

# Albany Tennis Club – 2008

*8 top-notch red clay courts in the middle of Albany*



## 2008 Season

The 2008 season at the Albany Tennis Club will begin on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

The Board of Directors of the Albany Tennis Club is proud to announce that Ed Mashmann has been hired to manage the courts at Ridgefield Park for the 2008 season. Ed has been a City of Albany resident for more than thirty years and recently retired from New York State government. He is well known by area tennis players and has been active in USTA and World Team Tennis. Many know him through his

on-line "Mashmann Tennis Club" which, through email, lets the members know about opportunities to play at local courts. Ed has been organizing and playing recreational tennis in the Capital District for many years.

Larry Yakubowski, a former ATC manager, will return to assist Ed and to provide pro services. Larry will be available, by appointment, for private lessons and will provide racquet stringing services.

## How to Join

Visit our new web site at [www.albanytennisclub.com](http://www.albanytennisclub.com) to get the membership application. You can even fill it out on line before you print it. Then, mail it in or bring it to the courts after we open.

## Membership Rates

	<u>Through May 17</u>	<u>After May 17</u>
<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>	<b>\$230.00</b>
<b>COUPLE</b>	<b>\$290.00</b>	<b>\$345.00</b>
<b>FAMILY</b>	<b>\$335.00</b>	<b>\$390.00</b>
<b>STUDENT*</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$115.00</b>
<b>JUNIOR**</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

\* Students are college or graduate students.

\*\* Juniors are high school students or younger

## Special events

- April 26<sup>th</sup> – Opening Day – weather permitting
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – Open House

## Club Hours

**April 26 – May 26**

Weekdays: 8:00 AM – 7:30 PM

Weekends: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**May 27 – August 31**

Weekdays: 8:00 AM – 8:30 PM

Weekends: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**September 1 – October 13**

Weekdays: 8:00 AM – 7:30 PM

Weekends: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

## Weekly Activities

(subject to change)

**Masters in the Morning:**

- Monday, 9 – 10:30 am
- Thursday, 9 – 10:30 am

**Learn n' Play:**

- Tuesday, 11 am – 12:30 pm

**Community Tennis:**

- Tuesday, 6 – 8 pm
- Friday, 6 – 8 pm
- Sunday, 2 – 4 pm

## Membership Survey

Last fall, the Board asked members to complete a survey to tell us about you and how you thought the Club was being managed. We also asked you to give us suggestions on how we could improve. We had 78 responses out of a membership of about 230. We have made every effort to incorporate your suggestions wherever possible in planning for this season.

77% percent of you indicated that having a court available for play in a reasonable time was very important; organized social tennis was considered somewhat important or very important by 76 % of you; group lessons and private lessons were rated not important or somewhat important by about 75%; 96% judged court maintenance as satisfactory;

Your comments are welcome year round. You can reach us by going to the CONTACT ATC link on the home page of the web site and filling out the contact form.



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## Rules and Regulations

- *All players must sign in with the attendant upon entry at the gate.*
- *Appropriate shoes for clay court use are required.*
- *Please remember to sweep the court after finishing play.*
- *If there are players waiting, court time is limited to 1 hour for singles and 1½ hours for doubles.*
- *Guest fee is \$15 per person, payable on entry. Be sure to get a receipt for payment from the attendant.*
- *Guest passes can be used only once, and should be given to the attendant when guest(s) signs the registry.*
- *Please lower the umbrellas and tie with a bungee cord when the club is unattended or weather conditions warrant.*
- *Proper behavior— The use of language that is in poor taste or unsportsmanlike conduct is not acceptable at ATC. If a member or guest repeatedly uses offensive language or exhibits unacceptable behavior, they will not be welcomed at the Club.*

## Why did membership rates increase?

Unfortunately, we are all experiencing significant cost of living increases in our daily lives. The Club is subject to the same economic influences, and after very careful consideration and deliberation, the Board has found it necessary to make a modest change in the annual dues structure, as you will note. Last year, our operating expenses came to about \$30,000. This year however, our known expenses have increased by more than 10 percent and unanticipated expenses such as court maintenance and equipment repair could also rise as we get into the season. Even a slight dip in membership would quickly put us in deficit, and since the Club operates on such a narrow margin [the result of keeping dues to a minimum over the years] we simply cannot afford to "go into the red."

The new dues structure is designed to keep us apace of expenses. Even at these rates, we believe the Albany Tennis Club is still the best tennis bargain in town. Our annual dues are less than most private facilities, who charge for court time on top of the membership. As you well know, we offer unlimited tennis in return for your membership. Hopefully, our hard work in cultivating new memberships will continue, and serve to offset the inevitable attrition that occurs from year to year. We are all invested in this effort, as it is the only real opportunity we have to increase the income side of our balance sheet. If you know anyone who might consider joining, please bring them by, or put them in touch with Ed Mashmann or any of the Board members: we'll sell them on the virtues of the ATC!!

## Board of Directors

Elections were held for Board positions and ballots were counted at the Annual Meeting of membership, held on November 16, 2007 at the Albany Pump Station.

Current Board members re-elected were: Nancy Kutner, Bernie Kinlan, Hank Linett, Ray Koloski, Bob Sinacore, Ira Bloom, Steve Beditz and Bob Wood.

New to the Board this year are Deborah Onslow, Terry Strong and Dennis McGuire.

At their first meeting, officers were elected:

- Bob Wood, President
- Steve Beditz, Vice-President
- Bob Sinacore, Treasurer
- Nancy Kutner, Secretary

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