

NET NEWS

Penn State Tennis Center

Pennsylvania State University

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Dear Members,

Wow, do we have a lot to talk about in this month's newsletter. First, I want to discuss the clay courts. We've had a long winter and a wet spring which kept us from working on the courts as early as we hoped. We were able to meet our target of May 1 which delayed the publishing of May's newsletter. Just a reminder, you may make reservations for the clay courts. Stop by or call the pro shop and we will set things up for you. There is no charge for the reservation but we do ask that you call 24 hours in advance if you can't make your time so we can let someone else play on the court.

It's time for the second annual PSTC Grand Prix Tennis Circuit to begin. The dates for this year's Grand Prix are: May 18-20, June 22-24, August 10-12 and the Grand Finale October 12-14. Please note we will use Friday for the large divisions only. I encourage all of our members to participate in the Grand Prix Tournaments. It is a great way to spend a summer weekend playing tennis. Good tennis, good food, good friends. Please see the enclosed information and sign up in the pro shop today.

The Sarni Tennis Facility will be open for member play beginning May 1. We will be open Monday through Saturday from 9-5 and until 10 pm on Tuesday and Thursday. I encourage all of you to walk to Sarni and play at a world class facility.

If it is summer it is time for team tennis. Information on this year's team tennis is in this newsletter. Please sign up and join in on the fun. Team tennis will start June 14 and will run every Thursday for eight weeks. We realize a lot of our members travel during the summer months and will miss some of the matches. We do ask that you let your captain know in advance that you will miss a match or two.

This is your last chance to sign up for the bus trip to the U.S. Open. The trip includes tickets and bus fare to the Open on Wednesday, August 29. Please sign up by May 15. We need 40 people to fill up the bus and get the best deal!!!

Please take a few moments to read the rest of the newsletter. It contains information about new member buddies, Centre County and State Senior Games, Doug's Serve and our new indoor summer court rates.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer season. If you have any comments or questions please stop by the pro shop and see me so we can discuss any issues involving the Penn State Tennis Center.

Sincerely,

Eric Dove

Doug's Serve

Junior Development:

I have our summer Junior Development schedule all set. If you were a part of our winter Junior Development, you should have already received a copy of the summer schedule. If you have not, please contact Doug in the Pro Shop at 865-1381. I am going to be running three sessions this summer, one in June, one in July, and one in August. Each session will run three weeks and have 6 meeting per session. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Doug in the Pro Shop.

We have just concluded our April session of Junior Development and are beginning our May session. We have had a very successful April and are looking forward to an even more successful May session. Our Junior Development program is exploding with many new juniors beginning to play or retuning to the game of tennis.

Open House

We are having an Open House for members who have joined with-in the last year as well as try and promote new members. We need our members to help come out and promote the Penn State Tennis Center. The date for the Open House is Saturday,

June 2 from 10 AM to 4 PM. We need volunteers to come and play with prospective members as well as our new members and show them our facility in two-hour increments, i.e. 10-12, 12-2, and 2-4PM. Come out and show everyone what a great membership and facility we have. The sign up sheet will be in the Pro Shop.

Special Olympics

Once again I just wanted to remind everyone about Special Olympics Pennsylvania 2001. The dates are June 8th and 9th. The sessions will run on Friday from 8:30 AM till about 11:30 AM with skills testing. I like to have at least 3 people per skill station, and there will be about 10 stations. On the afternoon of Friday, I will be running the tournament part of the Olympics from 1:30-5:00 PM. Ideally, I would like to have 4 people per match, with matches on 7 courts. On Saturday, I will be finishing up the tournament from 8:30 AM till we are finished with all of the matches. Last year it was very warm. I would like to be able to rotate groups helping out the athletes playing matches so no one has to sit in the hot sun all day long. I will be putting a sign-up sheet in the Pro Shop in early May for those of you interested in helping out with Special Olympics. Thanks in advance for your help.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Kathleen Lambert, PSUTC member and senior at State College High School earned the NUMBER 1 District Ranking in the Central Penn District for the year 2000 for girl's 18s singles division.

21st Annual Pennsylvania Senior Games

The 21st Annual Pennsylvania Senior Games will be held June 11-16 at Shippensburg University. Divisions of play include men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles. For more information please call Joan Nessler at 466-7523.

New Member Buddies Needed!!

We are looking for member volunteers to be new member buddies. This is a new program aimed at introducing our new members of the PSTC to the rest of our members. It's a very simple program and if you are interested please talk to Eric or Doug. We will put you on a list along with your level of play and when a new member signs up with a similar play level we will contact you so you can call the new member for a hit of singles or doubles and introduce our new member to some of the veterans of the facility. We feel this will be an excellent way for our new members to make a smooth transition into our club.

2001 Summer Indoor Court Rates

We are now offering reduced indoor rates for the summer season. As of May 1, the cost to play indoors will be \$18 per court hour. In the event of rain, the cost to play indoors will be \$10 per court hour.

Centre County Senior Games

The Centre County Senior Games will run May 30-June 20, 2001. Age divisions for tennis are 50-64 and 65+. Divisions of play are men's doubles and women's doubles. You may pick up a registration form at the Centre Region Senior Center. Deadline to sign up is May 24.

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May String Special **\$20** Wilson Extreme Syn Gut 16 or 17

Team Tennis

Team tennis will begin on June 14, 2001 at 6:00 pm at the Sarni Tennis Facility. A potluck dinner will follow play. The cost this year is \$30 per person. Captains will notify their team a week before play begins. Sign up in the pro shop before Monday June 4, 2001.