

# The Racquet Press



## WTCNCC

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### *From our President.....*

I am writing this letter with great anticipation for Fun Day. I am looking forward to the sunny outdoors, good food, seeing old friends and meeting all our new members. Thanks to all who registered early for Fun Day, your promptness enables us to plan more efficiently and effectively. And let us not forget a great big thanks to all who volunteered to make this yearly event successful.

As the year progresses, so does our list of activities. It is already time to sign-up for Summer League and Summer Ladder, and we hope you will all participate. We are also looking for volunteers for the *Special Olympics Summer Games*; two or three hours of your time could make such a difference to this magnificent event, so please contact us as soon as you can. More information and instructions are located within this Newsletter.

So Ladies....

I would like to hear your ideas of how we can make WTC work for you.

I would like to hear what new activities you would like to see implemented.

I would like to hear what we could do to get you more involved.

I would like to hear from you!

**Email me anytime: [tricia@wtcncc.org](mailto:tricia@wtcncc.org)**

**I look forward to seeing you all on the courts!**



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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Women's Tennis Club of New Castle County would like to send out a big thanks to all members who have volunteered thus far. But more volunteers are needed. Our scope of activities and the size of our membership roster continue to grow, and we would like to remain on this path. In order for our club to continue offering great events, we need your assistance, and we encourage you to get involved.



These are the positions that are currently open:

## **Banquet Committee**

One (1) person is needed to work with the Committee Chairperson (Connie Krumm) for this year's Fall Banquet, generally held in October. Duties include securing a venue, keeping the roster, and acquiring door prizes, etc. This person will be groomed to become the Banquet Committee Chairperson for 2007.

## **US Open Bus Trip Committee**

One (1) person is needed to assist Felicia Jones-Sheffield in coordinating this event. Duties include getting estimates from area transportation services and prices on US Open tickets, as well as promoting the event to Club membership and the general public.

## **Membership Committee**

Two (2) people are needed to work with the Committee Chairperson (Taya Dianna). Duties will include assisting with assembly and mailing of Membership Directories for new members, as well as updated directories for existing members. Committee members may also be called upon to solicit new membership and/or remind former members to sign up!

## **Treasurer Assistance**

Help! If you are an accountant, or have accounting background and would be willing to donate a few hours of your time, please contact Sue Rescigna. She needs help putting a new system together for reconciling PayPal and the traditional bank accounts. You can reach her at [skr52red@comcast.net](mailto:skr52red@comcast.net) or 984-1163.

## **Summer League**

One (1) person is needed to work with the Committee Chairperson (Cathleen Branciaroli). In terms of what's involved in running Summer League it's really pretty simple. It's mostly about communications and record keeping (scores). There is an occasional need to resolve questions concerning league rules. Last year there were over 70 participants in the various leagues. We're looking for someone who is well organized and can use Excel or some other kind of electronic record-keeping system. Email capability is a must. This person will be groomed to become the Summer League Chairperson for 2007.

Volunteers are an integral part of the Women's Tennis Club. Over 20 people volunteer their time and talents each year, providing vital assistance wherever needed. We have close to 300 members and would like to see more faces in the foreground.

We will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have, about any of the positions. Please feel free to contact Taya Diana at [taya@wtcncc.org](mailto:taya@wtcncc.org) with your inquiries. Thank you and we look forward to working with you. Your prompt response is greatly appreciated!

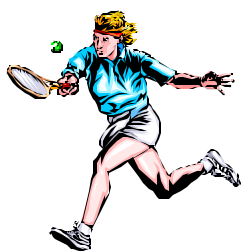
# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# What's new?!

Information is at your fingertips. WTCNCC offers a great web site! We work hard to give you every opportunity to be in the loop and on the court. If you haven't checked it out, now is a good time. The address is [www.WTCNCC.org](http://www.WTCNCC.org).

We had some unavoidable difficulty with our old address (WTCNCC.com). We hope to get this corrected and begin using the ".com" address soon. We'll keep you informed of progress on our web site. Until then, please bookmark the new address.

[www.WTCNCC.ORG](http://www.WTCNCC.ORG).



Time to Sign up!

## WTC Singles Summer Ladder

The WTC Summer Ladder is about to begin. It will start June 1<sup>st</sup> 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 ability 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 and on the web site [www.WTCNCC.org](http://www.WTCNCC.org).

To sign up, contact Melissa Jackson @ [MJDumas@Earthlink.net](mailto:MJDumas@Earthlink.net) or 428-3159.

Include your name, address, and phone #'s (work, home, & cell).

## Sign Up for 2006 Summer League

It's time to sign up for the 2006 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 almost 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's a great opportunity to meet new players and have a wonderful time enjoying our favorite sport!

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 14th. 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      [Cathleen.A.Branciaroli@dupontelastomers.com](mailto:Cathleen.A.Branciaroli@dupontelastomers.com) or  
mail to 705 Thornby Rd, Wilmington DE 19803

WTC SUMMER 2003 LEAGUE SIGN-UP			
<b>Singles:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 <input type="checkbox"/> 3.0 <input type="checkbox"/> 3.5 <input type="checkbox"/> 4.0+	<b>Doubles:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 <input type="checkbox"/> 3.0 <input type="checkbox"/> 3.5 <input type="checkbox"/> 4.0+		
Name: _____			
Name: _____			
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Home Phone: _____		Home	
Phone: _____			

# Coming Soon.....

# DE Smash WTCNCC Event

## WTCNCC Fall Banquet

**Additional information will follow!**



## WTCNCC Winter Tennis Update

Well after another successful WTCNCC winter indoor tennis season, it's time to enjoy tennis in the great outdoors again.....wind, rainouts, sun glare, pollen, bugs.....now we remember what's so good about indoor tennis! It's also time to pay your balance due for your indoor contract for next year. Your contract captain will be contacting you soon to let you know your individual balance due. Please pay promptly to meet the June 1 deadline.

In other winter tennis news, the board would like to state/clarify some rules and procedures, as follows:

- 1) In order to sign up for a winter tennis contract at a *higher* USTA level than your current USTA rating, you must have played at that higher level on a USTA women's team (mixed team does not count) in the previous year, that is, *prior to signup*. Being registered for such a USTA team in the approaching summer does not qualify. Note that this applies only to new applicants for a contract, and that once you are in that WTCNCC contract, you are not required to continue to play USTA at that level or any other level.

- 2) Regarding the 1st Come, 1st Served rule for winter tennis signup, incumbent players will be accepted first as long as they pay before the deadline. Once the deadline passes, all players get priority on 1<sup>st</sup> Come 1<sup>st</sup> Served basis.
- 3) We will oversell contracts as needed to accommodate demand by putting byes in the schedule, with the limit that all teams will have a minimum of 80% of the available weeks in the contract.
- 4) Sending a deposit does not guarantee acceptance into the requested contract, due to need to check eligibility and court space. The club will make every attempt to confirm/deny acceptance of contract requests within one week after deposit deadline passes.
- 5) Except for round robin courts, checks from individual players will not be accepted. One check is required per team, or individual checks all sent in one envelope for the team. The names and contact information of all individual players must be provided in order for WTC to check eligibility.
- 6) HIT offers service of providing balls for \$93/court/season, thus \$3.10/can. Contract captains who gain agreement from all teams in the contract may choose to sign up for this service, and can do so directly with HIT. Otherwise contract captains will provide a ball schedule for their courts.
- 7) The 3.0-3.5 round robin contract will separate into 3.0 and 3.5 courts in the 2007-2008 seasons (not the upcoming 2006-2007 season).
- 8) In the event of noncompliance with the Winter Team Tennis guidelines, a player or team may lose their privilege to play. WTC reserves the right to keep all monies paid should a player or team lose her privilege(s) to play.
  - a. If a player misses three (3) weeks and does not find a substitute, that player will lose their privilege to play the remaining weeks of the contract. To reiterate, WTC reserves the right to keep all monies paid should a player or team lose her privilege(s) to play. If a player finds a substitute, that player should notify at least one other player on the court as to who the substitute will be, so that if the sub does not show up, the player is not penalized.
  - b. The captain must send a warning to missing player after 2 games have been missed where no substitute was recruited.
  - c. The captain of the contract time (not the individual team captain) will bring 'Loss of Privilege' situations to the WTC Board for final approval.



# US OPEN BUS TRIP

Join us for an exciting trip to the 2006 US Open at the USTA'S National Tennis Center at Flushing Meadows, New York. This is your chance to be at opening day of the final Grand Slam of the year and see all the pros in action!

For only **\$80** you receive round-trip transportation and your ticket to the famed Arthur Ashe Stadium for all daytime sessions. As a *bonus*, with a ticket to Arthur Ashe Stadium you also receive general admission to Louis Armstrong Stadium, Grandstand, and field courts! That's admission to more than twelve additional courts for the price of one.

Last years opening day sessions included matches with Rafael Nadal, Venus Williams, Serena Williams, and the 2005 Women's singles winner Kim Clijsters!

So grab a friend and join us for great day of fun and tennis at the US Open!

**Who:** You!

**What:** Trip to NY for the 2006 US Open

**When:** Monday August 28, 2006

**Where:** Departure will be at 7:30a.m. from a central location TBD

**How:** Go to [www.wtcncc.org](http://www.wtcncc.org) to reserve your seat and pay online using PayPal.

Please feel free to contact Felecia Jones-Sheffield at 302-224-3408 or at [fjsheffield@aol.com](mailto:fjsheffield@aol.com) if you have any additional questions.

**Deadline  
for reservations is  
Tuesday August 1, 2006**

**Reserve  
your seat  
now!**



## Member's Networking Section



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### MONTHLY PAYMENT TABLE - PER \$1,000 OF LOAN 30 YEAR AMORTIZATION

Rate %	6.0%	6.5%	7.0%	7.5%	8.0%	8.5%	9.0%	
Payment	\$6.00	\$6.33	\$6.65	\$6.99	\$7.34	\$7.69	\$8.05	
Rate %	9.5%	10.0%	10.5%	11.0%	11.5%	12.0%	12.5%	13.0%
Payment	\$8.41	\$8.78	\$8.97	\$9.53	\$9.91	\$10.29	\$10.48	\$11.07

### 15 YEAR AMORTIZATION

Rate %	6.0%	6.5%	7.0%	7.5%	8.0%	8.5%	9.0%	
Payment	\$8.44	\$8.72	\$8.99	\$9.28	\$9.58	\$9.85	\$10.15	
Rate %	9.5%	10.0%	10.5%	11.0%	11.5%	12.0%	12.5%	13.0%
Payment	\$10.45	\$10.75	\$11.06	\$11.37	\$11.69	\$12.01	\$12.17	\$12.66

**EXAMPLE:** \$120,000 loan amount @ 7.5% for 30 years  
 $\$120,000 \div 1000 = 120 \times \$6.99 = \$838.80$  per month, principal & interest

## Design Consulting

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BenefitStrategies@comcast.net

# WELCOME TO WTC NEW MEMBERS

*Please insert the following pages in your "New Member Section" of your directory.*

Coty Colquitt  
341 Rockmeade Dr.  
Wilmington, DE 19810  
(302) 475-2095 (h)  
(302) 885-5613 (w)  
[coty@physicianmarketing.org](mailto:coty@physicianmarketing.org)  
3.5 USTA

Beth Weaver  
810 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St.  
Wilmington, DE 19802  
(302) 654-6851 (h)  
[Bdodgeweaver@aol.com](mailto:Bdodgeweaver@aol.com)  
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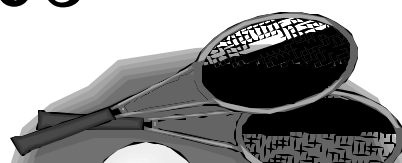
Laura Ignarski  
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3.0 USTA

Kristi Borman  
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(484) 221-1093©  
[Icypuck5@comcast.net](mailto:Icypuck5@comcast.net)  
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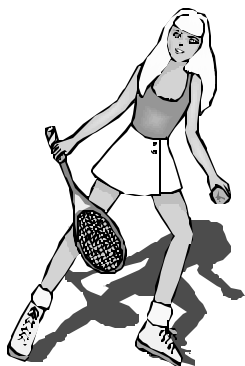
Ashley Buczik  
22 Kent Drive  
Hockessin, DE 19707  
3.5 USTA

Lavinia Sherwin  
205 E. Evergreen St.  
West Grove, PA 19390  
(610)345-1759 (h)  
3.0 USTA

# Fun Day 2006



**Bellevue Tennis Center**  
**Bellevue State Park**  
**Saturday, May 6th**  
**9:00 am to 2:00 pm**



- Drills to Sharpen Your Game  
**Pros: Licky Randolph, Jim Flesch, Joe Dombrowski and Ben Thomas**
- Mini Doubles Tournament
- Membership Meeting
- Door Prizes
- Lunch



**Rain or Shine!!** In case of rain, the event will be held at:

Hockessin Indoor Tennis,  
4101 Newport Gap Pike

*Check your email and/or the web site if weather looks questionable! [www.wtcncc.org](http://www.wtcncc.org)*

**Sponsored by the Women's Tennis Club of New Castle County**

**Fun Day is FREE to all members and prospective new members.**

**Free of Charge**

**Invite a Friend!**

**Introduce a New Member to WTC**

**Registration Required**

**Contact Taya Diana    [tayalc\\_218@yahoo.com](mailto:tayalc_218@yahoo.com)**

A delicious lunch will be prepared and professional instructors will provide tennis instruction. Sometimes unexpected events make it necessary to change plans. If you make a reservation and cannot attend, please notify us as soon as possible.

# Women's Tennis Club of New Castle County

## Membership Application

Annual membership fee: \$20.00 (March 1<sup>st</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>)

**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 Dianna, 802 Elizabeth Ave., Wilmington, DE 19809    **Questions?** Call Taya at 302-765-9977.  
 For your convenience, you may also submit your application and pay your dues online. Just visit us at  
[www.wtcncc.org/membership.htm](http://www.wtcncc.org/membership.htm).

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.org***
  - **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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Fall Tournament</b></li> <li>● <b>Summer Singles &amp; Doubles Ladders</b></li> <li>● <b>Annual Banquet</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>US Open Trip (minimum required)</b></li> <li>● <b>WTCNCC Smash Night</b></li> <li>● <b>New Initiatives to be announced!</b></li> </ul> |
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