## Small Town, Big Tennis!

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Taconic Sport & Racquet's renovation added new and resurfaced courts inside and out, plus six dedicated pickleball courts, creating a hub for players of all levels.

In East Fishkill, community spirit runs deep, and so does the love of racket sports. Many are surprised to learn that our community is home to a vibrant tennis and pickleball club with six indoor and 11 outdoor tennis courts, a heated outdoor pool, six indoor and six outdoor pickleball courts, and an energetic, multi-activity summer day camp for kids. Taconic Sport & Racquet (TSR) is the kind of facility you'd expect to find in a metro hub—not tucked into a quiet Hudson Valley town like Hopewell Junction.

Founded in the 1960s, TSR has seen its fair share of highs and heartbreaks. In the 1970s, the club was a bustling hub with hundreds of members. Some 40 years later, with a decline in tennis popularity combined with East Fishkill facing the hardship of IBM layoffs, the club faced near foreclosure and was forced to shutter its doors. But the story didn't end there.

In 2015, with a renewed and unbridled interest in the sport, plus a new ownership and management team, what followed was a community comeback—a tennis triumph, if you will.

"Through perseverance and vision, not only did TSR rebound, but it soared," explains Andria McKenna, director of Marketing and Member Relations. "The interest has been so explosive that a decision was made to undergo a major renovation."

Within a two-year span, she explains, the club resurfaced eight tennis courts and added three tennis courts and six dedicated pickleball courts outside, plus resurfaced four and added two new tennis courts inside.

Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, TSR's programs make it easy to jump in. With adult programming, a Junior Tennis Academy, Court Kids, and Mommy & Me Tot Tennis, there is something for every age and every skill level.

"The management and entire TSR team are dedicated to providing exceptional customer service, ensuring every player feels supported and valued," Andria adds. "From the first inquiry to a long-time member, the TSR team acts as trusted guides through every step of your tennis journey. Whether you're picking up a racket for the first time or aiming to refine your competitive edge, TSR's staff is here to offer expert advice, personalized support, and a welcoming environment that fosters growth and a deep love for the sport of tennis."

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