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EVENTS AND TENNIS NEWS for ROCKINGHAM COUNTY NC - DECEMBER 2016



*Happy Holidays to the Rockingham County tennis community
and THANK YOU for your support in 2016.*

Our December newsletter features highlights from our second year as a USTA Community Tennis Association, opportunities for youth and beginning adults to get on the court in December, a very special accomplishment - an undefeated season by Western Rockingham Middle School Girls Tennis Team, and an exciting announcement about Summer 2017.

Watch for our January newsletter announcing winter indoor tennis programs including Rally the Family Tennis Play Days, our first Rockingham County USTA Adult Beginner Fun League, and FREE high school and middle school Saturday clinics with Coach B.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY TENNIS 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

2016

IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR FOR TENNIS IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

- **THREE** 2016 USTA awards recognize Rockingham Community College and Shelby Rhyne.
- **FIVE** appearances at fall community festivals across the county.
- **SIX** resurfaced courts at Rockingham Community College.
- **TEN** new adult USTA members in our first Tennis Apprentice class.
- **FOURTEEN** pop-up nets delivered to seven RCS After School Kids Companion programs.
- **TWENTY-TWO** young tennis players at RCC's Eaglemania summer program.
- **THIRTY-TWO** community partners support tennis outreach across the county.
- **FORTY-SEVEN** RC Tennis volunteers including three student summer interns.
- **FIFTY-NINE** USTA junior members played in two seasons of USTA Junior Team Tennis.
- **SEVENTY-THREE** rackets went home with Summer Kids Tennis Club players.
- **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO** tennis events in Rockingham County in 2016.
- **THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE** RCS students attended after school Kids Tennis Clubs.

THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED community members participated 2016 tennis

WESTERN ROCKINGHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS TEAM - UNDEFEATED SEASON

Congratulations to the Western Rockingham Middle School Girls Team on their undefeated season against Rockingham and Caswell County middle school opponents: Reidsville, Rockingham and Dillard Middle Schools.. Keep an eye out for these players on the courts next fall. WRMS coaches are Tracy Blackard, Greg Gerdron, and Cliff Lester.



FRONT ROW: Jada Ore

SECOND ROW (Left to right): Cassidy Tanton, Lauren Tuttle, Dani Lester and Hannah Brook Cardwell

BACK ROW (Left to right): Coach Tracy Blackard, Ashley Searcy, Dillon Smith, Coach Greg Gerdron, Ayden Smith, Gracie Lovelace, Coach Cliff Lester, Patti Webster, Emma Wray and Hannah Dallas

DECEMBER ON-COURT YOUTH AND ADULT BEGINNER CLINICS

Caleb Shelton offers Winter Group Clinics for Beginner Adults at Jaycee Park

New to tennis or looking to brush up you game? Join Caleb on the courts at Jaycee Park in Reidsville on Saturday mornings while the weather's fine. Sponsored by Reidsville Parks & Recreation and RC Tennis.



Instructor: Caleb Shelton

Saturdays beginning November 19

10-11:30am at Jaycee Park courts in Reidsville

\$15/clinic for 3 players or \$10/clinic for 4 or more

Contact Caleb Shelton to confirm the schedule and reserve a spot for each week at (336)480-5674 crshelto10@gmail.com



Winter Indoor Youth Tennis Camp at Wake Forest University for ages 6-17

Tune Up your game over the holiday break at the Three-day Winter Break Tennis Camp at Wake Forest Indoor Tennis Center for Juniors age 6-17 on Wednesday December 28 - Friday December 30. Camp fee is \$150 per player with a 15% discount for more than one player from the same family.

Register [online here](#) or print and mail this [sign-up form](#).

RC TENNIS RECEIVES USTA FOUNDATION GRANT



RC Tennis has received a USTA Foundation grant to expand our National Junior Tennis & Learning (NJTL) program to five summer camp locations in 2017 including Eden Family Y Summer Fun Camp, Reidsville YMCA Camp Soar, Boys & Girls Club of Eden SummerFest, Parkview Village Summer Enrichment Camp, and Eden Parks & Rec Summer Camp at Bridge Street Recreation Center.

This grant will provide each location with the ACE out-of-school enrichment curriculum kit, coaching support, summer interns, a tennis field trip, a Play Day, and tennis rackets or a tennis gift for each summer camper to take home. It also provides funds to RC Tennis for a NJTL summer coordinator and publicity for the overall NJTL program.

The National Junior Tennis & Learning Network (NJTL) is sponsored by the USTA Foundation. Through more than 500 youth development non-profit organizations locations, the NJTL network provides free or low-cost tennis and education to more than 225,000 under-resourced youth. Read more about the USTA Foundation and NJTL Network in Rockingham County on [our webpage](#) and on the [USTA Foundation website](#).

Are you planning your end of year charitable donations? YOUR GIFT can help us grow tennis in Rockingham County. For example:


- \$10 will purchase a youth tennis racket for a young player to take home.
- \$15 will send a Rockingham County volunteer to a Coach Youth Tennis Workshop.
- \$45 will register an athlete for USTA Junior Team Tennis.
- \$125 will sponsor an After School Kids Tennis Club.
- \$500 will sponsor our first USTA Level 5 Junior Tournament in Rockingham County.

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