

GEORGETOWN VISITATION TENNIS CLUB

DOUBLES LEAGUE – 1st Session

MAY 10 – JUNE 16

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30th

The spring doubles league (**the first of three during the season**) begins on Monday, May 10th. The purpose of this non-competitive program is to allow club members to participate in a doubles game with partners arranged for you. Duties and responsibilities for all registered players will be established for each match. Four players will be scheduled to play on certain dates and days based on their stated schedules of availability. Matches will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00-10:30am.

Players will be grouped with members of similar levels. **To assess your level, consult the rating sheet at the end of this form.** Players will enter ladies', men's or mixed doubles. In fairness to fellow participants, please register only if you will commit to your scheduled dates of play. Otherwise, place yourself on the substitute list only. The schedule will be sent to registered players shortly after the deadline, which is **Friday, April 30th**. The doubles league is designed for club members to meet new tennis partners and to play "fun" tennis matches.

One member of each foursome will be assigned to call to remind those in your foursome; another will be responsible for supplying a new can of balls, and the other two just need to show up! If your schedule changes and you cannot play on your assigned day, you will be responsible for finding a substitute. If on more than two occasions during this league, a player does not show up, does not make an effort to find a substitute or notify others in the foursome of a conflict, then he/she will be able to participate in future leagues only as a substitute. This league is successful when all four players appear on time for their match or find a substitute when necessary.

There is a **one-time \$20 fee per person**, whether you participate in one, two, or all three leagues as a scheduled participant or as a substitute. This **registration fee is non-refundable** and **must** be mailed with the league registration. A schedule will be sent to all players.

NAME _____

PHONE (w) _____ (h) _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

LEVEL _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Fax # _____

CHECK DAY(S): MON. 6:00 _____ WED 6:00 _____ SAT 9:00 _____ SUN 9:00 _____

CIRCLE DATES YOU ARE UNABLE TO PLAY:

Saturday: 5/15 5/22 5/29 6/5 6/12

Sunday: 5/16 5/23 5/30 6/6 6/13

Monday: 5/10 5/17 5/24 5/31 6/7 6/14

Wednesday: 5/12 5/19 5/26 6/2 6/9 6/16

_____ I would like to be listed as a substitute. Level _____

Days: _____ Mon. _____ Wed. _____ Sat. _____ Sun.

Mail before April 30th with a \$20.00 check payable to:

**Mary Anne O'Donnell
4820 Glenbrook Rd. N.W.
Washington, DC 20016**

Self-Rate with the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP)

This is a simple, self-placement method to group individuals of similar ability for league play, tournaments, group lessons, social matches and club or community programs.

General Characteristics of NTRP Playing Levels—Abbreviated

2.0: This player needs on-court experience. This player has obvious stroke weaknesses, but is familiar with basic positions for singles and doubles play.

2.5: This player is learning to judge where the ball is going although court coverage is weak. This player can sustain a short rally of slow pace with other players of the same ability.

3.0: This player is fairly consistent when hitting medium paced shots, but is not comfortable with all strokes and lacks execution within trying for directional control, depth, or power. Most common doubles formation is one-up, one-back.

3.5: This player has achieved improved stroke dependability with directional control on moderate shots, but still lacks depth and variety. This player exhibits more aggressive net play, has improved court coverage, and is developing teamwork in doubles.

4.0: This player has dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both forehand and backhand sides on moderate shots, plus the ability to use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with some success. This player occasionally forces errors when serving. Rallies may be lost due to impatience. Teamwork in doubles is evident.

4.5: This player has begun to master the use of power and spins and is beginning to handle pace, has sound footwork, can control depth of shots, and is beginning to vary game plan according to opponents. This player can hit first serves with power and accuracy and place the second serve. This player tends to overhit on difficult shots. Aggressive net play is common in doubles.