

The Tennis Program at

Tivoli Lakes . . . a premier boutique community



Participants in our popular Color Wars weekend tournament



Many tennis players also enjoy our new pickleball courts.



Aerial view of our tennis complex



Our stand-alone tennis pavilion has lighted Har-Tru courts surrounding it



Habtu, our Tennis Director, in the pro shop



Habtu with Billie Jean King, left, and with ITF President David Haggerty at Wimbledon.



Our tennis pavilion has a breezeway with a covered seating area.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS!

Tivoli Lakes is a prestigious, gated, active adult community of 324 single-family homes. We offer a lifestyle that provides our residents with incredible choices for recreation and relaxation as well as artistic and intellectual avenues to pursue. But, our favorite activity is TENNIS! Our tennis pavilion has six lighted Har-Tru courts, yielding almost twice as many courts per home as is typical in most South Florida adult communities.

Our tennis program is one of the best in Palm Beach County, and includes many activities: competitive teams for men and women at all levels of playing ability; regular practice sessions coached by our pro; tournaments; social round robins and games; clinics; private lessons; equipment demos; and a variety of special events.

DIRECTOR & FACILITIES

Habtu Belayneh is the director of our tennis program. Habtu hails originally from Ethiopia and has lived in the United States since 1998, teaching and coaching tennis. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix.

Habtu is a certified United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) Elite Professional, having achieved the second highest coaching standard. Habtu is also a Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) professional coach, a Professional Pickleball Registry (PPR) certified pickleball coach, and a high-performance fitness trainer. Habtu was honored by the PTR as its 2018 Humanitarian of the Year for his long-term work, including developing junior tennis players from Ethiopia and his support of the Special Olympics. In 2019, Habtu attended the 2nd International Tennis Conference in London during Wimbledon. We are extraordinarily proud of him, and we are most fortunate that Habtu and his wife, daughter, and their extended family have been an integral part of our Tivoli Lakes family since 2007.

We have six lighted Har-Tru courts, available for night-time playing, and court 1 has grandstands. We have a pro shop and office for the director of our tennis program. The pro shop stocks tennis balls, racquets, and offers restringing services. The tennis pavilion has covered and outdoor seating areas, an equipment storage room with a ball machine and coaching aids, and a hallway that houses public rest rooms, water coolers, ice machine, 911 phone, and an AED machine.

We also have 2 pickleball courts, a pickleball club, ladder play, competitive and social league, and complementary social activities.



Habtu accepting the 2018 Humanitarian of the Year Award from the PTR

TENNIS PROGRAM



Our annual awards dinner is a great party with dancing and lots of fun!



One of our recent winning men's teams



The winning Color Wars team, Navy Blue.



Habtu with his son Gelawdiyos and three college teammates gave a terrific pro demonstration at a wine and cheese party. The spectators (below) loved watching them play.



OUR TENNIS PROGRAM

Tivoli Lakes offers an exciting tennis program that is chock-full of activities. The main component is our six competitive coached tennis teams that represent Tivoli Lakes (four men's and two women's) and compete in five Palm Beach County leagues during the Fall, Winter and Spring sessions: for the men, the Grand Slam and Senior Leagues; for the women, the South Palm Beach Womens Tennis Association, Senior League, and Palm Tennis Leagues. Between matches, team players attend rigorous practice sessions coached by our tennis pro.

To complement the teams, we have a variety of special tournaments and social tennis events in partnership with the Tennis Club:

- *Let the Season Begin* — a wonderful season kickoff event in November that starts with beginner and then intermediate-advanced clinics given by our pro for the Tivoli Lakes participants. Then, athletes from the South Florida Special Olympics arrive to showcase their tennis skills and play with community members. Donations are collected in advance to support the Special Olympics. All enjoy lunch together afterwards.
- *The InterClub Tennis Championship* — an annual event, a friendly competition in December with Valencia Palms of Delray Beach, which features three hours of tennis matches between 72 competitors playing at both clubs, followed by a luncheon alternating between clubs, and a pro exhibition.
- *Valentine's Day Mixed Doubles* — a tournament with a brunch featuring mimosas. Everybody wins at this one!
- *Color Wars* — a weekend tournament between four teams of Tivoli Lakes players, usually held in mid-April, is one of the highlights of the year. It's followed by our annual awards dinner party — a really fun time.
- *Professional Tennis Exhibition with Wine and Cheese*—an evening event, very inspiring, and always fills the grandstands!

CLINICS & LESSONS

- Complimentary tennis clinics are held the first Sunday of each month from October through April.
- A complimentary childrens' tennis clinic is offered for grandchildren visiting during Christmas break.
- "Shot of the week" is a Saturday morning group clinic from 9–10:30 AM.
- Periodically we invite different guest pros to teach and/or demonstrate new tennis equipment.
- Private lessons for tennis and pickleball are available at any level.

TENNIS CLUB & SOCIAL EVENTS

All Tivoli Lakes residents can, if they wish, apply to join our tennis clubs to support tennis in our community.

The Tennis Club Hospitality Committee, a dedicated group of tennis enthusiasts, plans frequent social events, including various tournaments, outings, and competitions run by our tennis director:

- US Open in September, watch finals and enjoy snacks
- InterClub Tennis Championship luncheon in December
- Movie Nights with the Fitness Club - March, August
- Mixed Doubles Valentines Day Brunch in February
- Color Wars and continental breakfast in April
- Annual End-of-Season Awards Dinner in April
- Tennis, wine and pizza supper in May
- Breakfast at Wimbledon in July
- Pro Tennis Exhibition—wine and cheese served

ADDITIONAL TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES

- Mentoring: players new to Tivoli Lakes are evaluated in a complimentary lesson by our tennis pro and invited for other activities.
- Round robins are scheduled once a week in-between tennis leagues.
- Social games are scheduled by teams for weekend play.
- All resident players can reserve a court from our online system as available.
- Future plans include evening doubles ladders, and cardiotennis exercises.



Our dedicated Tennis Club Hospitality Committee volunteers put on beautiful events year-round that are enjoyed by the players.



A recent kids' clinic, which is held over Christmas vacation.

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