



SLICES OF SPRING

“To err is human. To put the blame on someone else is doubles.”
- Anonymous

LOVE MATCH



Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi were the first married couple to have won both the men’s and women’s singles Wimbledon Championships.

At the Farm, we laugh in the face of Old Man Winter, scoff at wind chills, and dare that freezing weather to try and stop us from getting our tennis in. Those of you who have braved the cold will reap the benefits come Spring, which is slowly approaching. This Spring, we are offering more programs than ever, so no matter what level you are, or what time you can come out, there is something for you. If you don’t want to wait for the courts to thaw, the Valentine’s Day mixer is right around the corner! One of the most exciting new programs coming to the Farm this Spring is Quickstart Tennis – the best way to introduce your young one to the sport. We’re looking forward to that first day of Spring and the return of the masses to the courts. See you then!



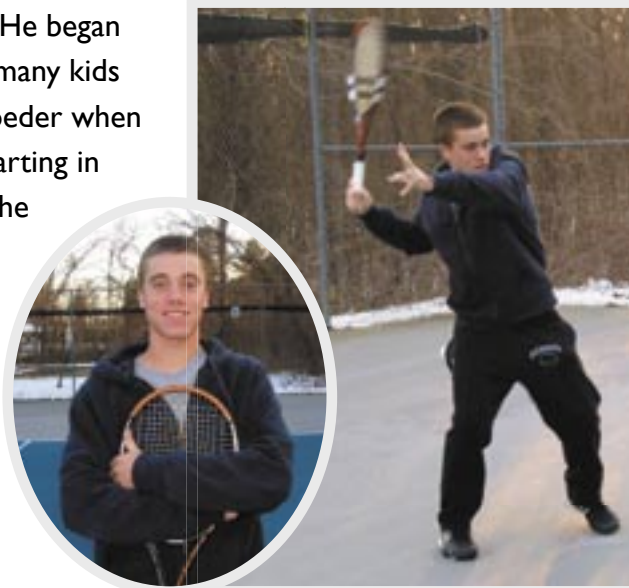
FARM SPOTLIGHT: SAM WEISSLER

If you have been on the courts at the Farm for the last 10 years, you have probably seen this young man playing beside you. 17-year-old Sam Weissler, a Chapel Hill native, is one of the best tennis players in the southern region. He began his tennis career, as so many kids did, with Howard Schroeder when he was six years old. Starting in the beginner clinics at the Farm, Sam has grown into a fantastic player. He now travels around the country to various Southern and National tournaments and was ranked number one in

the state in the boys' 16-and-under division. More importantly, Sam embodies what it means to be a "Farmer." He is a great person, has great court etiquette, excels in the

academic world, and simply enjoys the game of a lifetime. Having had the privilege of working with Sam for the past six years, I can say I have never seen someone so dedicated to his sport. Whether the temperature outside is 110 degrees or 20 degrees, you will see him out there working on his game. It is inspiring to witness.

-Nate Lipson



A QUICK TIP FROM THE PROS . . .

"Slice is Nice"

If you watched any of the Australian Open, you may have noticed that underspin, or "the slice," was utilized more than ever.

Even Andy Roddick was hitting 60% slices from his backhand side. So the next time you play, make sure that you mix in some different spins. It will really throw off your opponent.

IN THE PRO SHOP

The new Wilson BLX racquets are here! This is a new technology using basalt fibers (a natural volcanic rock) to create the perfect feel and great control. Check one out in the shop now, or try them all during Farm Demo Day on Saturday, March 20th.

It's your LAST CHANCE for great deals on gently used demos! Help us make room for the new racquets and pick up one of last year's models for a great price. These won't last long!

Wilson K-Sting 105	\$89.00
Wilson K-Four 105	\$99.00
Wilson K-Five 108	\$99.00
Wilson K-Tour Team FX	\$129.00
Wilson K-One FX	\$149.00
Prince O3 Speedport Silver	\$149.00
Kneissl All in One	\$129.00

Other winter deals include...

- 25% off warm-ups
- 20% off all apparel
- 15% off junior racquets
- 10% off swim goggles

Look for information about ordering your Farm Swim Team swimsuit soon! Make sure you are on the Farm swimteam listserv so you don't miss important dates for pre-orders through the Farm Tennis Shop.

For more information, please call the Tennis Shop at 968-7645 or email farmtennis@gmail.com

See you in the shop!
Lisa Soeters



TOP 10 REASONS WHY TENNIS IS TOUGHER THAN BASKETBALL

by Jeff Cooper

10. If you miss a shot in tennis, you can't just jump up, grab the ball, and try again.

9. When's the last time an NCAA basketball player had to make a shot with the sun in his eyes?

8. When a tennis player is seeing the ball incredibly well, he'll say it seems as big as a grapefruit. How big is a basketball?

7. When you get tired in tennis, your coach can't just take you out and put someone else in your place.

6. How often does a college basketball player have a perfectly good shot blown out of bounds by the wind?

5. If a basketball player places a shot a little longer than intended, no problem. There's a backboard to make the ball bounce in.

4. Grand Slam tennis matches commonly go more than three hours. When's the last time you saw a three-hour basketball game?

3. If you're not making your shots in basketball, you can just pass the ball to someone who is.

2. Tennis players have to contend with a net running right across the middle of the court. I'd like to see how basketball players would cope.

1. Tennis balls move at up to 145 mph. Basketballs top out at around 30.

THE JANE COREY TOURNAMENT



Photo by Jackie Fritsch

The Jane Corey Tennis Celebration was, yet again, a great success. Todd ordered up another unbelievably beautiful day filled with great tennis and great fun. A Farm staple, this junior tournament is a way to introduce our up-and-coming juniors to the tournament scene. Many of the previous entrants have gone on to have fantastic tennis careers on state and national levels with some making the jump to college tennis. Much like years past, we had some incredible matches with well fought points and great sportsmanship. This year, in the French Open division (Beginner), Aiden O'Connell defeated Connor Sept in

one of the longest matches of the tournament. Connor Sept and Connor Diaz won the doubles in this division. In the U.S. Open division (Intermediate) Kevin Huang defeated Lucas Prata with some great tennis played by both competitors. Kevin also won the doubles with partner James Shaheen. Lastly, in the Wimbledon division (Advanced), Max Fritsch defeated Aaron Warshauer to become one of the youngest winners of the advanced draw. Patrick Taylor and Trevor Howarth dominated this doubles draw. It is exciting to see the future of tennis at the Farm, and we hope to see even more juniors in next year's tournament.

2010 FARM TENNIS SPRING CALENDAR

February 12

Valentine's Day Indoor Mixer

Let's play some indoor doubles in the winter! Bring a spouse or significant other or sign up as a single and get paired up! \$10.00 per person. Balls, snacks and beverages provided.

March 1

Spring Clinics Begin!

Quickstart Tennis



Ages 4-7

3:15-4:00 Mondays/Wednesdays

We'll use over-sized tennis balls and smaller courts to teach the game to our youngest crowd.

Our pros are certified to teach Quickstart! If you are interested in this program, please call Todd at 225-8563.

Beginner Juniors

Ages 6-10

4:00-5:00 Mondays/Wednesdays

Learn the basics and build strong foundations while having fun and getting familiar with the game!

Intermediate Juniors

Ages 8-12

5:00-6:00 Mondays/Wednesdays

Start using spin and directional control to improve match play and strategy. Learning how to serve is another building block of the Intermediate clinic.

March 2

Beginner Adult Clinic

10:00-11:30 Tuesdays

For men and women looking to learn the game of tennis. Focus

on building strokes and getting comfortable rallying from the baseline. This clinic is all about the basics!

Junior Development Program

4:30-6:00 Tuesdays/Thursdays

This group of competitive juniors works on developing his/her game to go to the next level. For tournament or school team players. Contact Todd or Nate if you are interested in joining this group.

March 4

Adult Clinic

6:30-7:30 Thursdays

This clinic is for men and women who are looking for basic game play in a fun environment.

March 5

Ladies' Doubles Clinic

9:30-11:00 Fridays

Concentrate on improving your doubles game through various strategic drills. Heavy emphasis on strokes, such as volleys and service returns.

TBA

(Usually the last week of March)

Ladies' Team Camp

Get ready for the Spring Triangle Team season! We will put you "through the wringer" with drills and game situations designed to prepare you for Triangle League tennis. More details to follow once the Triangle League dates are set.

Ladies' Team Practice

9:00-10:30 Mondays

This practice is free of charge for Ladies' Triangle Team members. Includes a variety of drills to sharpen your game for Wednesday matches.

March 20

Racquet Demo Day

Try out all of the exciting new equipment by Wilson and Prince. Find that missing link to dominating your opponents!

April 5

Easter Adult Tennis Doubles Round Robin

9:30-11:00

Free of charge with can of tennis balls.

April 23-25

CHCC/FARM USTA Junior Tournament

May 31

Memorial Day Adult Tennis Doubles Round Robin

9:30-11:00

Free of charge with can of tennis balls.

TBA

Tennis, Music and Beer!

Play some tennis, listen to music, and drink some cold beverages! This was one of the Farm's most exciting events of 2009 and is coming back! More details to come...

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FARM TENNIS, PLEASE VISIT UNCFARM.ORG OR CALL 919-968-8015.

