

MAY NEWS FLASH - SPRING INTO ACTION

It seemed like we had to wait forever, but the Cook County tennis season is underway. We got off to a fast start with 40 kids participating in our Spring Youth Tennis Session. A fantastic turnout, with the kids braving challenging weather conditions to get a head start on the new season. Drop by the courts Monday-Thursday after school and Saturday morning to watch these amazing kids learn the game with Coach Charley.

Outdoor pickleball has arrived in Cook County. Thanks to the work of Bob Pranis, we have two official pickleball courts lined on tennis court 3 and ready for play. The CCTA has purchased two sturdy pickleball nets that can be rolled into place on the court in a matter of seconds. Come out and see what the pickleball revolution is all about!

Activity at the CCTA really moves into high gear in June. Be sure to check www.playtenniscookcounty.org for full details.

- **CCTA Open House, June 1, 11:30-2:00.** This is our kickoff to the season introducing the Cook County community to all the fun CCTA summer activities. Everyone welcome! Exhibition tennis, pickleball and POP tennis. Kids tennis activities starting at 11:30, followed by the opportunity to try tennis, POP tennis and pickleball. Join us for a delicious barbecue lunch starting at noon.
- **Adult and Youth Instruction.** Youth Summer Session I starts June 3. Introduction to Deep Tennis and Deep Tennis for Adults weekly instruction underway. And new this year is Cardio Tennis, a fast paced class emphasizing higher speed drills to get the legs working and heart pumping. Tuesday evening 5:30-6:50. For more information and to register for any of the classes go to www.playtenniscookcounty.org.
- **Drop-in Doubles.** Every week throughout the summer there is dedicated time on the courts to play tennis, POP tennis or pickleball in a drop in doubles format. Just show up and join in the fun. The full court schedule for this events is at www.playtenniscookcounty.org.
- **Java Moose Summer Social Doubles Series starts Saturday June 8, 2-5.** This is a fun tennis series awarding points for participation and play over the course of three summer events in June, July and August. Java Moose gift certificates to the top 5 finishers and a guaranteed spot in the US Open. Burgers and salads provided, bring your own refreshments. Members and guests welcome.
- **Rally the Family June 15, 12-2.** Bring the entire family for an afternoon filled with tennis, fitness, good food, music and prizes! This is an event for **ALL AGES AND ABILITIES**. All you need is a pair of sneakers and comfortable clothes...leave the rest to us. We'll have racquets, games and activities for everyone. Come ready to move, swing, laugh and share a great time outside!
- **Thunder Bay Social Doubles, June 21, 5-9:00 PM.** Round robin social doubles event hosted by the Thunder Bay Community Tennis Center. Pot luck dinner

included. A great opportunity to meet our tennis compatriots from north of the border. For more info contact Dick Swanson at rswanson@boreal.org.”

- **Wunderbar Pickleball Social Mixer, June 29 12-2.** The first of a series of three summer pickleball socials sponsored by the Wunderbar. Come out and find out what the pickleball revolution is all about.

We are wrapping up our spring membership campaign. Response has been good, but some members have not yet renewed and there is still time to join for new members. While the CCTA is open to all, membership is encouraged as it helps the CCTA to be able to offer professional instruction, summer social activities, and maintain the courts and facility. Membership cost is modest and entitles you to lower member pricing on CCTA activities. You can renew or join online at www.playtenniscookcounty.org.