

Welcome back everyone! What a great spring season so far. As always we expect a very busy tennis season, filled with activities for all ages and levels.

The best way to keep connected to all of the many activities and programs is to check out the club calendar, keep checking the information on the tennis webpage, (www.ygtclub.com) and come in to the pro shop. A few changes to the calendar are that the Memorial Day Mixer is on Sat May 24th (not the 31st), and cancel the tennis events on June 6th. A new event this year is on Sunday May 17th. We will be hosting a club filled event with Tennis, Golf & Bridge for the Susan G. Komen Rally For the Cure. It will be fun day for all-Tennis will be from 9-11, 11-1 and kids from 1:30-3:30, Golf will be held at 1:30, and Bridge play will be held at 1:00 at the Old Club House. Contact Carla Robinson for golf, and Audrey Peabody or Babe Price for Bridge. Everyone is welcome with a \$20 donation. Each person receives a bag of goodies and a great magazine subscription of their choice. Grand Prizes will be drawn for lucky winners. We will also be selling raffle tickets for \$10 for a lucky couple to go to the Elbow Beach Resort in Bermuda.

Our staff is very helpful and knowledgeable about the activities that we offer. They can help you with booking courts, share their knowledge on racquet and stringing technology, and help you with your pro shop purchases. Our staff has been working at the club for many years in many different roles. Our teaching staff is outstanding as many are past juniors in the program and have been the top stars on their tennis teams in high school and college. Joining our excellent staff this year is Adam Gengarella. Adam is an avid tennis and golf player, and he has been teaching all levels of tennis in Maine for many years. He has worked at summer camps, worked at Bowdoin College as an assistant coach and for the past 10 years, was the Director of Tennis at the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club.

In our tennis pro shop, our prices are always fair and competitive and we match prices from other stores. Obviously, we are a small tennis shop where we can give you the attention and information needed when trying out racquets, and we appreciate your support. We stock and sell Prince, Babolat and Head racquets, and we offer demos for you to try out. The demo charge goes toward your purchase so you can take your time figuring out your new racquet. If you aren't in the market for a new racquet-our restringing special in May is also a big help to your game. You should always get new strings in the beginning of your tennis season and usually later on in the summer. Many factors affect your racquet –weather, type of play, court surfaces, non-use, and even how you store your racquet.

The tennis building has proved to be a busy social activity center. The elevated views from the decks are great for those sitting out and watching tennis. All of the Friday night mixers and holiday mixers are extremely popular. The café does a great job of keeping the tennis bar stocked with the tennis players favorite drinks and munchies, and we will expand on having our own bar this year for certain busy tennis nights.

For the Monday Night Men's programs, you must sign up to play as you come in. The order that you go onto the court will be determined by the time you arrive ready for play. Starting in June, the advanced play is at 3:30, with the Intermediate Men's night starting at 5:00. For the large holiday mixers, to accommodate and maximize tennis play for all, we will have sign ups for staggered times so there will be constant tennis. You can sign up for play from 8:00-10 or 10-12. The Friday night mixers will be always starting at 5:00 with sign ups limited as well. Balls will be supplied and there will be a \$5.00 nominal charge to your club account. For all the mixers there will be a drawing for winners that will receive pro shop gift certificates. Bar drinks and food charges will be charged to your club account by the café.

We will be adding a Women's night drop in (similar to Men's night) on Tuesdays at 5:00 starting late May, which will then go into the Tuesday league starting June 30th. June also starts the Competitive Mixed Doubles Play with a weekly sign up on Thursdays at 5:00. Sign up with your partner and we will mix and match you up for some strong doubles play. Cardio Tennis is a great aerobic workout held on Saturdays in May & June. You can sign up for each class for \$15 in advance at the pro shop. In the summer we will hold those Cardio work-out sessions on Wednesdays at 7:30. All levels are welcome to try it out. Ask anyone-it is way more fun than a treadmill!

For the juniors, there is lots of tennis! We offer a free round robin for all levels on Mondays at 11:30. In the summer, the USTA Junior Team and League will consist of a 14 & 18 & under team. Matches will be held on Friday afternoons for the 14's, and Thursday nights for the 18's. Practices in the spring, will be held Saturdays in May & June, with summer practices on Mondays. Please spread the word-it is a blast for the kids.

Feel free to ask us any questions by phone or email metennis@maine.rr.com. I appreciate the opportunity to help you make your tennis season more enjoyable.

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