

TENNIS TIMES – 2018

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Mark your calendar :

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| May 19 | Tennis and potluck luncheon (Valley View) |
| May 21 | Deadline to register for singles and doubles |
| June 1 | Singles play begins |
| June 6 | Advanced doubles play begins (Valley View) |
| June 7 | Recreational doubles play begins (Valley View) |
| June 8 | Intermediate doubles play begins (Jefferson HS) |
| July 4-6 | No doubles matches during holiday week |
| Sep 8 | Fall mixer and awards (Valley View) |

“Let's dish”

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 19, 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. RSVP by contacting **Kathleen Ireland, 952-484-2656**.

Deadline approaches for registration

Register by **Friday, May 21** to participate in singles and/or doubles play. Singles play will cost \$21, while doubles league play runs \$42 per person or \$84 per team. Doubles teams won't be rostered until all team members pay and register. To sign up, indicate which program(s) you want to participate in and include a check payable to Bloomington Women's Tennis Club, c/o Cassandra Taylor, 5812 W. 26th St., Minneapolis, MN 55113.

Wanted: Board members and volunteers

This program exists because of the dedicated members who keep it going. Please contact **Barb Shields** at **612-868-6855** or **Barb.Shields@avispl.com**, if you'd like to volunteer.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.bloomingtonwomenstennisleague.com/>

Heads up Singles players!

The City of Bloomington plans to repair cracks, resurface, and restripe tennis courts at Hyland Hills, Northcrest, Poplar Bridge Park, and Reynolds Park. If you play at any of those courts, you might want to have a “Plan B” just in case.

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) (<http://bit.ly/2HwTT06>) to determine which doubles group is right for your team.

In search of a tennis court for singles?

Tennis enthusiasts benefit from 77 public tennis courts in Bloomington. Check the map on the City of Bloomington website. Keep in mind, tennis courts at Westwood Park (3490 W. 109th St) and Sunrise Park (9401 Bloomington Ferry Rd) will be closed for part of the summer due to planned park renovation.

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 **952-563-8877 Ext. 6**, or email at **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 45 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, create an online registration system, or 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 **612-868-6855** or email her at **Barb.Shields@avispl.com**.

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