

# TENNIS TIMES – 2019

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WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO:

[www.bloomingtonwomenstennisleague.com](http://www.bloomingtonwomenstennisleague.com)

## Mark your calendar :

- May 15 Deadline to register for singles and doubles
- May 18 Tennis and potluck luncheon (Valley View)
- June 1 Singles play begins
- June 5 Advanced doubles play begins (Valley View)
- June 6 Recreational doubles play begins (Valley View)
- June 6 Intermediate doubles play begins (Jefferson HS)
- July 1-5 No doubles matches during holiday week
- Sep 7 Fall mixer and awards (Valley View)

## **“Let’s dish”**

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 9am to noon, at Valley View tennis courts, 9000 Portland Avenue South. Bring your tennis racquet and a potluck item to share at the annual kick-off luncheon. Beverages, plates, napkins, and eating utensils will be provided. Just show up! Any questions call Kathleen Ireland, 952-484-2656.

## **New address for registration!**

Among the changes this year, singles and doubles participants will send their registration and fee payment directly to the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation department, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431-3027. The fees for this season will be \$23 for singles ladder play and \$45 per player for doubles. Again, starting this season, you should send your payment to the City of Bloomington.

## **Wanted: Board members and volunteers**

This program exists because of the dedicated members who keep it going. Please contact Barb Shields at 612-868-6680 or Barb.Shields@avispl.com, if you'd like to volunteer.

## **Commonly Asked Questions:**

### **Beginner? Intermediate? Advanced?**

#### **Which doubles should I play?**

Bloomington doubles correlate with NTRP ratings. For doubles, add the rating of both players to determine the right level based on your team's USTA ratings. Consult this online chart (<http://bit.ly/2HwTT06>) to determine which doubles group is right for your team.

#### **Who reports match scores?**

In singles, the players should agree on the final score. It's customary for the winner to report the score to Bloomington Parks and Recreation via phone at 952-563-8878 Ext. 6, or email at [tennis@BloomingtonMN.gov](mailto:tennis@BloomingtonMN.gov). In doubles, the players should concur on the score and record it on the board at the tennis court. If the match runs late and the board is no longer there, you can call Melissa Gross at 952-886-0392 to report the score or wait until the following week.

#### **How do we handle rain-outs with doubles?**

In a perfect world it would only rain after dark, but it seems that's only in Camelot. If it's raining at your home, it might not be raining at the courts where your match will be played. This could require a trip to the court. However, if it is raining at the courts, contact the opposing team to reschedule the match at a time that's convenient for all four players.

#### **How can I get more involved in the tennis program?**

We're glad you asked! This organization has been around for 46 years because of a group of committed volunteers who keep it going. We welcome your participation. Among some of the skills we seek are individuals who could promote the program via Social Media or just serve on our board. If you'd like to volunteer or you have a skill that we haven't mentioned, please talk to Barb Shields. Call her weekdays at 612-868-6680 or email her at [Barb.Shields@avispl.com](mailto:Barb.Shields@avispl.com).

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