

WHEEL TALK ABOUT IT



What Happened...

SPRING 2024

Wheel Serve NC has been rockin' and rollin' this spring, playing lots of tennis in our programming and events. All 5 programs are in full swing. We are thrilled that WS Asheville is year-round now after playing through the winter and hitting spring with bimonthly clinics. WS Sandhills makes it happen rain or shine even if it means going indoors and playing in a gym. WS Charlotte has players of all skill-level spread out over 4-5 courts. WS Cary is going strong and has many players competing in tournaments. Finally, WS Wilmington has an amazing crew of players and volunteers making it happen each week. A big shoutout goes to Greater Wilmington Tennis Association for hosting the inaugural Smash Cancer On Wheels

alongside the annual tournament. The 13 players included some new faces from other states, adding to the level of competition. Congratulations to all including our champions: Division A Singles - Chris Thomas, Division B Singles - Trey Bates, Division C Singles - Eddie Nieves Tanon, Division A Doubles - Chris Thomas & Trey Bates and Division C Doubles - Eddie Nieves Tanon & Kenny Heuchert. Finally, we are grateful to SouthPark Magazine for hosting the 2nd annual SouthPark Pro-Am benefitting WSNC. This is a fun and competitive up/down tournament with great food and swag. Congratulations to Nick Burnham for being the champion (again)!



Christian Felkl & Carrie Cleary

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Who's On Court..

DOUG THINGELSTAD - PLAYER

Doug Thingelstad has been playing wheelchair tennis for just 1 year as part of WSNC. He is one of our more active players, participating in both WS Cary and WS Sandhills as well events and tournaments.

What have you enjoyed most about joining WSNC?

"I've enjoyed learning something new. I am finding tennis as a sport to be quite enjoyable and rather difficult. It's also really great to see how accomplished the others players are. Inspirational!"

What's your advice for new players?

"If anyone has already started, just keep coming, there is a skill level for all of us."



Greg McKee - Grant Recipient

Why It Matters...

WHEEL SERVE NC GRANTS

Wheel Serve NC wants to share with you what we have to offer to make playing tennis even better. We have big news regarding the upcoming cycle of the Workman Player Grant starting on July 1, 2024. We are happy to announce that we will now be reimbursing up to \$400 to offset tennis-related expenses biannually. We recognize the financial burden associated and want to help make it a little easier. Also new in 2024 is our Court Reservation/Lesson Grant offering \$100 annually to encourage play outside of

Anything else you would like us to know about you?

"I used to be a pretty good athlete, but that was around 25 years ago, way before I lost my legs. I never thought I'd be into sports again, especially not on wheels. But it's been amazing, not just for my body as I keep getting better, but also for my mind. I'm way more comfortable in my chair now, and I don't mind going out and being around people as much. I've said it before, but I can't thank the volunteers enough. When I called to ask if I could play, they were all so welcoming. It's honestly changed my life."

Click [here](#) for the complete interview.

*Interview conducted by Christian Felkl,
Player Advisory Council Member.*



Doug Thingelstad

programming. We of course still offer our WSNC Program Grant reimbursing up to \$450 annually to any of our 5 programs and can be used for the usual expenses or even for those out-of-the-box ideas. Lastly, Wheel Serve NC is proud to offer mileage reimbursement to any eligible player attending a WSNC event. We want to encourage you to see what we offer as a statewide organization and the benefits of meeting and playing with more than just your own program. We hope you take advantage of these opporrtnunities and play, play, play!

Click [here](#) for details.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

CHARLOTTE

Wheel Serve Charlotte
Wednesdays
9:30 - 11:30 AM (Spring/Summer)
11 AM - 1 PM (Fall/Winter)

Levine Tennis Center
2229 Tyvola Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28210

CARY

Wheel Serve Cary
Western Wake Tennis Association
Select Saturdays
3:00 - 4:30 PM

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

ASHEVILLE

Wheel Serve Asheville
Asheville Tennis Association
Select Saturdays
1 - 3 PM

Asheville Racquet Club
27 Resort Dr.
Asheville, NC 28806

WILMINGTON

Wheel Serve Wilmington
Greater Wilmington Tennis Assoc.
Fridays
9:30 - 11:00 AM (Spring/Summer)
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (Fall/Winter)

Althea Gibson Tennis Complex
3405 Park Ave.
Wilmington, NC 28403

SANDHILLS

Wheel Serve Sandhills
Village of Pinehurst P & R
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
9 - 11 AM (Summer)
11 AM - 1 PM (Winter)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Click [here](#) for details.