

DENTONIA PARK TENNIS CLUB

SINGLES LADDER 2011

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NEW RULES! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

The Singles Ladder will run from May to September 2011, with playoffs being played in October (*see details below*).

Every month, each player plays a singles match against everyone in their respective box. There are 5 players in each box, so there will be 4 matches to be played each month. Each match consists of a two-set singles match (no third set, regardless of score).

At the end of each month, the boxes are reorganized according to the scores (*see score rules below*). The top two players from each box advance to the box above and the bottom two drop to the box below. One player remains in the same box. In the case of Box 1, three players remain and only the bottom two drop to Box 2.

It is the responsibility of participants to arrange their own match times, provide their own tennis balls, and record match results at the clubhouse.

To remain in the Ladder, every player must play at least 2 matches per month.

REGISTRATION, PAYMENT AND BOX RULES

To register, please contact Carol or Sasha and provide your name, e-mail and phone numbers.

Participants will pay \$2.00 per month to join the Singles Ladder. Payment has to be made until the last day of the previous month. Payment can be made in advance until the end of the Ladder (a total of \$10.00 for 5 months, from May to September).

To join the ladder in May and be assigned a place in a box according to the player's level or last standing in the Ladder, registration and payment must be made until April 30.

Participants who wish to join the Ladder after the beginning of May will be put on a waiting list, and a new box of 5 players will be added to the bottom of the ladder when possible. *Players will not be added to the top boxes if they join after the beginning of May, and there is no guarantee that new players will be able to join the ladder the following month. To make the best out of this Ladder, sign up soon and pay on time!*

Participants will be removed from the Ladder at the end of a month if they did not play at least 2 matches on that month or if they do not pay the fee. If any participant leaves the Ladder, all other players at lower positions will be moved up. Participants who were removed and wish to rejoin the Ladder will be put on a waiting list, and a new box of 5 players will be added to the bottom of the ladder when possible.

PRIZES AND PLAYOFFS

After the end of each month, the **top player in each box** will receive a can of balls.

After the September scores are tallied, the **top 16 players** (Boxes 1, 2 and 3 and the winner of Box 4) will be included in a **Playoff Singles Tournament**. The Playoffs will be a **full-day event** to be held on **October 8th** (or, in case of rain, October 9th, 15th or 16th). If any of the top 16 players is not able to play, other players will fill in according to their standing in the Ladder.

In the Playoff event, balls will be provided as well as food and drinks to all Ladder participants, including those who did not make it to the playoffs. First and second places will receive prizes.

RECORDING SCORES

Every month, each player plays a singles match against everyone in their respective box. Each match consists of a **two-set singles match** (no third set, regardless of score).

Players must record the score of each match in the space provided in the boxes. **Write down the scores from your perspective**, in your row, under the column number of the opponent you played against. *Example: the score was 6-2, 4-6 from your perspective. Record "6-2, 4-6" in your row under the column number of your opponent. Your opponent would record "2-6, 6-4" in his/her row under your column number.*

Final points will be tallied at the end of the month. Month-end standings will be determined by a point system: **1 point per match played, 1 point per set won**. Each player gets a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 3 points per match played. In the event of a tie at the end of the month, the total number of games won will be used as tiebreaker.

There is no default. Players must do their best to contact each other and arrange times. If a player fails to play at least 2 matches in one month, he/she will be removed from the Ladder. **In case of injury or absence**, please inform the organizers if you do not want to be removed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Ladder matches do not have any priority to get court time or to stay on court longer than the other members. Please cooperate with the monitors and respect playing times if you cannot book matches when the club is not too busy.

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