

THE SOKY RACKET

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A FEW WORDS FROM SOKY TENNIS:

A community provides a sense of belonging for individuals seeking connection. Participating in a community bonded by similar attitudes, values, and goals is an essential ingredient to enjoying a fulfilling life.

The Southern KY Tennis Association (SOKY TENNIS) is a community tennis association (CTA) with an emphasis on community. Since its inception in 2003, SOKY TENNIS has strived to provide and promote tennis programming throughout the South Central KY region. SOKY TENNIS has seen a surge in participation over the years. We are currently riding a wave of increased numbers in our tennis community. This is evident by the following: the newly constructed indoor tennis facility at Michael Buchanon Park (shout out to Warren County Government), increased participation and success in

USTA adult = leagues, newly formed Junior Team Tennis teams, increased participation in Adaptive/Special Populations Tennis, and increased website and social media engagement.

What has influenced this recent interest in tennis? You guessed it....increased community! We have been fortunate to see an influx in volunteers for current programs. I would like to thank all of the SOKY TENNIS board members for continuing to volunteer their time and talents. If you love tennis, you would fit right in as a volunteer, even if you have just a few hours to spare. I'd like to personally thank the following board members for their meaningful contribution. Please ask any of them how you can get involved in your community tennis association.

- Nate Harlan, SOKY President

SOKY BOARD MEMBERS

Evan Barnwell
AJ Benvides
Paula Edwards
Martina Fee
Charlie Gillock
Louise Gillock
Brad Hales
Cameron Levis
Mike Lindsey
Minda Schafer
Chad Young
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Volunteers are needed for the USTAKY State Mixed Doubles Championship here in Bowling Green August 25th-28th! Those willing to help out, please text or call Volunteer Coordinator, Paula Edwards at (270) 392-8998 or Brad Hales at (270) 792-0220 for more information!



A big thank you to all those who have supported USTA adult leagues this year. We have experienced tremendous growth in our leagues and success in at the state championships level. In fact, we have had two teams qualify for Southern Sectionals, team Downing and team Pratt. We have had several other teams that advanced to the Final Four of the state. Congratulations!

Mixed doubles are in full swing. Thank you for all those participating. Just a reminder, Buchanon Park will be hosting the mixed doubles state championship August 25-28. This is a great opportunity for our tennis community to showcase our local tennis talent and top-notch facilities. Good luck to those teams participating: team Owsley, team Stenger, team Sanders, team Nahid, team Stobaugh, team Fee and team Rickard.

Finally, we have started registrations for Combo doubles leagues. Combo doubles is an opportunity for two players with different USTA ratings to play on the court together. For example, someone that is rated 4.0 and partner up with someone that is rated 3.5. For the first time, Bowling Green will be hosting the state championship out at Buchanon Park, October 27-30. If you are interested in being a captain or getting connected to a team, please don't hesitate to contact me.

-Brad Hales, USTAKY League Coordinator
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UPCOMING EVENTS

MIXED DOUBLES

2022 MIXED DOUBLES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: August 25 - 28, 2022

Location: Bowling Green, KY

For more information:

sokytennis.net/tournaments



Bowling Green Parks & Rec Tennis Camp

For kids and adults, through October 28th

To sign up: <https://www.bgky.org/bgpr>

CONGRATULATIONS



The Greenwood players won the first ever NCJTT Kentucky Team Tennis State Championship last weekend. The team will be traveling to Macon, Georgia August 12-14 to compete in the Southern Section.