



Watertown Tennis Association

WTA website: www.watertowntennis.com
Information, printable registration forms, news, schedules, and more!

The smell of tennis is in the air! Can you feel it? Nets are up at Brandt/Quirk and Riverside Park. Did I get your attention?

We recently had our board meeting to discuss the 2017 tennis season. We had some great ideas and will be trying some new things this season. There will be more details coming up in a few weeks.

This mailing has some of the changes and all the info you will need to register. Get the latest updates from our website at www.watertowntennis.com or on Facebook [@watertowntennis](https://www.facebook.com/watertowntennis).

The Youth Tennis Program will be at the Children's Fair at the High School on April 22 from 9am to 12pm to promote the summer program. They will have a table with information, and nets set up and rackets available for kids to play a little tennis. If anyone would like to volunteer their time, it is always helpful to have extra people there to "wrangle" the kids! **Please consider volunteering to coach in the youth program as well. Tennis experience is not required.** Program dates, times and other details are in this mailing!

We are always looking to add new members to our league. Please forward this year's registration info to anybody that might be interested. Refer a NEW member and you BOTH get \$10 off your membership dues! Please note on your registration form who you referred or who referred you!

Thank you and see you on the courts.

Dan Leija

2017 President

Registration and Membership Eligibility

- **Members must be 18 years old, or a graduating high school senior who will turn 18 this year.**
- **High school students** of any age may also join the league if they will be playing doubles **with an adult family member.** We hope this will encourage families to get out and play tennis together.
- **Members of the high school tennis team may join the league with approval from the tennis coach.** Please contact your coach before mailing your registration form.

Membership Dues: If you live and/or work in Watertown, dues will be \$30. If you live and work outside Watertown, dues will be \$35.

Individuals may join the league as a “substitute only” for a discounted amount. If you are planning to join just to be a sub, the cost will be \$15. Please make a note of that on your registration form.

Return your form and dues to **Clayton Kratzer by April 15th, 2017.** Registration forms received after April 15th, 2017 will **NOT** be accepted. If no payment is received, you will **NOT** be added to the schedule.

Additional membership forms can be printed from the website and will also be available at:

- Watertown Public Library 100 S. Water St.
- Park & Recreation Office Senior Center – S. First St.
- Jefferson and Lake Mills Park & Rec Offices

Need a Partner?

Players looking for partners can add their name to a list by calling or emailing Clayton Kratzer at 262-0056/ wtawebsite@charter.net or writing it somewhere on the registration form.

League Format

Matches are held at Brandt-Quirk Park. The season starts **May 10 and ends August 17.** Women’s Doubles, Mixed Doubles, and Men’s Doubles are played Wednesday nights. Women’s doubles play at 6pm (7pm if needed), mixed doubles play at 7pm (8pm if needed), and men’s doubles play at 8pm (9pm if needed). **When all registration forms are in, teams will be counted to determine if there will be a need for overlap on times (since there are only 10 courts available per hour). You MUST be available to play at these times on a weekly basis.** Singles matches are played Thursday nights. Women’s singles play at 6:30pm and Men’s singles play at 8pm.

In recent years, there has been a growing number of cancelations and rescheduling. You must make every effort to be available for every scheduled match. If circumstances are beyond your control, you must try to find a sub from the sub list. Everyone joins the league to play, not to be canceled on so their opponent can make other plans. By joining the league, you are committing to the responsibility of playing every week. Thank you for your understanding!

Levels of Play

There are three divisions:

Beginner: Able to sustain a rally, place some shots and get a serve into play.

Intermediate: Improved stroke dependability with directional control on moderate shots, but not as consistent as advanced. First serve has good pace.

Advanced: Good shot placement, consistent forehand and backhand rally, and consistent serve. Ability to use volleys and overheads effectively.

If you need advice on placement, feel free to contact the board at watertowntennis@gmail.com.

Match Results

All players and teams are responsible for recording/reporting match results. There will be sheets available at the Brandt-Quirk courts where you can circle the winning person or team and cross out the losing person or team. Our scorekeeper, **Vicki Larsen**, can be contacted with match results via her email address vickilarsen@charter.net or by phone at **261-7243**. The deadline for turning in all results is **September 3**.

Awards go to 1st and 2nd place winners in each category, at each level of play, during the annual awards gathering.

Tournaments

The WTA will host a post-season tournament on Saturday, August 27. The entry fee will be \$8.00 per person to cover the cost of the balls and trophies. The entry fee **MUST** be paid prior to the tournament day. The **tournament is open to anyone 14 years old or older**. Check the website for more information and email watertowntennis@gmail.com to enter. The draw format is determined by the number of participants. The format could be round robin or a standard draw. Please specify singles/doubles/mixed doubles when you register. Which categories are held will be dependent on participation.

Riverfest Mixed Doubles Tournament

There is also an annual mixed doubles tournament held during Riverfest in August. The WTA hosts this tournament as well. It will be held **Saturday, August 12 at 9:30am**.

Substitutes

Sign up on the registration form if you want to be designated as a substitute. Consider being a sub even if you have regular matches on Wednesday or only play singles. The larger the sub list, the less cancelations we will have (hopefully!). If you need a substitute for a doubles match, refer to the membership list. Subs shouldn't play at a level lower than their designated level (unless agreed upon by all parties). **Substitutes MUST be WTA members. If you would like to join the league as a substitute only, the registration fee is reduced to \$15.**

Coolers

On opening night and various weeks of each month (weather permitting), beverages and snacks are provided at the courts. This provides an opportunity for everyone to socialize and get to know fellow members. Dates of the coolers: **May 10, May 31, June 28, July 26, and August 16.**

Awards Gathering & Annual Meeting

We have an awards gathering for our end of the season socialization and meeting. It is a casual gathering as a way to close the season, give out awards, and hold our annual meeting. Plans are still being determined, but the date of the gathering will be Wednesday, September 13. Please keep the date in mind and on your calendars! Details will be communicated later!

Mailings and Information via Email and Website

If possible, please list an email address on your registration. If you prefer not to have your email address published on the member list in the schedules mailing, please check the appropriate box on the registration form.

The schedules mailing will be sent via email to those who agree. You can then print a copy of the whole mailing, only your specific schedule(s), or simply access it digitally as needed. All the information in this mailing and the schedules, when completed, can also be viewed and printed out from the website.

We hope most of you will choose digital communication. It really saves time, money, and the environment. Please indicate on the registration form using the check box, whether you agree to have the next mailing sent to you electronically and if you do not want your email address printed in the mailing. All information can also be accessed on the website at www.watertowntennis.com and printed from there. Please print your email address clearly being sure to differentiate numbers and letters (for example, the number "1" vs. the letter "L").

Tennis Instruction/Junior Tennis Info

This summer will mark the 14th year for the USTA Youth Tennis Program in Watertown! It is the longest running USTA youth tennis program in Wisconsin! Please see the following page for the program flyer with all the details. Registration is OPEN at www.midwestteamentennis.com.

The program is always in need of coaches and volunteers and tennis experience is NOT required! Please consider volunteering your time and love of the game – you will LOVE working with these kids!

Please contact Clayton at watertownyouthtennis@gmail.com if you can help in any way!

Another junior tennis opportunity offered again this year will be a USTA Junior Team Tennis team. This is the next step for older players, ages 11-14, who are ready for actual match play. This program organizes a team of 11-14 year olds to play matches against other area community teams. The players will sign up for the Midwest Team Tennis program which will serve as their practice day. Then matches will be organized against other area teams. Match days and times will be determined. If you would like more information about this program, please email watertownyouthtennis@gmail.com.

Please forward this youth tennis information along to anyone you know with children ages 5-14. Thank you!



WATERTOWN YOUTH TEAM TENNIS

Midwest Youth Team Tennis uses the concepts of fun, friends and play to help build the foundation for future success in tennis and in life. Using the USTA Youth Tennis play format, participants use modified equipment and courts, tailored to their age and size, making it easier to play, rally and succeed right from the start! Drills and games help develop core tennis skills within a fun, yet structured environment.

Sign Up Today: MidwestTeamTennis.com

AGES :	Open to all youth ages 5-14 years old	
2017 DATES:	Tuesdays June 13 – August 1 <i>Rain Date 8/8</i>	
TIMES:	Ages 5-8 Ages 9-10 Ages 11-14	6:00 – 6:45 pm 7:00 – 8:00 pm 7:00 – 8:00 pm
LOCATION:	Brandt Quirk Park 800 Carriage Hill Drive Watertown, WI 53098	
COST:	Early registration by 5/14/17: \$60 Registration by 5/28/17: \$80 Includes racquet, ball, t-shirt, & other fun items. <i>No refunds after 5/14/17</i>	



MIDWEST



Final registration closes May 28th, 2017

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WED. MAY 10, 2017 **WTA “KICK SOME RUST”** **KICK-OFF NIGHT**

This year, the WTA will host its first “Kick Some Rust” season kick-off event. How many times have you heard on league opening nights “This is the first time I’ve touched my racket since August” or “I’m a little rusty”? Well, now we all have a chance to get some practice in with our partners and against our usual opponents before jumping right into league match play.

We will kick-off our 2017 summer season with a cooler, practice matches, giveaways, and a food drive! Come and have a drink and some snacks, socialize with people you haven’t seen since last summer (maybe including your own partner!), get some practice in, donate to a good cause, and win some great prizes!

The event will take place Wednesday, May 10 (one week before matches start counting!) from 6pm-9pm at the BQ tennis courts. Mixed doubles will practice from 6-7:30pm. Men’s and women’s doubles will practice from 7:30pm-9pm (or until lights out!).

There will be door prize drawings, including a chance to win a new tennis bag with a \$50 gift card inside! Donating non-perishable food items for the Watertown Food Pantry will earn you additional chances to win!

**PRACTICE
MATCHES! KICK
OFF THAT RUST!**

**WATERTOWN
FOOD PANTRY
FOOD DRIVE!**

**COOLER NIGHT
WITH DRINKS AND
SNACKS!**

**WIN PRIZES!
TENNIS BAG WITH
A \$50 GIFT CARD
INSIDE!**

**SOCIALIZE AND
HAVE FUN!**

**WATERTOWN TENNIS
ASSOCIATION**



Brandt/Quirk Park
Watertown, WI

watertowntennis.com

Calendar

2017 WTA Calendar

First Mailing.....	Beginning of March
Registration due	April 15
Schedules Mailing	Beginning of May
“Kick Some Rust” Kick-Off Event/Cooler ...	May 10
Midwest Team Tennis youth program early registration...	May 14
Match Schedule Begins/Cooler	May 17
Midwest Team Tennis youth program final registration ...	May 28
Cooler.....	May 31
Midwest Team Tennis youth program starts	June 13
Cooler.....	June 28
Cooler.....	July 26
Riverfest Mixed Doubles Tournament.....	August 12
Last night of regular matches/Cooler.....	August 16-17
Make-up Matches.....	August 23-24
All scores due.....	September 3
Awards Gathering.....	September 13

This year’s Board Members are:

President – *Dan Leija*

Secretary – *Jamie Thomson*

Publicity – *Laura Nechkash*

Coolers – *Chad Fredrick*

Awards Gathering – *Laura Nechkash/volunteers*

Schedules – *Clayton Kratzer*

Website – *Clayton Kratzer*

Treasurer – *Dan Olejniczak*

Scorekeeper – *Vicki Larsen*

Riverfest Mixed Doubles Tournament – *Dan & Monique Leija*

A big thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to make this league great!

2017 WATERTOWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

One person per form. Please fill out the form COMPLETELY.

Registration Cost:

If you live and/or work in Watertown - \$30.00 membership fee per person

If you live and work outside Watertown - \$35.00 membership fee per person

If are signing up just to be on the sub list - \$15 membership fee per person

Cash or check made payable to: **The Watertown Tennis Association**

Return payment and form to:

Clayton Kratzer - 708 Mary Knoll Lane, Watertown, WI 53098

Sign-up Deadline: April 15th, 2017 - No forms accepted after April 15th, NO EXCEPTIONS! Please include payment with registration. If no payment is received by the due date, you will not be put on the schedule!!

Please Print Clearly!

Name: _____

Address, City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ @ _____

Referred/Referred By: _____

May we send the schedules mailing to you via email? [] yes [] no

Check here if you do not want your email address printed in the mailing. []

Doubles - Wednesday Night

One-hour matches will be scheduled for the time slots within each category. **Make sure each partner specifies the same league, level, and their respective partner's name.**

[] Women's doubles -- 6pm (overflow 7pm) { } Beginner { } Intermediate { } Advanced

Partner's Name: _____

[] Mixed Doubles – 7pm & 8pm { } Beginner { } Intermediate { } Advanced

Partner's Name: _____

[] Men's Doubles – 8pm & 9pm { } Beginner { } Intermediate { } Advanced

Partner's Name: _____

Singles - Thursday Night

[] Women's Singles (6:30pm) { } Beginner { } Intermediate { } Advanced

[] Men's Singles (8pm) { } Beginner { } Intermediate { } Advanced

⇒ Do you want to be listed as a substitute? [] yes Level: _____

⇒ Are you interested in a Senior League (50 and over)? [] yes Level: _____

Please indicate doubles or singles. This would depend on the number of interested members.

Please be sure to still indicate above what you are signing up for. A senior group being formed would be dependent on how many players/teams are interested.

⇒ If you would like to play doubles, but do not have a partner, please email Clayton Kratzer at wtawebsite@charter.net or write it in on this form. A list will be made and people paired up when possible.

Please read and sign:

League rules require anyone who is unable to play when scheduled to notify his/her opponent not less than 24 hours prior to play. I understand the importance of this rule and all other league rules and I will fulfill the expectation.

Signed: _____