

# Winchester Tennis

*Winchester Tennis Association Newsletter, May 2004*

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## Welcome Spring!!!

Welcome Spring!  
And welcome to the  
**76th year of  
Winchester Tennis  
Association**  
activities.

Those of you who  
make use of the  
backboard will be  
pleased to learn  
that a new cement  
backboard is being  
installed this Spring.

According to the  
Recreation Department,  
we can look forward to  
the courts opening on  
or about May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sign up for your season  
pass at the Recreation  
Department, 236 Main  
Street or at the tennis  
courts once the season  
has begun.

## 2004 Tournament Schedule

Please note these dates on your calendars now!

- The Memorial Spring Draw Doubles Tournament.....**May 29-31**  
**(The entry form is attached - sign up now!)**
- NELTA Sr. Men's (50+).....**June 25-27**
- The Coldwell Banker Member/Member - Member/Guest  
Tournament .....**July 17-18**
- The Annual Husband & Wife Tournament.....**August 14-15**
- The Juniors Tournament .....**August 16-19**
- The Annual Fall Town Championships .....**Sept. 11-12 & 18-19**



**WINCHESTER SAVINGS BANK PRESENTS**  
**ANNUAL DONNIE ELLIS MEMORIAL DRAW DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

**MAY 29-31, 2004**

**SPONSORED BY THE WINCHESTER TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

This tournament, whether you are a seasoned player or an absolute beginner, is one of the best ways in town to meet new people. The format is a "Blind Draw" meaning you enter on your own and are paired with a partner.

Simply complete the attached entry form, check off your skill level (A, B or C) and which event(s) you'd like to compete in. You will then be matched with a partner where you'll have lots of fun competing - regardless of the outcome.

Events are Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles and Family Doubles. Play will commence on Saturday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m. and continue throughout the 3-day weekend.

Included in this tournament weekend will be a special memorial celebration for Donnie Ellis, including the renaming of the Packer Ellis Courts and the renaming of the tournament. The fantastic courts and the beautiful grounds we all enjoy would not be as they are without Donnie's selfless dedication.

More details about Donnie and the Memorial Celebration will be in the next issue. For more information, please see Vinny at the Packer-Ellis Courts, call Gordon Nicholson at (781) 721-2724 or email [m.poppler@comcast.net](mailto:m.poppler@comcast.net).

We are looking forward to opening the 2004 season with tennis enthusiasts of all ages and levels on the courts!

## What is the WTA?

You may be wondering what the WTA does with your membership dues (Adult \$10, Child \$1, Household \$20). Now, you'll wonder no longer. The WTA:

- Runs tournaments throughout the summer at the Packer-Ellis courts, to include finding and maintaining event sponsors, purchasing trophies and updating the engraving on permanent trophies
- Advocates for the tennis community with town officials
- Provides materials and guidance for the upkeep of the clay courts such as Donnie's Memorial, flowers, etc
- Advocates for the high school teams' use of the courts at the Winchester Swim & Tennis Club
- Donates banners to the Winchester High School Tennis teams for the WHS gymnasium
- Keeps the tennis community informed on tennis related issues
- Provides an opportunity to purchase WTA logo sportswear
- Maintains all historical records of the WTA, dating back to the WTA's formation in 1929.
- Maintains an active web site, [www.winchestertennis.org](http://www.winchestertennis.org)

To join the Winchester Tennis Association, please make your check payable to: **WTA** Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Child: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1.00 Household: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 20.00

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send dues to either:

Erik Hamilton, 67 Wildwood Street, Winchester, MA 01890 or

Kerry Bergin, 6 Euclid Avenue, Winchester, MA 01890

## Coming Soon... New WTA Sportswear

*Now you have the perfect Graduation or Father's Day gift...* New for the 2004 Season - Brand new sporty, stylish and comfortable WTA Sportswear including Men's shirts, Ladies shirts, baseball caps and more.

Look for more

information in the next newsletter. Items will be available for purchase at all tournaments including the Memorial Day Spring Draw. An order form for these "must-have" items will soon be available at

[www.winchestertennis.org](http://www.winchestertennis.org)

To Promote and Develop the Growth of Tennis in Winchester.

## See you on the Courts!...

*We hope you enjoyed the first issue of the WTA 2004 Newsletter. If you have any topics or events you'd like to see covered in future newsletters or on [winchestertennis.org](http://www.winchestertennis.org), please let us know.*

*We look forward to seeing ALL of you out on the courts and in upcoming tournaments!*

*Sincerely,*

*Your 2004 WTA Officers:*

*Erik Hamilton, President*

*Michael Poppler, V.P.*

*Kerry Bergin, Treasurer*

*Gordon Nicholson, Member, Board of Governors*

*Meredith Poppler, Publicity*

Fee and application must be received before 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 26.

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MAY 29-31, 2004

**CHAIRPERSON:** Gordon Nicholson (781) 721-2724

**EVENTS:** **\*\*Men's Doubles\*\*\*\* Ladies Doubles\*\*\*\* Mixed Doubles\*\*\*\* Family Doubles\*\***

**SCHEDULE:** Draw sheets will be posted at the Packer-Ellis Courts on **Friday, May 28 between 5-7PM. Players must consult the draw sheet to determine their first round starting times.** Play begins Saturday, May 29 at **9AM** and players must be available through Monday. Players are asked to arrive 15 minutes before schedule match time. **Players arriving 15 minutes after schedule time may be forfeited.** In the case of inclement weather, the tournament will be moved to the W.I.L.T.C. indoor courts. Players will share the costs of indoor play.

**FEE:** \$6.00 per person per event for Winchester Tennis Association (WTA) members; \$12.00 per event for non-WTA members. (Note: you may join the WTA during the weekend of the tournament.) Players are limited to two events. Please make check payable to **WTA**. Fee and application must be received before **6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 26**. Send application to: **Gordon Nicholson, 3 Ardley Rd., Winchester, MA 01890; or leave it with Vin Palumbo at the Packer Courts.**

**RULES:** The tournament is open to season pass holders, high school age and over. Those that do not have a season pass will need to pay a guest fee (\$8.00 resident/\$12 non-resident) each day of the tournament. In all events except for Family Doubles, players enter individually and are then paired by the Tournament Committee. Family Doubles is limited to immediate family members (i.e., no in-laws), but teams of **all** ages are welcome. All players/teams will bring a new can of balls to each match. Match winners will keep the unused can of balls and sweep the court! Play is 2 out of 3 sets; 12 point tiebreaker.



Women's Doubles	Men's Doubles
Name: _____	Name: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____	E-Mail: _____
Level: (Circle One) A B C	Level: (Circle One) A B C

Mixed Doubles	Family Doubles
Name: _____	Name: _____
Phone: _____	Partner _____
E-Mail: _____	Phone _____
Level: (Circle One) A B C	E-Mail: _____



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