

**JUNE  
2017**

Welcome Members to our 2017 Season!  
We are happy to feel the warmth of spring now!



## CLUB NEWS

# Facilities Report

### **Hard Courts**

Everyone seems to be enjoying the hard courts. We will be using the blower regularly to keep debris off of the courts. If you are going from the clay courts to the hard courts, please clean your shoes before going onto the hard courts as it tracks clay on our new surface.

Some of you may have noticed that the new net straps we bought for the hard courts are poorly designed and do not hold. We are going to return them and get others that work!!

The grass area on the west side of Court 6 has been raised to the level of the courts.

### **Clay Courts**

We have invested a considerable amount of money getting our sprinkler system working well including replacing some old sprinkler heads which cost us about \$2,000. It is easy to trip over a sprinkler head so please be careful. Also, the sprinkler heads are very fragile and one kick can damage them irreparably - they cost \$250 each.

Dorothy Hunt is laying clay again this year which will help the playability of the courts during the season. As the summer progresses and the weather gets drier, we will be experimenting with our watering regime to get as much water on the courts as we can. Please be patient if from time to time the courts are not ready for play. We want to ensure that all members enjoy great clay courts throughout the day and evening.

## KEW JUNE TIP OF THE MONTH

### HAVING A PURPOSEFUL PRACTICE

We have all heard the expression ‘Practice makes perfect’. Famed NFL coach Vince Lombardi once said, “Only perfect practice makes perfect.”

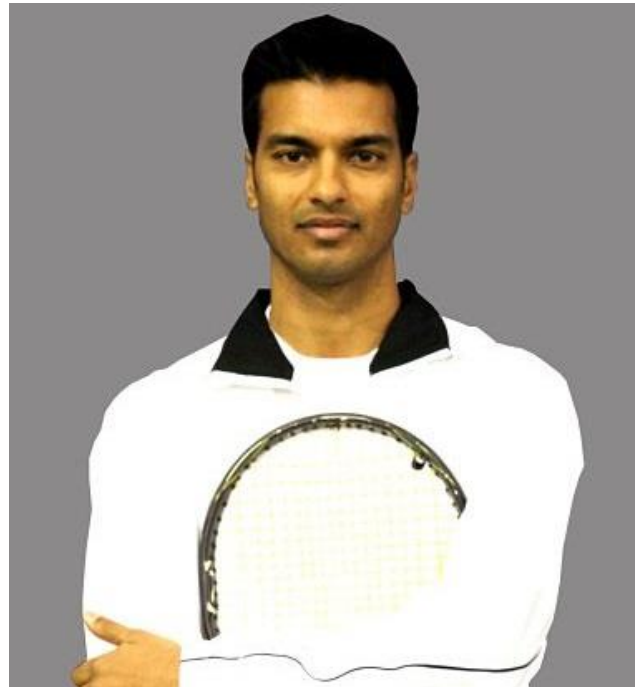
In order to improve our playing level, it is important to maximize our time on court. Sometimes it’s tough to get on the court more than a couple of days a week. How we spend that time is imperative if we are going to improve. Planning your practice time is key and planning what you and your friend or hitting partner will do in the 1 or 2 hours you have on court will maximize your practice and skills.

Practice can be broken down in to two phases.

- 1) Cooperative Consistency
- 2) Competitive Consistency

Here is how I recommend time to be allotted in a 1 hr practice.

<b>1 Hour Session</b>	
1. Groundstroke Consistency (Middle to Middle, Crosscourt Forehands, Crosscourt Backhands)	20 Minutes
2. Net Play Development (1 <sup>st</sup> volley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> volley, overheads)	10 Minutes
3. Serve & Return Practice	10 Minutes
4. Point Play (Tiebreaks, short sets)	20 Minutes



Head Pro Bobby Mahal 1

For competitive consistency, the key is to make the right shot selections (i.e. when to rally, when to attack, when to defend). By following the above time frame, you will have an opportunity to work on all of the key shots in your game!

## KEW GARDENS LADDER

There will be a sign up sheet in the clubhouse. Please come by the clubhouse to register for the ladder by June 28th and pay the \$20 fee.

The cap for the Ladder will be at 60 players for the Men's division and 60 players for the Women's division.

The only people eligible for the year end tournament would be players that played the mandatory 3 match minimum in all 3 cycles.

### The second cycle begins July 1

- July 1 - July 31
- August 1 - August 30

Bonus prize money equaling 10% of the total money collected will be distributed at the end of the year to the player(s) playing the most matches. If there is a tie, the money will be evenly split among the winners (less administrative costs)

At the end of the 3rd cycle there will be a ladder tournament from Mon. Sept. 11 to Sun. Sept 17 Men and Women. Top 8 players eligible and available to play after the 3rd cycle. Prize money will be paid out to the Winner and Finalist. Prize money will be based on a % of ladder participation throughout the 3 cycles. Other prizes will also be given out for participation.



photo courtesy of Barry Kohl

### Kew Open Championship:

- Deadline for the entry will be June 30
- Any Kew member of any age/gender can join.
- The matches will be played throughout the summer and each round will have a deadline
- It is up to the members participating to contact each other and complete the matches
- The draw will be posted online, as well as, emailed to each participant

### Reminder:

Saturday Clay Maintenance is 6pm – 7pm; Sunday Clay is from 5pm– 6pm

# JUNE 2017 RESPECT ALL, FEAR NONE

## SOCIAL NEWS

Thank you to everyone that attended the Opening Day BBQ & French Open Round Robin. Everyone was excited to play on all 10 courts. Over 110 people played in the Opening Day Round Robin and over 60 enjoyed French cheeses and a great day of tennis at our French Open celebration. If you took any pictures, please **hashtag us on Instagram at #kewgardenstennis** and/or add them to our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/Kew-Gardens-Tennis-Club-394695863940378/>



*Opening Day BBQ 1*

Our next events are July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada Day Family BBQ from 5pm – 9pm and on Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup>, our Wimbledon Strawberries & Cream Round Robin from 1pm – 4pm.

Tickets on sale soon for our fabulous year-end party at Grover Pub Sept. 29.

## OTHER NEWS

The first week of the Ontario Junior Closed will be held at Kew from Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> from 8am – 4pm. Courts for member play will likely be available in the early afternoon on a waiting list basis. Come down and watch future tennis stars play!

### TUESDAY SENIOR DAY TIME SOCIAL

Kew Gardens Tennis Club is pleased to announce that after two successful sessions the Tuesday Seniors Day Social will be brought back for the entire month of September.

This social incorporates fun and friendly doubles play with moving partners and multiple rotations.

Anyone that would like to participate event can sign up in the Kew Clubhouse as there are limited spots!

For more information on this fun event you can contact Ira Sherman at [iratennispro@gmail.com](mailto:iratennispro@gmail.com)

### KEW KIDS PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE

Kew Gardens Tennis continued their spring Kew Kids Progressive League (KKPL). This innovative initiative builds a community around the sport of tennis. The KKPL model combines both practice and play and gives kids at the progressive stages (ages 5 – 12) an opportunity to play and be part of a team.

Kew Gardens will be offering this unique program again in the spring of 2018.

Big thanks to our volunteers, coaches, parents and of course, players for supporting this unique program!

# JUNE 2017 GAME, SET, MATCH

## COURT BOOKING FOR JULY 2017

CLAY COURTS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>AVAILABILITY</b>	8am - 10pm	8am - 10pm	8am - 10pm	8am - 10pm	8am - 10pm	1pm - 6pm	8am - 9pm
<b>BOOKING</b>	In person and same day online for 6pm booking only	In person and same day online for 6pm booking only	In person and same day online for 6pm booking only	In person and same day online for 6pm booking only	In person and same day online for 6pm booking only	In person	In person
<b>TIME SLOTS</b>	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly	Hourly
<b>COURT USAGE</b>	4 courts taken for teams at 7pm, July 17 <sup>th</sup> last match for ladies	4 courts taken for teams at 7pm, July 11 <sup>th</sup> last match for B1, playoffs possible afterwards	All courts used for SOCIAL ROUND ROBIN from 7pm - 10pm	4 courts taken for teams at 7pm, July 20 <sup>th</sup> last match for A2, playoffs possible afterwards		All courts used for SOCIAL ROUND ROBIN from 7pm - 10pm	2 courts used for LADDER PLAY from 7pm - 9pm
	Courts will be available after matches done, often as early as 9pm on waiting list basis	Courts will be available after matches done, often as early as 9pm on waiting list basis		Courts will be available after matches done, often as early as 9pm on waiting list basis			
<b>HARD COURTS</b>							
<b>AVAILABILITY</b>	8am - 11pm	8am - 11pm	8am - 11pm	8am - 11pm	8am - 11pm	1pm - 7pm	8am - 4pm
<b>BOOKING</b>	In person and same day online for evening bookings only	In person and same day online for evening bookings only	In person and same day online for evening bookings only	In person and same day online for evening bookings only	In person and same day online for evening bookings only	In person	In person
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<b>COURT USAGE</b>	4 courts taken for teams at 7pm, July 17 <sup>th</sup> last match for ladies	Up to 2 courts taken for adult clinics, usually courts 9 & 10	All courts used for SOCIAL ROUND ROBIN from 7pm - 10pm	Up to 2 courts taken for adult clinics, usually courts 9 & 10	One court taken for LADDER PLAY from 6pm - 9pm	All courts used for SOCIAL ROUND ROBIN from 7pm - 10pm	PRO LESSONS on up to 2 courts
	Courts will be available after matches done, often as early as 9pm on waiting list basis					All courts used for KEW KIDS SATURDAY MORNING PROGRAM from 8am - 1pm until Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	PUBLIC HOURS from 4pm - 10pm, statutory holidays from 8pm - 10pm

Clay court maintenance—12 pm to 1 pm daily & 5 pm to 6pm daily except Saturday 6 pm to 7pm

Hard courts will remain open for member play after the Wed & Sat socials but no clubhouse access to members after 10:30pm, gate will locked and reopened by maintenance staff for exit

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