

# CENTER COURT CONNECTION

Mar/Apr 2021

*"the only tennis player you should compare yourself to is the one you used to be!"*

## IMPORTANT DATES:

### Open Pickleball

- Tuesdays 1pm

### Pickleball League

- New Session  
April 2021 Date tba

### Social Event:

Pickleball for Beginners

- March 26, 7-9pm

### CYO Saturdays

- Begins April 10

### UTR Tournament

- Sat, March 13
- April Date tba

For more details or to register for a programs, please visit our website:

[centercourttennisclub.com](http://centercourttennisclub.com)

## Winter Hours

7:30- 10:00 Mon-Fri

7:30-6:00 Sat-Sun

## Pro's Corner

Welcome to our first CCTC newsletter, Center Court Connection. We hope this will be a great way to keep you informed of all the happenings at Center Court and get you involved in something new in the coming months! Whether it's Open Drills, Private Lessons, Start-Restart, Interclub, USTA, Pickleball or our Junior Program, there is something for everyone of all ages and levels at Center Court.

Thank you members and friends! To say the first year of Center Court was a challenge is an understatement, but with strict Covid protocols in place and the cooperation of our members and staff, we have been able to remain safe.

In the coming months, we will be introducing you to the staff and the many offerings at Center Court, including programs offered through the non-profit organization, THRIVE Through Tennis Foundation.

Thank you for your continued support of Center Court Tennis Club! We appreciate all our members and look forward to seeing you on the courts soon!

*Brian Smallwood*

General Manager  
Tennis Director

## USTA Spotlight

Center Court has 7 USTA teams competing this season. Thank you to our team captains for taking on this important responsibility!

Good Luck to all!!



## Summer USTA

Summer USTA season begins in May. CCTC will host mens, womens and mixed doubles teams for levels 2.5-4.0. If you are interested in joining a team, please contact Adam. [aslomski@gmail.com](mailto:aslomski@gmail.com)

## TEAM CAPTAINS

- 5.5 Beth Wotawa
- 6.0 Mixed - Deanne Dixon
- 6.5 Mary Moriarty
- 6.5 Melissa Becker
- 6.5 Mens - Sriram Krishnan
- 7.0 Mixed - Wade Hurley
- 7.5 Sharon Horgan

## 18&O Midwest NTRP Sectional Championships

The 18&O NTRP Sectional Championships were played last weekend at Chagrin Valley Athletic Club. **Congratulations** to CCTC players **Maria Ganim and Yvonne Vann** on their 2nd Place win! They received a 'Golden Ticket' to play in the NTRP National Championships! Well done!



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## *Spotlight on the Pro - ADAM SLOMSKI*



Adam Slomski, a 4.5 level USTA Pro has been with Center Court since its inception December, 2020. Although he didn't start playing until his teens, Adam quickly became an outstanding player. He was trained by his dad, Krzysztof Slomski — another CCTC pro! Adam was a Brunswick High School 4 year Varsity Letterman, broke the school record for individual wins at first singles and was the school's first and only state qualifier!

In addition to his role as a tennis and pickleball teaching pro at CCTC, Adam also serves as the UTR Coordinator, as well as the Tennis Director for THRIVE Through Tennis Foundation. He also coaches the Hawken Varsity Girls and Boys tennis teams.

When Adam is not teaching tennis, he enjoys playing table tennis and competes regularly. His motto for teaching is "Embrace the development process. Work tirelessly on improving your game and the results will naturally follow".



## *JUNIOR CORNER—Grace Hehemann*

We are so proud of Grace Hehemann, one of Center Court's junior players. She was recently recognized by the American Heart Association for being the top fundraiser at her school during the Kids Heart Challenge in February 2020. Grace is a third-grader at Hilton Elementary School. With the help of her parents, family and friends, Grace raised just over \$2,000 for life-saving research. The Kids Heart Challenge is especially important to Grace, she said, "I wanted to talk about my heart surgery and tell other kids to be healthy, too," she said. You can read more about her story in Broadview Hts Magazine

**CENTER COURT MEMBERS:** We value our members — your feedback is vital! In the future, we will be sending email surveys. This will be a great opportunity for you to offer input on important club topics, such as programming content, schedules, social events and more. Please look for these in your email.

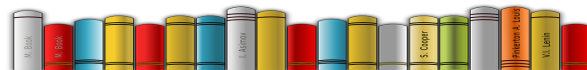


### *WELCOME NEW and RETURNING MEMBERS*

Brian Seitz, Sue Shear, Toni Weigand,  
Sophia Hill (junior), Celine Scaria (junior), Kimberly Swaggard-Svec, Isabel Svec (junior)

### **Looking for a book to help improve your tennis game ?**

The Inner Game of Tennis is a classic. **W. Timothy Gallwey**, a leading innovator in sports psychology, wrote a book that has become popular with hundreds of thousands of people. Not just for tennis players, or even just for athletes in general, this book works for anybody who wants to improve their performance in any activity, from playing music to getting ahead at work.



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**UTR** is the global tennis rating system that is used across the tennis world. Players of all ages, genders, geography, or skill level are rated on the same scale. Every player can access their UTR for free through their platform.

**CCTC is a verified UTR tennis facility** and has hosted several UTR tournaments. Players are grouped by their UTR rating, not gender or age.

Center Court has a limited number of **Power Subscriptions** available to members for only \$99/year (must be purchased at the front desk) Benefits include:

- \$10 off entry fees to all UTR verified events,
- Access to features including advanced stats and data on longest win streaks, 3 month trending UTR, results analysis, and rating history of every player on the platform.

**CYO TENNIS** Center Court is proud to be the first club in NE Ohio to partner with the Catholic Diocese to offer CYO Tennis. Tennis is offered in five week, 90 minute sessions. Children in grades 3-8 develop fundamentals with classes taught by USTA Pros.

Parents may participate in adult instruction at the same time with the Start-Restart program. For information on the April session, visit our website or contact CYO Athletics.

## JUNIOR TENNIS CLINICS

New session:

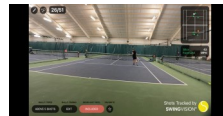
**March 8—May 9**

Enroll online

or call the Front Desk

440.838.5600

### VIDEO ANALYSIS:



Use technology to take your game to the next level! Schedule a 30 minute video that will be analyzed by the coach of your choice. You'll gain new insights into your game and a plan to improve it.

Cost=pro rate/hr. Schedule your session today by emailing [studytennis@gmail.com](mailto:studytennis@gmail.com)

### PRO SHOP

Now available

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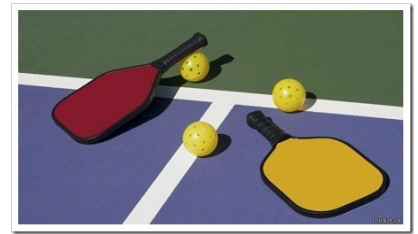
Hair ties and Scrunchies

Zipper Pulls

Head Racquets

CCTC Apparel (coming soon)

## PICKLEBALL



### A Game For All Ages and Abilities

Pickleball was created in 1965 in Seattle WA. It was designed to be easy to learn and play. Pickleball is traditionally played on a badminton-sized court with pickleball paddles and a ball similar to a wiffle ball. The lower net and wiffle ball allow the game to be accessible to people of all ages and abilities, while still allowing for more competitive players to enjoy playing.

### OPEN PICKLEBALL

For any level, all ages....  
Tuesdays 1-2:30 pm  
Bring your own paddle, (limited paddles available to borrow)  
Contact Sammy @ 216-618-4767 via text or phone to register.  
\$5/hour. No guest fee. (sessions are 1.5 hours)  
New session begins March/April.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Contact Adam for details about our April session. [aslomski1@gmail.com](mailto:aslomski1@gmail.com)

### SOCIAL EVENT – pickleball

March 26 7-9 pm.  
Pickleball for Beginners.  
Learn to play or practice your skills! Sign up on the board, or contact the front desk.

## THRIVE Through Tennis Foundation

We are very excited to announce programming through **THRIVE Through Tennis Foundation**, a non-profit organization whose mission is to utilize tennis as a therapeutic model to positively impact the health and wellness of individuals and our community. The foundation offers a Home School program, the **Home School Tennis Academy (HTSA)**, that meets Wednesdays for tennis instruction and play. The students, ages 6-16, have had a great learning experience with our pros. **Adaptive Programming** for individuals with Physical/Psychological/Emotional Disabilities will begin in April. See the bulletin board in the viewing area or visit [thrivetennis.org](http://thrivetennis.org) for more details and how you can become involved. If you know of anyone who can benefit from these programs or if you have any questions, email [info@thrivetennis.org](mailto:info@thrivetennis.org).

