

September 2016



Coming Soon

10/14-17 Suffolk Cty. Girls' HS Section Individual Champs. @Suffolk County Community College Selden

10/15-16 Nassau Cty. Girls' HS Individuals Tourney @Eisenhower Park

10/17 Nassau Girls' HS Team Playoffs start

10/25 USTA Long Island Region Executive Cup HS Tournament

10/29-31 NY State Girls' HS Tourney @Sound Shore Indoor Tennis, Port Chester

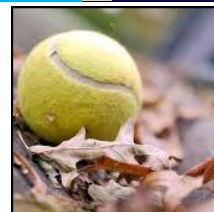
11/6 2016 USTA Eastern College Showcase Day @the Saw Mill Club, Mt. Kisco

11/12 Gold Coast International Film Festival presents "GOLD BALLS" @Manhasset Cinemas

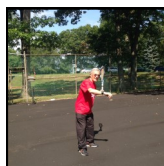
1/27-29/2017 USTA Eastern Annual Conference @Renaissance Hotel, White Plains

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U.S. Vets Gain New Tennis Courts, Programming



U.S. veterans and their families are now enjoying tennis lessons and matches

at the newly revamped courts at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Northport.

The courts were refurbished

thanks to a grant from the U.S. Tennis Association and the support of the USTA Long Island Region and the United Way of Long Island.

Tennis programming for veterans began earlier this year with free lessons provided at [Bethpage Park Tennis Center](#). Separately, the USTA issued a grant to renovate two

new net posts, nets, fence fabric, wind screens, a wheelchair ramp connecting the courts to a walkway, and a wheelchair access gate.

Plans are in place for the center to become a host site for the Wheel Chair Games and the Paralympics, as well as a tennis camp for veterans' children who attend the day care center.



courts on the campus of the medical center, next to the Wee Luv 'Em Day Care Center. The grant provided for resurfacing, lines,



Gold Coast International Film Festival Presents

"GOLD BALLS"

The USTA Long Island Region is the proud tennis sponsor of "GOLD BALLS," to be presented by the Gold Coast International Film Festival on November 12th.



GOLD BALLS is an uplifting story about five competitors who barnstorm the country in pursuit of a National Championship tennis title. Shot at locations around the country, GOLD BALLS explores universal questions about aging, mindset and the unexpected power of a goal. On this cross-country odyssey, obstacles include travel challenges, aging body parts and the ultimate opponent: mortality. When they must face their toughest obstacles yet, these athletes are forced to dig even deeper to make their dreams of championship a reality. It's a story about the ageless human spirit and an inspiring must-see for people of every age and stage.

The film will make its Long Island debut at the Manhasset Cinemas, 430 Plandome Rd. Information about purchasing tickets will be available soon at www.longisland.usta.com.

In Memoriam *Mo Schneider*



The Wheatley School and the East Williston School District have announced the passing of Mo Schneider, 90, the winning-est coach in Long Island high school tennis history.

Coach Schneider led both the boys' and girls' tennis teams at The Wheatley School for 50 years and planned to return this season. He received the Charles Karp Memorial Award for Overcoming Adversity from the USTA Long Island Region in 2011.

The Wheatley School will hold a celebration of Coach Schneider's life on September 29th at 7:30pm at the school, 11 Bacon Rd., Old Westbury.

To learn more about Coach Schneider's long and storied life coaching countless Wheatley teams and individual players to success, including a list of his champions, please visit www.longisland.usta.com.

Ten is Terrific for Local Teams at USTA League Sectionals

Long Island enjoyed tremendous success at USTA Eastern League Sectionals this year, with nine teams moving on to Nationals in the 18-and-over, 40-and-over and 55-and-over leagues. Two teams each from [Christopher Morley Tennis](#) and [Eastern Athletic Blue Point](#) will represent Long Island and the Eastern Section at their National championships this fall, along with teams from [Sportime Syosset](#), [Shelter Rock Tennis & Country Club](#), Jericho Westbury Indoor Tennis, [Sportime Kings Park](#) and [Point Set Indoor Racquet Club](#) and [Sportime Lynbrook](#). The teams moving on to Nationals are (team photos below and on page 3):

18-and-Over League

- 3.5 Women from Sportime Syosset, Captains Dawn Schosberg & Jeanette Romano
- 4.0 Women from Christopher Morley, Captains Seema Imberman & Therese DiRenzo
- 3.5 Men from Eastern Athletic Blue Point, Captains John Selvaggio & Hank Winnicki
- 5.0 Team from Shelter Rock, Captain Joe Polestino (team not pictured)

40-and-Over League

- 4.5 Women from Jericho Westbury, Captains Tina Stellato-Villegas & Karen Levine
- 3.0 Men from Sportime Kings Park, Captains William Carson & Dan Ujvani
- 3.5 Men from Eastern Athletic Blue Point, Captains, Mike Siegmund & Hank Winnicki
- 4.5 Men from Christopher Morley, Captains Jonathan Klee & Lionel Goldberg

55-and-Over League

- 8.0 Women from Point Set Indoor Racquet Club, Captain Ann McGrath

65-and-Over League

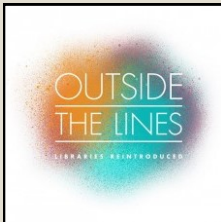
Women from Sportime Lynbrook, Captains Leslie Wecksler & Pat Molloy



Ten is Terrific: League Sectionals Success (continued)



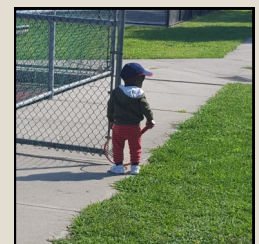
Freeport Library Goes Outside the Lines



Freeport Memorial Library patrons put down their books and took to the tennis courts and other spots around town during the 2nd annual *Outside the Lines* in September, an international initiative celebrating the creativity and innovation happening in libraries. *Outside the Lines* has already been adopted by more than 260 libraries across the U.S., Canada and Australia, all of which plan events and campaigns that get people thinking – and talking – about libraries in a new way.

In Freeport, that meant a fun-filled week of activities at locations outside the library, including a park, a fitness club, Firemen's Hall, a supermarket, a junkyard and a garden shop. Events included yoga, fitness classes and an inflatable obstacle course for all ages as well as art projects, a video game truck and more. The purpose of *Outside the Lines* "is to get people thinking and talking about libraries in a different way by showcasing the library in its community," says Jessica Jansen, event coordinator for the Freeport Memorial Library. "It actively highlights how our library is relevant to people's lives by getting them engaged in a fun and extraordinary way."

A highlight of the event was tennis lessons at Northeast Park. Children and adults alike enjoyed learning some tennis basics from USTA Long Island Region volunteer pros. In between shots, participants could read library book selections as well as information about USTA tennis programming on Long Island. According to Jansen, "USTA's tennis lessons assist in reinforcing the idea of a strong united community."



Fun on the Courts: Summer 2016

Kids Days

"I had so much fun playing tennis," a comment from young tennis newcomer Sebastian, sums up the two 2016 Summer Kids Days hosted by the USTA Long Island Region and co-sponsored by [Long Island Tennis Magazine](#).

More than 300 children came out to enjoy tennis fun in the sun at the Annual Nassau Kids Day, held in July, and Annual Suffolk Kids Day, in August. According to Sharona Arbeit, director of Children's Services for The Marion and Aaron Gural JCC in Valley Stream, her campers "had an amazing time and said so!" This was the second year the JCC's campers have participated in Kids Day.

Nassau Kids Day took place at the Engineers Country Club in Roslyn and Suffolk Kids Day at the Hamlet Golf & Country Club in Commack. Children at both events enjoyed tennis instruction and competition including clinics and skills-building activities as well as games and prizes. Creating a more festive atmosphere were food, a dunk tank, face painting, music and a dance competition. Participating groups included: Gural JCC, Alliance Junior Tennis, Roz-



zie's Daycare Summer Camp, Freeport Tennis Camp, Hicksville Community Tennis Association (CTA), Circulo de la Hispanidad Summer Camp, Suffolk JCC, YES group, Stroller Strides of Suffolk County, Central Islip community and the Hamlet.

Pros from area clubs and students from the Commack, Ward Melville and

came from all corners of Long Island and represented a cross section of the community. Many had never held a tennis racket before, but whether this was their first experience playing tennis or they came in as experts, everyone had a great time learning, playing, making friends and enjoying the activities."

For photos and videos from both kids' days, please visit www.longisland.usta.com and www.longislandtennismagazine.com.

Fairs & Festivals

Introducing tennis to kids and other newcomers is a continuing goal of the USTA Long Island. In addition to its Kids Days, the Region is proud to participate in fairs and festivals all year long to bring tennis to the community. Recent events include: Merrick Fall Festival, Bayville Village Waterside Festival, Town of Hempstead Lido Beach Festival by the Sea, Kids Clinics at Newbridge Road Park (Bellmore)



and Harold Walker Memorial Park (Roosevelt), Freeport Nautical Mile Festival and the Freeport Memorial Library Outside the Lines event.

Does your community host a fair or festival and want to add tennis instruction? Email ustaonlongisland@gmail.com and let us know when and where, and we'll see if we can bring tennis to the streets of your neighborhood.

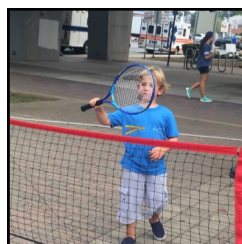
Want to volunteer to help at a local event? Email ustaonlongisland@gmail.com and let us when and where you're available.

We love our volunteers!

"I was really proud of myself."
—Daniel, Gural JCC camper

Smithtown High School tennis teams and the Hicksville CTA volunteered their time to instruct the children.

Terry Fontana, the USTA LI Region Kids Day Chair, said, "Our Kids Days were a resounding success thanks to the help and support of our many volunteers, the generosity of the Engineers Country Club and the Ham-



"It was the best day!" —
Matthew, Gural JCC camper

let in hosting and Long Island Tennis Magazine. The children



Around the Region...

The 2016 USTA Eastern College Showcase Day has been scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Saw Mill Club (Mt. Kisco). If you're a high school sophomore, junior or senior thinking about playing college tennis, this event is for you! The Showcase gives students the opportunity to connect with Division I, II and III college tennis coaches, collect information, listen to experts and learn about the NCAA process. High school students of any tennis level are welcome. Some past years' collegiate attendees include: Daemen College, Alfred University, Connecticut College, Ithaca College, Rutgers University and SUNY Oneonta. Register online at www.eastern.usta.com...

The USTA Eastern Annual Conference has been scheduled for Jan. 27-29, 2017 at the Renaissance Hotel in White Plains and will include seminars and panel discussions of interest to the tennis community, drills and games, regional volunteer meetings, Junior Awards presentation, Adult Awards Dinner, USTA Eastern Annual Meeting and more. To register or for more information, please visit

www.eastern.usta.com...



Many, many volunteers from around the world helped make the **2016 US Open** run smoothly. Among them — now in their 25th year as familiar faces in the USTA's membership booth — were LI-ers Sunny and Eddie Fishkind. What's more, the pair were featured in a NY1 News televised story about US Open volunteers. Both Fishkinds have been involved in tennis for many years, as



high school coaches as well as teaching and volunteering. Sunny currently volunteers as the USTA Long Island Region's 2nd Vice President. **Long Island competitors at the Open** included **Scott Lipsky** (Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles) and **Noah Rubin** (Men's Qualifying Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles)...

The North Fork Open Tennis Tournament continues to raise much-needed funds for the Eastern Long Island Hospital, the first voluntary hospital in Suffolk County, serving the North Fork and Shelter Island communities for 111 years. The event, held in mid-September, was presented by pro **Mark Brent** at the Courts of Peconic Landing in Greenport.

End of an Era



We bid farewell to Sportime Massapequa, a local tennis institution that closed its doors this summer.

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