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From our President.....

It has been a chilly winter so it's nice to finally be outdoors to enjoy some sunshine and tennis. Since I'm on the disabled list, I have only enjoyed the sunshine...and can't wait to start playing again.

I have worked closely with Lisa Lauck on coordinating a great night of fun tennis for WTC members and their families on Monday, July 11, DE Smash vs. Hartford Foxfire. Delaware Smash is also featuring a special night with guest speaker, Martina Navratilova, on July 6th. There is more information on these events in this newsletter.

Support WTC and take advantage of the many activities the club has to offer by getting involved or participating in the events. Our annual Fun Day was held on May 7th at Delaware Tennis Center at Bellevue State Park. Four local tennis pros conducted clinics featuring serving, volleys, overheads, lobs and strategy. Members and prospective members enjoyed a wonderful day of tennis fun. Summer Ladder and Summer League begins soon and offers every member an opportunity to participate in competitive match play at a convenient time and place. This is a great way to meet new players. Contact information is inside the newsletter.

Marie Macintosh is still looking for volunteers for the Special Olympics in June at University of Delaware. Please find time to support this wonderful event.

Do you have tennis racquets, clothing, and other tennis items that aren't being used? We would like to help you put these items to good use by donating them to The Rodney Street Tennis Association. The Delcastle Tennis Center has been kind enough to offer their facility as a drop-off location. Please visit our website WTCNCC.com for drop-off locations and for the latest information on our club.

Enjoy your summer!

Gerry Succoso
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tenisgerry@aol.com



Special Olympics Summer Games

Our club takes great pride in providing service to our community. This very worthwhile event will give you more satisfaction than you know.

We really need your help.

Dates: Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11.

Time: 9 am-3 pm

Place: U of D Fieldhouse

Please volunteer to help our "special" athletes.

Contact Marie McIntosh - (302) 893-4214 or email at mariemcintosh522@msn.com

Please write "WTCNCC" in the subject line.



US Open Trip

Due to low turnout last year, we decided to delay purchasing tickets to the US Open. If there is enough interest, we will finalize arrangements for the US Open Bus Trip. Call Karen Mitchell if you are interested. You can reach Karen by phone at 302-239-2515 or email at kjm791@comcast.net. Please write "WTCNCC" in the subject line.

Critical Communications

Sometimes we need to contact our members quickly. It is very important to WTCNCC that all members are informed. Email is the fastest way to get a message to everyone when the situation is urgent or the timeline is short. Please send or update your email address to our membership chair, Taya (Cook) Dianna.

Her email address is... tayalc_218@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please write "WTCNCC" in the subject line.

Sign Up for 2005 Summer League



It's time to sign up for the 2005 Summer League! The WTC/NCC Summer League will begin in June and run throughout the summer for both singles and doubles, by USTA level. Matches are self-scheduled within playing periods. This is a great way to get match practice and meet other payers at your playing level.

Last year we had over 70 participants in the summer league - hope you'll be one of them this year. Summer League tennis is so much fun and I hope ALL of you will choose to participate. It is a great opportunity to meet new players and have a good time playing the game we all love!

To register, email your information. Indicate level of play at which you want to participate. Note: for doubles, you must play at or above the highest rating of you or your partner. If you can volunteer to be a scorekeeper, please indicate that on your signup email. Please note you are able to sign-up for both singles and doubles, but not at multiple USTA levels.

The deadline for registration is June 10th. You will receive league rules and participant info after sign-up. You must be a current WTCNCC member to participate.

Cathy Branciaroli
302/477-0506

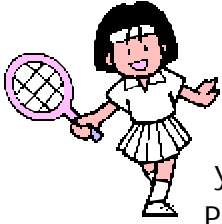
Email:.....Cathleen.a.branciaroli@Dupont-dow.com

Please write "WTCNCC" in the subject line.

Snail mail: 705 Thornby Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803

WTC SUMMER 2005 LEAGUE SIGN-UP	
June 10th !!	
Name:	USTA Rating:
WTCNCC Current Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	H. Phone:
W. Phone:	Cell Phone:
<u>Email:</u>	
Doubles	
Partner's Name:	USTA Rating:
WTCNCC Current Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	H. Phone:
W. Phone:	Cell Phone:
<u>Email:</u>	

WTC Singles Summer Ladder



The WTC Summer Ladder is about to begin. It will start June 1st and continue through September. For those of you who have played in the past, you know it is a fun way to play and compare yourself to different skill levels. Players on the ladder range from 2.5 to 4.0. Each play period is 3 weeks with the requirement that you play at least one match during each period.

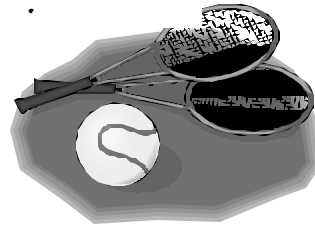
Additional information about ladder play can be found in your member's directory.

To sign up, contact Melissa Jackson @ MJDumas@Earthlink.net (Please write "WTCNCC" in the subject line) or call 428-3159. Include your name, USTA level, address, and phone #'s (work, home, & cell).



Sign up today!

We will not accept sign-ups after
June 15th.



Fun Day 2005

We had a cool but sunny day for Fun Day, which was held at Delaware Tennis Center at Bellevue this year. Chris Spagnolo and Marie Parks did a great job to make this day successful. Mini clinics offered by local Pros Licky Randolph, Jim Flesch, Joe Dombrowski, and Ben Thomas were a fun way to start the day. Gerry Succoso, President gave everyone a warm welcome and briefed the group on upcoming club events. Gerry sported one the newest WTC shirts and had plenty on hand for members to purchase. You will find them on the web site soon. Lunch was served followed by a great selection of door prizes. Delaware Smash generously donated prizes for the afternoon round robin, which was split into two divisions. The 2.5/3.0 division was won by Carolyn Dombrowski and Laura Crouse and the 3.5/4.0 division was won by Kate Murphy and Bianca Skilling. The winners each received a certificate for two to attend a non-marquee Delaware Smash Match.

World Team Tennis Summer League

World Team Tennis (WTT) transforms tennis into a "team" sport. Men and women join forces to create a unique synergy. Each match has 4 events. One set of men's doubles; one set of women's doubles; and two sets of mixed doubles. Scoring is "no-ad" and there are 8 games played in each set. The team accumulating the most games won from all 4 events wins the match. Substitutions and coaching are allowed during the match.

Northern flight: Courts Wilm + north **Western flight:** Courts west + south of Wilm.

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| • A.I. Dupont HS | ▪ Dickinson HS |
| • Brandywine HS | ▪ Christiana HS |
| • Bechtel Park | ▪ Glasgow HS |
| • Haynes Park | ▪ Newark HS |
| • Bonsall Park | ▪ Polly Drummond Courts |
| • Delaware Tennis Center | ▪ Delcastle Tennis Ctr. |
| • Other court locations | ▪ Other court locations |

- Season: 6 June to 14 August
- Fee: \$25.00 (entitles you to two tickets to the DE Smash Match on July 11th or 14th)
- Levels: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5.
- Roster: minimum two men and two ladies; maximum of ten players
- Register on-line at:

<http://www.wtt.com>.....Rec League Play (side).....Join a league (Top).....Scroll to DE.....Click on "Registration Form" at the top of the page to register:

- Individual: assigned to a team - each player rotates captain responsibilities
- Group of individuals: use comment section - list names of team members -each player rotates captain responsibilities
- Complete team: all of your players list the team name when registering

Contact Joe Dombrowski for additional information.

tennisontherun@comcast.com Please write "**W TEAM TENNIS**" in the subject line.

302-453-9674 (home)

302-563-5648 (cell)

- Winners in each level qualify for the National Qualifier Tournament in Wilmington on September 2nd, 3rd, 24th, & 25th.

RAFFLE
US OPEN PRESIDENT'S LUXURY BOX
TWO SEATS

\$50

PER CHANCE
Only 100 chances will be sold!

DELAWARE TENNIS FOUNDATION
(Promoting Tennis in Delaware)

Tax Deductible

Date: **Wednesday,**
August 31, 2005

Time: **11:00 AM**
Day Session

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 2 Tickets in the exclusive USTA President's Courtside Box
- Lunch in the USTA President's private dining room
- Mingle with the celebrities and famous tennis stars

Drawing will be held June 20, 2005
at USTA/ MS/DD Board Meeting

Send Check Payable to:

DE TENNIS FOUNDATION

C/O Licky Randolph, Executive Secretary, USTA/MS/ Delaware District
2309 North Grant Ave.
Wilmington, DE 19806

Indicate: Name, address, telephone number, # of chances and amount enclosed.

Raffle ticket(s) will be mailed to you upon receipt of monies and prior to the drawing.



Delaware Smash Vs. Hartford Foxfire

Women's Tennis Club of New Castle County Presents:

A fun evening for all family and friends

On Monday, July 11th at 7:00 pm

Held at Astra Zeneca tennis Courts

\$8.00 adults \$6.00 children (12 and under)

16 and under receive a free racket

You can come as early as 5:30 pm for dinner

We will have a table reserved

Vendors will be selling chicken, hot dogs, burgers, etc.

To reserve your ticket(s), send your check payable to:

WTC/NCC

Gerry Ann Succoso

PO Box 535

Hockessin, DE 19707

Deadline for purchasing tickets through

WTC is June 30, 2005

Pickup your tickets at will call that night.



Navratilova to speak at DE Smash

Delaware Smash announced that Martina Navratilova will be a guest speaker on Wednesday, July 6, 2005 with a reception to follow. For more information on this event and to purchase tickets, please visit their website: www.delawaresmash.com.

Winter Indoor Contracts Finalized

Winter indoor contracts have been finalized. Times and costs are detailed in chart below. We still need doubles teams for the HIT 1 and HIT 3 contracts. If anyone is interested, please call Sue Shealy at 302-234-9756, or email smshealy@verizon.net. **Please write "WTCNCC" in the subject line.**

Deposits: We apologize for any confusion with the requested \$90 per person deposit. The per person deposit made it complicated for teams with an uncertain number of committed players. In the future deposits will be requested on a per team basis, rather than per person. The clubs are looking for larger payments and they are requesting an earlier payment date. To accommodate this change, the WTCNCC board has decided that the remaining balance on all contracts will be collected in June. Team captains will be contacted in May regarding their balance due. One check for the balance will be required from each team. Round robin players will be notified individually.

Finally, volunteers are needed for next year to collect the winter tennis monies and schedule the courts for the 2006-2007 indoor season. Anyone interested can contact any board member. Thanks for your patience and encouragement.

FINAL CONTRACT DETAILS:

Location	League	Season	Day	Time	Level	Cost (per person per wk)
Hockessin Indoor (HIT)	HIT1	Sept-April (30 weeks)	Mon	11:30-1pm and 1-2:30	4.0	\$12.75
HIT	HIT2	Sept-April	Wed	10am-11:30	3.5-4.0	\$12.75
HIT	HIT3	Sept-April	Sat	2:30-4pm	4.0	\$15.00
HIT	HIT4	Sept-April	Sat	5:30-7pm	3.0-3.5	\$15.00
Del Natl CC	DNCC1	Oct-April (26 weeks)	Sat	4-5:30pm	3.0-3.5	\$16.35

Women's Tennis Club of New Castle County

Membership Application

Annual membership fee: \$18.00 (March 1st through February 29th)

Check One:



New Member



Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Rating _____ USTA Self Rated

Referred by _____

? Are you interested in volunteering to assist in club activities? Yes No

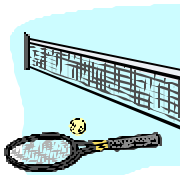
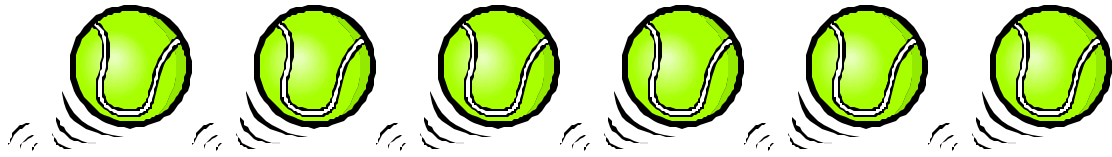
Make check payable to "WTCNCC". Mail application and check to:

Taya Cook, 802 Elizabeth Ave., Wilmington, DE 19809 **Questions?** Call Taya at 302-765-9977

BENEFITS YOUR WTCNCC MEMBERSHIP BRINGS TO YOU

As a member of the Women's Tennis Club, you join 250+ other tennis-minded women in accessing activities, services and networking opportunities. Below are just some benefits available to WTC members.

- **Winter Team Tennis:** Indoor contracts and round robin play (2.5 to 4.0). Players grouped by skill level plus you save a minimum of \$65 each year (clubs waive membership fees for WTCNCC members).
 - **Fun Day:** A long-standing tradition combining several hours of clinics conducted by local pros, al fresco lunch and fun court time with fellow members. Held in the spring of each year, Fun Day provides a great season-opening skill refresher, plus networking to meet other players. Fun Day is free to WTC members and their guests.
 - **WTC Directory, Newsletters:** The directory is published annually (after March 1st renewal date). You will receive four newsletters throughout the year. Newsletters include club news, event reminders sign-ups, new member updates, and community happenings. Looking for a sub or partner? Phone, email, and USTA level is listed so it's a great tennis resource for you.
 - **Website:** Log on to our new site. Check out our frequently updated calendar of events at **WWW.WTCNCC.com**
 - **Winter Fling:** New event.... Great fun / low cost.... This is a mixed doubles social held at a local indoor facility. Invite your favorite tennis loving friends (men and women) for a fun night of tennis, good food and beverages.
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| ● Fall Tournament | ● US Open Trip (minimum required) |
| ● Summer Singles & Doubles Ladders | ● WTCNCC Smash Night |
| ● Annual Banquet | ● New Initiatives to be announced! |



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