

TENNIS TALK November 2015
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Happy Birthday RC Tennis!

We can hardly believe that in our first official year, Rockingham County Tennis Association has introduced the game of tennis to 4300 young community members and families at over 145 events across the county.

THANK YOU to our volunteer coaches, interns, Board of Directors, community partners and sponsors - USTA, Reidsville Area Foundation, Xerox Corporation and Di'lishi Yogurt - and especially to Coach Bitrus Istifanus and Jackie Cantrell for making this a successful first year. We agree with Katrina Adams, USTA President, "There's something in tennis for everyone", right here in Rockingham County NC.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR FIRST YEAR

FOUR new playground courts are painted on the black top behind Williamsburg Elementary School.

SIX Rockingham County tennis courts have blended lines to modify the size of the court for players age 10 & under.

FIFTEEN volunteers, parents and coaches attended the On-Court Coach Youth Tennis Workshop with Butch Staples at the Western Rockingham YMCA indoor courts in Mayodan this June.

FIFTY-FOUR junior USTA members played in our first two seasons of Junior Team Tennis on the 8 courts at Jaycee Park in Reidsville.

TWO HUNDRED rackets and balls went home with young Kids Tennis Club players at five summer day camps.

THREE HUNDRED youth tennis rackets have found their way into Rockingham County Schools PE closets and after school Kids Companion programs.

FOUR HUNDRED youth, age 6-12 will attend monthly after school Kids Tennis Clubs at 14 locations during the 2015-16 school year with support from a USTA NC "Widen the Base" grant.

Here are some of our Birthday Wishes from across the Rockingham County community:

"Just another example that -- Time Flies When You're Having FUN!!!! Micky Silvers

"Great work guys, keep it up, that's awesome". Elliott Hall, Reidsville YMCA

"Happy birthday to Rockingham County Tennis Association! I enjoy reading the updates you send about all the great tennis accomplishments. My colleague, John Key, has kept me abreast of the continued progress with RCC's tennis court renovation. It is very exciting! I wish you the best in your future endeavors." Lynne Haynew, Chair and Associate Professor in PE and Health at RCC

For more information about tennis for all ages in Rockingham County, go to our webpage at www.rockingham.usta.com and follow us on Facebook at <http://www.Facebook.com/RCYouthtennis>.