

# **ACTA Newsletter Issue #15 May 2008**

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## **2008 Summer Tennis Lesson Schedule Announced**

I will be conducting these lessons along with staff from years past. Adult and HS/MS classes kick off Wednesday June 18 and will run for eight weeks. Grade school children will run three mornings a week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday starting June 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a total of nine lessons until July 16<sup>th</sup>. There are two rain dates tentatively scheduled for July 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will not be classes held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> because of the holiday. Please carefully read the enclosed lesson printout included with this mailing. I want to encourage family members to take advantage of the multiple player discounts being offered this year. Because of the cost of travel we would like to keep all children together during the same time if at all possible. If you do not hear from us and your check has been cashed then you are added to the class you registered for.

## **Lessons tentatively scheduled at CL South courts**

Last year we held our morning and evening lessons at Crystal Lake South High School. Our instructors liked the court layout for the classes and in general the facilities that including a quiet atmosphere, parking, viewing area and the court layout. This summer all four high schools in district #155 will be resurfaced on a rotating basis. The courts at South may or may not be finished. Furthermore, the CL Park District will have priority on those courts. We may have to announce a last minute site location change to either Sunset Park in LITH or Jacobs High School. If this occurs each participant in lessons will be notified by phone the week prior to their first lesson.

## **Summer Cookout & Tennis Social Announced**

On Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> ACTA will be hosting an organizational cookout and tennis social to kick off the 2008 summer season. Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be served along with chips and drinks for all members courtesy of ACTA. This will allow all lesson participants and members a chance to get to know each other and socialize in a friendly atmosphere. Dinner will be served from 6:00-7:00pm with tennis activities during and following the meal. This is tentatively scheduled to be held at Jacobs High School. Please RSVP two days prior to

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“In tennis the addict moves about a hard rectangle and seeks to ambush a fuzzy ball with a modified snow-shoe.” ~Elliot Chaze

## **Summer Singles Leagues are now forming**

We call our singles leagues “flex” competition. This is due to the fact that competitors schedule their own time and place to play their weekly match. Matches may be postponed to accommodate vacations or other commitments but must be played within a reasonable length of time, usually two weeks.

Our Men’s league coordinator Jeff Lowe compiles the scores of the matches and at the end of the season announces a winner in each of two leagues. Our Women’s coordinator Barb Toomire does the same for the ladies.

After you register you will receive more specific details about the league along with your schedule. Included in this mailing is a registration form. Please note the deadline at the top of the registration form. If you know someone that might want to take part in the league have them call Jeff or Barb.

If you miss the deadline you can call the coordinator to see if you can still join but once the schedule is made, registration is closed. Each of the winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Sports Authority in the fall.

Summer winners from 2007 were in the ...Barb Toomire women and John Moorehouse (1<sup>st</sup>), Mike Lawyer (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Tom Elder (3<sup>rd</sup>).

## **Doubles “Drop-in” Groups**

Our doubles drop-in group has somewhat slowed the past two years. If anyone would like to get this up and running again please contact me. In the past it was a casual group of beginner tennis players who met on Saturday mornings at Jacobs High School. For this to succeed we need the participants to show up or confirm with other members so that enough people will be there to play.

## **Jacobs Tennis Camps**

The Jacobs HS varsity coaches are holding tennis camps over the summer. The first session is Monday through Thursday from June 19<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>. The second session is Monday through Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact the high school athletic office for more information. Lesson costs range from \$50-\$185.

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## Renew your membership

Included in this mailing on the reverse side is a current membership form for 2008. If you have changes please update the form. If not, simply mail a \$10 check to ACTA at our PO Box 7223. Please pass the benefits of ACTA membership on to your friends and family to help us grow.

## Tennis on the Tube

The Tennis Channel has been up and running in our area a little over a year now. Whether you enjoy the "golden era" matches of Jimmy Connors and Chris Evert or recent coverage this station fits the bill. This channel is not a basic channel and you will need to pay an extra fee to view this. Congratulations to Patrick McEnroe and the 2007 Davis Cup champions. The team was led by Andy Roddick, James Blake and the Bryan twins. So far this year the team has won two matches to advance to the semi-finals against Spain in mid September. The women dominant as of late in the Fed Cup were knocked out by Russia this year.

## My Summer Predictions

-2008 French Open runs May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to view longer points as it is played on the red clay of Roland Garros. Your champions will be Rafeal Nadal and Ana Ivanovic. Shortly after the French is Wimbledon. This tournament will be held on the grass of the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club. It runs from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 6<sup>th</sup>. Your champions will be Andy Murray and Venus Williams.

## Answers to Common Questions

1. Where is a good place to find a racket? The cheapest places to buy rackets are the big sports outlets such as Sports Authority. They will also string them for you. The fall is the best time as prices are usually cut to get rid of inventory.
2. How often should I have my racket restrung? This mainly depends on how much you play. If you play three or more times a week it is a good idea to have your racket restrung every few months. If not, once every two years is fine. Tip-Store your rackets inside in the winter months.
3. How do I get my friend and children interested in tennis? With younger players the focus should be on having fun. Don't force them to play. Keep your time on court around 45 minutes or less. With older children or friends encourage them to first take a lesson or two to learn the basics. This allows for the proper grips and technique to be taught. It is much easier to learn this from the start than to try and change improper technique. In the past few years many adults have become 3.5 players or better with just five one hour lessons. All of this is mostly dependent on how athletic a person is. Tennis is not an easy sport to play as we have learned to appreciate.

## Individual / Family Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F

The following programs are available: See our website at [www.algtennis.org](http://www.algtennis.org) for more information.

Women's Singles      Women's Doubles      Men's Singles      Men's Doubles

### Tennis Lessons:

Adult Lessons      High School Development      Youth Lessons      Pee Wee Lessons

### Future Special Events: Circle if you would be interested in participating.

Mixed Doubles Mixer      Men's Singles Tournament      Women's Singles Tournament Men's  
Doubles Tournament      Women's Doubles Tournament      Youth Tournaments  
Youth Leagues

May we include your name and phone in an ACTA Membership Directory? Yes No

Email Directory? Yes No

### The following Waiver must be read and signed:

In consideration for participation in the Algonquin Community Tennis Association (ACTA), the undersigned participant(s) hereby understand(s) and expressly agree(s) to indemnify, release, and hold harmless ACTA its officers, directors, employees, agents, assigns and designees, from and against any and all liability, damage, loss, claims, demands, and actions of any nature whatsoever, which arise, or are claimed to arise out of, or are connected with any accident or occurrence which happens or alleged to have happened due to, or is in any way related to said participant's taking part in the above referenced activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Participant or Head of Family)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Make check(s) Payable to ACTA - Annual Family Fee \$10.00**