

GEORGETOWN VISITATION TENNIS CLUB

SINGLES LEAGUE: MAY 10th – JUNE 16th

DEADLINE: Friday, April 30th

The singles league (the first of three during the season) will run for six weeks beginning May 10th. This league is a flexible form of singles play in which four or five players of similar abilities are placed with other players. In fairness to fellow participants, **please register only if you can complete your matches within the six-week period.**

When do you play? You and your opponent can play whenever it is convenient for both of you. Once you have arranged your match, call to reserve the court a day in advance. Matches will be played best two out of three sets, decided by tiebreaks at 6-6. Report match results to Mary Anne or call the club.

Each player brings a new can of balls and the winner keeps the new can. The registration deadline is Friday, April 30th. The league list will be sent shortly after this date. This format is an excellent way for club members to meet new partners of similar abilities, based on mutually convenient schedules. **The singles league is free to enter.**

NAME: _____ PHONE: (w) _____

(h) _____

E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ZIP: _____

LEVEL: _____

TO REGISTER:

Call Mary Anne O'Donnell at 202-207-0626 before April 27th.

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. Ratings range from 1.0 (beginner) to 7.0 (world class professional).

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.