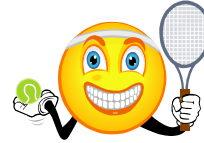


Courtside at Country Walk



There are currently 3 teams playing out of Country Walk for this winter season, all of which are captained by Country Walk homeowners. There are two mixed ALTA teams playing on Sundays at 1:00, and a women's USTA team playing on Saturdays at 1:00. Each team is vying for a spot in playoffs which will begin in February for the USTA women's team, and in March for the ALTA teams. Spring season registration is currently underway so if anyone would like information on playing on a team at Country Walk, please contact Shelia Marshall.

Yes, it has been very cold to be playing tennis, but some, if not all of us, are true die hard tennis "nuts". Our largest obstacle this season, so far, has been our snow and ice the week of January 10th. It took several hours of man (and woman) power to dry our courts in order to play, but, with a lot of extra hands, we were able to get about 14 matches played during that week.

Bob Johnson serves as a tennis liaison on behalf of the teams playing at Country Walk. He keeps updated schedules posted at the courts for the teams scheduled practices and matches; and he makes sure the tennis areas, including courts, fixtures, are in proper working order to meet the regulations for match play; and serves as a general "go to" person with tennis related issues for our teams.

The below was posted to our website after our last newsletter had been distributed. Some of you may have seen it, and some of you may have missed it. We do know that some of you have read it because we have received positive feedback, and inquires from residents about playing on a team, and we also had a few neighbors visit the courts during match play. Stay tuned for future tennis news and wish all of us good luck this season and earning a spot in playoffs.

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Let's Talk Tennis will hopefully be a feature in our Newsletter dedicated to promote the tennis community in our neighborhood.

Fall 2010. Country Walk was "home" to 3 Fall "ALTA" teams, a women's C-7 team captained by resident Morgan Wagner, a B-5 women's team captained by resident Patti Redding, and a B-3 men's team captained by resident Matt Adams.

Winter 2010-2011. There will be a women's USTA team which will be playing in November, December and January on Saturday's at 1:00. There will also be two mixed ALTA teams playing on Sunday's at 1:00 beginning in January.

ALTA (Atlanta Lawn & Tennis Association, www.altatennis.org), is a recreational tennis league with over 80,000 members in the metro Atlanta area. There are also USTA (United States Tennis Association) teams that play out of Country Walk. In addition, the courts are also used by several residents who play on various leagues which feature singles and doubles type formats of play.

Each registered tennis player at Country Walk pays a yearly membership to play on an ALTA and USTA team, and our teams also collect money for the HOA from non-resident members for each season. Aside from the monetary advantage, another advantage is that the visibility of tennis players also serves as a deterrence to vandalism at the courts and other amenities areas. The captains and players adhere to the tennis guidelines imposed by the HOA. All residents of Country Walk are invited and encouraged to come out and support the teams at Country Walk. A tennis calendar is posted on a bulletin board outside the community room with team schedules .

Tennis is a great form of exercise and team camaraderie. Each team and team member is representing Country Walk. Teams come to our neighborhood from all over the metro area and are delighted to see our facilities, our setup, our neighborhood and our “country store”. The tennis serves as a venue for new residents to become acquainted in the neighborhood, and with former residents to stay connected with their Country Walk neighbors.

A lot of positive publicity for our neighborhood comes from us hitting that *little yellow fuzzy ball* on the courts. So, come out and join us sometime - courtside - at Country Walk.

Anyone with any tennis related questions should contact Shelia Marshall, one of our Board Members, who is also an active player on our Country Walk teams.