall be dealt with the executive. The executive, after investigating, shall take the following action: -Two or more members of the executive may give verbal warnings to the offender -Then a letter of warning may be sent to the offender -Then suspension may be given without recompense

# STONEY CREEK TENNIS CLUB 2024

The Stoney Creek Tennis Club is a non-profit organization that operates successfully under the direction of volunteers, several paid staff and with the guidance and support of The City of Hamilton.

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