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Congratulations to all of us for coming this far. We have made a commitment to join together around tennis. I like that I share a love for tennis with all of you.

Purchasing, opening, and running the Woodstock Tennis Club has been a challenge, and the challenges will continue. Thank you for putting your efforts and money where your heart is. How satisfying it is to have worked together and succeeded. I am proud of the process; I am proud of what we have done.

We wanted to be inclusive, to encourage people to personally participate in the work to be done, so we offered a discount of up to \$100 per person for work credits. If you have some job that you would like to do, please suggest it to the executive committee: Tim Delaney, Adam Schwartz, or me. If you want to be assigned work please talk with Jay Petrowsky, her e-mail is jay1@ulster.net or leave a message for her at the club. If you do not get called or for any reason don't work, we will be asking you to pay the balance of your membership. It has become obvious that not everyone will work. Understand that this income will be an important factor in meeting our expenses. Consider volunteering and not taking your work credit.

We have all participated in some way, but as always the great majority of work is done by a few people. I want to thank all the members of the board, and all the others who have given so freely of their time and talents.

The board is open to your help and input. Please step forward and offer your skills. We may not need them right now, but it will be helpful for us to know what skills our members have to offer.

I encourage trial members to join us and become certificate holders. We need your support. A single membership certificate costs just \$2,000. It can be paid over two years, if necessary. Please fill out a form and sign up today.

I want to especially welcome our new club manager, Jaime Bravo. Jaime has been sent to us by the tennis gods to nurture our courts into prime condition. Jamie loves tennis, and it shows in his enthusiasm on the court and for the courts. We are lucky to have him this summer.

Keep the calendar we just sent out on your refrigerator. Join in the potluck dinners each Friday evening. Play someone on the ladder and rinse off under our new outdoor shower (water compliments of Dr. Randy Rissman), participate in the round robins, play in the tournaments, support our pros by taking a series of lessons, recommend a young person try our tennis camp for a week, use our new bulletin board to look for games or sell a racquet, or just stop by and watch some tennis and have some fun.

I look forward to seeing you on the courts.

David Marell

# Tips from WTC's Pros

## Seek Consistency

By Steve Josephs

It turns out that the most important factor in becoming an improving tennis player is not your racquet, sneakers, clothing or the ability to "smoke the ball", it is consistency.

A wonderful way to practice hitting the ball with regularity is to find a wall somewhere, draw a netline in chalk three feet from the bottom of the wall (the height of a net) and see how many times in a row you can hit the ball above that line.

While you are hitting against the wall stand closer to it and try keeping the ball going without letting it hit the ground. This will be much harder but will improve your volley.

Finally, find a partner who will share your desire and ability to keep the ball going rather than blasting the ball past each other. As you both get better and better at this you will be participating in the dance of tennis. This, I'm sure you'll find, can be sublime.

## Has this ever happened to you?

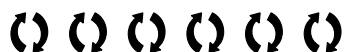
By Jaime S. Bravo

You are playing a match against a team that you know you should beat. You and your partner play a great first set, serving and volleying, and really taking over the net. You're both in a great mood and expect to walk away with the match, but all of a sudden the momentum swings. In the second set your rivals suddenly start staying on the baseline, lobbing, getting to your solid deep volleys, and generally frustrating the heck out of you. What do you do now?

Sometimes in this situation a team will lose confidence with their net game and stop rushing the net. They will stay back themselves and start playing their opponents' game and eventually lose to an inferior team.

Whatever you do, don't stay back and play their game. You'll end up having long baseline rallies which is not your strong point to begin with. Still come to net but don't volley deep. Keep your volleys short and angled. Chip your net approaches no deeper than the service line. This will keep your opponents out of position and off balance.

Having this angled underspin shot in your repertoire will definitely move your doubles and singles game up a notch.



# Junior Camp

Woodstock Tennis Club  
Junior Camp accepts  
players aged 6 to 16 at  
all levels of play.

Camp lessons work on  
strokes, strategy, and  
sportsmanship.

Peter Fein, the Camp  
Director, is a certified  
USPTR instructor. He  
coaches the highly  
successful  
Onteora High School  
Tennis Team.

Camp sessions run  
Monday through Friday  
noon to 3:30 pm  
through August. Camp  
breaks for a half hour  
lunch at 2 pm.

5 Day Session  
Member: \$120  
Non-member: \$130

One Day  
Member: \$30  
Non-member: \$35

For more information  
call  
679-0757  
or  
679-5900

# WTC 2000 Calendar

## Now through August

You schedule matches.	Tennis Pyramids. <i>See page 7 for details.</i>
Wednesdays 5 - 7 pm	Team Tennis Round Robin for all levels of play. Just show up by 5 pm, and you'll be put in a match.
Fridays 5 pm start	Social Tennis, Potluck & Interclub Play Guests \$10
Weekdays 12 - 3:30 pm 22nd 10 am start	Junior Tennis Camp ages 6-16. <i>See ad on left.</i> Men's Member/Guest Doubles Tournament

## July

	Guests \$10 <i>Filled. Waiting list sign up.</i>
24th 5:30 pm start	Ladies' Night at Zena Rec. Tennis and dinner. <i>Sign up with Jay Petrowsky by July 22nd.</i>
29th & 30th 8:30 am start	Members' Tournament Singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Prizes. <i>Sign up by July 26th.</i>
5th & 6th 1 - 4 pm	Adult Weekend Clinic

## August

	On court instruction, drills, games, refreshments, and prizes. Cost \$95. Space is limited to 12 campers, so sign up early. <i>Register by July 31st.</i>
12th 1 pm start	Century Mixed Doubles Players' ages must add up to 100 or more. <i>Sign up with your partner by August 10th.</i>
19th 1 - 4 pm	Women's Member/Guest Doubles Tournament Guests \$10 <i>Members sign up with a guest by August 15th.</i>
26th 2 pm start	Handicap Battle of the Sexes <i>Sign up with a same-sex partner by August 24th.</i>
3rd 4 pm start	Labor Day Weekend Picnic & Tennis Party Bring a dish and beverage to share. No guest fee.

## September

9th 9:30 am - 1:00 pm	Pro/Am Exhibition <i>See page 7 for details.</i>
10th through end of Sept 8:30 am start	Woodstock Open Tournament <i>Entries due by September 3rd.</i>
22nd 5 - 7 pm	Farewell Party for Jaime

✍ ✍ ✍ Sign In Please ✍ ✍ ✍

You may think you are the only insert your first name here at WTC, but you may not be. Please when you sign up for court time make membership record keeping easier for Vivienne and Jaime by:

- Using your first and last name
- Printing clearly
- Following your name with (U), (L), or (G) to indicate whether your membership status is Unlimited, Limited, or Guest.

## ✂ ♪ WATER SHED ♪ ♂

The shed's half door is gone. The new back door is full size and this means that the door opening is also. What a blessing to every one of us who forgot to duck! Doors now cover the shed's front opening. The doors fold back so that the shed can be wide open during the day to let in those Zena zephyrs; they can be closed for locking the shed overnight. A fresh coat of paint and track lighting have brightened the shed's interior. The birds and other wildlife (🐦🐦) like the shed improvements and are continuing their leases.

Dr. Randy Rissman let the Club hook up to the Maverick Health Center's water supply. Near Court 1, WTC now has a water fountain, a spigot, and a shower head.

Running water was a pipe dream a year ago. Do we dare hope for flush toilets?

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## LESSONS



Do you want a better backhand? Any backhand? More depth on your volleys? WTC's pros will help you meet your tennis goals. You get a discount when you prepay for three private lessons.

Jaime Bravo	679-5900
Peter Fein	679-0757 679-5900
Steve Josephs	657-6004 679-5900

Private Hour Lesson		
	Member	\$45
	Non-member	\$50

Private 1/2 Hour Lesson		
	Member	\$25
	Non-member	\$28

Three private lessons (pre-paid)		
	Member	\$120
	Non-member	\$135

Group lessons are available.

## Help Wanted

### Weekday Desk Coverage 11:30 - 3:30

Answer the phone, greet members and visitors, sign players and campers in, supervise junior campers, explain the club fees to prospective members, collect and record fees. Aug 1, 4, 11, 17, 18, 22-25, 28-31

### Weekend Desk Coverage noon - 3:30

Same responsibilities as Weekday Desk Coverage without junior campers. Check with Jay Petrowsky for dates.

### Event Coordinator - Interclub Party

Pick a Friday night and arrange an interclub party at WTC with Zena Rec, Hurley Rec, or Hyde Park Tennis.

### Printer

Someone who prints clearly (G.S. need not apply) to update the white board with the upcoming events. Get all the event details from Jaime and update the board weekly.

### Event Coordinator - September 3rd

Organize the event and make it happen. Set up and break down tables. Make sure there are enough supplies - plates, napkins, etc. Clean up. Get a crew together if you need help.

### Court Maintenance

WTC's courts need additional material and calcium spread. Heavy lifting. Call Jaime for dates & to sign on.

### Define your own work

Figure out how your special talents can help WTC. Get pre-approval for work credit from a board member.

### Webmaster

Keep WTC's website up to date. Work from home. Minimal html knowledge required. If you don't know how to design a web page, this is a great opportunity to learn.

### Gardening

Help keep the garden looking good. While you're at it show the plant illiterates (you know who you are) what's a weed and what's a keeper.

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Apply for the positions by contacting Jay Petrowsky at the club (679-5900) or at home (679-6273) or by e-mail at jay1@ulster.net.

## WTC Work Report

Using member labor to perform essential tasks and thus control expenses is an integral part of the club's management plan. At the same time, it brings the WTC community closer together (you should have been there for the trench-digging sessions!) This year, it is the individual member's choice to work or not, and a discount is offered to members who complete a work commitment.

WTC members installed windscreens; ran our new water pipe; arranged and ran our opening day, "Jaime day" and "camp day" parties; refurbished and painted the shed; staffed the desk; wrote a newsletter; created posters; wrote and placed ads in the newspapers; and more. Just look around - if it needed doing in the early season, members did it! Now, our work is complemented by Jaime's efforts.

Want to know how to get your work credit? Pick a task from the help wanted section, or get a board member to pre-approve something else you think the club needs. Do the work, and enter your name with the day, time and task on our work log sheet (available at the desk). Get it initialed by a board member, and you've got your credit.

For those who elected to sign up for the work option, the responsibility to complete that work is their own. Chasing people to get them to work just creates more work. We'll reconcile near the end of the season. If you don't complete the work, but signed up to do it, you are obligated to pay the difference. If you've changed your mind, and decided not to work, why not send your check now?

There have been hundreds of hours worked already. And, a number of members have gone far beyond their required commitment, with no reward but the success of the club in mind. They did it for the love of tennis, and for all of us - we're member-owned. Think of it as a favor done for you, personally, to make your club work.

See you at work!!

# Pro Shop

## Gamma Powerstick Lite 26



This racquet is for players with compact to medium strokes. It has head light balance, a high sweetspot, and low swing weight. Jaime says it is a great racquet for beginners and intermediate players.

Strung	\$ 77
Unstrung	\$ 62

## Accessories

Sun Protection Hat \$10

Headbands:

Nike	\$4.50
Gamma Braided	\$4.00

Thorlo Socks \$9.95

Tennis Balls \$3.25 a can

Grips:

Tourna Overgrip	\$5.00 for 3
Nise Replacement	\$8.00

Deer Park Water \$1

## Stringing

Plain synthetic or Syntex	\$22
Prince synthetic gut	\$25
18 gauge	\$28

Jaime and Brandon can usually string your racquet within 24 hours of your dropping it off. If you need it sooner, they will do their best to get your favorite racquet restrung in time for your next match.

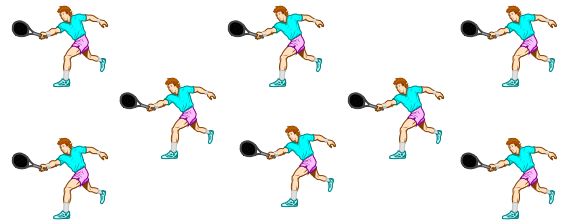
## Lesson Gift Certificates

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Give your partner or friend a lesson. Jaime has gift certificates available for hour and half-hour lessons. It's *okay* to self-gift.

## How to Get a Tennis Court at WTC

- Courts are assigned by desk staff when staff is working, otherwise, by self-service. You must sign in.
- There are no advance reservations.
- Signups are:
  - Singles - 1 hour
  - Doubles - 1 1/2 hours
- **All** players must be present before a court is assigned
- If courts are full, groups are assigned courts in the order in which the group arrived
- You may not be on court and also signed up for future court time



## Court Congestion

The good news is that WTC's membership and play are booming this year, which is important for the ongoing success of our club. The bad news is that we have seen some abnormal court congestion and longer-than-expected wait times for courts.

While the resulting social scene at the new-and-improved clubhouse has been fun, no one likes a long wait. It's a learning process for us all as new owners. The Board is reviewing options for improved court management. In the meantime remember that Saturday and Sunday before noon, the wait gets long. If you can play at another time, you'll get on faster and often with no wait at all.

## <<<TENNIS PYRAMID<<<

A WTC Pyramid may be the answer to your desire for tennis fun and/or competition. Just make a 'pyramid challenge', and report the results to the club desk or to Kal Kalleberg (679-6640 or kalkall@attglobal.net).

The bulletin board notice provides more information about the dynamics of the Pyramid and challenging and scoring. There is a Women's Pyramid and a Men's Pyramid. It's a great way to widen your circle of tennis friends.

Don't wait another day.



## Membership Report

As of July 13th WTC had 118 active members. 76 are certificate holders (they have paid their initiation fee), and 42 are introductory members. Excluding those members who have not yet paid their annual dues, 43 members play on a limited basis (25 hours) and 68 have unlimited court use.

Members may not use the courts until their dues have been paid. Hourly members will be advised when they have reached their limit. They may buy 10 more hours of court time (\$100) or they may upgrade to unlimited.

Guests may not play on more than five occasions. Guests who have reached this limit will be encouraged to become members.

### Want a Certificate?

**The future of the Woodstock Tennis Club depends on new certificate holders (\$2000 single, \$3500 couple). The money is used for the purchase and improvement of the club.**

**Why not become an owner today?**

## !!First Year Challenge!!

2000 is the first year for lots of things, and at WTC that means a new General Manager/Pro, a volunteer Board of Directors, and a new Volunteer Coordinator. Change is inevitable, and often good. It is obvious that in Jaime we have a wealth of experience (not to mention charm) that can only be good for the club. The others are dedicated volunteers, many putting in far in excess of a hundred hours of uncompensated work for the love of tennis and the community.

For those few members who need reminding, it would be appreciated if your approaches to this team, who are making it happen for us all, remained cordial, coolheaded, and constructive. For the rest (that's most of you), if you see a difficult situation you can help by giving your support for a positive approach to problems.

Thanks.

## Pro/Am Exhibition

Richard Rumble and Jaime are inviting local pros and pros from country clubs in Westchester County to participate in this exhibition. Each pro will be paired with one of Woodstock Tennis Club's better member players (4.5 and above). The event will have a very limited number of entrants. To play in the event sign up early; it's first come, first served. The entry fee is \$10.

This is a chance to see high caliber tennis at your own club. Bring a chair and your sunblock, and get ready to watch spectacular points. You don't want to miss this event.

The exhibition will be Saturday, September 9th, from 9:30 am to 1 pm.



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## WTC News

### Board of Directors

David Marell, *President*  
Debra Zeyen, *Vice President*  
Adam Schwartz, *Treasurer*  
Vivienne Hodges, *Secretary & Membership*

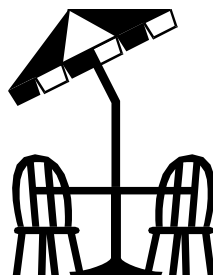
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Tim Delaney  
Peter Fein  
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Rose Koplovitz  
Lynn Malkine, *Events*  
Neil Rubinstein

### Volunteer Coordinator

Jay Petrowsky

### Instructors

Jaime Bravo, *General Manager*  
Peter Fein, *Junior Camp Director*  
Steve Josephs



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WTC has six outdoor Har-Tru tennis courts. Its season runs from May until the last net comes down in the fall. WTC has member players at all levels.

The Club is conveniently located between Woodstock, Saugerties, and Kingston near the intersection of Zena and Sawkill Roads.