



THE RACQUET

your monthly TTC newsletter

JANUARY 2023



Supertiebreaker Social

Saturday, January 28 3:00-5:00pm

This is a fun rotating-partner doubles mixer that practices the art of the 10-point tiebreaker! Sign up individually and we'll pair you up for some good doubles action. Adult signups only.

RSVP



Winter TTC Doubles Leagues

Mixed: Wednesdays 7:45pm Jan 11 - Mar 22
Men's: Thursdays 7:45pm Jan 12 - Mar 23
Women's: Mondays 9:30am Jan 16 - Mar 20

SIGN UP

Sign up individually and get paired with a new foursome each week. We provide the setup, the court reservation, and the balls. Fun doubles and a great way to meet new players!



Winter Junior Classes

Signups are happening now for our winter junior classes that start January 9. Classes are starting to fill, so save your spot soon!

MORE INFO

USTA Leagues

Three leagues are currently forming in January:





SIGN
UP

Men's 40 & Over

(One Weekend League)

Deadline to sign up: January 27

League plays: February 17-19 at ESTC

Men's & Women's 18 & Over

(Home/Away season)

Deadline to sign up: February 3

League Season: March 10 - June 18

Men's & Women's 65 & Over

(Home/Away season)

Deadline to sign up: March 3

League Season: March 31 - June 18

Results

Congratulations to our 55+ 8.0 team, who lost the league by 1 court to Bend. TTC players on the team were Jane Barth, Ann Yost, Donna Keim, Carolyn Fonyo and Melissa Pohl.

Pro Shop



We are now carrying Tecnifibre string, in addition to the other strings we have been carrying! Tecnifibre has been making high-quality string for many years, and we're now carrying the NRG2 and Biphas -One multifilaments. These become some of the highest-quality multifilament strings we carry, at no additional cost! Try one out next time you restring.

Also, look for some new Tecnifibre demo racquets coming soon!

From the Clubhouse



Hi everyone--I hope you enjoy our new-look newsletter! We've slimmed down "The Racquet", hopefully eliminating the stuff that is least-read or least-needed, and keeping the things that are most needed and most-clicked-on. Should be much easier to navigate, at least!

I hope everyone has noticed the new carpet in the lobby that was installed in December. It looks remarkably similar to our old carpet, which was over twenty years old. The nice feature about the new carpet is that it was installed as tiles, allowing us to replace worn or stained spots as they appear and extending the carpet's working life.

A question I've been fielding lately is about court temperatures, and whether I think the insulation has positively impacted winter court comfort. I think we can all say anecdotally that yes, it seems a touch warmer in both buildings than it did last winter! I also have data to back that up; I compared court temps to a similar 30-day span from last Nov-Dec, and when adjusted for different outdoor temperatures between the two years, we have gained about five degrees in each building. This is pretty close to what we've expected, and it's kept the buildings at an average of 52.9 degrees over the past month (our temperature gauge is about 15 feet higher than court level, so it might be a little off, but not much). The range of temperatures this winter has been steady, within about 10 degrees, compared to almost 18 degrees last year. So far, so good!

Lastly, a note about ball prices. Our ball prices will go up to \$4.25/can starting January 1. We've been holding this price raise off as long as we can, but wholesale prices for tennis balls have gone up worldwide by a TON over the past six months (we saw over 50 cents per can increase in the past six months alone). We're still cheaper than the online retailers, and we're keeping our margins low on balls so they remain affordable if you buy a lot. We're hoping that we'll be able to offer case discounts

again by mid-2023, but it will depend upon the shipping situation and whether it improves.

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