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STONEY CREEK TENNIS CLUB 60TH ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER

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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 60th 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 its 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.
- (2) Valley Park Washroom/Storage Building, 800 sq. ft.

Specifications and Tender Forms may be obtained 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

In 1980, lights were added to the new facility.

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

Parking improvements at Little League Park and Stoney Creek Tennis Clubhouse are in order and the tender reports will be combined in May.



Clubhouse for tennis club

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

The facility represents the culmination of hard work

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

somehow 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.



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

JUNE 30/82

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



May 31, 1997

WHAT A DECK

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!!

In 1985, the Club had 375 members.



Opening Day and
Deck ribbon cutting
May 31, 1997


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.

In 1997, a deck was 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.



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



Fashion Show



Rasim Sehovic and friends



Illustration by Una DiGallo 2015



STONEY CREEK TENNIS CLUB ALL ACES

CLUB'S SEVEN COURTS FIXED, REPAVED, READY TO SERVE

LAURA LENNIE
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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.

Four courts were repaired and 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



Laura Lennie/Torstar

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 a really fresh look."

Member Bernie Greenwood agreed the courts look great.

The 87-year-old is the oldest member at the club, having played tennis since he was about

30.

"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

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

To the Stoney Creek
Tennis Club,
Play Safe + Heal Fast!
Rick Green "Bill"
Red Green
Keep You Still
in the Air
May 2/96



Left:
Rick Green
(as Bill Smith)
and
Right:
Steve Smith
(as Red Green)
From
The Red Green
Show
May 2, 1996



Sheila Copps
attending a
tournament
in 2000



Walter Gretzky
with Lady Members
during 2000 tournament

STONE CREEK TENNIS CLUB

Please Join Us
For an

OPEN HOUSE

To Celebrate our 60th Anniversary
Sunday, May 26th
10 am to 2 pm

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



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 warm-ups, 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 fundamentals of grips, stroke pattern, timing, scoring, rules of the game, basic tennis movement, balance and hand-eye coordination.

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	Men's League
Singles Ladder	Round Robin
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 26th

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 Sehovic is back for his 24th 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

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

Every Tuesday and Wednesday:
Teen 4:30pm to 5:30 pm
Beginner 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Every Saturday:
Beginner 10 am to 11 am
Teen 11 am to 12 pm
Session 1 April 30 to May 29
Session 2 June 1 to June 29
Session 3 July 2- July 31
Session 4 Aug. 3 to Aug. 31
Session 5 Sept. 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 3rd)
Men's Doubles League
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
(starting May 8th)
Fridays starting May 10th
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
www.sctennisclub.com/forms

We will be accepting online payments.

Registration after May 1st

Registration is available after May 1st 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

Early Bird Specials

New Adult Members-sign up by June 1st and receive two complimentary cardio classes or beginner clinic classes

New Junior Members- sign up by June 1st and receive two complimentary academy classes

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



For Academy and Camp

registration and pricing

Please contact Rasim Sehovic at

905 517-5210

CODE OF CONDUCT

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

activities and meetings.

This policy may also apply to conduct that occurs outside of the Club when the individual is representing the Club and such conduct is determined to be detrimental to the image and reputation of the Club.

Dress Code

Proper tennis attire is to be worn by members and guests. Shirts must always be worn on the courts.

Non-marking footwear are required on the courts.

Cutoffs may not be worn.

Coaching

Coaching is only allowed by the Club Pro or designate.

Court Etiquette

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 swearing

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

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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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