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Special CVITT Edition



LTPA 2009 Tournament Schedule

Adult

June 11-14 LTPA/CVITT, Oakwood CC

July 11-14 LTPA/Mid-Summer Madness, EC Glass HS

Aug 7-9 LTPA/Summer Classic, EC Glass HS

Sept 11-13 API Funds and Portfolio Kaleidoscope Klassic, The Sports Racket

Juniors

June 25-28 Jr CVITT L4, Boonsboro CC

July 25-26 Scott #3 L5+Quickstart, EC Glass HS

Aug 16 Scott #4 Novice, Peaks View Park

Sept 12-13 Scott #5 L4+Quickstart, EC Glass HS

Oct 10-11 Bank of the James Junior Smash Series #3 L5, The Sports Racket

Nov 21-22 Bank of the James Junior Smash Series #4 L5, The Sports Racket

An Open Invitation From The LTPA:

“The Lynchburg Tennis Patrons Association (LTPA) cordially invites the greater Lynchburg community to attend our major fund raising event, the 49th Annual CVITT held at Oakwood Country Club. Proceeds from this tournament allow the LTPA to promote our mission of offering tennis activities to juniors such as lessons, tournaments, after-school programs and other tennis related programs throughout the year. The Dick Sargeson Scholarship, awarded annually to two deserving high school seniors, was established in honor and memory of one of our area’s largest tennis enthusiasts.

If you love the game of tennis, you need to take advantage of this opportunity to see some great tennis at no cost to you! While at the tournament, feel free to stop by the LTPA tent to find out more about our organization. We are always searching for ways to promote and grow the game of tennis in our area. Our success depends on you! You may want to consider joining our organization, provide volunteer support, or simply offer suggestions of what you feel would help us bring the game for a lifetime to the community! Please visit our website www.lynchburgtennis.org for more information.

We look forward to seeing you at this year’s CVITT!”

Benny Nash

President, Lynchburg Tennis Patrons Association

Officiating in the ‘Burg and Beyond

Who wants to be a USTA official? There are four certified officials in Lynchburg: Winston Green, Barbara Evans, Maggie Schewel and Nancy Sheldon. These officials work all year round at novice, junior and adult sanctioned tournaments, club championships, high school, college, ITF, and pro circuit tennis. Some stay local while others travel throughout the state and beyond. New Zealand and Hawaii are beyond, aren’t they?

The first step is easy! Become a USTA member, pass a Provisional Umpire’s test, (an open book /multiple choice test on the rules and regulations of tennis found in [Friend at Court](#).) After successful completion of the test, the next step is to “shadow” a certified official for “on the job” training. Every official is required to attend a weekend workshop, once a year, to remain certified. That’s it! For more information contact a local official or go to USTA.com/officials.

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Scholarship Winners-Class of 2009

The **Dick Sargeson Scholarship** recognizes two high school seniors in Region 2000 – one male and one female. Along with a faculty/coach recommendation each applicant is asked to complete an essay on the subject of, “How Tennis Has Impacted My Life”. As a life-long player, instructor, coach and ambassador of tennis, Dick Sargeson was an icon in the local community. The LTPA is proud to honor his many years of service and dedication to youth by presenting this years scholarships of \$500 each to:

Amanda “Mandi” Dolan is a senior at Appomattox High School and will be attending Lynchburg College in the fall. While tennis is a sport that Mandi picked up just a couple of years ago, she quickly took the leadership role of her high school team and developed courage, independence and determination as a result of her experience. Just as compelling as her essay were the recommendations from faculty members. She clearly has the integrity, enthusiasm and drive that make her a deserving scholarship winner.



Cameron Cawthorne is a senior at EC Glass High School and will be attending Presbyterian College in the fall. Playing tennis since the age of 11 has led Cameron to realize this is a game for life. His faculty recommendations showcase his maturity, responsibility and integrity. The friendships he has made through the game and the fun he displays on the court is the embodiment of the scholarship.



The Scott Futures- Junior Tennis

The Scott Insurance Junior Challenge #1 - L4 was a big success. It was a singles only Super Saturday Tournament held on April 25. The temperature was hot for April, reaching into the upper 80's. This caught some of the juniors off guard but the kids toughed it out. Competition was fierce. There were a total of 25 entrants in six age divisions.

Congratulations to the following winners:

- Bryce Barber -B12's
- Clara Mulcahy -G10's
- Kevin Coleman -B14's
- Evans Schmedtje - G12's
- William Diamont -B16's
- Julie Clark -G14's



Plan to be a part of our next Jr. Tournament on July 25th. Go to our web site for more information www.lynchburgtennis.org.

Gracias.....Merci.....Thank You!!

From the LTPA

The LTPA would like to send a big **Thank You** to the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust. In December, we received notification that a grant, for our annual Challenge Sports Program, had been approved. This grant will help the LTPA continue this very special program. We encourage everyone reading this to contribute generously to their local Community Trust. The more unrestricted dollars they receive, the more they are able to return to the community.



Jr. Team Tennis....Get in the Game!

USTA Jr. Team Tennis (JTT) bring kids together in teams to play singles, doubles and mixed doubles against other teams. It promotes social skills and important values by fostering a spirit of cooperation and unity, as well as individual self-growth. Also, it's a fun environment for junior players in which they learn that succeeding is more about “how” they play the game – win or lose.

Junior MatchPoint 2008, a USTA Singles League, concluded the season with participation in the Winter Junior Team Tennis competition. Three teams competed for the local league Junior Tennis championship.

Winter competition had the Smashers taking the title slightly over the Renegades, with the Blasters close behind. Team Smashers won the title by winning 124 games. Congratulations to *Mitchell Paige, Jay La Magna, Jonathan Hyman, Will Leach, Calvin Chueh, Mary Lane, Sydney Moon, Julie Clark, and Geofrey Hicks*. The Smashers will advance to the District Tournament in Fredericksburg in August.

Summer Junior Team Tennis registration is now underway with matches scheduled for June and July. The winner of this season will also advance to the Va. District Tournament as Lynchburg will be represented by 2 teams through our local Junior Team.

How does it work?

USTA Jr. Team Tennis is designed for kids ages 6-18. They are immediately placed on teams and begin playing competitive matches which are held on public courts such as a local park or school or private club. They are divided by age and play levels.

Qualifying JTT teams play off in a District Championship with the winning team(s) advancing to the Sectional, and then USTA National Championships.

If you are interested in participating on a local team, please contact **Karen Hall**, Lynchburg Local League Coordinator for more information (434) 941-2077. **All levels encouraged!**

TEAMING UP WITH THE YMCA

On a beautiful Spring morning late in May the USTA, LTPA and YMCA came together on the lush courts of Lynchburg College to train the YMCA summer camp counselors in the QuickStart approach to teaching tennis.. QuickStart is a fun and innovative way to get kids playing tennis faster with smaller rackets, a lower net, a smaller court, and soft balls that travel at a slower speed. This lowers frustration and makes the game fun at an early age.

Rob Issem, Tournament and Ranking Administrator, from the USTA came to Lynchburg to instruct the event. The workshop was very hands-on having counselors experiencing tennis through the eyes of a child.

The YMCA will be hosting three area camps this summer in Lynchburg City, Amherst and Nelson counties. It is estimated that more than 450 children will be experiencing tennis through these programs. For most, it will be their very first experience holding a racket!

The counselors left the workshop with a handbook of lessons, full of enthusiasm, to incorporate newly learned skills into their summer programs.