

Welcome back everyone! Once again after a very white winter and a wet spring, we are very happy to see the green grass and courts ready for play. As always, we expect a busy tennis season, filled with activities for all ages and levels. The best way to keep connected to all of the many activities and programs is to check out the club calendar, make sure we have your correct email, keep checking the information on the tennis web page, (www.ygtclub.com) and come in to the pro shop anytime.

Kicking off the busy spring season is the Margarita Mixer on May 6th. We offer clinics to help improve your game, and the 5-week Spring Clinics start the week of May 9th. Saturdays starting May 14th, we run Cardio Tennis 8:30-9:30 and will add Stroke of the Week clinics. Cardio Tennis is a fun workout from 8:30-9:30. These are just some of the programs we offer and they are a great way to get to meet other tennis-playing members and improve your game. Ball machine usage and private lessons are available 7 days a week. Just call ahead or sign up at the pro shop for these and all events.

On the weekend of May 14-15, we will be hosting a club filled event to benefit Susan G. Komen Rally For the Cure. There will be Golf on Saturday and Tennis on Sunday. We will most likely hold a Bridge event during the season. The past 2 years have been a big success and once again this year we are having the event on separate days to maximize participation. Each person who donates receives a bag of goodies and a great magazine subscription of their choice. The tennis portion of the event will be on Sunday May 15th from 9-11 for all levels, 11-1 for more advanced play, and at 1:00 for all junior players. All are welcome to attend and support this event, so spread the word. Sign ups will be posted throughout the club. If you can't attend and would like to support the cause, please make your checks out to Komen for the Cure.

Our staff is very helpful and knowledgeable about the activities that we offer. They can help you with booking courts, share their knowledge on racquet and stringing technology, and help you with your pro shop purchases. Most of our staff has been working or playing at the club for many years. Our teaching staff is outstanding as many are past juniors in the program and have been very successful on their tennis and athletic teams in high school and college. Joining our staff this year is Sam Karlin. Sam has been teaching all ages and levels of players around the Westchester County NY area for the past 10 years. He is an avid world traveler, a Columbia grad, and is very much looking forward to working with everyone at the York Golf & Tennis Club.

In our tennis pro shop, our prices are always fair and competitive and we match prices from other stores. Obviously, we are a small tennis shop where we can give you the attention and information needed when trying out racquets, and we appreciate your support. We stock and sell the popular Prince, Babolat and Head racquets, and we offer demos for you to try out. The new technology is certainly worth a try. If you aren't in the market right away for a new racquet-our restringing special is also a big help to your game. You should always get new strings in the beginning of your tennis season and usually later on in the summer. Many factors affect your racquet –weather, type of play, court surfaces, non-use, and even how you store your racquet.

The tennis building is a very busy social activity center. The elevated views from the decks are great for those sitting out and watching tennis. All of the Friday night mixers and holiday mixers are extremely popular. For the large holiday mixers, to accommodate and maximize tennis play for all, we will have sign ups for staggered times so there will be constant tennis. You can sign up for play from 8:00-10 or 10-12. The Friday night mixers will be always starting at 5:00, but we can accommodate players that show up later. Balls will be supplied and there will be a nominal charge to your club account. For all the mixers there will be a drawing for winners that will receive pro shop gift certificates. There is always a tennis bar set up on the Friday night mixers,

so come on down, have a drink and watch even if you are not playing. Everyone is welcome. The popular drop in programs will begin on Monday May 16th at 5:00 for all men and women. Courts will be blocked off for members to come and play. Remember to sign in when you show up ready to go out to the court.

This season we will be trying some new playing programs for all levels of players. We will be trying to add more combined levels of 7.5 mens doubles play, more 3.0 and 3.5 mens and womens doubles and combined levels of mixed doubles play. We will be sending out emails and posting info at the pro shop, so please make sure you get on the email list. We will be trying these in the spring before the busy summer season starts. In order to participate in these programs, you will need to be USTA rated. You can self-rate on the www.USTA.com web site. There is no charge to self-rate. There may be a chance to have someone come and verify the ratings, so please try to be realistic about your ability and level of play. If you are unsure, please play at the lower level and work your way up. The first “play day” will be Saturday May 21st from 2-4 for 2.5 and 3.5- players. Sunday May 22nd from 2-4 will be for 3.5+ and 4.0 players. Sign up at the pro shop.

Presently, we are also working with other clubs on setting up matches during the season and working on a formal “Cup event” that will include all groups and levels of play to compete against other clubs. It will be competitive but fun.

We will be doing more email reminders this year so please make sure we have your correct email address so that you won't miss out. Email anytime and we will get back to you as soon as we can. If you need to get any of us immediately it is best to call the pro shop. We all look forward to seeing you all again and working towards another positive and fun filled tennis season.

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