# RECREATIONAL SPORTS TENNIS CENTER COURT REPORT JUNE/JULY, 2019

# Highlights from the **2019 SRSA BANQUET**



Tennis Center Team Members at the SRSA Banquet: Ian Rolinson, Bob Brenner, Rebecca Jones, Nick Laskaris, and Megan Couch

This year's Student Recreational Sports Association Banquet was Thursday, April 18 at the Indiana Memorial Union, where we recognized and celebrated outstanding achievements of volunteers, participants, and student employees of IU Recreational Sports. We were honored to award instructor of the year to Emma Lipe and Member Services Associate of the Year, for the second time, to Bob Brenner. They have both demonstrated the All Day spirit in their work ethic, positive attitudes, and by giving 100% effort on and off the court.



Member Services Associate of the Year: Bob Brenner



Instructor of the Year: Emma Lipe

# CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!

Many of us have come to know and love our team members here at the Tennis Center both on and off the court. As the school year comes to an end, we have to say goodbye to some familiar faces. It is a bittersweet time as our graduating seniors begin new chapters in life. We are very thankful for the contributions each of these seniors have made, and we wish all of them the best in their future endeavors. All Day!

Aaron Keepes









Bob Brenner



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Chris Hartpence

Jay Robillard

## **ADULT NEWS**

### SUMMER USTA MATCHES

The IU Recreational Sports Tennis Center is host for eight USTA teams this summer. Both Men's and Women's teams are putting their skills to the test as they battle other clubs across the state. Be on the lookout for matches in progress while you are at the Tennis Center. Giving the home team a small ALL DAY cheer might just be enough to help them score a win!

#### Thank You Captains for Your Dedication! GOOD LUCK!

Men's 3.5 & 4.0	Dan Piekarsky
Women's 4.0	Cheryl Franklin
Women's 3.5	Traci Nagle
Women's 3.0	Linda Welty & Georgina Burker
Women's 55+	Mary Weeks
Women's 65+	Cathy Schaible
Mixed Doubles	Clint Whaley

## **SUMMER IS SERVED!**



The Tennis Center kicked off the summer season with our third annual Summer is Served tournament on June 8 from 11 am - 1pm. We had a great event again this year with members competing in the doubles round robin mixer tournament, which was open to any adult member from intermediate to advanced level. The tournament provides an easy way to have fun on the court and meet some new players.

First Place: Charlie Allen Second Place: Ben Edwards Third Place: Abhi Dawle

## **SPRING TOURNAMENT UPDATE**



Winner of the ACC Spring Tournament Series: Bob Poortinga

Thank you to all of the participants in our first annual Adult Club Championship Tournament Series. We had great turnouts for all 4 events and plan to make this a new tradition at the IURS Tennis Center. Congratulations to our series winner Bob Poortinga, who played in all 4 tournaments and earned the most points throughout the series. Bob showed his doubles expertise by winning both the men's and mixed doubles tournament. That along with a second place finish in the 1 on 1 doubles was enough to give him the win. His success in these tournaments earned Bob a brand new Wilson Pro Staff Racquet!

#### **CIWITL WRAP UP**

A big shout out to all of the ladies that participated in the CIWITL (Central Indiana Women's Indoor Tennis League) this year. As always it was a long season that started in October and just finished up in May. Congrats to our 3.5 team for finishing in second place in their division! That takes a lot of hard work and commitment throughout the season. A big thank you to the team captains for all of their hard work and dedication. This season would not have been possible without all of you. We're looking forward to the start of another fantastic season this fall. All Day!

- 4.0 | Debbie Kuratko
- 3.5 | Tara Babcock and Pat Monson
- 3.0 | Traci Nagle

#### KENTUCKY DERBY SUPER CARDIO

Some of our adult members got into the horse racing spirit during Kentucky Derby weekend with a themed Super Cardio Event. Participants arrived at the Tennis Center bright and early to get a good workout, and competed with a partner in the "Bloomington Derby" to see which pair could complete the cardio circuit in the fastest time. Thank you to everyone who came out and braved the IU graduation traffic to be a part of this fun event. Congrats to Elaine and Kevin Coghlan on posting the fastest time and winning the "Bloomington Derby". Also congrats to Rick Goldsworthy for taking home the grand prize.



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# **JUNIOR NEWS**

## **PUTTING IN THE WORK**

Learning a new skill is fun and flashy. When working through a new method, we often think we have it right away. However, it takes time and effort to sharpen our tennis weapons and become proficient at a new skill. There is no magic solution. Even professional tennis players practice their skills every day! They are working on fundamental concepts, making them stronger and more reliable for when it counts.

Private lessons are great tools—they help us learn new skills, provide one-on-one focused training, and make us feel good about our progress! But remember, there is no substitute for hard work. Consistent practice is essential for solidifying new techniques gained in private lessons. It takes hours of practice and hundreds of reps to master a new skill and make it part of our game. Each summer, we host the Set Challenge, encouraging juniors to play as many sets as possible. If we don't play a ton of practice sets on our own, we can't expect to win sets in a tournament setting when there is more pressure. Competing in sets allows us the opportunity to use the weapons we build through lessons and clinics. We get out what we put in – All Day!



Junior Alexandra Shirley putting in the work practicing her serve.

## **IU JUNIOR OPEN**

The 29th annual IU Junior Open is June 28 – 30 and is Southern Indiana's biggest USTA junior tournament. Each year we host this event to provide our junior players a chance to compete on their home courts, along with creating a top-notch tournament experience for all junior players in our area. Come join in on the fun and watch our juniors play! This is an event where the

majority of juniors in our program compete and get a chance to represent the Tennis Center. If you are interested in helping make this a memorable experience for our junior players, please contact Nick Laskaris at nlaskari@indiana.edu to learn more about becoming an official Supporter of the tournament and junior tennis programs.

#### USTA TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

#### Shout out to TC juniors who showed All Day Effort and Attitude in USTA Tournaments February 16 – May 12!

Mary Asplund Michael Asplund Brooke Bailey Annabelle Blake Ellie Bruce Alex Busch Charles Chen Dev Chopra Tommy Chopra David Ciucu Esteban Crespo Nathan Freedman Katy Hancock Lacy Hancock Bryan Huang Ben Konisky Katharine Lehr Chris Lian Luke Miller Brady Murphy Keira Murphy Briah O'Neal Taylor O'Neal Mason Ross Josh Sang Madelyn Santner Alexandra Shirley Nicholas Shirley Quinn Vasquez Bella Winkler



### CELEBRATING A NEW WARRIOR



Mary Asplund is the most recent recipient of the Warrior Stick. Mary is taking care of all three aspects of her training: attending instructional clinics, practicing informally (with no coach) at the park and booking courts, and entering the world of USTA tournaments. She has an unwavering positive attitude throughout it all. Get to know Mary...

Favorite Tennis Player: Roger Federer Favorite Shot in Tennis: Forehand Top 3 Reasons You Play Tennis:

- FUN
- Lifelong sport
- · Friends and coaches

#### What has Tennis Taught You Most?

You have to work hard and practice to be good, and you don't always win.

**Phrase/Quote/Word that Drives You:** ALL DAY!

#### If You Could Have Dinner With Any 5 People, Who Would They Be?

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- 1. Mom
- 2. Dad
- 3. John (brother)
- 4. Michael (brother)
- 5. Anna (sister)

#### TENNIS CENTER SCRAPBOOK

We love taking, sharing, and seeing pictures of people playing tennis and/or having fun at the Tennis Center. Here are some recent pictures we thought you'd enjoy too! If you have images you'd like to share, please send them to rebajone@indiana.edu.



Instructor Jay with Red Ballers



Member Services Associates Group Picture



Court sweeper Chris going All Day All Over in the Dominican Republic.



Tennis instructors take a minute for a quick pose with our All Day backdrop

#### **TENNIS TIP: WHAT IS UTR?** by Chris Chopra



Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) has grown in acceptance and popularity worldwide. It is the most accurate and reliable global index of

tennis skill available to its users. It works by rating all tennis players regardless of gender, age, or nationality. Players used to be rated by tournament rankings or their NTRP level, but UTR bases your rating on your 30 most recent matches over the last 12 months. Your rating is based on who you played and what the score of the match was. Your official rating is on a scale between 1 (BEGINNER) and 16.5 (FED, RAFA, and DJOKER). This provides a measure of a player's true skill level and allows them to see how they improve over time. As more members become aware of their level it will allow them to compete with other players at their level that might be younger or older. Imagine us hosting an event for our membership for all players (juniors and adults) with a UTR between 3 and 5. That would be cool! I encourage you to visit the UTR <u>https://www.myutr.com/</u> and start searching for your favorite players to see their ratings.

# SOCIAL MEDIA SHOUT-OUT!



Follow us on social media to join in on even more fun! Use #AllDay to share how you focus on having a positive attitude and putting forth full effort in your everyday life.

### FACILITY UPGRADES

We hope you are enjoying the brand new tennis nets. We are looking forward to upcoming facility upgrades including an updated workout facility with possible personal training services beginning this fall, and a vestibule to help lower the humidity in the facility. We will keep you updated when these projects will take place.



## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Summer programs are in full swing and before you know it, information for the Fall will be out. Check our website or with our Member Services Associates for more information about clinics, drills, permanent court time, and more. Don't forget to grab a copy of the Programming Calendars.

