

January News



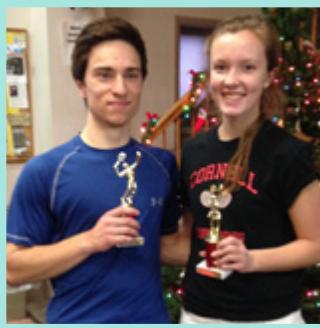
Welcome 2016!

BTC is ringing in the New Year with some good will and cheer; the holidays did absorb all of our festive spirit. May 2016 bring you a stronger forehand, steadier backhand and a faster serve. The foot work and New Year's resolution we will leave up to you!

Holiday Tournament

Our 3rd Annual Holiday tournament ran December 26-27. The format included a mix of junior and adults in singles and mixed doubles. In men singles, Mike Perry, sophomore and team member at Division 1 Gardner Webb in North Carolina defeated Freddie Purpora of ME High School in the finals, 8-4. Alina Galyon, sophomore tennis standout at SCC, won the women's singles in a solid effort.

In Mixed Doubles, we had 16 teams enter, a record! With everyone playing 3 matches no one went home lacking for tennis. There were a number of very close, high quality matches. The brother-sister tandem of Michael & Christina Perry, who plays at Le Moyne, prevailed over the Cinderella team of Ryan Mirch & Alina Galyon 8-3 in the finals. Well done everyone! We are already looking forward to next year's event.



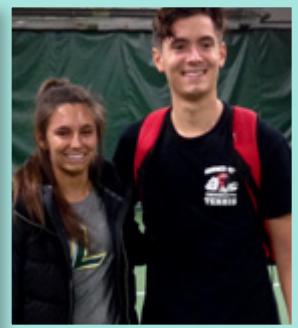
Ryan Mirch and Alina Galyon
Mixed Doubles Finalist



Freddie Purpora & Michael Perry
Singles Finalist



Alina Galyon
Singles Winner



Michael and Christina Perry
Mixed Doubles Winners

JUNIORS

We have our **USTA/Eastern Level 1A tournament** coming up January 15-17. Events include Boys & Girls 12, 14, 16, & 18 singles, as well as Boys & Girls 14 & 18 doubles. Entry deadline is Tuesday January 12 5pm. Entries are done online. Just click on the above link to enter. This is a great opportunity for our juniors to play quality competition against juniors from upstate NY.

Our next 12 & under USTA Play Day will be Monday January 18 Mar-

tin Luther King Jr Day from 12-2 pm. Run by Ryan the two hours include drills, games, competition & pizza. Cost is \$20 per person and one may sign up via e-mail or call 722-3491

The tentative 2015 year end USTA/ Eastern rankings have just come out. Cassie Pinataro is ranked #60 in girls 16 singles. Also cracking the top 100 is Freddie Purpora ringing it in at #99 in Boys 16's. Also gaining a sectional ranking is Elise White,

#181 in girls 16's. Congratulations to all three for this fine distinction and their dedicated efforts. These three traveled the upstate "circuit" and played a lot of tournaments in order to attain their rankings. It's nice to see resurgence in our juniors and there are several others on the horizon who I think if they play a few more tournaments are ready for a breakthrough. We look forward to observing our juniors progress in 2016.



Renovations

Well, after years of idle threats, we have given Aces Bar a mini facelift. Actually, we did indeed lift the floor with several bags of cement as the floor in the far corner was gradually sinking into mother earth. You no longer need to stand on your tiptoes to see a customer. The floor is now tiled; walls painted and shelving and cabinet have replaced our keg cooler. Selling micro beer was just not in our cards. We think ACES will be a little more user friendly and inviting.

We will be converting our lights fixtures in the lounge and locker rooms from fluorescent bulbs to LED! Enerpath, a company subcontracted by NYSEG did an analysis and will direct the project, and has hired Panko Electric to complete the work. We are anticipating a brighter, livelier light and longer lasting bulbs. The work should be completed by the end of next week. Please notice!

We are in the process of reworking our website and hosting with a different company. This will not only give us a new look, but the ability to more readily change and add content, and stay current. In the day of the social media craze, and yes, we do indeed have a Facebook page, we still find web sites relevant and important! We will still keep the online grid and booking option from Tennis Connect, which we find is the best online option around and has served both BTC & our members well.



USTA

USTA Mixed Doubles leagues start this weekend and will run through April. We will have three divisions. 7.0 plays Saturdays, 8.0 on Sundays and we are in the final stages of organizing the 6.0 league on Friday evenings.

We have six teams competing in 7.0 and four in 8.0. It's great to see the large numbers of participants. Each match date consists of three individual matches using a 3rd set 10 pt super tiebreak to decide the 3rd set. This makes for exciting tennis and often the outcome of a match comes down to a 3rd set tiebreak.

Check the [USTA Tennis Link site](#) for standings and results. Check out our [local league site](#) for match dates and times

Programming

STROKE CLINICS:

Friday 12- 1 pm

MEN'S ROUND ROBIN

Tuesday 1-2:30 pm

Friday 1-2:30 pm

CLICK ON BUTTON BELOW



The men's season opens up January 23 at Turning Stone Casino. They play a home match Saturday, January 30 6pm vs Bucknell. The women open January 29 at Army and play their 1st home match Saturday February 20 3:30 pm against FDU. These two home matches will be played at BTC. We should come up to watch and support our local Division 1 college teams. The tennis will be good, very good. The competition, fierce. The viewing from our bleachers, pretty darn close. The atmosphere that you will help create...go Bearcats!

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