

Tennis Moves Indoors

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Sooner or later, everything must suffer through a period of recognition.

Tennis is currently undergoing that process. As a result, half a dozen indoor tennis clubs have sprung up in Observerland. The latest is the Northwest Racquet Club, 17250 Newburgh Rd., Livonia.

Northwest officially opens today (Friday) at 8 p.m. The public is invited to join the celebration and watch several local media stars, including the mayor of Livonia, "play" in celebrity matches.

For those who desire, free mini-lessons will be given throughout the evening by

Northwest's five tennis professionals: Jim Pritula of Ann Arbor, Ali Hammoud of Lebanon, Linda Long of Toledo, and Pete Nichols, all under the direction of Australia's Tricia Faulkner.

The club boasts eight championship plexicushion courts with updated design and playing surface, with specially designed, high clarity lighting combining direct and indirect illumination to maximize visibility and to eliminate glare and surface shadows.

The club also boasts construction costs of \$1 million.

Anyone can join the club and membership fees are: adults, \$75 per year; juniors (18 and under), \$25 per year; and family, \$150 per year.

In addition, prime court time is \$12 per hour, weekdays from 5 to 11 p.m. and weekends from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Non-prime court time is \$8 per hour from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. weekends.

Membership fees include

use of all facilities at the club: sauna baths, whirlpool baths and supervised nurseries.

Private lessons for members will be offered at \$12 per hour. Non-members may take group lessons at \$35 for five weeks.

According to Billie Walker, Northwest social director, the club currently has a membership of 500 to 600.

"We hope everyone will take the opportunity to join Friday. I think they'll be pleasantly surprised."

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