

## THE MARTIN'S DAM CLUB

### PLATFORM TENNIS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

Although we are at what would normally be considered the mid-point of the paddle season, this winter has been cold enough that we may well be playing paddle into June this year. Consider it an opportunity to extend your season.

Although we had numerous volunteers to run the men's club paddle tournament this year, the overwhelming choice was Joe Ryan. He has a wealth of experience in the restaurant business and we are anticipating a shift this year towards more of a white tablecloth event. In accordance with this theme, we are asking that all participants wear "formal" paddle apparel such as wide wale corduroys, turtlenecks, cardigans, etc. Due to the anticipated crush of players, some fine dining will, out of necessity, be taking place outdoors. We have therefore moved the tournament back this year to Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> where we hope to have more commodious outdoor dining weather. Joe can be reached online at [jryan@opentable.com](mailto:jryan@opentable.com), cell#610-659-0315, home#610-688-9663.

Ladies interclub play should be over by the end of January and this should free up some additional morning court times for play or for lessons or clinics with our pro, Scott Falatek. Scott can be reached at 484-431-5353 or at [scottfalatek@hotmail.com](mailto:scottfalatek@hotmail.com).

As in the past, I have noticed that some of our time slots that have been reserved for the season are not being used on a regular basis. There are only a limited number of time slots available and, if your group is not going to use the courts, please be sure to notify Dawn Hahn so that she can make that time available to the membership at large. Reservations can now be cancelled online as well. To release a session, navigate to the platform tennis page, select the session from the drop down list in the "release court" module, and invoke the 'run report' link. I am told this process is a piece of cake.

This year Philadelphia will be the host city for the National Men's and Women's Paddle Tennis Championships to be held on the weekend of March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Our club facilities will be needed for this tournament and it will be necessary to block off time slots for that weekend for tournament play. If possible, we will try to retain one open court for use by the membership at large but it is still too early to tell if that will be possible. I would like to also mention that this tournament will provide an opportunity to see some of the best paddle players in the country and I would recommend that people try to catch some of the play if they can.

As many of you know, guest fees for swimming and tennis add a significant contribution toward the balance sheet of our club. Unfortunately, the paddle tennis program is not carrying its weight in that regard. The Martin's Dam Board has resolved that this situation cannot continue and, as a club we must make every effort to collect appropriate fees for use of our courts by guests.

Guest fees are \$5 on weekdays and \$7 on weekends. A 10 use guest pass is also available at a cost of \$45. Payment should be sent to Martin's Dam Club, P. O. Box 4, Wayne, PA 19087. Recent emphasis on guest fees has resulted in some very welcome payments in the last two months. Nevertheless, I am sure there are still some members who have not as yet met their obligation.

Each of us must take personal responsibility for our own actions and the club is counting on you to do the right thing in this regard.

See you on the courts!

Bob Greenwood  
Paddle Chairman