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# OPTA NEWSLETTER

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OLDE POINT TENNIS ASSOCIATION



## WOOD, WHITE & WIMBLEDON



Fifteen people all dressed in white, with ridiculously small wooden racquets on a Saturday morning in May, at Olde Point. It has become a tradition these many years that the members of the Olde Point Tennis Association -- looking quiet "natty" in whites -- attempt to play tennis the way they did years ago with small wooden racquets saved from attics, garages and dumpsters to play again one more day.

The tradition was started by Bill & Bunny Thorn and Hal & Betty Gross as tribute to the tennis at Wimbledon and a fun event for OPTA. We wear white and play with wooden racquets-- after play, champagne, strawberries and cream is served to the players and guests - this year at the tennis pavilion.

The amazing thing about the tournament is that no one gets overly embarrassed at not being able to play well with the old racquets -- not that you would notice a difference in the men's play. The ladies, however, can't play their usual game.

This year 15 players suited up for two hours of fun. Duane Young and Sue Tompkins were the winners. Duane is considering having his wooden racquet re-strung and re-gripped for full time use since he played so well.

Thanks to the Fishers and the Tassis' for champagne, strawberries & cream. Save those racquets for next year -- we'll be back again, in May, all dressed in white.

## Meet JoAnn !



JoAnn Bender is our newest member:

171 Weir Dr., Hampstead  
Phone: 732-725-1398 (cell)

## June Round Robin

Saturday, June 20 is the date, 10 AM is the time. Look for the sign-up sheets to be posted in the hut.

## Sunday Afternoon Tennis

We are going to try Sunday afternoon tennis again in June. Attendance last year was lukewarm but there have been some requests to try it again.

This time it will be on the first Sunday of the month -- not the last.

June 7 is the first outing. Show up at 4PM with water for the courts and maybe some cocktails or wine for after tennis. Let's see how this works out?

## OPTA Xmas Party

It looks like our party will be on December 3 -- a Thursday -- at Porters Neck Country Club. Mark your calendars and we'll get more information out when it becomes available.

*The next meeting will be held on July 18th, after the round robin, at the tennis pavilion.*