

Pittsburgh Club Tennis Team

A certified student organization at the University of Pittsburgh

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Letter from the President

Tennis Team and Friends,

This past year should be considered a very successful season as we were able to compete in many tournaments and provide a great way to spend time outside of the classroom at University of Pittsburgh. I would first like to thank our new coach, Brandon Anandan, as he was extremely helpful in adding some organization to the team and make us better players, all while having fun.

Best wishes to the team in the future and congrats to our newest president, Danny Zemel, and thanks for all of your help this past season. I would also like to thank all parents and alumni of the team for their much needed support!

Let's Go Pitt!

Scott Bronder and fellow officers

Season in Review

The tennis season began with a record turnout for tryouts as almost 100 people attended, with even more who signed up. When the club first started back in 2006, we had 30 people tryout so we hope that this is a positive sign for an increasing interest in the team.

The team competed in a handful of tournaments this season including the Hershey Invitational, Sectionals, and the Greenbrier Cup. Although we were unable to advance to Nationals this year, the team played extremely well! This past year also saw a temporary change in venue for the first time as practices were held at the accommodating Lakevue Athletic Club. We also would like to welcome our newest members of the team, and hope that you can remain with us for the upcoming season.

We once again are trying to host our own tournament here in Pittsburgh for the upcoming season, as this has been one of our goals since the formation of the team.

Thanks to all of the officers including our awesome president Scott Bronder, and we wish the best of luck to our graduating seniors and their future endeavors!

Next Year

Anyone looking to tryout for the team next year should look for our booth at the 2012 Fall Student Activities Fair which takes place at the beginning of the semester. It is here where you will be able to talk to officers, ask questions, and sign up.

You may also email us at pittctt@gmail.com if you have any general questions about the team, or check us out on the web at pittclubtennis.wordpress.com

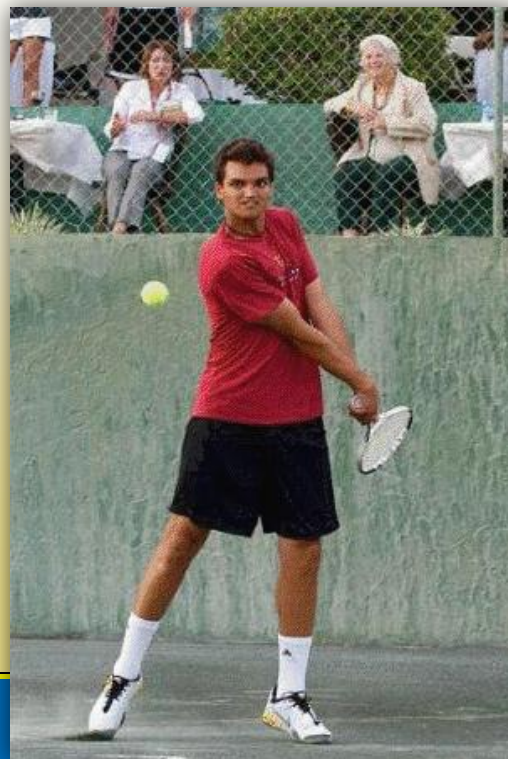


Meet the Coach

Brandon Anandan

Brandon is a current tennis professional at Lakevue Athletic Club in Valencia, PA where he offers personal training and runs weekend tennis clinics.

Having competed in ITF Futures events, Brandon offers valuable expertise to all of our players. We are very appreciative of his support and ability to make us all better tennis players. We would like to thank him for being a great coach this past year and hope to see him for next season.



Meet Your Spring 2012 Panthers!

Alexis Vitsas

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
Year: Junior
Major: Industrial Engineering

Heidi Jeong

Hometown: Roslyn, PA
Year: Freshman
Major: Biology

Julie Collins

Hometown: West Chester, PA
Year: Junior
Major: Urban Studies
Favorite Club Tennis Memory: Playing at the beautiful Greenbrier and making some classy WVU Friends
Favorite Tennis Player: Nadal
Other Hobbies: What else is there besides tennis?

Andrew Dekkinga

Hometown: Grand Rapids, MI
Year: Junior
Major: Nursing
Other Hobbies: Disc golf, slacking, Guitar

Ian Steck

Hometown: Harrisburg, PA
Year: Junior
Major: Electrical Engineering
Favorite Club Tennis Memory: The entire Greenbrier Tournament
Favorite Tennis Player: Nadal
Other Hobbies: Frisbee, Football, Video Games

Ben Koch

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
Year: Junior
Major: Urban Studies
Favorite Club Tennis Memory: Winning mixed doubles to seal a first place victory at Old Dominion with Rosie
Favorite Tennis Player: Agassi and Marcos Baghdatis
Other Hobbies: Spicce, Sports, Cooking

Laura Amster

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
Year: Junior
Major: Economics, French
Favorite Club Tennis Memory: West Virginia tourney
Favorite Tennis Player: Agassi
Other Hobbies: Swimming, napping, eating good food

James DiBitetto

Hometown: East Brunswick, NJ
Year: Sophomore
Major: Neuroscience, History of Arts & Architecture
Favorite Club Tennis Memory: Going out to a great dinner near Julie's house when we stayed there last year.
Favorite Tennis Player: Nadal
Other Hobbies: Playing Fifa

Luc Rogers

Year: Grad

Danny Zemel

Hometown: Wexford, PA
Year: Junior
Major: History, Russian
Favorite Club Tennis Memory: Rob hitting Kutch with a forehand
Favorite Tennis Player: Fish
Other Hobbies: Hockey

Matt Czech

Hometown: Westborough, MA
Year: Sophomore
Major: Neuroscience
Favorite Club Tennis Memory: Pizza after practice
Favorite Tennis Player: Federer
Other Hobbies: Going out on weekends, working out

Erin Farrell

Hometown: Kennett Square, PA
Year: Senior
Favorite Tennis Player: Nadal
Other Hobbies: Stamp Collecting, Pokemon, Knitting

Jim Donovan

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
Year: Freshman
Major: Microbiology
Favorite Club Tennis Memory: The Hershey tournament because it was my first
Favorite Tennis Player: Andy Roddick
Other Hobbies: Snowboarding, volunteering, research

Michael Andrews

Year: Freshman

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Meet Your Spring 2012 Panthers! (cont.)

Rosie McKinley

Hometown: Danville, PA
Year: Junior
Major: History, Communication Rhetoric
Favorite Club Tennis Memory:
Winning match point in mixed doubles (w/Ben) against JMU to win the bracket
Favorite Tennis Player: Pete Sampras
Other Hobbies: Running, Road Trips, Lying in the Sun

Scott Bronder

Hometown: Mechanicsburg, PA
Year: Senior
Major: Anthropology, Business
Favorite Club Tennis Memory:
National Tennis Tourney and every Sectional Tourney
Favorite Tennis Player: Danny Zemel
Other Hobbies: Getting stuck in snow storms

Tom Kutch

Year: Senior

Tommy Maerz

Hometown: Myersville, MD
Year: Junior
Major: Urban Studies
Favorite Club Tennis Memory: Trips to the Greenbrier, WV
Favorite Tennis Player: Gael Monfils and Maria Sharapova
Other Hobbies: Sports, Piano, Razy Fresh

Sarah Green

Hometown: Pottstown, PA
Year: Sophomore
Favorite Tennis Player: Nadal
Other Hobbies: Hiking, Skiing, Playing Music

Sowmya Sanapala

Hometown: Rochester, NY
Year: Sophomore
Major: Neuroscience
Favorite Club Tennis Memory:
Road Tripping to my first competition
Favorite Tennis Player: Nadal
Other Hobbies: Watching NCIS, Reading, Volunteering

Tyler Donde

Year: Sophomore



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