

CCTA WINTER NEWS FLASH

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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The CCTA is hard at work planning the 2019 season with more social play, expanded instruction and new outdoor pickleball play opportunities. But to make this happen we need your help. We have need for volunteers to help with all aspects of our program, especially marketing and social/competition activities. You do not need to be a board member to help. We can put you on one of our committees for all matters, small to not so small. You can get a feel for what sort of contribution you can make, beyond just paying membership dues or making other financial contributions. Drop us a note or contact Dick Swanson (rswanson@boreal.org) as to how you might help.

WINTER PLAY OPPORTUNITIES

This winter there are several opportunities in Cook County to sharpen your racquet skills while waiting for the tennis season to return.

Coach Charley in cooperation with the YMCA is offering a **Tennis & Sports Skills Development Clinic** Saturday mornings from January 12-February 23. Kids and adults can hit, throw, catch, and kick to improve their game in tennis and other ball sports through these age-appropriate skills classes with Coach Charley. Contact the YMCA (218 387 3386 x501) for more detail or call/email Charley at 319 621 4310/instruction@playtenniscookcounty.org.

The YMCA is offering **Beginners Pickleball Clinics** Saturdays January 12, February 9th, and March 9th. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in North America, with more than 3 million participants. It is a fast paced game, easy to learn and great fun to play. Contact the YMCA to sign up.

Also **Drop In Pickleball** is available all winter long at the YMCA. Just show up Monday, Wednesday, or Friday at 10:00 am and you will be able to join a game. Two hour session, no sign up required.

2019 MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN & FUND RAISING

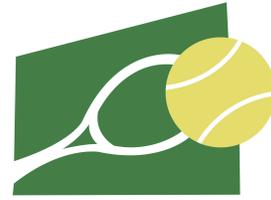
2018 was a very successful year with record membership, extensive new tennis programming, and strong financial results. Thank you to all our members who made 2018 such a tremendous success. And a special thanks to our sponsors and donors who provided extra support to help fund our programs and maintain our facilities.

The CCTA plans to start its 2019 membership campaign mid March. Existing members and all contacts in our database will receive a kickoff email letting them know it is time to renew/join the CCTA. Membership renewal and signup can be done online at www.playtenniscookcounty.org once the kickoff email has been received. Your support is essential for continuing our tennis programming, maintaining our facilities, and conducting community/social activities. When joining, consider becoming a sustaining or contributing member to show your extra support of our program.

More immediately, a fun and easy way to support the CCTA is to utilize smile.amazon.com/ch/ when making purchases on Amazon. Amazon Smile has the same products, prices and shopping features as [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/), but the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase to the CCTA.

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