

WHEEL TALK ABOUT IT



What Happened...

A YEAR IN REVIEW

As we all know, 2020 was an unprecedented year in facing the challenges of a global pandemic. It also happened to be the year Wheel Serve NC was created and established as a 501c3 and the first statewide Community Tennis Association (CTA) for wheelchair tennis in the country.

We have been fortunate to build strong relationships and are in the process of developing programs in Asheville, Wilmington and the Piedmont with the help of the Asheville Tennis Association, Greater Wilmington Tennis Association and the Greensboro Regional Tennis Association. Look for those this Spring and Fall.

Following strict COVID-19 guidelines,

both the Charlotte and Cary programs continued to play throughout most of 2020. In September, five players from Charlotte competed in the Second Annual Charlotte Amateur Tournament. Johnny Ragland was the Singles Champion and the Doubles Champion along with his partner Kelly Flouhouse. Eric Pierce and Juan Mendez were the Singles and Doubles Finalists. In October, a gathering of leaders and volunteers as well as wheelchair player, Billy Eno, gathered in Wilmington to play and plan for the future. Stay tuned for what's next...



Charlotte Amateur Tournament

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Let Us Introduce...

ROD SPENCE - PLAYER

At 80 years old, Rod has played wheelchair tennis for 33 years and continues to play up to 4 times a week.

What brought you to wheelchair tennis?

"I started playing wheelchair tennis at 47 years old while I was rehabbing from a spinal cord injury after a bicycle accident at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia."

What's your favorite part of the game?

"I used to compete in USTA tournaments all over the South, but my favorite part now is helping new players become better and have fun doing it. I still love to compete, but I

play just for fun and to be with new friends."

What's your advice for newcomers?

"I recommend tennis for anyone with a disability regardless of their injury. We have players who possibly thought they'd never enjoy sports again. You might not become the best player ever, but you can compete at whatever level you are capable of and gain new friends."

To read full interview, click [here](#).



Wheel Serve Cary

How High Can You Climb...

TENNIS LADDER STANDINGS

Our tennis ladder is designed to encourage competition amongst wheelchair players in North Carolina. It promotes a pathway to tournament play. The idea is to experience the feel of a tournament without the commitment. It's a stepping stone to take your game to the next level.

End of 2020 Rankings:

1. Johnny Ragland (31 Points)
2. Kelly Flouhouse (25 Points)
3. Eric Pierce (14 Points)
4. Juan Mendez (9 Points)
5. Rod Spence (4 Points)

We have already begun our 2021 ladder rankings and we look forward to other players joining us. For more information click [here](#).

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

CHARLOTTE

Wheel Serve Charlotte
Wednesdays
12:00 - 2:00 PM (Winter)
9:30-11:30 AM (Summer)

Queens University
Sports Complex
2229 Tyvola Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28210

ASAP
Tuesdays
11:00 - 1:00 PM (Winter)
9:30 - 11:30 AM
(Summer)

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Sports Complex
2229 Tyvola Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28210

CARY

Wheel Serve Cary
Saturdays (Bimonthly)
3:00 - 4:30 PM

Cary Tennis Park
2727 Louis Stephens Dr.
Cary, NC 27519

ASHEVILLE

Wheel Serve Asheville
Jamboree Kickoff
Saturday May 8, 2021
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Asheville Racquet Club
200 Racquet Club Rd.
Asheville, NC 28803

WILMINGTON

Coming Soon