



Winchester Swim & Tennis Club Newsletter

April 2010

Welcome to the Winchester Swim & Tennis Club's 2010 Summer Season

We're looking forward to a warm and wonderful summer. Take a moment to read our first newsletter of the season. You'll find important dates, swim team updates and information about tennis team and lessons.

Club Hours and Opening Day

The Club will officially open for the season on Saturday, **May 29th**. The club will be open weekends only for the weekend of the 29th and June 6th.

Because of the late school year, **and on a one year trial basis** (we may expand this last week of school club opening to every season if successful this year), we will be opening the club the week of **June 14th** from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We haven't yet determined if the snack bar can be staffed for those hours but we will endeavor to do so. If we cannot adequately staff the snack bar, the pool will be open and you will have access to the grill on the deck.

On **June 21st**, the last day of elementary and middle school, the club will be open at **1 p.m.** From June 22nd, the club will be open full time for the season.

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome 43 new families to the Club. We invite our new families to join members at the New Member Brunch on June 13th at 10:00 a.m. The rain date is June 20th.

Addonizio, John & Lauren
Bayiates, Arthur & Alison
Bennett, Craig & Alexis
Botis, Jole & Carla LoConte
Bray, Jeff & Kristen
Breitenfeld, Steven & Christina Brucia
Carson, Diana
Cavanaugh, David & Nancy
Cerveney, David & Laurie
Cirielli, Dean & Evelyn
Cronin, Joseph & Lise
Cucinatti, Anthony & Anna
DiPietro, Michael & Christina
Donaldson, Scott & Nancy
Easton, Peter & Lauren
Ettenhofer, Scott & Jane
Evans, Richard & Lori
Fair, Jim & Cathy
Gartner, Dieter & Kristina
Gilgun, Fred & Sharon
Jalinous, Reza & Emerald
Johansen, Bill & Patty
Karp, Stephen & Elaine
McPhee, Matthew & Susan
Pan, Hui & Joan Wu
Perticone, David & Anne
Polcari, Gerard & Nancy
Price, Eric & Pam
Prodromou, Peter & Meg
Sakorafos, Jim & Nickie
Simon, Michael & Katalina
Sorger, Peter & Caroline Shamu
Stewart, Rob & Cindy
Talambekos, Chris & Carla
Taliadouros, Kleo & Karina Marcotty
Tavilla, Ernie & Denise
Taylor, David & Kristin
Thompson, Kane & Justine
Torrey, Bruce & Beth

Wagner, Michael & Dianne Chabot
Ward, Richard & Sandra
Wicky, Stephan & Christine
Zermani, John & Laura

Social News

Let's start the season with a cocktail party under the stars!

Friday, June 11th, 7:30 p.m.
Adults only.

More information in the next newsletter.

WSTC Board of Directors

Got questions? Please contact any member of the Board. We're happy to listen to suggestions for change and recommendations for improvement.

President	Mike Schipani
Treasurer	Jack Hayes
Secretary	Lynn Battinelli
Swim Director	Nancy Holland
Membership	Brian Spies
Tennis Director	Mary Kay McIntyre
Social	Michelle Blumsack
Facilities	Frank MacDonald
Personnel	Lisa Kalfopoulos
Communications	Laura Krotky

Everything Tennis: Team, Evaluations, Tournaments, Lessons

New Tennis Pro

We are delighted to welcome back **Mike Flynn** as our Head Pro/Director of Tennis. **Chris Tripoli** will also join the staff as Assistant Pro. This year we are excited about a new Pre-Season Program and some new additions to the summer schedule to better serve the needs of the membership.

market and stimulate greater interest. If successful, the program will be incorporated into the summer program. Space may be limited for all these programs due to the Winchester High School team matches and practices and short staffing. Please contact Mike at tennis@winchesterswim.org for more information and registration details.

Pre-Season Program

Looking to get a jump on the summer and take advantage of the (hopefully) nice spring weather? Mike is running some weekly programs for the Pre-Season starting the week of May 24 through June 14. The weekly programs include an **Adult Intermediate Clinic, Adult Advanced Clinic, Ladies Intermediate Round Robin and a Junior B Team Prep.**

In addition, Mike is putting together an *entirely new program* for high school players. Students will work on strokes and match-play basics to help re-engage this

SUMMER PROGRAM NOTES

Junior Tennis Teams

The A and B Teams are designed for players in middle and high school. However, 4th and 5th graders with strong tennis skills are encouraged to participate. The A Team practices on Mondays from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. with matches on Thursdays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The B Team practices on Tuesdays from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. with matches on Fridays from 12:00 – 1:30. Our goal is to provide a fun atmosphere with adequate playing time for all. However, with limited court space, a tight match schedule

and a growing interest in team tennis, we expect players to be able to:

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

Team Evaluations will be held Tuesday, June 8th from 4-6 p.m. (rain date Thursday, June 10 from 4-6 p.m.). **New players who do not attend the evaluation will not be able to join the team later in the season.** If you have a conflict with the June 8th date, you must email Mike at tennis@winchesterswim.org in advance.

- Players on last summer's A and B Teams who want to remain on their respective teams do not need to attend. However, if you would like to remain on that team you must notify Mike at tennis@winchesterswim.org by Friday, June 11th.
- Players who were on the B team last year and want to move up to the A team must attend.
- Any members who did not play team tennis last year but would like to be considered for this summer's A or B team must attend.

All Junior Team players are invited to our annual **Junior Team Kick-Off** on Monday June 21st at 4:30 p.m. rain or shine. Pizza and drinks will be provided for all the players. The annual **Tennis Team Awards Banquet** will be held on Thursday August 26th at 6:00 p.m.; families are invited!

Tournaments

The **3rd Annual Parent/Child Round Robin** is scheduled for Saturday July 24th at 10:00 a.m. This one-day event will include a few rounds of play beginning with parent/child doubles matches. Successive rounds will include a doubles scramble, with the kids playing opposite their parents and

kids v. adults to secure bragging rights at home!!

A Singles & Doubles Junior Club Championship will be held on the weekend of July 10th and 11th (rain date July 17th and 18th). This event is for juniors of all ability levels who would like to participate and includes singles and doubles draws for girls and boys. The doubles event is open to member/member team combinations or member/guest teams, so invite a friend up to the club to play for pizza and prizes!

We are also adding the following adult tournaments this season: **Mixed Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Men's Doubles.** The formats and dates may vary based on feedback we receive from an email survey going out mid-May.

WHS Tennis Team

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 on the courts, but if you would like to find out if a playoff match is scheduled, please visit www.highschoolsports.net and search on Massachusetts and Winchester. Once you get to the WHS page, select "tennis" under Pick A Sport. Go Sachems!

Unlocking the Gate

To unlock the gate to the tennis courts, press the numbers "2" and "4" at the same time, followed by the number "3".

Swim News 2010

We are very excited for the upcoming swim season. We are currently in the process of hiring an Aquatics Director and will keep you updated on our progress. Swimming lessons are offered from June 28 through August 13. Sign up sheets will be at the front desk once the club opens. For any questions or additional information please contact swim@winchesterswim.org

Swim classes will meet twice a week: Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday.

Class times are:

10:10 - 10:40 a.m. level 4-5
10:45 - 11:15 a.m. level 2-3
11:20 - 11:50 a.m. level 1

Descriptions of the swim levels are on the sign up sheet.

Swim Team information

The Winchester Swim and Tennis Club competes in the Middlesex Summer League against the Winchester Country Club, Winchester Boat Club, Lexington Town Pool and Sun Valley Swim and Tennis Club. All children between the ages of 5-16 are encouraged to participate. Swim meets take place every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. beginning on June 30th. The season ends with a championship meet August 7th at Sun Valley Swim & Tennis Club.

Female swim team members can wear their swimsuit from last year or order a new suit. Last year's suits have been discontinued. We will be working with Tricon Sports in Lexington to order new swimsuits. Tricon will come to the club for sizing and ordering. More details to follow. Male swimmers are encouraged to wear a blue bathing suit.

Please sign up for the swim team via the attached Swim Team Sign Up form. The cost is \$20 per swimmer. This includes the team banquet and other team activities. First practices are Tuesday, June 22nd at the following 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 p.m. Arrive at least 30 minutes early for warm-ups.

Swim Meet Schedule

June 30	TBD @ WSTC
July 7	LTP @ WSTC
July 14	WSTC @ Sun Valley
July 21	WBC @ WSTC
July 28	WSTC @ WCC

Championship Meet

August 7th 9:00 a.m. @ Sun Valley Swim & Tennis Club

WSTC Staff

We welcome back **Kevin Kavka** in his role as Club Manager. He'll be busy hiring staff to keep the WSTC running smoothly this summer.

Rules & Regulations

Below are a few reminders of the WSTC rules as we begin the 2010 summer season. Thank you very much for helping to keep the club environment safe and pleasant.

New Policy For Birthday Parties

Birthday parties will be limited to one party per day for a 2-hour time limit. The 2-hour time limit applies to the use of the back yard area. The maximum number of party participants will be 20, including WSTC members (adult chaperones not included). There is a \$5 per person guest fee for non-members. **All birthday parties MUST be scheduled with Kevin, WSTC club manager – no exceptions.**

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

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.

Children Using The Tennis Courts

During prime hours and holidays, adult members will have preference over children for court use.

Using The Tables

Eating takes priority for use of tables. There are no reserved tables and tables are not to be used for storage. If there is need for a table, any clothing or personal items left on the tables will be removed at the club manager's discretion. Please see a club manager if you need a table.

Using The Lounge Chairs

Lounge chairs are not be used for storage nor are they to be reserved for use at a later

time. During peak times at the club and at the club manager's discretion, all lounge chairs that are being used for storage will be cleared.

Child Supervision

As a reminder, the club bylaws state 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 continued 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.