

Rowayton Platform Tennis Association

RPTA ESTABLISHED IN 1966

2008-2009 PADDLE SEASON

**Don't miss our 8th annual Family Fun Paddle Season Opener
Sunday, October 19th 1:30-4:30pm**

Family Fun Paddle Season Opener

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On Sunday, October 19th, from 1:30 - 4:30 PM all are welcome to attend the 8th annual Rowayton Platform Tennis Season Opener. The event is held at the paddle courts on Highland Avenue behind the Library.

Bring your family and enjoy refreshments, hamburgers, hot dogs and grab some court time as we kick off the 2008-2009 Platform Tennis season.

The Rowayton Platform Tennis Association, in partnership with the USA Professional Platform Tennis Association (PPTA) will host the FREE event. We encourage all past, current or potentially new platform tennis or "paddle"

players to attend.

Our very own resident pro Bob Callaway and RPTA board member Bill Pank will be conducting free clinics for adults as well as children, so don't forget your paddles.

The primary purpose of the event is to introduce the sport of platform tennis to area residents, show them the equipment involved, answer questions and give them a chance to try out their racket skills. Players of all ages and experience levels are invited.

Members of the Rowayton Platform Tennis Association will be on hand to answer questions regarding member-

ship in the RPTA, ways to get playing, events and leagues to enter. PPTA members will answer questions regarding lessons, clinics and equipment.



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Letter from our President

It has finally arrived, the 2008-2009 paddle season. I am sure I'm not the only one itching to get out there and start playing.

As I begin my third year as president of the RPTA, I would like to recognize one person who has been on the board for over 20 years. Kai Underwood has been a critical part of the RPTA board since the 80's. During his tenure Kai has worn many hats, however, I believe his most recent contribution as head of maintenance has been the most demanding and probably the most thankless. So the next time you see Kai, say hello and thank him for his charitable time and hard work and his dedication to the RPTA.

For those of you who have not noticed, there have been a few changes happening at the club. Courts two and three have a fresh coat of paint and a new color scheme which has been received well. We are also replacing several screens and tightening others. This year the courts will be in tip top condition so get ready to play.

We are also calling all tennis, racquet ball, squash and yes, even ping pong players to give paddle a try. Converting those racquet skills into paddle is a fairly simple process. So if you are looking to play for fun or on a team let me know and I will help get you started.

On October 19th from 1:30 to 4:30 the RPTA will host its **8th Annual Family Fun Paddle Season Opener**. It is open to all current members and those interested in joining RPTA. Bring your family and enjoy refreshments, hot dogs and hamburgers and check out the courts. More importantly, you can participate in the free clinics taught by the RPTA paddle pros regardless of experience or age.

Those of us on the RPTA Board look forward to seeing you on the courts.

Best Regards,



Greg Brasher

President

Rowayton Platform Tennis Association



2007-2008 Season Highlights

Congratulations to Rowayton's first ever women's teams. With great leadership from Tina Lum and Lorie Lohstoeter the D2 team won their division and have been promoted to D1. Also the D3 team lead by Ginny Grant and Kristen Maloney had a great start and are looking to improve in the upcoming season. For any women wanting to participate in league play, there will be a "Women's Paddle Kickoff" on Friday, October 3rd at 9:30am consisting of round robin play and professional instruction. Please contact Lori Lohstoeter or Tina Lum for more information (numbers listed in League Play).

The Men had a tough season in league play. For the first time in many years we did not win at least one division. However after speaking with the captains we anticipate more favorable results this year.

Last season Craig Marchesi and Jason Diamandis won the Third Annual "Big Al" Brasher Memorial Tournament. There was a great turnout with over 30 players and a good time was had by all. Thank you for your participation.

League Play

To join a league, please contact a league captain, listed below

Thursday League

Craig Marchesi: 655-9955

Division 1

Bob Little: 838-5556
John Sargent: 853-6698

Division 2

John Lane: 838-3991

Division 3

Marty Ehrlich: 918-5670

Division 3

Greg Brasher: 838-4799
Chris Johnson: 299-0050

Division 6

Brian Turner: (203) 838-6223

Division 7

Justin Burley: 354-2762

Woman's Division 1

Lori Lohstoeter: 451-0082
Tina Lum: 434-3747

Women's Division 3

Ginny Grant: 838-1298
Kristin Maloney: 853-4783

League Play:

League play is scheduled on Thursday nights, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Because of the organization involved, the RPTA does give league play primary access to the courts.

Special Notes

To schedule time for a group clinic or lessons, please call Bob Callaway 853-1885 or Bill Pank 853-1910 in advance.

Private Paddle Party Sign-up, email Bill Pank at billpank@optonline.net.

Paddle parties are limited to Friday and Saturday evening. To safeguard against completely blocking out the courts, paddle parties are limited to booking 2 courts during a single timeframe.

Please Remember that you are prohibited from reserving a court more than 48 hours in advance.

Membership (mail in application is located on the back of the newsletter)

Family with unlimited guests _____ \$140

*Plus \$35 for out of town continuous members.

Single with unlimited guests _____ \$110

*Plus \$35 for out of town continuous members.

Family _____ \$120

*Plus \$35 for out of town continuous members.

Single _____ \$90

*Plus \$35 for out of town continuous members.

Junior (17 or under) _____ \$60

*Plus \$35 for out of town continuous members.

Family includes children up to 24 years of age.

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**ALL DUES MUST
BE PAID BY
NOVEMBER 1,
2008. A LIST
OF PAID
MEMBERS WILL
BE POSTED AT
THE PADDLE
BOARD**

There is a \$5.00 guest fee per person (Rowayton residents cannot be guests)

E-mail: krpm5@yahoo.com

Phone: 637-5926

Kip Meyer, Treasurer

For Membership Information, please contact

Rowayton, CT 06853

P.O. Box 101

Rowayton Platform Tennis Association



To Our Neighbor
14 Deane Court
Rowayton, CT 06853-1518

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Mail this Application along with your check to RPTA, P.O. Box 101, Rowayton, CT 06853

Membership is restricted to 6th taxing district residents or property owners.

Rowayton residents cannot be guests

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail (for updates on Paddle events): _____

Type of Membership: _____ *out of town continuous members, please add \$35

Amount Enclosed: _____ *out of town continuous members, please add \$35

***Out of town continuous members, please add and additional \$35 to your fee.**