

## 2011 RTA BOARD MEMBERS

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**Note:** Do you have an interest in improving the tennis experience at Bayley? Consider joining the RTA board; please contact Pete at 838-1616 or [koerner1@optonline.net](mailto:koerner1@optonline.net).

**Pro Shop** 853-8842  
**Director of Tennis:** Scott Whiteman  
**Head Pro:** Miro Lucic  
**Assistant Pro:** Jonathan Osteen



### *2011 Newsletter & Application*

The Rowayton Tennis Association (RTA) board is excited to announce a number of new developments for the 2011 season:

- The hard court (court 5) will be resurfaced. In a joint effort with the 6<sup>th</sup> Taxing District, funds have been allocated to resurface the court, install additional fencing, and add QuickStart Tennis lines. Once completed in early May, this court will be ideal for our younger Agassi's and Graf's.
- Reserving courts will be processed online
- The Pro Shop will be improved and staffed. We'll have a part time staff in the mornings to handle your tennis needs and questions. Supplies and RTA apparel will be for sale and racquets can be re-strung. And we're installing a new TV so we can watch all the major tennis tournaments. We'll also have a computer available for online court booking.
- Family Day is May 22<sup>nd</sup>! Last year, well over 100 people attended. This year we hope to double that number.

- Scott and Miro are excited to welcome back Assistant Pro Jonathan Osteen.

We're looking forward to another great tennis season down at Bayley Beach.

## *Online Scheduling*

Please visit [www.rowaytontenniscourts.com](http://www.rowaytontenniscourts.com). Upon payment of your 2011 dues, members will be emailed their User ID and password and can then reserve courts online. Checking court availability and reserving will be quick and easy. You will also be able to book lessons with the pros. Simply review the schedule to determine the tennis pro's availability and reserve the court. The pro will be notified of pending requests via the scheduling software.

## *RTA INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS & MATCH PLAY*

Visit [www.whitemantennis.com](http://www.whitemantennis.com) to view the 2011 Tennis Schedule. Lessons and clinics will commence April 25<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting) - sign-up can be initiated online. Programs offered this season include the following:

**Junior Tennis Clinics:** This program is open to tennis hopefuls, 17 and under, who are interested in learning to play tennis, improve their skills, and/or eventually graduate to competitive play. Players will be grouped by age and ability (peewee, beginner, intermediate) and will play once or twice a week.

**Junior Tennis Team:** We will once again field a junior team open to boys and girls ages 9-17. Singles and double matches will be played against local tennis clubs. Each match is comprised of girls and boys matches at several different age groups. Matches are Thursdays in June and July.

**Ladies Clinics:** Held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings, with a choice of three time slots. Clinics involve a variety of drills for all aspects of tennis play, game strategy, and coached doubles play. Participants are grouped by ability. Evening clinics are also available M-F.

**Ladies' A Team League Play & Drills:** Monday mornings are drills and strategy, choice of two time slots. Tuesday mornings are scheduled matches in the Darien A League. Ten weeks of competitive doubles action.

**Men's A and B Teams:** The RTA Men's A/B-Teams, which play in the Fairfield County Tennis League ([www.fctl.org](http://www.fctl.org)), use Courts #1 through #4 from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning in mid-May. If you're interested in playing at the A level, contact Jim Kerans at 854-9764 (or [karnacker@hotmail.com](mailto:karnacker@hotmail.com)). If you're interested in playing at the B level, contact Pete Koerner at 838-1616 (or [koerner1@optonline.net](mailto:koerner1@optonline.net)).

**Men's Drills:** Group instruction will be organized by level of play. Play is scheduled for Saturday mornings beginning April 30<sup>th</sup>. Evening clinics are also available M-F.

**Tennis Lessons - Private, Semi-private or Video Analysis:** Our pros are available for Private and Semi-private lessons.

### **Whiteman Sports Programs**

Once again, Scott will be running his popular Sports Camp at Bayley Beach during June, July, and August, offering tennis, soccer, baseball, and basketball instruction from experienced counselors for children ages 3½-14. To register or learn more about the camp, visit [www.whitemantennis.com](http://www.whitemantennis.com) or call 853-8842.

## ***RTA ACTIVITIES / EVENTS***

### **Family Day: Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

A get acquainted affair open to all members and newcomers regardless of ability. Enjoy BBQ QuickStart Tennis instruction for the youngsters face painting and tennis tattoos, and lots of fun tennis. We'll scramble players and partners for the duration of the event. Pros will be on hand to answer questions about the various instructional programs. Feel like taking a break from the action? Check out the first round of the French Open on the new Pro Shop television.

### **Evening Mixers: Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>; thereafter, (at a minimum) 4th Friday of each month, 6pm-Sunset**

We'd love to make the Mixers a regular Friday occurrence. Efforts will be made to group players with others of a similar skill level. Match duration is shorter allowing players' time to rest or socialize and then play with new partners. BYO food and beverages (RTA will supplement) and have fun playing.

### **Men's/Ladies' and Junior's Singles Ladders: TBD**

Look to the bulletin board at the Pro Shop or the scheduling website for further details.

### **Exhibition Matches:**

Our Pros (of past and present) will play exhibition matches throughout the season on Friday evenings. Please check [www.rowaytontenniscourts.com](http://www.rowaytontenniscourts.com) for specific dates.

## TOURNAMENTS

We'll crown the winner of the Rowayton Men's Doubles Tournament in September. The tournament will be run on a rolling basis throughout the summer (so it will be easy to plan your matches around summer vacation). Please check the bulletin board at the tennis shop for more information or drop an email to [koerner1@optonline.net](mailto:koerner1@optonline.net) to enter your team. There will be Championship and Consolation draws. We'll get the tournament started in early June.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFO

**Mailing address:** Rowayton Tennis Association, P.O. Box 101, Rowayton, CT 06853

**Telephone Information:** The RTA provides a phone for **local calls** when the pro shop is open. The phone will be available from late April through September, phone number **853-8842**. A message for the pros can be left at this number as well.

**Email Communication:** We intend to utilize email/evite to communicate RTA events during the season. Please indicate on your membership application whether you are willing to receive RTA emails.

**RTA Apparel:** Hats and other apparel will be available for sale at the Pro Shop

## GENERAL COURT USE & MAINTENANCE

- **Use of Courts 1 through 4, the har-tru courts requires a RTA membership.** Membership is required to take lessons, participate in clinics and play on the various RTA junior, Ladies and Men's league teams. Guest play (non-resident) is allowed only when playing with a RTA member. Anyone eligible for a Bayley Beach sticker may join the RTA.
- All 5 courts are available to RTA members who have paid their annual dues and their guests (paid through a prepaid annual guest pass, \$30, or at time of play, \$5/person with reservation privileges).
- Rowayton residents may not play as guests – they must join the RTA to play on the har-tru courts and/or to participate in tennis programs/instruction. They may use court 5 on a first-come, first-serve basis without reservation privileges.
- Non-residents of Rowayton may play on court 5 at an hourly rate of \$25 on a first-come, first-serve basis without reservation privileges. Pay pro or attendant.
- Tennis apparel (shirts must stay on) and tennis shoes are required on all courts; gym and running shoes are not permitted as they damage the har-tru surface. Please have juniors wear tennis shoes as well.

**Court Sign-Up:** please visit [www.rowaytontenniscourts.com](http://www.rowaytontenniscourts.com) **RTA Members ONLY** may sign up for a court no more than 48 hours in advance. If you reserve a court and won't be able to use it, please cancel it so that someone else will know the court is available for sign-up. A 10-minute grace period is allowed for the signer to show up for the court, after which the court is open for

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play on a first-come, first-serve basis. All courts are available for one-hour time slots as specified except as follows:

- 1-1/2 hour time slots for **DOUBLES PLAY ONLY** are available on courts 1 and 2 everyday, all day. Singles play is allowed if no one signs up for the slot or if the signer does not show up within 10 minutes after the scheduled court start time.
- On weekends and after 6:00 p.m., junior members (17 yrs. or under) may reserve and play only when playing doubles with at least 2 adults or singles with one adult. At other times, if courts are not reserved and are open, junior play will be allowed.
- **FOUR HOURS MUST ELAPSE BETWEEN GAMES** - Court time is limited, so please observe this rule to allow playtime for all.

### **Court Maintenance:**

- **Note:** Based on advice from our court care specialists, we are no longer sweeping the courts after each match; the courts will be swept by the staff twice a day or as needed.

# 2011 RTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

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## MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Dues are paid annually and can only be accepted if the applicant is eligible for a Bayley Beach sticker and/or beach card. Players are encouraged to pay dues early (and receive a discount).
- Membership fees are due May 1, except for newcomers to town.
- To receive a \$25 discount on any membership (except junior membership), send in your membership application and dues payment before April 15.

### MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

- **FAMILY** \$225
- **INDIVIDUAL** \$185
- **JUNIOR** \$40 (for the first junior, \$5 for each additional junior)
- **SENIOR** (over 60) \$175 family, \$145 individual

### *GUEST FEES*

- For RTA members only, a \$30 Unlimited Guest Pass may be purchased for the season or a \$5 guest fee per person per hour is assessed. Tennis members must register their guests with the tennis pro or attendant.

### Membership Information:

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Communications \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- Additional Family Members \_\_\_\_\_
- Spouse \_\_\_\_\_
- Children \_\_\_\_\_
- Chosen Membership \_\_\_\_\_
- Membership Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Optional Guest Pass - add \$30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- "Early Bird" Discount (not for Junior Membership), must be mailed before April 15 – deduct \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Make check payable to **RTA**, mail to: RTA, P.O. Box 101, Rowayton, CT 06853

