

TOURNAMENTS:

Now that the outdoor tennis season is upon us, it is time to think about participating in the Club's tennis tournaments. At the bottom of this announcement is a listing of the various tournaments and the scheduled dates. The Tennis Committee will implement a similar format as last year to expedite the completion of our four major open doubles tournaments. The age group tournaments will continue to be run as in the past (with scheduled dates for the completion of each round and tournament directors in charge of making sure the draw moves forward in a timely manner). The Open Tournaments will be administered by the Tennis Director.

The Men's Open Har-Tru and Open Grass Singles Tournaments will continue to run as last season. These events will not have scheduled first and second round matches on the weekends. Each match will instead have **"to be played by"** dates and matches must be played by that particular date. Each round will have a certain time frame (generally 10-14 days) in which that round must be completed. The completion date will be on a Sunday and will have a time assigned to it so in the case that the match was not played, the player at Orange Lawn on that date and time will move on in the draw. If neither player is here, both will be defaulted and the tournament will move on. It is not our desire to default anyone but tournaments of this size can move so slowly that none of them are ever completed if we let people play at their own pace. Please do not enter tournaments if you cannot play your matches within reasonable time frames, it is unfair to your opponent and the tournament. As the Tennis Director, I absolutely hate to default anyone. Please enter only the events you have time for.

The Ladies Har-Tru and Grass Doubles Tournaments will be run over **"three day periods"** listed below for each event. In the past we have tried to run these events with opponents scheduling their own matches and it has not worked. Therefore, these events are now scheduled over three days and all players must clear their schedules for those days or they will not be allowed to enter. In addition, match times will be set at 10:00 A.M. each day unless all four players agree on an alternative time that day. Any match not completed will result in a default and the tournament must move on as scheduled. Tournament dates are listed below:

Ladies Har-Tru Doubles	July 15, 16, 17
Ladies Grass Doubles	July 22, 23, 24

Sign ups:

1. **All sign ups must be made in the Tennis Pro Shop or on the bulletin board located in the breezeway (between courts 1 & 2 and the pool).** Please call the Pro Shop at 973-762-8689 or email oltcpro@aol.com. Do not call the front office, sign ups will not be accepted.
2. All sign ups for tournaments will be posted and emailed 14 days in advance of that particular tournament. All tournament draws will be made and posted 7 days in advance of the start date of each tournament. **Once the draw is made, no more participants will be allowed, no exceptions.** It is your responsibility to sign up for the tournaments you would like to play in. Please do not ask to be admitted into a tournament once the draw has been made.
3. There are four weekend tournaments listed below. They are intended to start and finish that weekend. Times will be set and are not flexible. Please clear your weekend schedule if you would like to play in these. Match times and dates will not be changed.
 - A. Men's Open Grass Doubles (July 5-6)
 - B. Open Grass Mixed Doubles (July 19-20)
 - C. Men's Har-Tru Doubles (July 26-27)
 - D. Open Har-Tru Mixed Doubles (Aug 2-3)

Be prepared to play at least 2 matches a day, two on Saturday and two on Sunday.

4. Please understand that everyone has a schedule and things they must do. Enter the tournaments that you know you have time for. We do not want to default anyone but the tournaments must be scheduled to ensure completion of all tournaments.
5. Tournaments will be scheduled for the most part to allow members to participate in both team matches (Saturdays) and tournaments. Sometimes, this is simply not possible. In the case of team matches and tournaments conflicting, tournaments have priority. Do not sign up for both – match times for tournaments will not be changed. Please coordinate with your captains on this.

Any questions regarding a tournament's format, match schedule, etc. should be directed to the Pro Shop.

The start dates of this year's tournaments are as follows:

2008 Club Tournament Schedule:

Men's Har-Tru Singles over 55	June 8 – September 7, 2008
Men's Har-Tru Singles Open	June 1 – July 13, 2008
Men's Har-Tru Doubles Over 55	June 8 – September 7, 2008
Men's Har-Tru Singles Over 65	June 8 – September 7, 2008
Ladies Har-Tru Singles	May 30 – June 19, 2008
Men's Har-Tru Doubles Over 65	June 8 – September 7, 2008
Ladies End of Season Team Lunch	June 18, 2008
Men's Open Grass Singles	June 15 – July 28, 2008
Men's Har-Tru Singles 45's	June 8 – September 7, 2008
Ladies Grass Open Singles	July 5 – July 26, 2008
Ladies Har-Tru Doubles	July 15, 16, 17, 2008
Men's Open Grass Doubles	July 5– July 6, 2008 (Weekend)
Men's Member Guest	July 9, 2008 (Wednesday)
Ladies Member Guest Luncheon	July 10, 2008 (Thursday)
Ladies Grass Open Doubles	July 22, 23, 24, 2008
Mixed Doubles Open Grass	July 19 – 20, 2008 (Weekend)
Men's Har-Tru Doubles	July 26 – 27, 2008 (Weekend)
Ladies Governor's Cup	July 30, 2008
Mixed Open Har-Tru Tournament	August 2 – 3, 2008 (Weekend)
Men's 110 Tennis Tournament	September 6, 2008
Adult/Junior Tournament	September 6, 2008

Holiday Events

Memorial Day Weekend Morning Special Adult Event (Mixed)	May 25 (26), 2008
Independence Day Davis Cup Team Extravaganza (Mixed)	July 4 (5), 2008
Labor Day Adult Round Robin	August 31 (September 1), 2008

Note: Rain dates are in parentheses

The Tennis Committee along with our Tennis Director has spent a great deal of time reviewing this schedule. With the influx of our new members from the past two years, we anticipate this year's events to be well attended, competitive and very exciting. We encourage players of all levels to participate.

The Tennis Committee,

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