

April Newsletter

Welcome back returning members and a very big welcome to all our new members. It's going to be another great tennis season at our Kerr Park courts.

And it's going to be starting sooner than you think.

Our good news is that the nets will be up and ready for you the week of April 19.

That's also when our Membership New and Renewal Forms will be available online. Go to our home page www.bracebridgetennisclub.com and look for the Membership link.

Sign up NOW as scheduled play is starting mid-May.

(Our membership fee has increased slightly this year to \$110 to cover our increased costs for the court lease and our insurance premiums.)

More good news:

Your BTC executive pushed hard for this and we are thrilled to announce that the port-o-potties are gone and instead Town of Bracebridge is installing a portable washroom trailer at the park. It will be cleaned once daily during April, May and September, October and twice a day in July and August.

The Town is also promising to install a water drinking fountain near the chalet.

Please be advised:

At some point later this spring, the courts will have to be briefly closed in order to repair them. Many of us know how important this is as there were dips and valleys in some places on our new courts even last year.

The work is temperature and weather sensitive and unfortunately couldn't be done before we open for the season. We will alert you to the exact dates as soon as we receive the work schedule.

Right now there are no **COVID related restrictions for outdoor play** in Ontario. But we ask all players to observe social distancing rules, sanitize their hands and not to play and follow quarantine guidelines if experiencing any symptoms.

Stay tuned: We want BTC members to get to know one another. Watch for many more mixers and socials this summer. Events coordinator Virginia Watts is eager to hear your ideas. Email her at info@bracebridgetennisclub.com. Write Events in the subject line.

We want your balls: Thanks to member Deb Billingham we are once again collecting used tennis balls for balls4eyes.org. Drop them in the green garbage bin court side (the same one we had at Kelvin Grove). Proceeds from their resale go to eye research and eye care in under served communities.

And we want you: The Bracebridge Tennis Club has some vacancies on its board. Please get in touch if you agree that we are the best little tennis club in the province – and would like to help us stay that way. Email us at info@bracebridgetennisclub.com and write volunteer in the subject line if you would like to learn more.

We need

- Board of Director – Membership
- Board of Directors – Members at Large.
- Advanced Men’s Doubles Scheduler.
- Evening League Scheduler.

See you on the courts!

Sandy Bowra
BTC President