



**BRIDGEMILL**  
**Tennis club**

**2009 PROGRAM  
AND EVENT GUIDE**

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## **Pro Shop Hours of Operation**

Monday through Friday 9:00am to 9:00pm

Saturday 9:00am to 6:00pm

Sunday 10:00am to 6:00pm

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## **Tennis Staff**

Mike Perry – Director of Tennis

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Dear Bridgemill Tennis Player,

2009 will be another outstanding year at the Tennis Club. With several new programs and events planned ( see below), the facility will be very active. I encourage all members to get involved in all that the Tennis Club has to offer. For all online event registration, please go to [bridgemilltennis.com](http://bridgemilltennis.com).

The League Program at BridgeMill is growing each season and we soon will be at the 40 team mark per season. With these numbers of teams to choose from, there is always a team for every player at BridgeMill.

BridgeMill is one of the leading Tennis Clubs in Atlanta and with all we have to offer, from abundant year round league play, year round programming for adults and Juniors and one of the largest facilities in the South, the excitement here never stops. Come join us and catch the tennis fever!!!

See you on the courts,

*Mike Perry*

Mike Perry  
Director of Tennis

# Calendar of Adult Events

## February 26th – Ladies Breast Cancer Clinic / Luncheon

Ladies tennis clinics for all levels of BridgeMill Tennis Club Members from 9:30am to 11:45am.  
Lunch immediately following from 12:00pm to 1:00pm at Featherstones Grille.

*Cost per Golf/Sports Member \$22, Community Member/Guest \$27*

## March 5th-8th – Ladies Weekend Getaway (Tops'1, Destin Florida)

Tennis Staff Professional Marisca Meyer will accompany members to Destin Florida for 3 days of tennis drills, round robins and camaraderie. Ladies will stay in courtside villas at the award winning Tops'1 Beach and Racquet Resort.

*Cost per Golf/Sports Member: \$485*

## April 25th – Complimentary Member Appreciation Mixer

The first of two Complimentary Member Appreciation Adult Mixers.

Tennis format will be “hit n split” tie-breakers Includes :

Courtside cookout, soft drinks, Beer Keg and balls.

*Cost per Golf/Sports Member: \$0*

## May 21<sup>st</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tennispalooza

Mens and Ladies Doubles Tournament by USTA level.

Format is divisional round robin play

Gifts to all players, awards to winners and finalists.

Saturday Night Player Party Included

*Cost per player : \$45*

## July 18<sup>th</sup> – Complimentary Member Appreciation Mixer

The second of two Complimentary Member Appreciation Adult Mixers.

Tennis format will be hit n split tie-breakers Includes :

Courtside cookout, soft drinks, Beer Keg and balls.

*Cost per Golf/Sports Member: \$0*

*All events are tentatively scheduled and priced and are subject to change at the discretion of BridgeMill Athletic Club*

## August 20<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> – “Tennis Fest” Adult Open Tournament

This charity Doubles Tennis Tournament is open to the public and flighted by ALTA Levels.

Divisions are Men’s and Ladies AA, A1-A6, B1-B5, B6-C2 and C3-C8.

Players compete in a round robin with a minimum of 4/5 matches over four days.

Tennis play begins on Thursday at 7:00pm and concludes Sunday.

Pick your partner, registration opens June 1st. Deadline August 15th.

Event includes: Thursday Evening Cookout, Saturday Evening Players Party,  
t-shirts and crystal awards to the winners.

*Cost : \$45 plus 1 can of Wilson/Penn Championship balls*

## October 16<sup>th</sup> – Captain’s Appreciation Mixer

League captains will enjoy a courtside cookout while we celebrate and thank them for volunteering their time.

Tennis action will be interchanging Men’s and Ladies Doubles.

*Cost per Golf/Sports member: \$0*

## November 1st – Fall Foliage Tennis Festival

Time to say good bye to Fall with this Sunday afternoon Family BBQ and Tennis Mixer. Includes activities for the whole family. Tennis games and contests for the kids, changing partner round robin for the adults.

Includes BBQ pork and chicken cookout, apple cider and lemonade.

*Cost per Golf/Sports member: \$20 / adult, \$36 / couple, \$50 / family of 4 ( additional jrs add \$12 )*

## Additional Weekly Programming

Each week the Tennis Club offers several instructional programs and weekly Round Robins.

**Doubles and Singles Game Improvement Drills** – Doubles style offered weekly on Mondays 7:00pm to 8:30pm and Fridays 9:30am to 11:00am. Singles style offered Wednesdays 7-8pm. Drills are open to Men and Women of all ability levels. Players are placed on court based on ability level and the work-outs are set to music, games based, and designed to keep all players moving. Cost is \$11 pre-registered and \$13 same-day registration for Doubles style and \$10 for Wednesday night singles style. **Register by calling the Tennis Pro Shop at (770) 720-9635**

## Available Instruction Programs

Listed below are the different instructional options available to all BridgeMill Members.

### Instructional Programs

**1-2-3 Beginner Clinic Level 1** – March through November, the Tennis Club offers a series of Intro to Tennis clinics. These clinics are offered on Sunday afternoons. **Level 1** is a five week program designed to offer each player a solid foundation in basic stroke mechanics, scoring, positioning and rules. Players are placed in small groups and the BridgeMill Pro Staff carefully guides each player through the program. BridgeMill Athletic Club's monthly newsletter will highlight the seasonal dates and times.

**Cost per player: \$65** (Includes BridgeMill Tennis Club T-shirt)

**1-2-3 Beginner Clinic Level 2** – Upon completing 1-2-3 Level 1, players are offered the opportunity to continue learning in a second five week series. **Level 2** is geared toward utilizing the skills gained in Level 1. Players here will have weekly match play as part of the program. Players will be critiqued on positioning, shot placement and technique while in a real game situation. Golf/Sports Members completing 1-2-3 Level 2 are now ready to be placed on a beginner level league team for maximum fun. BridgeMill Athletic Club's monthly newsletter will highlight the seasonal dates and times. **Please see Mike Perry, Director of Tennis for Adult League Team placement.**

**Cost: \$55 per player**

### **Team Coaching for League Play**

Each league season, participating teams have the option to contract the use of the BridgeMill Professional Tennis Staff. Teams will then be guided through select lesson plans designed around the team's ability level. The Professional Staff is on-hand during all home matches to observe team play and prepare lesson plans for upcoming weekly coaching sessions. This is a very useful tool in helping players understand doubles and correct negative situations that occur in weekly match play.

**Game Improvement Drills** (see page 4 for details)

### **Professional Staff Lesson Rates**

The Tennis Club has five full time, certified Teaching Pros on staff. Private, semi-private, and group lessons are available seven days a week. Rates are as follows:

- ½ hour Private: \$30
- 1 hour Private: \$55
- Semi private ½ hour: \$15 per player
- Semi Private hour: \$30 per player
- Group (3/4) hour: \$65 per group (\$21.67 per person/group of three and \$16.25 per person/group of four)
- Packages available: Purchase six lessons and receive the 7<sup>th</sup> lesson free

## **League Play at BridgeMill**

*Golf and Sports Member Adults in good standing have the opportunity to participate in league play at BridgeMill year round. The two main leagues are ALTA (Atlanta Lawn Tennis Association) and USTA.*

**ALTA** – The ALTA league competes all four seasons of the year. The seasons are seven weeks in length followed by sudden-death playoffs for qualifying teams. There are approximately 27 ability levels available in the league. Spring and Fall Adult ALTA leagues include Men's (Saturday morning play), Thursday Ladies (morning play), and Sunday Ladies (afternoon play). The Winter ALTA Mixed Doubles (Sunday afternoon play) and Summer ALTA Mixed Doubles (Saturday morning play) complete the Tennis year.

**USTA** – In addition to the ALTA, players have the option to also compete in a second league. The USTA league offers year-round play. Format of play in this league is two positions of singles and three positions of doubles for the Men's and Ladies' season of Winter and Spring. Players will compete in one of six levels in USTA. Levels are 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0. Spring and Fall seasons are also available for USTA Mixed Doubles. As with ALTA, the average season is 7 weeks in length with playoffs for qualifying teams. For an ability evaluation and placement in any league, **please call Mike Perry, Director of Tennis at (770) 720-9635.**

Additional Individual singles and Flex leagues also available

## **BridgeMill Tennis Club League Policies**

### **Captain's Responsibilities**

- Roster packets will be mailed to the captain from the prior season about 4 to 6 weeks before the roster deadline. These packets should be given to the new captain for the upcoming season. If a new captain has not been appointed it is the previous captain's responsibility to contact each person on the previous roster and let them know when the roster deadline is and that the team needs someone to step forward and be captain so the team can continue to exist. If no one from the previous roster steps forward to be the captain, the team will disband. It is recommended that the team's co-captain be ready to take over as captain for an upcoming season.

- Captains should read all the information in the packets to make sure they are aware of the requirements of the particular league they will be submitting a roster for. The captains are given this information not the Tennis Club.
- Captains should contact each person on the previous roster and find out if they are staying on the team. Captains are responsible for submitting the team's roster online.
- Prior to the roster deadline, the captain needs to give the Tennis Club management a list of returning players. This will determine if there is space to add a new player. Roster deletions and additions need to be approved by the Tennis Club management specifically, so we know if there is room for new players. Teams may invite players to fill openings on their team. Tennis Club Management may also add players to teams with openings provided the added player qualifies based on ability level and or current league rating.
- Before submitting a roster to ALTA or USTA, a final draft of the roster must be given to the Tennis Club management for approval. It is prudent to get the final draft of the roster to the Tennis Club management at least two days in advance of the roster deadline in case of any problems.
- Captains are responsible for going to or finding someone to go to the Captain's meeting held by the ALTA or USTA league and picking up the team's schedule. A copy of the team match schedule must be submitted to the Tennis Club in order for a team to have courts reserved for their home matches.
- Captains should meet or discuss with the team what day and time is best for most players for practice and if they want team coaching. Captains will be asked to attend a captains meeting at the Tennis Club to pick, using a lottery system, their team's practice and coaching time slots.
- At the captains meeting, each team captain wanting coaching for their team, will be placed in a lottery. Two pro coaching will draw first followed by a 1 pro coaching lottery. Upon choosing a time slot for coaching, captains will be required to get a coaching contract signed by every player who will be involved in coaching. Captains need to have the coaching contract back to the Tennis Club one week prior to the start of coaching or that time slot will be opened. If a team commits to coaching, picks a time slot and backs out prior to the start of coaching, that team will be ineligible for the following season's lottery. Any team with the last pick in the lottery will automatically have the first pick of time slots for the following season.
- Captains are to treat all players equally. **Captains should make every effort to create a balance between competitive line-ups and fair player rotations. Captains are required to ask all regular players to play a minimum of three times each season, and are asked to only use alternates when every effort has been made to play a regular player.**
- At the end of the season teams should designate a new captain for the following season (preferable the co-captain). The sooner a captain is picked for the next season the less likely it is that the team will miss the next roster deadline. Let the Tennis Club management know who the new captain will be.
- The maximum number of consecutive seasons a player can captain a team is two.

### **General Policies**

- All teams will be allotted 1½ hours on two (2) courts for team practice each week. These time slots will be booked each week automatically. Clay courts will not be pre-booked for team practice. If the clay courts are available, teams may use them for practice.
- Official team practices will be automatically booked the Tennis Club no earlier than 30 days prior to the seasons start date.
- Every effort will be made to accommodate all team's practice time requests. If there are more teams than available courts, the Tennis Club will have a lottery to determine practice times.

- All coaching contract fees will be billed to participating team players at the end of the contracted season.
- All Match/Team practice rainouts will be rescheduled during either open court time or during the specific teams practice time if possible. Rainouts will not take precedence over another teams practice.
- Food and beverages are permitted to be brought into the club for league matches only.

### **Team Rosters**

All BridgeMill Tennis Club league teams will have a limit to the number of players permitted on each team. Player limits are as follows:

#### **ALTA League**

Men's League: 16 regular, 4 alternate  
 Ladies Weekday League: 14 regular, 2 alternate  
 Ladies Sunday League: 14 regular, 2 alternate  
 Mixed Doubles: 18 regular, 2 alternate  
 Junior Boys: 12 regular, 2 alternate  
 Junior Girls: 12 regular, 2 alternate

#### **USTA League**

Men: 14 regular, 2 alternate  
 Ladies Weekday League: 12 regular, 2 alternate  
 Ladies Weekend League: 12 regular, 2 alternate  
 Junior: 8 regular, 2 alternate (boys and Girls)

- Regular Player: A player who was placed on the team within the player limit for regular players. This player will retain their position as a regular player as long as they are actively participating in team matches and practices.
- Alternate Player: This player requested their status as an alternate due to other commitments. Alternates will only be asked to participate in league matches when the captain has exhausted every effort to place a regular roster player into the league match.
- If any BridgeMill Tennis Club team does not have the maximum number of regular players, the Club may add a player(s) provided the new player falls into a similar ability level as the team.
- BridgeMill Tennis Club must approve roster additions and deletions.
- Player Addition and Request to Change Teams. Any player wishing to change teams must first be invited to join the team of their choice by the captain of said team. However, a player may not leave a team if that forces a team to disband due to insufficient numbers of players. The captain should first consult with all team players before inviting a player to join the team. Captains are to invite players as a means of filling the team's roster as needed with special attention as to not overcrowd the roster.

## Junior Program at BridgeMill

BridgeMill Tennis Club offers year round programming for all levels of Junior Players ages 4 to 16.

### Instruction

#### **Ages 4 to 7**

The Tennis Club begins its Junior instructional program with a national program called **USTA Quick Start Tennis**. This is a program for 4 to 7 year olds. Goal here is to foster a love of tennis. This is accomplished through games based drills as well as careful progressions.

USTA Quick Start Tennis is offered as a 9 week session in both the Spring and Fall. For the Summer season, this class is offered in weekly increments to accommodate vacations. Two separate weeks are offered. Check [bridgemilltennis.com](http://bridgemilltennis.com) for currently offered times and fees.

#### **Ages 8 to 16**

**Junior Development** – For our next level of programming, the Tennis Club offers the Junior Development Program. These classes are 1 hour per week and offered monthly year round. Emphasis here is on developing sound fundamentals. Building a solid foundation in fundamentals will help these young players progress smoothly into competitive Junior players if they choose. Several days and times are offered each week for ease of scheduling other activities. Check [bridgemilltennis.com](http://bridgemilltennis.com) for currently offered times.

Cost per player: \$65/ Month

**High School Excellence** – The Tennis Club has developed a special program for high school age Juniors wishing to compete on their High school's tennis team. This class meets 1.5 hours per week and is a great way to prepare for high school try-outs. Offered year round. Check [bridgemilltennis.com](http://bridgemilltennis.com) for currently offered times.

Cost per player: \$97 / month

#### **Ages 8 to 16**

**Bridgemil Tennis Academy** – For the more serious Junior player, the Tennis Club offers two levels of our Tennis Academy, **Satellite and Elite**. The Satellite Group is for players that currently are Junior ALTA/USTA players who have expressed an interest in playing competitive tennis. Emphasis here is on developing power and improving consistency. These classes are offered monthly year round. Players have the option to attend 1 or 2 days per week for 1.5 hours per day. Check [bridgemilltennis.com](http://bridgemilltennis.com) for currently offered times.

**Satellite** : Cost per player: \$97 /month ( 1 day/wk ), \$175 / month ( 2 days/wk )

**Elite** - BridgeMill Tennis Club's highest level program. Players here are accomplished with all shots and are either working toward acquiring a state ranking or are working on improving their current ranking. These players are sponsored by the Tennis Club and receive all apparel and equipment at deep discounts. Players here attend drill sessions year round, 2 days per week, 2 hours per day. Entry to this program is by invitation only. Check [bridgemilltennis.com](http://bridgemilltennis.com) for currently offered times.

**Elite** : Cost per player : \$205 per month

**\*\*\* Junior ALTA/USTA Leagues available, please call the Pro Shop for details \*\*\***

## 2009 Calendar of Junior Events

### **April 10<sup>th</sup> - Junior Tennis Party (Easter Egg Hunt) ages 8 to 15**

Includes: Lemonade, Pizza, Easter egg hunt and Prizes (6:30 to 9:00pm)  
Cost per player: \$16

### **May 8<sup>th</sup> - Parent/Child Social (ages 8 to 15)**

Includes: Lemonade, Pizza, Official Parent/Child Photo gift  
Cost per player: \$26 Team

### **June 1st through 4th – Power Tennis Camp (ages 8 to 16)**

Full day Summer Tennis camp (9:30am to 2:30pm) includes morning drills, Stroke of the Day, pool time, followed by afternoon team tennis tournament. Classes meet Monday through Thursday. **Register at [www.bridgemilltennis.com](http://www.bridgemilltennis.com).**  
Cost per player: \$210

### **June 15<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> – Power Tennis Camp (ages 8 to 16)**

Full day Summer Tennis camp (9:30am to 2:30pm) includes morning drills, Stroke of the Day, pool time, followed by afternoon team tennis tournament. Classes meet Monday through Thursday. **Register at [www.bridgemilltennis.com](http://www.bridgemilltennis.com).**  
Cost per player: \$210

### **June 23<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup> – USTA Junior Championships 1**

This level 4 USTA Sanctioned tournament is open to any junior player without a top 35 ranking in the state. USTA membership required. **Register at [www.bridgemilltennis.com](http://www.bridgemilltennis.com).**

### **July 14<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> – USTA Junior Championships 2**

This level 4 USTA Sanctioned tournament is open to any junior player without a top 35 ranking in the state. USTA membership required. **Register at [www.bridgemilltennis.com](http://www.bridgemilltennis.com).**

### **August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> – Junior Club Championships**

Open to all Junior players. Categories are Boys and Girls Singles. Divisions are 10-Under, 12-Under, 14-Under and 15-Over. Trophies to all winners and finalists, t-shirts to all players.  
Cost per player: \$20 per player

### **October 23rd – Junior Halloween Carnival**

Includes: Lemonade, Pizza, Ghost hunt, prizes  
Cost per player: \$16

### **October 31st – Junior Tennis Fest : Presented by Cherokee Tennis Association**

Open to all junior tennis players. Includes drills, games, prizes and cookout.  
Cost per player: Complimentary

### **November 14<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> – USTA Junior Southern Super Championships**

This Southern Level 3 tournament is for the South's best Junior Players only. Entry into this is based on current state and Southern ranking as determined by the USTA. **Register at [www.bridgemilltennis.com](http://www.bridgemilltennis.com).**

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