

Red Hare Brewing Company Tennis League Presented by USTA Atlanta Registration Information The Adult Co-Ed Social Tennis Experience!

USTA Atlanta and The Red Hare Brewing Company are excited to bring you the sixth season of The Red Hare Brewing Company Tennis League. This league offers players an activity in the city of Atlanta that can be played for a lifetime. Beyond finding a pick-up game of basketball or an occasional round of golf, finding a weekly social activity can be difficult to find and stay dedicated to. Activities like kickball and other non-conventional sports have become extremely popular with adults throughout the city. USTA Atlanta hopes to attract active adults around the city that will be able to come out and make tennis a part of their life.

From beginners to experienced league players this league welcomes all playing types and styles in a laid back, social atmosphere on Monday nights. Play format will include 3 lines of doubles (Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles) with the option to choose to play at one of two levels (Beginner/Intermediate and Intermediate/Advanced). The league will be facility based with players having the option to choose the facility that best works for them. Facilities include Piedmont Park, Bitsy Grant, Blackburn Tennis Center and Terrell Mill Tennis Center. Make sure you get your teams signed up ASAP as there is a limited number of teams allowed to sign up at each facility. Each site can accommodate up to 8 teams. Teams that sign up out of Piedmont Park and Bitsy Grant should expect that there could be travel involved between the two sites if needed. Play time begins at 6:30 PM and will include six to seven weeks of play with an end of the year party concluding at the Red Hare Brewing Company located in Marietta, GA. Players and teams are encouraged to visit local bars and grills each week after their matches for food and drink specials and to socialize with other teams.

We also offer the option to register for a Find A Team database! Just <u>click here</u> and sign up for either the Find A Team Beginner or Find A Team Advanced levels and we will find you a great team to play on. Just make sure to specify your play level and requested facility!

Where: Piedmont Park Blackburn Tennis Center

400 Park Dr NE 3501 Ashford Dunwoody Road

Atlanta, GA 30306 Atlanta, GA 30319

Bitsy Grant Tennis Center

2125 Northside Drive

Atlanta, GA 30305

Terrell Mill Tennis Center

480 Terrell Mill Road, SE

Marietta, GA 30067

Important Dates:

Registration Opens.....The week of April 11, 2016

Registration Closes.....Friday, May 27th Schedules Available.....Wednesday, June 1st

Play Begins.....Monday, June 6th



Play Ends......Monday, August 1st End of Season Party......Monday, August 8th

Cost: \$60 registration Fee per Person. Your fee will include:

- Red Hare T-Shirt
- Court Fees
- End of the season party at Red Hare Brewery (21 and up)*
- Food and drinks specials at local bars and grills
- Entry into giveaways throughout the season
- The chance to be a part of Atlanta's top social tennis experience

*The end of season party has free food, beer (and/or root beer if under 21) for all league members who can attend. On top of food & drinks, the brewery has indoor and outdoor places to sit as well as mini tennis available creating a relaxing environment for members to enjoy.

Play Format: 3 Lines of Doubles (Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles)

Play Levels: Beginner/Intermediate (2.5 – 3.5 Rating) or

Intermediate/Advanced (4.0-5.0 Rating)

Play Time: 6:30 PM on Monday Nights

Registration

Team Captains

Team captains are an invaluable part of the team -- the captain's duties are broad and reach from keeping all players informed about match details, selecting who is playing in the lineup for a given match, entering the match scores and even working to keep the team a team. TennisPoint strives to make the sometimes thankless job of being captain a little easier and less time consuming by empowering the players to be an "active role" in the process. Listed below are the different steps a team captain will take with their team:

- 1. **Signup for TennisPoint** (big yellow signup button on http://www.tennispoint.com)
- a. Visit (<u>www.ustaatlanta.com/redhare</u>) and get your team signed up by choosing what level and which facility your team would like to play out of
- b. You should use the same email you often use and after signing up, your team will be automatically visible in your account.
- 2. Add your team's players -- You add your players using the "add/edit players" link on the "matches & teams" (top tab navigation) page. You only need a player's name and email address to add them to the team. After adding all your players, the checkbox next to their name (in the list on the right side of the page) should be checked since they are probably not yet a TennisPoint member. Click the "send invite email to checked" button and all of your players will get a customized message for each one inviting them to



register and signup for the team. Each player will fill out his/her registration details and be automatically dropped into the team upon registration as well.

- 3. **Find A Team (For players with no team yet)** We offer the option to register for a Find A Team database! Just <u>click here</u> or visit tennispoint.com and sign up for either the Find A Team Beginner or Find A Team Advanced levels and we will find you a great team to play on. Just make sure to specify your play level and requested facility!
- 4. **Match Schedule** -- the league coordinator will create the "match schedule" which will show you your opponent match dates, locations and times. The team schedule is visible from the "matches & teams" page. Before the schedule is published, you will purely see a list of your players and be able to add/edit your players or email the team.
- 5. **Match Availability** -- each player can mark whether he/she is available or not from the "Set/View Availability" page (link found on the "matches & teams" page above the match schedule on the far left). It can be very helpful on the captain already knowing who is available to play which match. Availability can ONLY be set after the schedule is published.

We do recommend after the schedule is published by the league administrator, that the captain email the team about the schedule and direct players to set their availability.

 Match Lineup – captains and co-captains can all "create lineups". The lineup is the list of players playing each line... for instance, it will be 3 lines of doubles players.

Match Confirmation Email - after creating the lineup, you can automatically email all your players alerting them to who is in the lineup. Those in the lineup can also confirm on TennisPoint that they are still available to play and will be there -- this gives a little piece of mind knowing that the player is aware he is in the lineup and will be there at the match.

Some captains may choose to not create a match lineup before the match -- this is OK too. The lineup will need to be created though before the match scores can be entered.

- 7. Play the Match -- go have lots of fun and win your matches :-) Captains are asked to print off a "match scorecard" (PDF file) and take it with you to the match so that you can mark down all the match scores. Remember to also fill in your opponent's players who played each line as well since that is required when entering scores. The match scorecard makes this easy and has both team's rosters on the scorecard.
- 8. **Enter Match Scores** -- captain's can enter the match scores after the match is played. Remember to get the names of your opponents since the captain entering the scores will need to enter the opposing players for each line as well. There is an automatic 48 hour auto-



approve for the opposing captain after the scores have been entered. Any score conflicts can be edited by the league administrator. If a match is played early, the scores can be entered early as well.

Repeat steps 5, 6 and 7 through all of your matches throughout the entire season.

Make sure to get your teams signed up ASAP as there is a limited number of teams allowed to sign up at each facility. Sandy Springs TC can accommodate 16 teams while Piedmont Park and Bitsy Grant can only accommodate 8 teams at each site. Teams that sign up out of Piedmont Park and Bitsy Grant should expect that there could be travel involved between the two sites if needed.