



Middlebury Indoor Tennis Newsletter Summer 2008

WELCOME! to returning Members: Lory and Pete Doolittle (summer), and Tim Wilcox.

Summer Camps for ages 5–17 at MIT run June 24 through August 8 with several 2-hour sessions Mondays through Thursdays, and Team Matches on Fridays. The 2-hour per-session fees are \$35; the 1-hour sessions for younger recruits are \$20, and there is a large discount for extended commitments.

David Lampson, PTR, will be running the Middlebury Indoor Tennis Junior Camps for the summer of 2008, as well as the Middlebury Park and Recreation Department programs. He will be available for lessons at MIT.

Lampson has run the junior development programs for Queens Club (London), Amelia Island and recently the Killington School for Tennis.

MIT Member Marcus Causton entered an Open Wheelchair Tennis Tournament June 5 - 8 at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows. Matches were played in the Arthur Ashe stadium.

After winning his round of 16 match 6-4, 6-4, he eliminated the number 2 seed, Frenchman Sebastien Husser, in the quarters, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6(3). Husser has been ranked as high as number 32 in the world.

The semi final match went three sets before a loss to the eventual runner-up Joel Dembe of Lynden Ontario, Canada, 6-3, 6-7(6), 6-3. Dembe is the number 2 player in Canada, and is ranked 51 in the world.

Causton's performance earned him enough ranking points to become number 156 in the world.

Two Mixed Doubles Teams from the fall 2007 season just went to the Sectional Tournaments in Portland, Maine, June 20-22 on the strength of their winning seasons: 5-1 for the NTRP 7.0 "Aces" led by Chris Murray, and 4-2 for the NTRP 8.0 "Hicks n Chicks," Stephanie Foley, Captain. In summary, both teams had 1 win and 2 losses in the opening round robin format, and therefore did not qualify for later rounds.

Joining Murray on the Aces are John Ballard, Michele Butler, Karen Didricksen, Curt Gross, Carrie Wulfman, Roger Kimberly, Karen Lueders, Lee Randlett and Marty and Patty Whittemore

Stephanie recruited locals Jim Foley, Chris Murray, Woody Jackson, Sarah Peluso, Rachel Teachout; and added a strong group of out-of-towners: Frank and Aimee Babbott, Mireille Brettell, Robert Bromley, Heidi Greer, Kristen Kenosh, Dennis Langdell, Sarah Szafor and Andrew Shinn.

Two MIT Teams Qualified for the District Tournaments in August. The brand new womens' team, the "Sweet Spots" captained by Cinnie Lawrence, won their division with a 5-1 record in play April through June. Other members of the emerging intermediate level team are Barbara Beatty, Angela Drexel, Judy Fyles, Edwina Ho, Nancy Iwanicki, Julia Hunt, Heather Potter and Jill Thomas.

Repeating the performance of a handfull of past years, the advanced intermediate "Midd Hit Men" have clinched their league title with a present 7-0 record. Joining captain Curt Gross are John Ballard, Graham Clarke, David Ignat, Jim Inglis, Caleb Kenna, Roger Kimberly, David McCluskey, Chris Murray, Lee Randlett, Eric Rice and Tim Wilcox.

The Grass Roots Tennis Camp for VT juniors at the advanced beginners level, ages 12-14, runs August 4–5 at Windridge in Roxbury. Please contact Kirsten McEdward to apply for a place.

MIT Invades Montreal? New Haven? NYC? Our partner Grand Slam Tennis Tours can help with tickets and accommodations.

The Friday Evening Round Robin and open play weekend afternoons will be discontinued for the rest of the summer. Check hours again in the fall.

Massage Therapy in our upper level continues to be offered by Jaclynne Reed (349-8562) and Sally Burrell (453-7397).