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Welcome to Spring 2008

By Carolyn Dombrowski, President

As your new President of WTCNCC, I am excited about what 2008 will bring for the club! There are lots of new things the Board of Directors will want to explore to keep the club active. We especially look to our members to make suggestions. Let us know how our club can increase tennis opportunities for you!

2008 also brings some challenges to the Board. We will strive to achieve continuity and to investigate some new ideas to improve the Women's Tennis Club of New Castle County.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated on the 2007 Board and committees. It takes a lot of volunteers to facilitate our club. We especially appreciate those who do repeat performances for the benefit of the Club. Specifically I would like to mention a few board members:

I would like to extend kudos to **Connie Krumm**. Under Connie's guidance the club membership increased and never lost sight of the mission. I look forward to her assistance in an advisory position throughout this year.

Jane Burslem - Jane has served as secretary for three terms and returned to do the same wonderful job. Jane diligently takes notes during the meetings and captures all the important information for future follow-up. We appreciate your efforts Jane.

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Linda Castle - Linda was treasurer during 2007 and again in 2008. She produced all our financial documents reconciled to the penny. We could always count on Linda to give us our financial status at any time. But Linda didn't stop there. She created a spreadsheet system which enables the board to capture all the membership data at a glance. We thank you for your valuable contribution.

An important reminder, **Renewal dues are due by March 1**. If you have not already renewed, please complete the form in this newsletter and send your dues in as soon as possible. If your dues are not paid, there are two consequences:

1. It will not be possible to have your information published in the 2008 directory.
2. You will not be able to participate in Winter Team Tennis until your dues are paid.

Remember to **mark your calendars for Fun Day!** We will have delicious food, prizes and much fun improving our tennis skills. We look forward to seeing you there. Bring a friend to share this great experience! Read the Fun Day section to find out how to register.

Fun Day

By Carolyn Dombrowski and Tanya Djanegara

Mark your calendars for the Club's 2008 Fun Day event on **Saturday May 3** from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Belleview Tennis Center located in Belleview State Park. This will be an opportunity to reconnect with your WTCNCC tennis buddies and play in a round robin doubles tournament. A **delicious lunch** will be prepared for you, **professional instructors** Laura Travis and Fred Winterling plus two others to be announced will be there to provide tennis instruction, and we will give away **door prizes**.

Fun Day is free to all members and prospective new members. Registration is required. To register, call Carolyn Dombrowski at 302-453-9674 or email benefitstrategies@comcast.net or

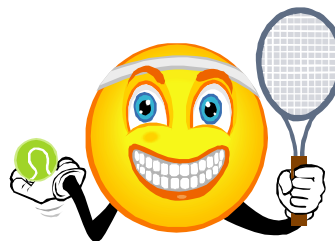
Special Olympic Summer Games

By Marie McIntosh

Special Olympic Summer Games at the University of Delaware are a week later this year - **June 13 and June 14**. Once again, we need volunteers for both days for the tennis venue. On Friday, especially in the morning, **we need more volunteers** than at any other time, as that is when specific skills - serving, volleying, etc. - are conducted.

On both days, tennis will be going on from 9 am-3 pm. You are encouraged to sign up for at least 3 hour slots or, as many of you have in the past, the entire day!

The highest reward for a person's work is not what they get for it, but what they become because of it. -- **John Ruskin**



Tanya_Djanegara@yahoo.com. In your email, please include: first and last name, full address, home phone, email address, NTRP rating, and member/nonmember in the case you are bringing a prospective member along.

If unexpected events make it impossible to attend please cancel your reservation as soon as possible so we can adjust catering requirements. **The rain date is May 10th**, same time, same place. Check your email and/or the web site if the weather looks questionable! www.wtcncc.org.

Don't miss it!



The above picture is from the 2007 Summer Games.

Tennis attire is appropriate. Bring your racquets in case you are one of the volunteers who will feed balls to the athletes.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marie McIntosh at <mailto:mariemcintosh522@msn.com> or 302.539.7699 (h) or 302.893.4214 (c)

For more information on Delaware Special Olympics please go to the website at <http://www.sode.org>.

Delaware Smash

By Gerry Ann Succoso

Come join us for an exciting evening watching the Delaware Smash vs. Kansas City Explorer's featuring the Bryan brothers on **Thursday July 17th** at 7:00 pm. The **Bryan bothers** are the No. 1 doubles team in the world. The duo have a career average of 45 doubles titles to date, Mike with 46 and Dave with 44. The Bryan brothers are members of the United States Davis Cup Team, and helped lead the team to victory in the Davis Cup finals this past November. **We have purchased a block of 20 reserved seats** at \$27.00 per person. If you would like to reserve tickets, please contact Gerry Ann Succoso at 302-239-1496.

You will make your check payable to WTCNCC and mail it to: WTCNCC, PO Box 535 Hockessin, DE 19707. The deadline for purchasing tickets from WTCNCC is July 1st. We are working on a pre-match gathering. Check on our website www.wtcncc.org for further details.

Save the date **Saturday September 20th** for an upcoming **WTCNCC Breast Cancer Tournament**. Please check our website for further details. Thank you. Gerry Ann Succoso

Breakfast at Wimbledon

By Carolyn Dombrowski

The women's final will be played on **July 5th**. Our Breakfast at Wimbledon event will be held on July 5th from 8:30 to 1 pm.

Reserve the date today so you will not miss this fun event. Watch the web site for additional details.

US Open Bus Trip

By Connie Krumm

Join the Women's Tennis Club of New Castle County for an exciting trip to the 2008 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in 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!

The package covers round-trip transportation, driver gratuity, snacks, non alcoholic beverages, 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!

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

Who: You!

What: Trip to NY for the 2008 US Open

When: Monday, August 25, 2008

Where: 7:30 a.m. Depart Delcastle Tennis Center; 7:00 p.m. depart NY for DE.

How: Go to www.wtcncc.org to reserve your seat. Pay online using Pay Pal.

Please feel free to contact Connie Krumm at 302-563-4849 or at connykay@comcast.net if you have any additional questions.

\$80 for WTCNCC Members

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Member Networking Section



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Advertising in the WTCNCC newsletter is a convenient and affordable way to bring your message to the tennis community and its supporters. The idea of members supporting each other is appealing. Think of the opportunities. The cost of the advertising will help to reduce the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. Our current rate for advertising includes all newsletters published during the calendar year (2007). You must be a WTCNCC member to advertise. There are typically four issues published per year.

Business Card – \$30.00 per year or \$10.00 per issue

Quarter Page – \$40.00 per year or \$15.00 per issue

If you are interested in advertising, please send sample ad copy via email to Karan Hamel at khamel_119@hotmail.com. All images should be in .bmp, .gif, or .jpeg format.

Mail your hard copy and check (payable to “WTCNCC”) to Linda Castle, 2118 Biddle Street, Wilmington, DE 19805.

Rates are subject to change as membership increases. All advertising must be appropriate for all audiences. The Newsletter Editor, and when necessary, the President and the Board, will determine whether a proposed ad is acceptable. We reserve the right to decline requests to advertise in our newsletters.

2008 Summer League

By Barbara Heringslack

It's time to sign up for the 2008 Summer League! The WTC/NCC Summer League will begin in June and run throughout the summer for both singles and doubles depending on USTA level. Matches are self-scheduled within playing periods. This is a great way to get match practice, improve your game, and meet other players. Beginner players should sign up for the 2.5 division. If you want to play doubles, it would help to have a partner already. A requirement before signing up is that you make yourself reasonably available during the summer for your match scheduling. Having access to email is beneficial but not required.

Registration will be accepted by email or US mail. If you do not have email, please complete the registration form below and send it to me with a

self-addressed stamped envelope. Be sure to indicate the level of play desired. Note: for doubles, you must play at or above the highest rating of you or your partner. You may sign up for both singles and doubles, but not at multiple USTA levels. If you can volunteer to be a scorekeeper for your division, please indicate that on your sign-up form.

The **deadline for registration is June 1st**. You will receive league rules and participant information after sign-up. You **must be a current WTCNCC** member to participate. The annual dues amount is only \$20. Pay online at wtcncc.org or send a check (payable to "WTCNCC") to Linda Castle, 2118 Biddle Street, Wilmington, DE 19805.

Hope you'll join us for a summer of tennis fun!
Barbara Heringslack (302-239-4995)

WTC SUMMER 2008 LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline Date: **June 1, 2008**

Singles :

- 2.5
- 3.0
- 3.5
- 4.0

Doubles:

- 2.5
- 3.0
- 3.5
- 4.0

Name _____
 USTA Rating _____
 Home Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Partner _____
 USTA Rating _____
 Home Phone _____
 Cell Phone _____
 Email: _____

I will be scorekeeper

MAIL to (include a self-addressed stamped envelope): Barbara Heringslack, 113 Bunting Drive, Wilmington, DE 19808 **or EMAIL:** bslackde1@verizon.net

2008–2009 Winter Tennis

By Cindy Beach

The second and final deposits for the 2008–2009 season are due June 1st. You will receive an email in May concerning your balance owed. To give you an idea of the approximate amount due, please see below:

HIT

HIT-1 \$410/team (30 wks) Mon 11:30–2:30pm
 HIT-2 \$410/team (30 wks) Wed 10–11:30am
 HIT-3 \$545/team (30 wks) Sat 2:30–4pm
 HIT-4,5,6 (RR) \$15.75 per play (30 wks) Sat 2:30–5pm

BRC

BRC-1 (RR) \$11.65 per play (32 wks) Mon 12–1:30pm
 BRC-2 (RR) \$12.75 per play (32 wks) Sat 4–5:30pm

EIT

EIT-1 (RR) \$12.75 per play (33 wks) Sat 3–4:30pm

Anyone who has a HIT contract who is not a HIT member will be responsible for a **HIT \$50 membership fee** for the 2008–2009 seasons. This fee will be paid directly to HIT before the start of the season. Brandywine Racquet Club and Elkton Indoor Tennis have agreed to waive their membership fees if you are not a member. Remember, sending a deposit does not guarantee acceptance into the requested contract. We need to **check** eligibility and membership status. WTCNCC will make every attempt to confirm/deny acceptance of contract requests in a timely manner. You will not receive a schedule if your membership is not paid.

If you have questions concerning Winter Tennis rules, please visit the link: [Rules for Winter Team Tennis](#).

WTCNCC Board of Directors

President: Carolyn Dombrowski
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 Breakfast at Wimbledon: Carolyn Dombrowski
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 Summer League: Barbara Heringslack
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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.

- **Website:** Check out our frequently updated calendar of events at www.wtcncc.org
- **Winter Team Tennis:** Indoor contracts and round robin play (2.5 to 4.0), double only. Players grouped by skill level plus you save a minimum of \$65 each year (clubs waive their membership fees for WTCNCC members).
- **Summer League [Singles/Doubles]:** The Summer League is designed to provide a means for members to play on a regular basis throughout the summer. It also is an excellent way to meet other members of the club. The main objective of the Summer League is to promote tennis play particularly for those who do not wish for the competitiveness of the ladder.
- **Summer Ladder [Singles/Doubles]:** The Summer Ladder is a fun way to play and compare your self to different skill levels. Players on the ladder range from 2.5 to 4.0.
- **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 WTCNCC members and their guests.
- **WTC Directory:** The directory is published annually (after March 1st renewal date) listings for each member including phone, email and USTA level. Looking for a sub or partner at your USTA level? Here is a great tennis resource for you.
- **WTC Newsletters:** You will receive four newsletters throughout the year. Newsletters include club news, event reminders sign-ups, new member updates, and community happenings.

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| • Breakfast at Wimbledon | • WTCNCC Smash Night |
| • Annual Fall Banquet | • US Open Trip (minimum required) |
| • Special Olympics | • New Initiatives to be announced. |

WTCNCC Annual membership fee: \$20.00 (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_____

Do you wish to receive your newsletter via email? Yes No

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

Mail application and check to: Make check payable to “WTCNCC”. Tanya Djanegara 620 Halstead Rd. Wilmington, DE 19803. For your convenience, you may also submit your application and pay your dues online. Just visit us at www.wtcncc.org/membership.htm.

Questions? Contact our Membership Coordinator, Tanya Djanegara at 302 477-0210