

Hamilton Lakes Tennis

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Hello Hamilton Lakes Tennis Players!

Hopefully, by the time you read this letter, the weather will have turned around and springtime will have arrived. Thank goodness we did have the new hard courts this winter.

I will be trying to get the soft courts back open as soon as possible, but this year will be later due to the severity of the winter. I hope to start resurfacing the courts by mid-March, also just according to the weather. Please keep in mind this spring that the courts will probably be softer than normal, since they have been shut down for a few months. Please treat them with TLC and replace your divots. And please be patient, as I have never dealt with a winter like this one.

This spring, Griff Thompson will once again be helping me with our junior interclub teams and Jon Roy will also be helping after he gets out of school and for the summer. Gail Roy will continue to be our pro shop manager.

In this letter, we hope to address the needs of all of our tennis members, whether it is competitive play, organized events, or casual play. We are offering a big junior program that I hope will fit your needs. And for adults who don't play tennis, we would love to get your children included.

I will once again be carrying a large inventory in the pro shop. I am an authorized Wilson dealer. I carry demos in most of their racquets, as well as a couple of styles of shoes for both men and ladies. We also offer racquet stringing and accessories. I would appreciate your support with this venture.

If you have any questions or suggestions about any programs or events, please come by the pro shop or call me at 292-2993.

Ricky McElreath

Spring Calendar

April 5	Junior USA Team Tennis begins
April 6 & 7	Gate City Matches begin
April 5	Junior Clinics begin
April 8	Men's Night begins
April 16	1 st USA Team Tennis Matches
April 10	Adult Men's Interclub Matches
April 23	Adult Tennis Social at 7:00 pm
May 21	Adult Tennis Social at 7:00 pm
May 22	Summer Junior Interclub Pizza Party 1:00 pm

Gate City League

Gate City is designed for our ladies to participate and compete against other clubs from Greensboro and surrounding areas. Gate City has a spring and fall season, each lasting nine weeks. The league is separated into four divisions and we are fortunate to have a team in each division – a total of four teams.

The first matches are on April 6 or 7, depending on division. (Team practices will start two weeks prior.) Team captains:

Division I, Sylvia Davis
Division II, Laura Schuster
Division III, Beth Smith
Division IV, Amy Knight

If anyone would like to participate in Gate City and is not currently on a roster, please contact me at the pro shop.

Adult Interclub

Adult Interclub is designed for our members to participate and compete against other clubs from Greensboro and surrounding areas. Matches are played each Saturday at 8:30am. This season will start on Saturday, April 10th.

The format this year will have a 4.0 and below division and a 3.0 and below division. There will once again be a tournament at the end of the season. Please contact me if you would like to participate.

Men's Night

Men's Night is every Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We will try to have you on the court with other players of similar skill levels. It is primarily doubles play, according to the numbers.

Balls and refreshments will be provided. Season kickoff for the men will be Thursday night, April 8th. Fee is \$4.00 per night.

Please come by the pro shop or call to guarantee a spot in this popular event.

Ladies' Night

Ladies' Night is every Wednesday at 7:00pm. We do not usually start this event until mid-May, toward the end of Gate City and USTA seasons. I will talk to the ladies to decide a start date for this event. We can start early May if there is enough interest. It is the same format as Men's Night.

Adult Evening Clinics

We will offer Ladies' Clinics on Monday night this spring starting on Monday, April 12th. 6:00 – 7:00pm Beginner and Advanced Beginner; 7:00 – 8:00pm Intermediate.

I will put up a sign-up sheet each week and take the first 8 ladies to sign up.

The cost is \$10 per night.

Adult Tennis Socials

Adult tennis socials are for players of all abilities. Everyone is encouraged to come out and join in the fun. We have approximately one of these socials a month. The spring tennis socials are April 23 and May 21. These are on Friday nights starting at 7:00pm. I will have sign up sheets posted on the bulletin board a couple of weeks prior to each event. Please sign up for these events to help me organize refreshments and food.

Other events planned: Member-Guest; club tournaments, parent-child tournaments, City Cup, etc. Make sure to check May newsletter for dates.



Spring Junior USA Team Tennis

This league will run just like last fall and I hope to have 4 teams, a team in each division. It is for kids 14 years of age and under who will not turn 15 before May 28, 2010.

We will start practice on Tuesday, April 6th, with the first match being Friday, April 16th.

Practices will be each Tuesday from either 4:00 – 5:00 or 5:00 – 6:00. This will depend on skill level and how many kids sign up.

Also this spring, we will offer an additional practice day for kids who would like to

This year each player must also join the USTA as a junior member.

practice twice a week. It will be Thursday at either 4:00 - 5:00pm, or 5:00 – 6:00pm.

The matches will be each Friday afternoon at either 4:30 or 5:00pm, with the first match being April 16th.

Full Member Fees: \$100 for ONE practice/week, \$150 for TWO practices/week.

Please keep in mind \$25 of this fee goes to USTA and helps pay the league coordinator.

Spring Junior Tennis Clinics

(8-week session): April 5th – May 28th

Monday

3:15 – 4:00pm Pee Wees
4:00 – 5:00pm Beginners

Tuesday

4:00 – 5:00pm Junior Interclub Practice
5:00 – 6:00pm Junior Interclub Practice

Wednesday

3:15 – 4:00pm Pee Wees
4:00 – 5:00pm Beginners

Cost per session: 8 weeks

	<u>Once a week</u>
Pee Wees	\$60.00 (full members)
Beginners	\$80.00 (full members)
Intermediate	\$80.00 (full members)

Pee Wees is for 4 & 5 year olds using the smaller net and lighter balls. The emphasis here is to have fun, but also to learn basic tennis skills.

Beginners is for kids 6 and over who are strictly beginners or have only had a few clinics & feel they still need to work on the basics. We will also use the low compression balls.

Thursday

4:00 – 5:00pm Junior Interclub Practice
5:00 – 6:00pm Junior Interclub Practice

Friday

4:15pm Junior Interclub Match

	<u>Twice a week</u>
	\$110.00 (full members)
	\$150.00 (full members)
	\$150.00 (full members)





Summer Camps and Clinics

June 14-17	Tennis Clinics
June 21-24	Tennis Camp
June 28-July 1	Tennis Clinics
July 5-8	Tennis Camp
July 12-15	Tennis Clinics
July 19-22	Tennis Camp
July 26-29	No clinics or camps
August 2-5	Tennis Camp
August 9-12	Tennis Clinics
August 16-19	Tennis Camp

Tournament Dates

July 27-29	Junior Interclub Tournament (at Hamilton Lakes)
August 3-4	Club Junior Championships (Look for more details in the May Newsletter)

Summer Junior Interclub Pizza Party

- The Pizza Party will be on Saturday, May 22nd at 1:00pm. Try to attend this party or call the pro shop.
- Registration forms will be at the party or you can sign up prior to the party.
- Bring your racquets, as we will have some games for prizes. Then pizza will be served to kick off the season.
- The first match will be Thursday, June 17th.
- The first practice will be the week of June 14th.
- Parents please come to fill out registration forms.



