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TENNIS NEWSLETTER

NEW "BY THE SEA LEAGUE" : ALTERNATIVE TO USTA TEAM

Not everyone wants to have weekly practices or commit to seven months of play or travel an hour away as USTA Team Tennis requires. We have come up with a more relaxed but still competitive in-house doubles tennis league called the **By The Sea League** for our Wentworth women to enjoy.

The League will run on Friday mornings from 9:00 - 10:30am, and all players at the 3.0 and 3.5 ability levels are welcome.

Players will register in advance by September 26th for the 10-week season which runs from October 7th - December 16th. Each week, Chris acting as league coordinator, will send out an email to all league players and the first 8 players who respond will play that week. The coordinator will create new match pairings each week, and you are guaranteed a weekly game if you want it.

There is no fee for participating and this is a great way to play more tennis in a relaxed, but competitive format. See Chris for more details. Hope to see you on the court on October 7th!



JUMP INTO QUICKSTART JR. TENNIS!

You might hear it referred to as Quickstart or "10 and Under Tennis" but whatever label you use, it means that kids learn tennis in a quicker and more fun atmosphere on the court!

The tennis industry has been using smaller racquets and nets for years but the balls and court size have been too fast and too big for smaller or beginner level children. Quickstart addresses the problem by using a low compression ball which is slower moving, making it easier to hit. The court size is smaller based on age and ability so no longer will we see a 4 year- old hitting on a 78 foot court. They'll have their own smaller 36 foot court to play on!

On page 2 of this newsletter, we go into more detail about age groups, ball color (different compression based on ability) and court sizes. When signing up your junior tennis player, the chart will help you to understand how Quickstart will work for your junior tennis player. If you have any questions, make sure to contact Kevin Christian our Junior Coordinator at kchristian@wentworthbytheseacc.com.

Juniors have fun with something when they get a taste of success. The Quickstart program makes it easier to learn, play and compete in tennis which is FUN! We not only want to get more juniors playing tennis, but also have them continue playing this great game. We hope that your junior takes advantage of our new tennis program and we think that they will be asking to come back for more!

Wentworth Junior Tennis Academy Has It All!

The WJTA offers weekly instruction to juniors ages 4-16 yrs of all ability levels. All classes are taught by USPTA Certified Tennis Professionals. Our instruction is based on a 6:1 student-to-pro ratio with the occasional seventh junior in a popular class. Classes focus on the student's movement, stroke technique and the ability to develop their best stroke. For our beginner/intermediate levels we are adding the Quickstart format (QST) which is a teaching system using smaller and slower equipment so kids can learn, play and compete faster.

To **register for the Junior Academy** please email Kevin Christian at kchristian@wentworthbytheseacc.com or call Kevin at 610-0183 ext. 33. Each junior session runs for twelve weeks and registration opens four weeks prior to the start of a new session. Only when a student registers for a class mid-session is pro-rating permitted. Make-up classes will be at the discretion of the tennis director.

SESSION DATES

		Hour Long	1.5 Hours	
Session 1:	9/6 - 12/23	\$256.00	\$384.00	No classes 9/5, 11/23 - 11/25, 12/26 - 1/2
Session 2:	1/3 - 3/30	\$192.00	\$288.00	No classes 2/27 - 3/2
Session 3:	4/2 - 6/15	\$160.00	\$240.00	No classes 4/23- 4/27, 5/28

There **WILL** be classes on Patriot's Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day & President's Day. **No Class** on Labor Day and Memorial Day.

Group Name	Ages/ Court Size	Ability / Ball Used	Days/Times Offered
Little Nuggets QST	4-5 yrs old / 36ft	Beginner - Red Ball	Mondays: 3:30-4:30pm / Wednesdays: 3:30-4:30pm
Big Nuggets QST	6-7 yrs old / 36ft	Beginner - Red Ball	Mondays: 3:30-4:30pm / Wednesdays: 3:30-4:30pm
Challengers QST	8-10 yrs old / 60ft	Beginner-Orange Ball	Mondays: 4:30-5:30pm / Wednesdays: 4:30-5:30pm
Champions QST	10-16 yrs old / 60ft	Beginner-Orange Ball	Mondays: 4:30-5:30pm / Wednesdays: 4:30-5:30pm
Junior Varsity QST	8-12 yrs old / 78ft	Adv. Beg / Inter. - Green Play Ball	Tuesdays: 3:30-5:00pm / Thursdays: 3:30-5:00pm
Varsity	10-16 yrs old / 78ft	Inter. / Advanced - Regular Match Ball	Tuesdays: 5:00-6:30pm / Thursdays: 5:00-6:30pm

PLATFORM TENNIS IS FUN AND WAITING FOR YOU!



Platform Tennis (aka Paddle or Paddle Tennis) is back for another winter season. We will kick off the season on Sunday, December 4th with our **Paddle Breakfast Social**. Bacon, eggs, fruit and other fixings followed by some fun round robin paddle play. All are welcome to join us from 10am - Noon!

Once the golf course closes (3rd week of November), the platform tennis courts may be used any time of day. Before then, with the danger of flying golf balls, the courts will only be open after dusk. We plan to start a fall evening league this year beginning in October. See Chris in the tennis pro shop for details on the fall league and to purchase paddles, balls or try a demo.

We will be offering beginner lessons, special events, interclub matches, leagues, and round robins. Check the website for a full list of weekly and monthly paddle events. We hope that many of you come out and try paddle if you haven't already. It is a great cold weather activity where you don't stay cold for very long. There is plenty of action, exercise and tons of fun with friends!

The "Super Six" Most Answered Questions

- 1) **To Book a Court or Rent the Ball Machine**, simply go online to our website at www.wentworthbytheseacc.com to our tennis "court scheduler" feature and register to use the court booking system. Once approved, you can book courts online to reserve either a tennis or platform court and the ball machine. You may reserve a court up to six days in advance.
- 2) In the **Tennis Pro Shop** you can purchase racquets, shoes, accessories, logo clothing and get your racquet strung. We can also special-order your favorite item and have it for you within a few days.
- 3) You can bring **Guests to play tennis**. Simply sign your guests in at the Sports Center desk and limit the same guest to twice per month. The adult guest fee is \$15 per person per day and juniors are \$5 per person per day.
- 4) Take advantage of our **Tennis Contract Time**. This prepaid court reservation lasts for 36 weeks starting in September and guarantees your automatically-reserved court time of choice on a weekly basis. See Chris for pricing and details.
- 5) Our **Women's USTA Team Tennis** begins in September and runs through April for the winter league. Practice is weekly and matches are usually twice per month. See Chris for details whether you are a returning or new player at the Wentworth. Practice will begin the week of September 12th!
- 6) **For the Men we offer:** group and private lessons, the Singles Flex League, a Men's Play Night on Wednesdays for the 3.5 - 4.0 level and our 8.0 Mixed USTA League playing on Sunday afternoons during the winter. See Chris for more information.

Call Chris with any questions at 610-0183 or email him at cstevens@wentworthbytheseacc.com.

RAPID FIRE CLINICS NOW INDOORS!

It was unanimous. The new Rapid Fire Clinics this summer were a hit and we have decided to continue them during our long indoor season.

Join us every Thursday from 10:30-11:30am, as we hit the court with a different stroke theme in each class and work to improve technique. As we go indoors, we will occasionally use the ball machine so that the pro can be on the same side of the court as the student to help out more with grips and stroke production.

The cost of this weekly clinic is \$14 per person. Just sign up weekly on the tennis bulletin board (same as the summer) and receive email confirmation each week. The Rapid Fire clinics are one hour long and players hit over 1,000 balls. The pace is fast and furious with quick tips and suggestions made by the pro as he feeds as fast as humanly possible! The first class begins Thursday, September 29th!

CALLING ALL BEGINNERS, WE NEED YOU ON COURT

Every tennis program's goal is to grow and the best way to do this is to bring new members into the program. That is where **Our Beginner Tennis Classes** come into the picture. We will be offering Beginner Classes on Wednesdays from 10:30am - Noon and Sundays from 10:30am - Noon. The one and a half hour classes will familiarize you with the proper grips, stance, stroke and will eventually focus on singles and doubles strategy. Many of our players, once they feel comfortable on the court, proceed into playing matches with other new players whom they have met, and some women may even join our 2.5 USTA Team. All members are welcome! We want to invite our golfing members who take six months off during the winter to try a new sport, get some great exercise and meet some new friends in the process. The cost of a 6-week session is \$150.00. Our first session of classes begins the week of October 5th, with session 2 beginning the week of November 16th.

If you are interested in joining our cool new group of Beginners, please see Kevin or contact him at kchristian@wentworthbytheseacc.com. I think you will really enjoy this fantastic "game for a lifetime."

Hope to see you on the courts!





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TENNIS LESSONS

Half Hour Private	\$36.00
One Hour Semi	\$36.00
One Hour Private	\$68.00
1.5 Hour Private	\$92.00
1.5 Hour Semi	\$48.00
1.5 Hour Group of 4	\$25.00

Contact the pro directly to schedule a lesson. Thank you.



HERCULES:

Undisputed Champion

Unbeatable, Agile, Machine-like. These are just a few words to describe the toughest player at the club. He'll give you the best workout around and he never gets tired. Yes, I am talking about "Hercules," our ball machine.

For just \$12, you can work on your groundstrokes, volleys or returns of serve until you are blue in the face, literally. Hercules is a terrific hitting partner when you can't find a friend to hit with, or when you want to tune up a specific stroke.

When booking online, simply reserve a court and the ball machine option at your desired time and day. It's that easy.

Good luck against Hercules- you'll need it!

TENNIS EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2011

Quickstart Junior Carnival
 Women's Training Camp
 Parent-Child Tournament

OCTOBER 2011

WGA Tennis Party
 Mixed Doubles Tennis Party
 Wentworth Open

NOVEMBER 2011

Women's Tencap Doubles Tournament
 Junior Club Championship
 Mixed Doubles Tennis Party

DECEMBER 2011

Women's Tennis Holiday Party
 Women's Tennis Holiday Clinic w/ Guest Pros

JANUARY 2012

Mixed Doubles Elite 8 Tournament
 Women's 3.0 One on One Doubles Event

FEBRUARY 2012

Pro Doubles Exhibition
 Mixed Doubles Tennis Party

MARCH 2012

Women's Doubles Championship
 Men's Blackjack Doubles Event
 Mixed Doubles Tennis Party

APRIL 2012

Men's Doubles Championship

MAY 2012

Women's Team Banquet / Clinic / Awards Ceremony
 Women's USTA Red Robin Doubles Tournament