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THE **COURTSIDER**

SUMMER 2026

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2026 Bus Trip!

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to see the
best of the
best!

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Depart Courtside at 8 a.m. and arrive in Flushing Meadows at 11 a.m.

\$270. per person for members/ \$295. for non-members

Tickets with access to Arthur Ashe Stadium, Louis Armstrong Stadium, the Grand Stand and all other courts on the grounds.

Transportation to and from the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on a luxury bus complete with snacks and both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Sign-up by calling 908/713-1144 or stop by the front desk.

CANCELLATION POLICY: You have until August 1 to cancel without penalty. After August 1, if Courtside is unable to resell the ticket, you will be responsible for the cost.

Space is EXTREMELY limited, early registration is strongly encouraged.

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SUMMER CAMP COACHES

MATT POTTS

Matt is returning this summer to direct the elite tennis camps, bringing his proven expertise and high-level connections back to elevate the player development experience. Last summer's camps drew an impressive roster of visitors, including state and nationally ranked juniors, top NCAA Division 1 college players, and world-ranked professionals. These included Julian Cash's hitting partner, a Wimbledon doubles champion, and world No. 450 with a UTR of 13.25. These high-caliber athletes didn't just make appearances—they jumped in throughout the summer to hit with campers, delivering invaluable live-ball practice, competitive intensity, and direct feedback that pushed every participant's game to new levels.



STEFAN NEAGU

Stefan is once again lighting up the indoor tennis season with his renowned camps, transforming every session into an unforgettable blend of skill-building, fun, and pure enjoyment. With his infectious energy and passion for the game, Stefan brings laughter-filled drills, engaging stories, creative games that sharpen technique, and a supportive atmosphere where players of all ages and levels thrive. Year after year, the responses have been nothing short of amazing, as campers keep returning week after week, eager to be part of the special experience he creates—forging friendships, boosting confidence, and falling even more in love with tennis along the way.

BOBBY WEISS

This summer marks the 20th year that the legendary Bobby Weiss will be running his renowned high school tennis camps, a beloved tradition that has shaped young players and brightened summers for two decades. With his boundless energy, sharp wit, and genuine passion for the game and its athletes, Bobby turns the court into a place of growth, laughter, and lasting memories. Summer simply isn't summer without Bobby and his incredible personality—the way he lights up every drill, connects with every camper, and pours his heart into making each session unforgettable. Whether you're a rising star working on your serve or just learning the fundamentals, signing up for one of Bobby's camps means stepping into an experience where skill meets inspiration, and where a true tennis ambassador continues to make a difference year after year.



GAME, SET, CARE

BY NATE PASTOR

"Mom, can I play tennis?" my six-year-old self would ask every time we passed the courts as we drove towards swimming lessons. The turning point came when my third-grade class went on a trip to a tennis club. Whether it was my constant nagging or a timely school field trip, my mom handed me a racquet and said, "Okay, Rafa, let's go."

On weekends, my family gathered around the TV to watch tennis, our way of bonding. From the couch, it always looked effortless—the booming serves, the fierce rallies. I learned quickly that tennis was anything but easy. My shots sailed over the fence, my serves barely cleared the net. Still, I refused to give up; I was determined to put everything I had into the game. After years of practice, the shots that once sailed over the fence now land in play. My serve echoes around the court as I hit my spot. Instead of shying away from the ball, I welcome it, head-on. Tennis taught me more than just physical skills—it showed me how to value perseverance, and employ patience to trust that effort will bring about progress. In many ways, tennis mirrors life. Andre Agassi once said, "Tennis uses the language of life. Advantage, service, fault, break, love—the basic elements of tennis are those of everyday existence because every match is

a life in miniature." What makes a great person and tennis player is the ability to bounce back when faced with adversity.

The same resilience followed me into the classroom. A profound moment came to me at the most random of times—doing homework at midnight. I had just finished up a late tennis practice for that night and was trying to get some work done for the upcoming school day. I was particularly stuck on a math problem that I just couldn't understand when the parallel hit me. I realized that in

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school there are ups and downs. In tennis you're not going to win every point; even the best pros only win a little over half the points in a match. Struggling in one moment doesn't mean struggling forever, it just means I need to continue pushing forward, point by point, until I win the bigger match.

The lessons I have learned about patience and perseverance don't only apply to tennis. Ten years ago my parents got me two cats for my birthday, Simba and Amber. Simba, the sweetest cat I've ever met, has faced numerous health challenges in the past few years—from bladder stones to heart disease. The endless vet visits—sterile rooms, long waits, and anxious conversations—didn't discourage me, it sparked something in me. I began to notice the same qualities I valued on the court—patience and resilience—reflected

Nate has been a long time student at the Club, a senior in high school, and will soon be on his way to reaching his dream of becoming a Veterinarian. We are so proud of him. When I read this essay, I wanted to share it, it's so beautifully written—I really hope you take the time to read it.

Tennis is Life!

**– Steve Bork,
GM and Director of Tennis**

in the veterinarians that treated Simba. The work of these veterinarians showed me how those traits could make a real difference in the lives of both animals and their families. So I turned to my mom and asked, "Can I be a vet?"

Both on and off the court, the lessons I have learned have not only shaped my values but my purpose. Tennis taught me to fight for every point, and Simba showed why the fight matters.

What began with "Mom can I play tennis?" became "Mom can I be a vet?"—questions linked by the same drive to persevere and grow. I'm ready to carry these values forward into veterinary medicine—where every challenge is an opportunity to change a life

Enjoy Free Tennis, and Cool-off Indoors Over the Summer!

WHEN: June 15 through Labor Day

WHO: All Tennis, adult and junior members, have access to BOTH Tennis and Pickleball courts (Pickleball members have access to Pickleball only)—and will not have to pay any court fees on these designated dates.

HOW: Booking privileges are the same: you are allowed to book 3 weeks in advance; however, if you book and do not cancel your court time 24 hours in advance, you will be charged \$25 per hour for the time you booked.

**Our
Annual
FREE
Summers
Continue!**

