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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.

Director of Tennis: Scott Whiteman, 853-8842

Head Pro: Miro Lucic



ROWAYTON TENNIS
ASSOCIATION

2010 Newsletter & Application

The Rowayton Tennis Association (RTA) has a new look and is gearing up for another season of tennis at the Bayley Beach courts. All Rowayton residents are eligible to join and members (adults and juniors) can participate in a number of programs being offered this year. New to town and looking for some competitive league play? Both the women and men field teams that play weekly matches against area clubs. Head Pro Scott Whiteman and staff also offer team practices, clinics, cardio tennis drills, ladders and private lessons in addition to overseeing junior team practices and their inter-club matches. You can also enjoy a Friday evening at the courts by either playing in a social mixer or watching Scott and other local tennis instructors compete in heated matches at one of the pros exhibition. There is something for everyone regardless of your age or ability level!

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

Your RTA Board

RTA INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS & MATCH PLAY

See details for the 2010 Tennis Schedule at www.whitemantennis.com. Sign-up for lessons and clinics 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. Scott will start by running an **8-week Spring Warm-up** program from April 26th-June 18th. Players will be grouped by age and ability (peewee, beginner, intermediate) and will play once or twice a week. Additional summer sessions will follow.

Junior Tennis Team: We will once again field a junior team open to boys and girls ages 9-17. Singles and doubles matches will be played against local tennis clubs. Each match is comprised of girls and boys' matches at several different age groups. Matches will be on Thursdays in June and July beginning June 24th. Contact Scott or Miro if interested.

Free Junior Clinics: This year the RTA will offer free clinics, the dates to be determined. Beginners can come out for free instruction, games, and prizes. The clinics are open to any Rowayton resident, member or not, and will be run on a first-come-first-serve basis. Volunteer instructors are welcome.

Ladies Clinics: Held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings, with a choice of three time slots, the first eight-week session begins April 26th (a second session begins

June 22nd). 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' League Play & Drills: Monday mornings, drills and strategy, choice of two time slots. Tuesday mornings scheduled matches in the Darien A League. Ten weeks of competitive doubles action. For details and sign-up, visit www.whitemantennis.com or call 853-8842.

Men's A and B Team: The RTA Men's A/B-Teams, which play in the Fairfield County Tennis League (www.fctl.org), uses Courts #1 through #4 from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning in late May and running through mid-July. If you're interested in playing at the A level, call Jim Kerans at 854-9764. If you're interested in playing at the B level, call Pete Koerner at 838-1616 (or koerner1@optonline.net).

Men's Drills: This program offers organized instruction by our pros for men who play at any level. Group instruction will be organized by level of play. Play is scheduled for Saturday mornings beginning May 1st. Evening clinics are also available M-F.

Tennis Lessons - Private, Semi-private or Video Analysis can be scheduled with Scott or Miro.

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 or call 853-8842.

RTA ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

Opening Day Mixed Scrambles: Saturday, May 22nd

A get acquainted affair open to all members and newcomers, regardless of talent and play level. Have fun and share your enthusiasm for tennis. Refreshments served.

Evening Mixers: Fri., June 4th; thereafter, 4th Friday of month), 6pm-Sunset

Mixers are free and run in a format similar to the Mixed Scrambles. 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 (to share, if desired) and have fun playing.

Men's Morning Play on Wednesdays & Ladies'

Morning Play on Thursdays, 9:00 am–10:30 am

These programs offer open play (doubles priority) on courts 1 and 2 for all skill levels. Show up at any time during the period and rotate onto courts. No sign up is necessary; this program is scheduled permanently on the sign-up board.

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

Look to the bulletin board for details at the Pro Shop if we determine there is sufficient interest.

Exhibition Matches:

Our Pros (of present and past) will play some exhibition matches throughout the season on Friday evenings. Please check the Pro Shop bulletin board for specific dates.

TOURNAMENTS

We successfully reintroduced the Men's Doubles Tournament last summer. Hopefully, we'll add even more teams to this season's draw. 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 to enter your team. There will be Championship and Consolation draws.

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 Scott is on duty and the pro shop is open. The phone will be available from early April through late September, phone number **853-8842**. This number can also be used to call Scott to arrange lessons, ask questions about programs, or to reach someone playing on the courts. If no one answers, a message service will record your message after four rings.

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

RTA Apparel: Thanks to the creative efforts of Rowayton resident, John Lister, we introduced the RTA logo last year. Hats and other apparel will be available for sale at the Pro Shop this spring.

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.

Court Sign-Up: Please visit the chalk board at the Pro Shop. **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 erase your name 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 play on a first-come, first-serve basis. All courts are available for one-hour

time slots as specified on the sign-up board except as follows:

- 1-1/2 hour time slots for **DOUBLES PLAY ONLY** are available on courts 1 and 2 every day, 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, 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.

2010 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 1.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

- **FAMILY** \$200
- **INDIVIDUAL** \$170
- **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 1 – deduct \$25 \$ _____
- Total Enclosed \$ _____
- Make check payable to **RTA**, mail to: RTA, P.O. Box 101, Rowayton, CT 06853

