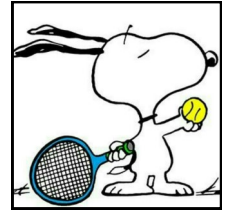


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On The Ball: News From LI



USTA Launches *Net Generation* with Local Juniors at US Open

Coming Soon

10/14 Nassau Girls' High School Individuals Tournament

10/23-25 Long Island Girls' High School Team Championship

10/28-30 NY State High School Individuals Tournament

11/5 USTA Eastern College Showcase

2/10-18 New York Open



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The USTA launched its revolutionary new youth brand, "Net Generation," at the US Open, with on-court demonstrations by Long Island junior players.



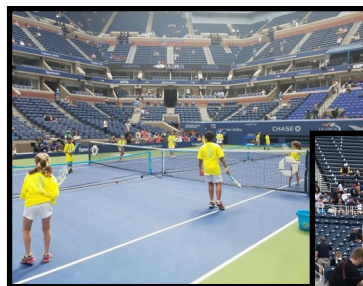
Net Generation is designed to inspire the next generation of tennis players by serving as one unified youth brand for children to get into the sport. Net Generation will make it easier for kids and their parents to learn about tennis and get into the game in schools, parks and tennis clubs across the country. The movement embraces all aspects of youth play for children ages 5-18.

The USTA will be working closely with schools and school districts by providing equipment, training and resources for teachers. The USTA has developed a new school tennis curriculum and will encourage schools to have a community partner to help kids find a tennis facility to play after school in partnership with SHAPE America.

Furthermore, Net Genera-



tion will activate throughout all competitive levels including youth tennis, team tennis and junior competition. By setting new standards and collaborating with programs across the board, these efforts will help unite the tennis industry by sharing the



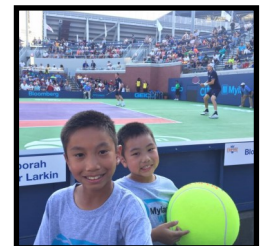
same mission to get more kids playing tennis.

Net Generation kicked off at Arthur Ashe Kids Day at the US Open; throughout the Open, local junior players were invited to take to the courts at the BJK National Tennis Center Tennis to demonstrate their skills. Participating in the Net Generation launch at the Open were a large group of future tennis pros from Long Island. Participants came from the Suf-

folk County Junior Tennis League, Sportime clubs, Robbie Wagner's Tournament Training Center and Carefree Indoor Racquet Club.

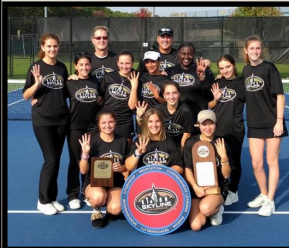


For more information, please visit NetGeneration.com.



4th Title for Farmingdale

The Farmingdale State Women's Tennis Team won their fourth consecutive D3 Skyline Conference title in 2016-17. They earned their fourth



consecutive trip to the NCAA National Tournament, falling to SUNY Geneseo in the first round in Middlebury, Vt.

The women's team earned the #1 seed for the playoffs and captured their fourth straight Skyline Conference title, defeating #4 Sage, 5-0, and #3 St. Joseph's-LI, 5-2.

Four Farmingdale State players earned All-Conference honors: senior's Tatiana Rosamilia (Malverne) and Priscilla Signore (Staten Island) were each named to the First Team, while Qurat-ul-ain Rai (Lahore, Pakistan) and Kayla Reidy (Sayville) earned Second Team honors. Head coach Adam Waterhouse was named the Skyline Conference Coach of the Year.

Photo: Farmingdale State Women's Tennis Team 2016-2017

GF Sports Recruits for NY Open



Professional tennis returns to Long Island in February when the New York Open ATP Tournament (formerly Memphis Open) makes its debut at

the NYCB Live Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

The weeklong event (February 10-18, 2018) will be presented by GF Sports LLC and Brooklyn Sports & Entertainment. It will bring top US and international tennis stars to Nassau County and offers the opportunity for locals to par-

ticipate as marketers and promoters. GF Sports is seeking Brand Ambassadors, Tennis Pro Ambassadors and Event Managers to help spread the word about the New York Open.

Those interested can e-mail a cover letter and resume to Josh Ripple at jripple@gfsportsholdings.com.

Point Set Hosts Wheelchair Tennis Pros



Point Set Indoor Tennis (Oceanside) was proud to host the practice courts for the 2017 US Open wheelchair tennis competitors. Wheelchair tennis players from around the world competed in six divisions -- men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, women's doubles, quad singles and quad doubles -- with \$200,000 in prizes awaiting the champions. For the first time in the history of the US Open, wheelchair players competed in Arthur Ashe stadium. The US Open Wheelchair Competition is in its 10th year.

Point Set has long supported and fostered wheelchair tennis, having established an ongoing program under the leadership of former owner Dan Dwyer, who passed away in 2010. A strong advocate on behalf of wheelchair athletes, one of Dan's most visible and enduring legacies is his creation of the National Tennis Association for the Disabled and the international Lichtenberg Buick-Mazda wheelchair tournament in the mid-1980s. He

made Point Set wheelchair accessible and began hosting one of the country's first free wheelchair tennis clinics. Point Set continues to offer programs for wheelchair athletes, including its Multiple Sclerosis tennis program, which is conducted in conjunction with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Long Island. The program is supervised by our Director

and taught by Point Set's staff professionals who donate their time. Private lessons are available for those able to stand with or without a walker and for those in wheelchairs, and a free clinic is offered weekly.



Photos courtesy of Point Set Indoor Tennis

Long Island Commits to No Cut High School Tennis

The USTA Long Island Region is working with high school coaches to expand the USTA's vision for No Cut High School tennis this season.

Nassau and Suffolk coaches have been enthusiastic in their support for the program.

In reaching out to coaches across the Island to introduce the program, Mike Pavlides, USTA Long Island Regional Board High Schools Coordinator, said "The USTA recognizes the critical role you play in growing tennis by allowing students of all abilities to join a team and represent their school. Your contribution creates well-rounded student-athletes, develops leadership and teaches responsibility."

According to Pavlides, "the LI Region is proud to recognize and support the high school tennis teams on Long



will receive pink "No Cut Tennis" wristbands.

To see a list of high schools participating in the No Cut Tennis Program, please visit www.longisland.usta.com.

According to the USTA, No-Cut tennis programs are important for several reasons including:

"It's the right thing to do—every child should have the opportunity to engage in healthy, lifelong activities in a safe and supportive

environment with their peers. enough for a coach to know who the best players will be in four years. Coaches are often pleasantly surprised by the contributions made by individuals considered to have less potential.

**Participating on a team helps create well-rounded student athletes, develops leadership and teaches responsibility, discipline, teamwork and cooperation- skills every student should be entitled to develop.*

**Veteran no-cut coaches typically have higher winning percentages because they are able to capitalize on talent from a larger pool of players. Coaches conducting no-cut programs implement better coaching techniques, group management skills and set a great example for other school activities.*

Does your school have a No Cut team? Please email us at ustalonlongisland@gmail.com with the name of the school and coach and a team photo and we'll include it on our web site at www.longisland.usta.com.

Photo: Massapequa HS Girls team

No Cut tennis "...creates well-rounded student-athletes, develops leadership and teaches responsibility."

Island that have No Cut teams. We are taking this opportunity to give the players on these teams pink wristbands to wear during their October matches (Breast Cancer Awareness Month) and, in the process, support two important causes."

All No Cut team members

**A no-cut policy sends the message that developing kids, even the less talented and/or late bloomers, is important to the coach and school.*

**One week of tryouts is not*

Important Dates: Girls' HS Season 2017

9/16 Suffolk County Play for Pink Tournament @the Hamlet Commack

October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month (teams across LI will wear pink)

10/14 Nassau Girls' High School Individuals Tournament @Eisenhower Park

10/23-25 Long Island Girls' Team Championship

10/28-30 NY State High School Individuals Tournament @Tri-City Fitness (Latham, NY)

11/5 USTA Eastern College Showcase Day @Saw Mill Club (Mt. Kisco, NY)

11/7 Suffolk County Girls' Awards Dinner (sponsored by Suffolk County Tennis Coaches Association)

All's Fair

If it's fall it must be fair season!

The USTA LI Region enjoys participating in several community festivals throughout the late summer and early fall seasons.

On the 2017 calendar: Merrick Fair, Town of Hempstead's Lido Beach Family Festival by the Sea and Freeport Library's By the Book Festival, which this year included the formal dedication of the newly refurbished tennis courts at the Bishop Frank White Park on Parsons Ave.



USTA Leagues

Sportime Lynbrook Men Win Sectionals; Next Stop Nationals

Sportime Lynbrook's Men's 18 & Over 4.0 team, captained by Gabe Moreira and Miguel Gordon, won its USTA Eastern Sectional Championship and will represent Long Island and the Eastern Section at Nationals in Surprise, Arizona in October.



Ali Anwar, Daniel Bindler, Sean Coonerty, Mark Karmazin, John Ferrari, John Valgoi and Ian Zaslansky. Bottom row (from left): Dan Derosalia, Brian Connor and Gabe Moreira. Not pictured: Miguel Gordon. Says Moreira:

"We all play in a weekly seasonal and it was an amazing seasonal and accomplishment for us!"

Team members are: (top row, from left):

LI League Teams Take on Sectionals

Several Long Island Regional Champion USTA League Teams competed recently at the Eastern Sectional League Championships. Participating teams were:

18 & Over 5.0 women, Sportime Lynbrook, Captains Tina Buschi & Hali Katz

18 & Over 4.0 women, Christopher Morley, Captains Mona Giovanni & Janine Buss

18 & Over 4.0 men, Sportime Lynbrook, Captain Gabe Moreira

18 & Over 5.0 men, Christopher Morley, Captain Devang Parmar

40 & Over 3.5 women, Sportime Lynbrook, Captains Nadine Letts & AnnMarie Cosma

40 & Over 4.0 women, Sportime Kings Park, Captain Angela O'Leary

18 & Over 3.5 women, Carefree, Captains Caryn Gallitto & Annmarie Conniff



It's All About the Kids

More than 300 children enjoyed the USTA Long Island Region's annual summer Kids Days, coordinated with Long Island Tennis Magazine.

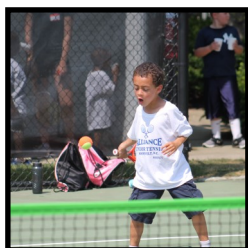
Nassau Kids Day was held at the Engineers Country Club in Roslyn while Suffolk Kids Day took place at the Hamlet Golf



& Country Club in Commack. Participating camp groups including

ed Alliance Junior Development, AMC Child Care Center, Circulo de la Hispanidad, Kid's Clubhouse of Suffolk County, YES and Fit4Moms of Suffolk County West.

LI Region tennis pros volunteered their time at both events to teach tennis basics and run clinics and games. Long Island Tennis Magazine provided a water dunk, face painting and a DJ. The participants enjoyed a pizza lunch and prizes.



"Nassau Kids Day was a terrific day of tennis, fun and

new friends. The kids who attended – coming from as far as Long Beach and Roosevelt – had a wonderful time learning to play tennis, enjoying carnival games, face painting and pizza, and dancing on the court to tunes from the DJ," said Terry Fontana, USTA LI Region Nassau County Kids Day Chair. "Thank you to all the volunteers who helped throughout the day, to Long Island Tennis Magazine for their co-sponsorship and the Engineers Club for hosting."

Volunteers at Nassau Kids Day included participants in the Hicksville Community Tennis Association program, while Suffolk Kids Day volunteers came from the Ward Melville High School girl's tennis team and the Miller Place Middle School.



those who already play," said Randi Wilkins, USTA LI Region Suffolk County Kids Day

Chair. "It's wonderful to see kids with different skill levels all involved at the same event."

Long Island Tennis Magazine "was proud to once again join forces

with USTA Long Island this summer for both the Nassau and Suffolk County Kids' Days," said David Sickmen, publisher. "Together we gave over 300 kids the chance to enjoy a great day of free tennis, food, music and games. Our goal with these events is to expose kids who either haven't played before or don't get to play often, to play the sport we all love. By creating a positive atmosphere and environment both on and off the court, we hope these kids will want to continue playing. We look forward to doing it again next summer!"



Photos courtesy of

Teaching Tennis at Computer Associates

The USTA Long Island Region and USTA Eastern were happy to partner with Computer Associates, Islandia, to bring tennis programming to the company's summer camp. Serving more than 75 children, the Computer Associates Summer Camp has been offering tennis lessons as part of its program for the past several years.



Photos courtesy of USTA Eastern

Community Service & Fundraising

Tennis Serves Community

16-year-old Jill Lawrence of Hauppauge is using her passion for tennis to help children with Autism and other developmental disabilities.

Jill, a high school senior, created her "Tennis Serves the Community" charity event three years ago; since then she has raised \$3,900 for the Developmental Disabilities Institute of Smithtown, which helps children and adults with developmental disabilities experience personal growth and fulfillment. Jill's charity event is a round robin tennis tournament open to junior players. It takes place at and is coordi-

nated with the support of Sportime Syosset and its tennis director, Mike Kossoff.

In addition to tennis competition, Jill organized a raffle for autographed photos of Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer.

Jill has been playing tennis since she was six years old and enjoys competing in USTA tournaments. She says she launched "Tennis Serves the Community" after hearing about the DDI from a friend whose brother uses their services. "I knew I wanted to raise money for such a great program," she says.



Photos courtesy of Jill Lawrence

Tennis Helps Heroes



Tennis players at World Gym Setauket

participated in the first Heroes to Heroes Tennis Round Robin Tournament event, raising money to help US military veterans. The Heroes to Heroes Foundation provides a spiritual healing, suicide prevention, and peer support program for veterans who suffer from Moral Injury and PTSD. The event raised \$3,000.

Tennis 4All and All 4Tennis

Syosset High School senior Bradley Greenberg was driving through a low-income neighborhood in New York and saw children running around and playing in the streets. "I realized that they had never been exposed to the same opportunities and activities, such as tennis, as I was," Bradley says. "I thought that opening them up to this fantastic sport could teach them valuable athletic and interpersonal skills, such as respect, teamwork and integrity, that they can use for the rest of their lives." With that thought in mind, Bradley launched the Tennis 4 All Foundation to provide opportunities for underprivileged children to become involved in various activities, including tennis. He partnered with the Fresh Air Fund which, he says, was very supportive of his goals, allowing him to include his program with their visiting children.



The first clinic took place this past summer at the courts at Syosset High School, where the Fresh Air Fund brought seven children ages 7-14. Bradley and friend Arjun Saluja started with a variety of fun warm-up activities utilizing tennis props and quickly moved on to basic junior tennis instruction. We "educated them about the various parts of the court, grips and how to hit a forehand and backhand," he says. "Groundstroke drills were done to teach the children strokes and accuracy, including volleys and serving. We ended the day with various other games and activities." Equipment was donated by local tennis venues. Says Bradley, "I will be expanding my program into local and regional areas so that many underprivileged children can be exposed to tennis and other activities.

Photos courtesy of Bradley Greenberg

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Around the Region...



The USTA LI Region and its member clubs coordinated tennis lessons for hundreds of children at several Nassau County Department of Parks & Recreation Summer Camps this



summer. Pros from Sportime, Long Beach Tennis Center and Carefree Racquet Club provided coaches to run the camps at Eisenhower, Cantiague, Wantagh and Nickerson Beach Parks... The USTA LI Region hosted two free introductory ten-

nis programs in the Mineola schools this past spring. Elementary school children at the Jackson Avenue School enjoyed two days of tennis programming, with nearly 200 fourth graders picking up a racquet, many for the first time. Phys Ed teacher Bill DeGennaro coordinated this event along with volunteers Joe Arias, Fabiana Rezak and Nicole Rezak. USTA Eastern provided both a free equipment package and curriculum, which will allow DeGennaro to incorporate tennis as part of his gym class this



fall. "We hope to expand the program throughout the school district since Mineola currently does not offer tennis," said Neil Thakur, USTA Eastern Tennis Service Representative. "Many teachers and administrators came to observe and were very impressed. Most of all, the kids enjoyed themselves!"



A second free program took place at the Kornreich Early Learning Center, where Divya Navrekar's Pre-K Class enjoyed a free tennis

demonstration. Volunteers Joe Arias and Nicole Rezak ran this program. For information on bringing tennis to your local school, please contact Neil Thakur at thakur@eastern.usta.com.



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