

NET NEWS

Penn State Tennis Center

Pennsylvania State University

April 2002

Dear Members,

As we head into April, the outdoor season is right around the corner. I would like to take some time to review some of our outdoor policies. Weather permitting, the clay courts will be open no later than May 1. If you wish to have a permanent weekly reservation please let us know. There is no charge to have a permanent reservation on the clay courts but we do ask if you cannot make your scheduled time please call us at least 24 hours in advance. The clay courts will be shut down for daily maintenance from 1:30-3:00 pm. The back hard courts will open April 1 weather permitting.

It gives me great pleasure to announce our newest staff member, Bill Potoczny. Bill is the men's assistant tennis coach and he will be joining our staff May 1. Bill will be heavily involved in the operation of the Sarni Tennis Center. Our plans are to have the Sarni Center open two nights a week and Sunday afternoon. Keep your eyes open for information on men's night, women's night and mixed doubles starting in May. Sarni will be open daily from 9:00 am. I encourage all of our members to utilize the Sarni Tennis Center; it is a wonderful facility to play tennis. The Sarni Center will be available for member play as of May 1.

The annual meeting was held on March 22. I want to thank everyone who attended and helped to make it a great success. The food was fantastic, we

had a very productive meeting and we got to play some tennis to top off the evening. I especially want to thank our executive committee, social committee, publicity committee and our fund raising committee for all of their hard work this past year and am looking forward to continue working with them to help make the tennis center the best it can be.

In closing, I am very excited about the future of the Penn State Tennis Center. Our membership continues to grow and play is on the increase. Junior Development continues to grow under the leadership of Doug and the student tennis club is a nice addition to our facility. If anyone has any programming ideas please share them with me, Doug or one of your executive committee members.

Regards,

Eric

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Junior Development:

Our next Junior Development Session begins on April 8 and runs through the month on Mondays and Fridays. I have also set the Junior Development schedule for May, June, July, and August. If you know of anyone interested in Junior Development in the spring or summer, please contact Doug, in the pro shop at 865-1381. I am looking forward to a successful summer program.

Mixed Doubles Social:

The social committee and myself have set the date for our Mixed Doubles Social. The date will be Sunday, April 28 from 2-4 PM. We will be hosting the event at the Sarni Tennis Facility. If the weather does not cooperate, we will head indoors for the event. The cost for the event is \$10.00 if we are indoors, and \$5.00 if we are outdoors. We are asking those attending to bring a snack to the event. The tennis center will provide beverages and tennis balls. We need a minimum of 6 men and 6 women to sign up for the event, so it can be a mixed doubles event. Talk to all of your friends, and sign up in the pro shop.

U.S. Open Trip:

We are gearing up for the second annual U.S. Open. The trip will be on Wednesday, August 28th. The first 36 people to sign up and pay in the pro shop will be guaranteed a ticket and a spot on the bus for the trip. If we have more than 36 people sign up, we are going to try and get more tickets, but will not know until May if we get them. The trip was a huge success last year and promises to be a great event. Sign up early to be guaranteed a spot.

Challenge Ladder:

Due to lack of matches being played, the challenge ladder is being disbanded. We will attempt to start the ladder again during the summer if there is interest. Let Doug or Eric know if you would be interested in having the Challenge Ladder during the summer.

22nd ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA SENIOR GAMES

JUNE 10-15, 2002

Application booklets for the 2002 PA Senior Games are available at the Penn State Tennis Center. A sample application booklet is posted on the bulletin board for your reference. These materials describe information about the 22 different sports—some with multiple events—available at the games. The senior games will be held at Shippensburg University June 10-15-, 2002.

In tennis, there is men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles available in 5 year age increments (ex: 50-54, etc all the way to 85-89 years).

The entry fee is nominal and you do not have to qualify by participating in county games. Housing and meals are available on campus and there are local motels. Some persons may want to commute daily.

The deadline for entry is May 6, 2002 and should be mailed to the Senior Games in Wilkes Barre. The toll free number is 1-888-445-4559 ext 7 if we have depleted our supply of packets.

This is the qualifying year for the 2003 Nationals to be held in Virginia next summer! Gold and silver medallists will qualify.

Questions can be referred to Mike Shapiro, Betz Hanley, Joan Nessler, Helen Magnuson, Dot Colton, Ok Hi Lee or Marilyn Shobaken.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!!!!!

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