



# WSTC Newsletter

May 2009

Welcome new and returning members to the 2009 season of the Winchester Swim and Tennis club. It promises to be another great season of fun and friendship. If you have any questions regarding club operations, feel free to contact any member of the Board of Directors listed below:

## 2009 Board of Directors

President	Mike Schipani
Personnel	Susan Kelley
Treasurer	Jack Hayes
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Facilities	Frank MacDonald
Tennis	Eileen Marks, Mary Beth Cassidy
Swim	Gina Ryan
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## Club Opening

The club will open on weekends starting on Saturday, May 30th. The hours for the pre-season weekends will be 12:00 to 7:00 pm. As the school calendar now stands, the club will open full time on June 23rd from 10:00 am to 9 pm every day.

## Personnel

We welcome back **Kevin Kavka** in his role as Club Manager. Kevin's history with the Club has been top-notch, and we are confident that he will continue to do a great job. We have three new members of the management and professional staff this year at WSTC. **Brian Billone** is our new tennis pro. Brian is available now for pre-season tennis lessons and he can be reached by email at [billone@hotmail.com](mailto:billone@hotmail.com) or on his cell at 978-697-8019. **Rebekah Torresson** is the new swim coach responsible for the swim team and lessons. Rebekah has been a swim team coach for many years and we are very happy to

welcome her to WSTC. **Jackie Squeglia** is our new assistant manager whose primary responsibility will be managing the lifeguard staff. Because of our top quality staff we anticipate another fun-filled, safe summer for all our members.

## Social

We are working on an exciting calendar of activities. Watch the June newsletter for details!

## Membership News

We are pleased to welcome 25 new families to the club which keeps our total membership at about the same as last year. We look forward to meeting them at the New Members' Brunch to be held on June \_\_\_\_, starting at 11:00 until 1:00.

Sullivan, Russ & Laura Krotky  
Donahue, Jeffrey & Victoria  
Zarrin, Hossein & Mandana  
Boettcher, Brian & Mary Ellen  
Larry Bradley & Liz Scott  
Trethewey, Michael & Rosalia  
Hoyt, Sherman & Tracy  
Wiegner, Gian & Michele  
Butts, Timothy & Diane  
Fuller, Anthony & Jennifer  
Pelosky, Bill & Caroline  
Cipro, Chris & Diane  
Curran, Steve & Kerry  
Capobianco, Jen  
Williams, David & Linda  
McGeoghean, Patrick & Michelle  
Ventres, Samm & Katie Gordon  
Kebadjian, Chris & Taline  
Ehl, Peter & Emily  
Houllahan, Jay & Christina  
Scharn, Scott & Deborah  
Kelly, Peter & Lauren  
McGowan, E.J. & Mary Grassi  
Ampe, John & Susan  
Ibrahim, Nabil & Evelyne Astier-Ibrahim



### **Website & E-Mail**

For the most current information regarding the club, please refer to our website located at [www.winchesterswim.org](http://www.winchesterswim.org). The website has been updated with most of the 2009 season's information. Thanks to Martha Stone-Martin for her continued dedication to the Club and maintenance of the web site and mail alias tool.

The WSTC is preparing to send future newsletters, information, and updates via e-mail.

Would you like to receive WSTC updates on-line?

And/or would you like to receive newsletters on-line?

If so, contact Martha Stone-Martin at [msm@linkwell.com](mailto:msm@linkwell.com)



### **Tennis News 2009**

We are delighted to welcome Brian Billone as our new Head Pro/Director of Tennis. Brian brings over 20 seasons of teaching experience to the position, including most recently as Director of Tennis for the last four summers at the Cohasset Golf Club. Some of you may know Brian from the indoor courts in Winchester, where he coaches some ladies teams and gives private lessons. WSTC courts are open and

Brian is currently available for private and group lessons. He can be reached by email at [billone@hotmail.com](mailto:billone@hotmail.com) or on his cell at 978-697-8019. We are also pleased to announce that Brian will be joined this summer by Brian Campbell as Assistant Pro.

Information on summer junior weekly clinics was mailed in April. Weeks are filling fast and will be posted on the bulletin board when the club opens. Additional registration forms are available on our updated website. We are looking forward to the 2009 season!

Mary Beth Cassidy  
Eileen Marks  
Co-Directors, Tennis

### **NEW! – Spring Tennis Program**

We are thrilled to offer a new program of spring tennis for juniors and adults from May 26<sup>th</sup> – June 18<sup>th</sup>. After-school lessons for kids ages 4 and up through advanced play are offered Monday-Thursday, and adult clinics are offered Wed-Fri. Please visit our website at [winchesterswim.org](http://winchesterswim.org) for the complete schedule and sign-up info.

### **2009 JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS**

Tennis Team evaluations will be held **Friday, June 12 from 4-6pm** (rain date Sunday, June 14 from 4-6pm). Those who should attend:

- ✚ Players on last summer's Varsity team (formerly the A team), who want to remain on that team, **do not need** to attend. However, you must notify Brian Billone at [billone@hotmail.com](mailto:billone@hotmail.com) by June 12<sup>th</sup> if you would like to remain on the team.
- ✚ Players who were on the JV team (formerly the B team) last year and want to either stay on that team or move up to the Varsity team must attend.
- ✚ Any members who did not play team tennis last year but would like to be

considered for this summer's Varsity or Jr. Varsity team must attend.

Our teams have been increasing in popularity in the past few seasons, which is great. However, we do have limited court space and we want all players to be able to play in matches. Team players must be able to:

- ✚ rally with some success from the baseline
- ✚ serve (approximately 50% accuracy) from the baseline to the service boxes
- ✚ keep score during a match

The junior teams are designed for players in middle and high school; however, 4th and 5th graders with strong tennis skills are encouraged to participate. **New players who do not attend the evaluation will not be able to join the team later in the season.** If you have an unavoidable conflict with the June 12<sup>th</sup> date, you must email Brian Billone [in advance](#). There will be one practice (possibly two) and one match per week for both teams; the schedule is being worked out with other clubs and should be finalized soon.

All Junior Team players are invited to our annual Junior Team Kick-Off on **Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 (rain date June 23)**. Pizza and drinks will be provided for all the players. The annual Tennis Team Awards Banquet will be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm; families are invited!

## TENNIS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The **2nd Annual Parent/Child Round Robin** is scheduled for Saturday July 25th at 10:00 am. This one-day event will include a few rounds of play beginning with parent/child doubles teams playing against one another. Other rounds will include a doubles scramble, with the kids playing opposite their parents, and kids versus adults to secure bragging rights at home!!

### Adult and Junior Championships

New this year will be adult and junior championships. The divisions for adults will

be Men's and Ladies Singles and Doubles, Over 55 Men's and Ladies Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. The divisions for juniors will be boys and girls, singles and doubles for 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under, and 18 and under. All of these divisions will be in draw formats. Signups will be throughout the month of June up until July 10<sup>th</sup>. After that Brian will make all the draws of every division and post them online. Players will set up the matches to be played in a week's time frame, with some flexibility for vacations. Championships for each division will all be played on August 15th from 9:00am- 3:00pm, making this a big day of tennis at WSTC!

Additional tournaments will be:

#### **Ladies Member/Member**

July 8, 5:00-7:00pm

#### **Jr. Member/Member or Guest**

July 11&12, 10:00am

#### **Men's Member/Guest**

July 12, 6:00-8:00pm

#### **Ladies Member/Guest**

Aug 12, 5:30-7:30pm

Sign-ups for all tournaments will be at the front desk or with Brian Billone [via email](#). Any questions, please contact Brian directly.

### Special Note:

For years we have offered the use of our courts in the spring to our championship high school teams for practices and matches. If any member wishes to play tennis during the weekday afternoons and finds that the WHS Tennis Team is using our courts, please ask the team coach to free up a court. The WHS Tennis Teams are most appreciative of our spirit of community service and will immediately accommodate any member. During the playoffs they may have matches with other schools on our courts. Club members still have priority for the courts, but if you would like to find out if a playoff match is scheduled, please visit

[www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) and search on Massachusetts and Winchester. Once you get to the WHS page, select "tennis" under Pick A Sport. Go Sachems!

## Swim News 2009

We are very excited to announce that **Rebekah Torresson** has accepted the position of Swim Team Coach and Swim Lesson Instructor. Rebekah brings many years of valuable experience. She is presently the Vikings Head Coach at the YMCA and this past winter she was the Assistant Swim Team Coach for the Winchester High School Boys Swim Team. She has a wonderful disposition and her philosophy on coaching will greatly compliment that of the WSTC.

### Swim Team information:

The Winchester Swim and Tennis Club competes in a summer swim team league against the Winchester Country Club, Winchester Boat Club, Belmont Hill/Oakley Club, Lexington Town and Sun Valley Swim and Tennis. All children between the ages of 5-16 are encouraged to participate. The league begins the season on June 20, 2009 with the relays swim meet at the Winchester Boat Club. Swimmers six and under do not participate in the relay swim meet. Each week on Wednesday afternoon there will be a swim meet at 3:30. The season concludes with a championship meet August 1, 2009 at the Belmont Hill Club.

For the swim team, the female swimmers will wear the same suit as last year. At the first practice we will take orders and then place an order in bulk for all who are interested. The suit can be viewed at [www.thefinals.com](http://www.thefinals.com) and it is the blue Hypersonic Female Super V-Back. Male swimmers are encouraged to wear a blue bathing suit

Please sign-up for the swim team via the attached "Swim Team Sign Up" page. First practices are Wednesday, June 24th at regular times:

Ages 11 and over: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri  
8:30 – 9:15.

Ages 10 and under: Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri  
9:15 – 10:00.

Meets are on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30. Arrive at least 30 minutes early for warm-ups.

**PLEASE NOTIFY REBEKAH IN ADVANCE IF YOU WILL NOT BE AT ANY MEET -**  
[RTorresson@ymcaboston.org](mailto:RTorresson@ymcaboston.org). (in subject line write "WSTC")

## MEET SCHEDULE WILL FOLLOW

## Rules and Regulations Reminders:

Below are a few rules reminders as we head into another season at the club. Thank you very much for helping to keep the club environment safe and pleasant.

### Flotation Devices:

If a child (members or guests) requires a flotation device, the device must be non-inflatable and a parent/guardian must be in the water with the child at all times.

### Babysitters bringing their children while on duty:

Babysitters who bring their children while accompanying member's children will be subject to the guest fee/usage policy. This includes limiting the number of visits to 4 per month.

### Tennis Court usage for minors:

During prime hours and holidays, adult members will have preference over minors concerning court use. Refer to Part A court use of the tennis rules section.

### Table usage:

Tables take priority for food use. There are no reserved tables and tables are not to be used for storage. If the need for a table arises, any clothing or personal items left on the tables will be removed at the club manager's discretion.

### Lounge chair usage:

Lounge chairs are not to be used for storage nor are they to be "reserved" for use at a later time. At the club manager's discretion,

during peak use times at the club, all lounge chairs that are being used for storage only will be cleared.

**Child supervision at the club:**

As a reminder, the club bylaws states that children under the age of **10** must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult at all times.

The bylaws also state that all children under the age of **16** must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult after 5:00 p.m.

There will be a renewed effort by club management to maintain order at the pool and tennis courts. If a situation arises that requires that a child, who is 10 years old or older and is not supervised by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult, be removed from the club, a parent or guardian will be called and they will be requested to pick up their child.