

WINTER 2009



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From our Vice President/President Elect

By Parthenia Gardner

I'd like to open by wishing everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the board and volunteers who worked so tirelessly this past year to help continue making this club a success.

Proof of their hard work has been recognized by the Delaware tennis community. The WTCNCC has been selected by the USTA Delaware District to receive the Community Tennis Association award for 2008. Congratulations to all of our elected officers, committee chairs, and of course our many volunteers that have made this award possible. We couldn't have done it without YOU! I'm sad to say that due to personal issues I feel that I cannot step into the role as President of the club. We have a great slate of officers that are ready to take over the helm and I plan to remain an active member in any way I can to help foster the positive spirit of the club.

We've already started our Winter Team Tennis and the Board and Committee Members are busy working on the 2009/2010 season planning the many club activities. This year we've done something different, instead of having a Tennis Banquet we will be having a Tennis Round Robin Party. See info in this newsletter. Other planned activities are Fun Day, Summer League Tennis, the US Open Bus Trip, and Rally for the Cure Tournament.

In order to keep offering great events, we need your assistance, and encourage you to get

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involved. You can contact any Board or Committee member if interested in giving the club some of your time no matter how much. Please make sure to peruse the "Volunteers Needed" section of this newsletter for what opportunities are available. Any time that you can give is better than no time. We hope you can plan on joining us at the many events that are planned for this year – our two general meetings will be held at the Tennis Round Robin Party and at Fun Day.

As you go out on the courts this season and meet new women, please remember to talk up the club so we can continue to increase our membership. If you have any ideas of new activities don't hesitate to bring them to a Board or Committee member.

Have fun out there on the courts!!!

Parthenia Gardner

Tennis Party for all WTCNCC Members

Please join us for an evening of fun social tennis.

- Limited space available
- SIGN UP NOW
- Round Robin Play
- Food and Beverages will be served



Date: February 21, 2009

Time: 6 to 9 pm

Place: Brandywine Racquet Club

Cost: \$10 per person

Registration required by Monday, February 15th

Register and pay online @ www.WTCNCC.org

or contact Connie Krumm connykay@comcast.net

Hope to see many of you there!

2009 WTCNCC Board Elections

Dear WTCNCC Member,

Below are the nominations for officers of the Women's Tennis Club of New Castle County for 2009. After the bios of the women running for office is a ballot. Please cut and paste your vote in an email and send it to Connie Krumm, at connykay@comcast.net. Please put "2009 WTCNCC Ballot" as your subject. If you have any concerns, suggestions, comments, please feel free to let us know them at this time.

Please email your vote by February 15, 2009.

President – Karan Hamel

Karan moved to Delaware from Texas in June 2005. Currently, she works for Citigroup, and graduated from Texas A and M University. She has been playing tennis since she was eight years old, and to this day, Steffi Graf is her favorite tennis player. Karan has helped out with the Special Olympics tennis venue at the Summer Games via WTC. She ran in the Delaware Smash 5k where she saw Billie Jean King a few years ago. Last summer she captained and played on a 3.5 women's USTA team, and also played on a Philly and a Delaware 3.0 team which both made it to Princeton. She has played on the WTC singles ladder which she really enjoyed. Currently, she is on two mixed doubles teams for the winter. Karan plays in three contracts at HIT, and is also on the EIT singles ladder. She found and joined WTC before she moved here via the net. WTC played a part in helping her meet new people and friends when she first moved here and continues to do so for which she is grateful. She became actively involved in the WTCNCC and served as the 2008 Director-At-Large.

Vice President – Tanya Djanegara

Tanya learned to play tennis in college but stop playing when she moved to USA from Indonesia. Tanya moved to Delaware from CA in 1991. She start playing competitively when she joined USTA league 7 years ago. She joined WTCNCC in 2004 after enjoying Fun Day activities, and has participated in summer league and tennis winter contract at HIT. Tanya has been involved with WTCNCC as membership coordinator and Fun Day organizer since 2007.

Secretary – Beth Weaver

Beth grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area where she started playing tennis at age 9. She played competitively through high school, and recreationally in college at William and Mary. After a long hiatus due to work and marriage and children, she started playing again about 6 years ago. Beth plays USTA and Wilmington Cup tennis, and has served as both a team captain and club rep for her former Cup team at Delaware National. She is now a member at Bellevue. Beth has been a member of the WTC for 3 years, and plays with the Monday group at HIT. Last year, she assisted with organizing and tracking the payments for the 3 WTC contracts at HIT. When not on the court, Beth is home with her four boys: husband Thad, teenage sons Robert and Jack, and dog Max.

Treasurer – Nancy Beaudet

Nancy has been a Delaware resident longer than she wants to tell you. She played recreational tennis as a young adult. In 2004, inspired by her sister, Nancy joined a clinic at EIT and also joined the WTCNCC playing with an indoor contract at the now gone Delaware National “bubble.” Currently at BRC, Nancy has been coordinating this group since. Nancy Co-captain’s a women’s USTA 3.0 team with Deb Touzell. Mixing things up a bit, Nancy has played on a USTA mixed doubles team the past two winter seasons.

Director- at- Large – Cindy Beach

Cindy fell in love with tennis approximately 15 years ago. She has played on multiple USTA Mixed and Adult leagues, WTT, Deltri, and Cup teams. Cindy is proud to say that she finally qualifies to play as a senior this year! She has been a member of WTC for about 13 years and has chaired the Winter Team Tennis Committee for 3 years. Cindy is attending Del Tech this spring and is taking an RN refresher course. She is hoping to rekindle some long lost nursing skills.

Director- at- Large – Jean Weitzel

Jean grew up in Western MD and was introduced to tennis by her Dad when she was seven years old. In her 20’s, she played competitively at a tennis club in Baltimore before having her 2 children. She is now the proud grandmother of 3 grandsons, who will hopefully be future tennis enthusiasts. After moving to PA and 20-some years away from tennis; she joined the Newark Cup team. Since then, she has been involved in three different USTA leagues yearly, WTT, WTC, Wilmington Cup and has even tried her hand in some local tournaments. She looks forward to having the opportunity to volunteer for the WTCNCC as a Director-At- Large.

Cut and paste this section in your voting email to be sent to

connykay@comcast.net by February 15th. Don’t forget to put

2009 WTCNCC Ballot as your subject.

2009 WTCNCC Voting Ballot

I vote to support the WTCNCC 2009 nominated slate of Officers/Director-AT-Large

I vote to reject the WTCNCC 2009 nominated slate of Officers/Director-AT Large

Winter Tennis 2009–2010

By Cindy Beach

It's that time of year again. Deposits are due for the 2009–2010 winter indoor tennis. The tennis clubs do not commit to fees or times this early, but they still require a deposit to secure the contracts. Below is what we think we will have for court times. The deposit amount is based on last years' fees, but is obviously subject to change if the clubs increase their fees. Contracts fill up fast, and it is First Come, First Served.

The winter contracts are all women's doubles, with the exception of the Elkton contract, which is women's the 1st week, mixed the next (alternating every other week). HIT 1, 2, & 3 contracts are filled by "teams" of 2–6 people. If your team has only 2 people then you will play every week. If you decide to have more than 2 players then obviously each player will play less, but the individual team will come up with their own schedule of who is playing on any given day. If you do not have a "team", let me know. There are often other groups that need an additional player.

The rest of the contracts are round robins, so if you do not have a partner, you can sign up as an individual, and partners will be assigned on a rotating basis. You'll need to let us know if you want a full share, half share or quarter share, however. There is no guarantee on a specific amount of playing time. It is totally dependant on how many women sign up for a particular contract. We will need to limit the number of participants in some of the contracts. For example the BRC 2.5–3.0, Sat contract, had 11 ladies for 1 court. This year we will only accept 9 people, so make sure you get your applications in early! The balance for the contracts will be due in June. Times and fees will be confirmed before then.

Please make my life easier by sending **one deposit check per team**, or better yet, **pay by papal**, http://wtcncc.org/cal_winter_tt.htm#payment. At the very least, send the individual checks in one envelope. Last year, there were over 140 participants. You can save me a lot of man hours by being cooperative on this issue.

You will notice in the contract grid that HIT charged WTC members a \$50 membership fee. BRC charged a \$15 membership fee (these fees are subject to change). EIT did not charge a membership fee. The "average cost per play" reflects court costs only. The membership fee should be factored in separately and is payable directly to the club. You are welcome to arrange a ball contract with the individual clubs.

Please send attached winter tennis application and deposit check, payable to WTCNCC, before Feb. 10 to the address indicated on the application. The deposit amount is approximately 50% of the estimated cost for the season, depending on how frequently you play.

Note that you **must have a USTA rating** or have played on a women's USTA team at or above the rating level for which you apply. That is, to play in a 4.0 contract, you must have a 4.0 rating or better, or have played on a 4.0 team in 2008. For other rules, please visit [WTCNCC.org](http://wtcncc.org).

We apologize, but **WTCNCC annual dues payments CANNOT be combined with winter tennis payments**. You must be a WTCNCC member to play (or sub) in these winter contracts. WTC membership runs March 1, 2008 to Feb 28, 2009 and is only \$20 – A Bargain! To pay your annual dues, go to <http://wtcncc.org/membership.htm> and securely pay online. Please see page 4 for the cost breakdown.

Thank you,
Cindy Beach
302–765–0160

Winter 2009–2010 Tennis Continued...

Location-League #	Deposit	Season	Day	Time	USTA	Club Fee	Average Cost per play
Hockessin							
HIT-1 (2 contracts)	\$400/team	Sept-Apr, 29 wks	Mon	11:30-1:00am 1:00 -2:30pm	4.0	\$50	\$13.50
HIT-2	\$400/team	Sept-Apr, 29 wks	Wed	10-11:30am	3.5	\$50	\$13.50
HIT-3	\$400/team	Sept-Apr, 29 wks	Sat	2:30-4pm	4.0	\$50	\$15.75
HIT-4 RR (2 contracts)	\$100/pers	Sept-Apr, 29 wks	Sat	2:30-4pm 4:00-5:30pm	3.0-3.5	\$50	\$15.75
Brandywine							
BRC-1 RR	\$100/pers	Sept-Apr, 32 wks	Mon	12-1:30pm	3.5	\$15	\$11.65
BRC-2 RR	\$100/pers	Oct-Apr, 32 wks	Sat	4-5:30pm	2.5-3.0	\$15	\$12.80
Elkton							
EIT-1 RR Women's/mixed	\$100/pers	Oct-Apr, 33 wks	Sat	3-4:30pm	3.0-3.5	waived	\$12.75

Please note: For the registration form on the following page, if you participated in a contract last year, and all your contact information has stayed the same, just fill out your name/s and the contract you are interested in. I have all your information on file; however, please make sure you inform me if team members have changed.

Winter 2009-2010 Registration Form

Please complete this form and send it with payment as directed below.

Part 1

League # desired: HIT-1 / HIT-2 / HIT-3 / HIT-4 / BRC-1 / BR-C2 / EIT-1
(Circle one above)

Part 2

Your Name:

USTA Rating: 3.0 / 3.5 / 4.0

Email address:

Cell Phone:

Home phone:

Work phone:

Part 3

Partner's Name:

(Additional names & info for teams can be added on the back.)

USTA Rating: (circle one) 3.0 / 3.5 / 4.0

Email address:

Cell Phone:

Home phone:

Work phone:

Part 4

Your play Frequency desired: refers to round robins only: (circle one below)

3/4 Share = (play 3x/month, approximately)

Half Share = (play every other week, approximately)

Quarter share = (play once/month, approximately)

Part 5

Please mail this form and your payment to (check payable to WTCNCC):

HIT-4 & EIT-1

Cindy Beach
247 Weldin Ridge Rd
Wilmington, DE 19803

BRC-2 (Sat)

Nancy Beaudet
124 Hunter Ct
Wilmington, DE 19808

HIT-1, HIT-2, HIT-3

Beth Weaver
810 W 25th St.
Wilmington, DE 19802

BRC-1 (Mon)

Andrea Woloson
2013 Rosemont Dr
Landenberg, PA 19350

Disappointing news!

One of our activities has been the WTCNCC Night at the Smash. Unfortunately, the Smash will not be returning to Delaware. See the Press Release below:

Delaware Smash Newsletter - January 30, 2009 -

Dear Smash Friends,

After 13 wonderful years, we have made a very difficult decision that the Smash will not be returning this year to the Advanta WTT Pro League. We made this announcement today which is detailed in the press release below. I personally want to thank all the sponsors, season ticket holders, volunteers, ballkids, tennis pros and fans for your support throughout the years. We are still going to stay involved in the tennis community in the area and are looking forward to having the chance to work with you again in the near future. The Pro League will still be in the region and we hope to see you this summer at the King of Prussia Mall with the Philadelphia Freedoms.

Thanks for the memories!

Jeff Harrison

Delaware Smash officials restructure operations announce plans to focus on community tennis efforts

WILMINGTON, DEL. (January 30, 2009) – Team officials for the Delaware Smash announced today that the franchise will not return to the Advanta World Team Tennis Pro League. Delaware Smash co-owner and general manager Jeff Harrison said they will focus on WTT community tennis efforts and special events in the Wilmington area. Harrison cited the lack of a major local presenting sponsor and the current business climate as the primary reasons for the decision. "Without a presenting sponsor in Wilmington, the business model doesn't support a successful franchise," said Harrison. The Delaware Smash, which competed in the Advanta WTT Pro League for 13 seasons, won the WTT Championship in 2003 when they defeated the Sacramento Capitals. Harrison and team co-owner Billie Jean King are refocusing efforts on community tennis programs and special events. Harrison plans to bring players from the Advanta WTT Pro League to Wilmington for clinics and appearances. He also added that local fans will still have opportunities to participate in WTT recreational events. There are several successful Advanta WTT Rec League and Corporate League programs in the Wilmington area, including a Rec League National Qualifying tournament in the fall.

"Given our long history with tennis in Wilmington and the region, this decision was very difficult, especially from an emotional standpoint," said King. "But from a business position, we were left with only one choice. There are terrific fans here and we've had a great run and winning the title in 2003 was definitely one of my favorite WTT moments. We want to stay involved with tennis in the Wilmington area and keep Delaware fans connected to World Team Tennis." The Philadelphia Freedoms WTT franchise is also expanding their regional marketing and sales outreach, and plans to offer ticket specials for Smash fans. "The Delaware Smash have a passionate, committed fan base," said Harrison. "We hope they will continue to support tennis in the area, both in Wilmington and with the Freedoms."

"It's always hard to lose any team, but we understand the ownership decision as it's important that teams are successful from both a community and business standpoint," said WTT CEO/Commissioner Ilana Kloss. "We are extremely pleased that WTT will continue to have a presence in the market with the continuing grassroots initiatives." The 2009 Advanta WTT Pro League season runs July 2-26 with ten teams competing throughout the U.S.

2008 Summer League Results

By Barbara Heringslack

Summer Tennis League Report November 17, 2008

The 2008 WTC Summer Tennis League finally concluded on October 1st. For this year only, we decided to extend the season to allow for more matches to be played that had not been scheduled early enough. There were a total of 81 participants this season (84 last season). Congratulations to the following who were the winners of their divisions:

2.5 Singles	Valerie Biddle
3.0 Singles	Laura Ignarski
3.5 Singles	Mary Ann Patterson
4.0 Singles	Monica Schultes
3.0 Doubles	Beth Hyland and Molly Heizer
3.5/4.0 Doubles	Karen Austin and Tanya Djanegara

Volunteer's Needed

Any organization is only as good as its volunteers. Please consider helping continue our success by exploring our volunteer opportunities:

Membership Coordinator – You would work with Tanya Djanegara, our current membership chair, for this year 2009 learning the membership registration procedures. This will be in preparation of taking the lead for the 2010 membership year. Contact Tanya if you are interested in learning the ropes about this important volunteer opportunity. tanya_djanegara@yahoo.com – 302-477-0210

Annual Banquet/Tennis Party – reserve the facility, write the notice to the members, and organize the round robin play and refreshments. Recruit more volunteers to help with this event. The Board of Directors will guide you as to date, time, place, etc that need to be addressed. Please contact Khamel1965@comcast.net –302-258-9885.

Newsletter – gather information, organize the info, write the newsletter, distribute to the email committee, print and mail newsletter to any member without an email address. Contact Karan Hamel if interested in helping with this very important function of the club. Khamel1965@comcast.net –302-258-9885.

2009 Calendar of Events

Round Robin Tennis Party / General Membership Meeting (for WTCNCC Members only)

Sat., Feb. 21st 6:00–9:00 Brandywine Racquet Club

Fun Day / General Membership Meeting (open to all WTCNCC Members and guests)

Sat., May 2 9:00 – 2:00 Bellevue Tennis Center

Summer League (more info and sign ups to come)

June – September

Special Olympics Summer Games (volunteers will be needed to help with this event)

Fri., June 12 and Sat., June 13th University of Delaware (more info next newsletter)

US Open Trip

Mon., Aug. 31st 7:30 AM USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in
Flushing Meadows, NY

Rally for the Cure – Breast Cancer Awareness Tournament

(More information will be available as plans are finalized)

Fall 2009 Indoors – location TBD

Winter Team Tennis

Sept. 2009 – April 2010 Sign ups are going on right now (see more info in this newsletter)

Please visit our website often www.WTCNCC.org for information on what's happening within the club



WOMEN TENNIS CLUB

Of New Castle County Delaware

Membership Application

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 _____

Electronic Newsletter? Yes No

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

Make check payable to "WTCNCC". Mail application and check to: 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 at 302 477 0210

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.
 - Annual Banquet
 - Special Olympics
 - New Initiatives to be announced
 - US Open Trip (minimum required)

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Membership Coordinator, Tanya Djanegara at 302 477 0210.