

Yonkers Tennis Center Inside the Lines:

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Quickstart Tennis Opening Day....September 4th, 2008



Tennis Week, one of the leading tennis magazines in the country, visited YTC to tape Quickstart tennis in action on opening day. They worked with Assistant Director, Nigel Brown and the YTC staff to make a video about us that is now online.

Check out the new video of Yonkers Tennis Center's Quickstart Program in action as shown on Tennis.com!

FREE QUICKSTART NIGHTS, OCTOBER 4TH AND NOVEMBER 1ST

Our Introduction to QS nights were both successful. Over 45 kids and 60 parents filled the building and created a great atmosphere. We had 6 courts of players in action, 3x QS 36" and 2x 60" as well as one Pre QS court where the kids worked on motor skills and ball/racquet control.

Players were put into two teams, Nadal's and Federer's. Singles matches were played where the result counted towards the team score. Players had a great time and were taught the rules, sportsmanship and fairplay needed to be a tennis player. Being a "team" event made a very non-threatening environment. The Quickstart format was successful and welcomed by all.

Every player who attended received a small prize from the club and the USTA.



There is one more FREE night scheduled for December 6th, 2008
If you are interested in attending please call the club and register.

Yonkers Tennis Center

- **A fun place to work and play**
- **A courteous and fair approach to relationships**
- **A qualified and approachable staff**
- **A socially conscious member of our community**

Still looking for a tennis class or clinic...

- Call our programmer, Suzy Kerper, to set up a free evaluation 11:00am Sundays, to determine your level of play.
- She will find the class or program that's right for you.

-Suzy Kerper 968-6918 ext 314 skerper@yonkerstennis.com

In order to serve you better

- When using our complimentary auto pay system please keep your credit card information updated to avoid a \$25 bank fee
- Lockers are available for daily use only
- Clinic Make up & Snow Policy: If the club does close we will notify you and a make up class will be scheduled
- Clinic Drop Out Policy – three weeks written notice
- Check out our newly updated website www.yonkerstennis.com

YTC has four new Tennis Professionals...



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My name is Santos De Aza Chalas. I was born on March 2, 1973 in the Dominican Republic. I started playing tennis at the age of eight years old. I started at Casa De Campo resort at the tennis courts as a ball boy. I was never taught how to play but I learned by watching the pros at the resort. At the age of 15, I became a very good athlete and player. One of the pros was really interested in my skills and offered to help further my game. At that age I was also a baseball player and I was good at both, so my mother made me decide between tennis and baseball. I decided to focus on tennis. My mother was very happy because tennis clothing was much easier to clean than baseball clothes. The funniest thing that ever happened to me was that at an early age I was a ball boy for a famous actor, Michael Douglas. I did not know who he was until three months later when I saw the movie "The Jewel of The Nile," and I realized who he was. I said "I was that guy's ball boy." I love my profession and I have fun doing it. I'm available for lessons and clinics. I also supervise the Men's Matchplay on Sunday evenings.



Chris Gale ext 319
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Chris Gale; born in Boston (yes a Red Sox fan, sorry!), raised in Perth, Western Australia, and moved back to the U.S. at the wiley (more like "clueless" actually!) age of 19 and has been here since. Fortunate enough to have traveled all over this beautiful country through tennis, from Southern California to the peaks of Vermont.

Chris loves to snowboard, one of the reasons he enjoys living in the northeast, having just moved to NY he is excited to get to know you all!!



Cleary Packard ext 335
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Every player that picks up a racquet and decides to play tennis has a story to tell of, whether it be a youngster in pampers swingin' away or an admirer and avid watcher of the game becoming a new player. The sport has drawn interest worldwide and among all ages. That is the essential beloved thing about tennis, all types of players enjoy the game. It is a lifetime sport offering a physical and mental workout for many. I found tennis at around six years old and fell in love. As an active youth the focus, movement, and independent nature of playing the game was a great outlet for me, keeping me away from the television. I would play with all kinds of players as a youth, day into the night, luckily I lived across from the courts for most of my childhood. I started to compete in my double digits and had a good athletic career throughout college. I saw the options in teaching the sport and doing what I loved for a living, when I was a teenager growing up in Hastings-on Hudson, N.Y. 10 years later I can say I enjoy my profession immensely. When your job duties include: running around all day, affirming peoples' hard work, laughing with kids and finding new ways to make tennis more fun, it is easy to like what you do. I enjoy teaching the game here at Yonkers Tennis and I am thrilled to have such a warm welcome by my fellow pros and the staff. I currently teach the junior programs, private and group lessons, Cardio and Serve & Return clinics.



Mark Santucci ext 303
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Being the youngest and fastest pro here at Yonkers Tennis, I enjoy running around and hitting tennis balls all day long, sometimes all night long as well. I especially enjoy playing with people who like to make the pro run and see them work hard. Nothing is better than seeing your opponent sweat.

I am originally from the smallest state in the country, Rhode Island, and have made the move to The Big Apple. I love living in the city. Nothing is better than driving home through traffic on the FDR, searching for hours to find a parking spot, only to jam into an elevator full of people, stopping at every floor, on my ride up to my penthouse apartment. But I would not change it for the world. What an incredible city!

I look forward to seeing you at the club and having the pleasure of taking you on in a match. Call me if you are game.

YTC welcomes our newest member...a Tennis Pro in training.



Kathy Galante (Office Manager) gave birth to Tyler John Galante
Born May 28, 2008, 11:02pm at White Plains Hospital
8lbs 8oz 20 1/2 inches long
Proud but Sleep Deprived Parents: KJ and Jerry

Tyler is very strong and active, always happy.

Most recent milestones: rolling over, eating rice cereal and finding out he has a voice!
Ecstatic to be a part of the YTC family and looking forward to hitting his first forehand!
You can find him smiling throughout the day in the nursery or lounge.

Yonkers Tennis Center news...

Helping our community one serve at a time...

As most of you know the club has a long tradition of assisting our local community not for profits in many ways. We've added in our mission statement "a socially conscious member of our community" so it's a reminder day in and day out what we stand for as a company. We not only contribute court time, funds & services but more importantly we contribute our time. We volunteer serving on not for profit Boards, our staff assists local schools in their Physical Education classes as well as mentoring the next generation of "good citizens". We're currently active with the **Yonkers Partners in Education** (www.ypie.org) "YONKERS READS!" initiative. The organization has secured over 9000 new books for the 29 Yonkers Public Elementary schools K-3 so each child can take home a bag of books on a weekly basis reinforcing the power of literacy and the benefits it will bring to a quality education. We encourage you to look at YPIE's web site and help out if you can.

This is also the 15th Anniversary of the club's commitment to the "**Sound Shore Medical Center's Holiday Toy/Coat/Food**" initiative. What started as a simple party thanking the hospital for their care when my oldest daughter was born has grown into an event with over 1200 children receiving a new toy, a photo with Santa and live entertainment for all to enjoy. It also provides families in need with over 600 new winter coats and 300+ bags of food throughout the New Rochelle area.

Go to our new web site www.yonkerstennis.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page for details.

Lastly, we've had a long standing commitment to the hungry in our communities and the need is getting scarier. It's not just homeless populations that are served by the over 141 soup kitchens and pantries throughout our area. We partner with the **Westchester Coalition for the Hungry & Homeless** (www.foodclothingshelter.org) in organizing food drives throughout the year as well as providing in-kind support to the organization. There's a collection box currently in our lounge asking for your help.

These are just a few of the many projects we get involved with and give back to our community. Tennis is not only a great sport and a vehicle for my staff and me to make our living, but it also presents a great opportunity and the privilege of using our resources to help out when and wherever we can.

It's more than just tennis at the club! Please help – Joe Curto Jr., President

Why we love YTC...it's a fun place to work out and play.



Cardio Tennis: Cost: \$30 per class

Instructors: Santos Deaza, Chris Gale & Cleary Packard

Designed for the adult player who wants to hit more tennis balls and get a workout. Cost: \$30 per class

Tue 12:30-1:30pm/Fri 12:00-1:00pm/Sat 9:00-10:00am

"Much more fun than a treadmill, I quit my gym membership,"

Rob Baron. "A great tennis workout," Tracy Baron.

"Awesome," Terri Deutsch. "Fun and great exercise,"

Wendy Zimmermann, October 21st, 2008



"We've been with YTC for 2 years. Kenneth loves to play here. It's convenient and the staff is friendly. We hope to continue for years"

-Siony Capellan,
October 21st, 2008

Junior Prize Wheel...

Our popular prize wheel is back!

All players are given a score out of 5 each week based on behavior, attitude, effort and sportsmanship. That score is posted on the point board. Once a player reaches 30, 60, 90, 120 points they spin the wheel and keep the prize.

Simon Visits Justine Henin's Academy for Quickstart Conference September 24-29, 2008

Simon Gale, VP/Instruction, visited former world number one Justine Henin's new 6th Sense Academy in Orlando, Florida for the recent Quickstart conference. The 4 day conference analyzed the system that Henin herself played in as a junior.

The Quickstart concept is one Simon and his staff are using and seeing great results with the young players. While he was there he got to see the official opening of the academy it's first Saturday. Simon saw some of the leading junior players in the country training and using the Quickstart method.

Simon has been invited to speak at the USTA 2009 Eastern Tennis Leadership Conference: Courting Success January 30 - February 01, 2009, on Quickstart.

In recent months YTC has been featured in RSI Magazine, USTA Eastern website and Tennis.com. We are considered the leaders in the Quickstart programs.

-Simon Gale 968-6918 ext 310 sgale@yonkerstennis.com

Thanksgiving Holidays

Seasonal play will be suspended on November 27th through November 30th. There will be no junior or adult clinics or Men's Match Play from November 27th through November 30th.

All these programs will resume December 1st.

However, the club will be open on November 27th through the 30th, for court rentals at a special rate of \$35 per hour.

December Holidays

The club will be closed on December 24th & 25th for court cleaning. There will be no season court play December 24th through January 1st. Season courts will resume January 2nd.

There will be no junior or adult clinics or Men's Match Play from December 24th through January 1st.

All these programs will resume January 2nd.

We will be open for court rentals December 26th through January 1st A special offer court rate of \$35 per hour during the holiday break.

Junior Tennis Upcoming Events

Quickstart players 10 & under "Free Night of Tennis"

December 6th, 7:00-8:30PM

(call the front desk to reserve, limited space available)

USTA Level 3 Tournaments

December 13th Boys & Girls 10 & under 7:00PM Start Time

(To sign up go to www.yonkerstennis.com Tournament Page)

Saturday Pizza Parties

November 22nd Saturday 7:00-8:30PM

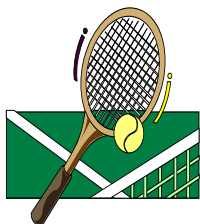
(call the front desk to reserve, limited space available)

Parent Week

December 11th through December 17th, 2008

Come onto the court during your child's lesson and observe how the professional staff runs a tennis lesson. Bring your own racquet if you want to play in with your child's group!

Junior Clinic Pro Rotation: Our teaching pro's will rotate 6 times during the course of the season. This system enables players to experience their favorite pro and learn from all of our highly qualified staff.



Adult Friday Night Tennis Parties

Come join us on Friday nights for an evening of great tennis, great food and a friendly crowd of fabulous tennis players. We have all levels of players 3.0 to 4.5, everyone is welcomed to join us. For more information call Carmen 718-828-5491

Yonkers Tennis Pro Shop

"Grip and String Special for November" only \$40.00 (plus tax)

Synthetic gut only 16ga and 17ga.

From: Prince (Synthetic gut with duraflex), Wilson (Extreme synthetic gut), Gamma (Synthetic gut)

- Valid November 1, 2008 - November 30, 2008
- Bumper kit if necessary will be an additional charge
- Grip choices: cushion-aire, contour, sponge, duratred

Thanks for stringing along with us... "The String Guru"-Pat Rogers 968-6918 ext 320 progers@yonkerstennis.com



"My re-strung racquet is better than when I bought it new. I'm surprised I lost a point tonight." -Lenny Cooper, 10/26/08

No credit card payment is taken for stringing or re-gripping, cash or check to Pat Rogers only please.

Bring the "Magic of Tennis" to someone you care about:

Gift Certificates available for Open Time, Lessons, Pro Shop, etc.

"A great gift idea for any holiday or occasion."

Minimum of \$25.00. Please inquire at the front desk.