



# Nahant Tennis

Serving up Community and Competition since 1874

Message from the Nahant Tennis President

Sept 2026



## Labor Day is here!

Rebecca Flacke

Hard to believe LABOR DAY is just around the corner! Where did the summer go?!

The good news is that, just in time, we have our **NEW LIGHTS** installed and they absolutely brighten up the courts! 💡 🎾 We are now ready for long **late-summer evenings and fall tennis**. Come down one evening and see the difference for yourself!

As you may have seen in our email last week, we are kindly asking for donations toward this long-awaited and important upgrade. Our old lighting system was outdated, and many of the components are no longer manufactured. The new LED system is not only **significantly brighter**, but also much **more energy efficient**, helping us reduce our ongoing electricity costs.

Our goal is to raise **\$10,000** toward this project. We have already raised \$1600 and are hopeful to get more donations. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference and is sincerely appreciated. Your support will help us fund this important improvement, while also allowing the Club to maintain a healthy financial cushion for unexpected repairs and emergencies in the future.



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If you would like to contribute, you can do so in either of the following ways:

- **Check:** Made payable to Nahant Tennis Club and mailed to  
PO Box 90, Nahant, MA 01908  
*Memo: Lights*
- **Venmo: @NahantTennisClub**  
*Comment: Lights*

As a token of our appreciation:

- **Donations of \$500 or more** will receive an insulated water bottle featuring our **new club logo**.
- **Donations of \$1,000 or more** will be recognized with a **personalized plaque on the first light pole**.

Thank you for supporting Nahant Tennis Club and helping us continue to make our courts a place where we can enjoy tennis together, day...and night!

**Happy Labor Day and see you on the courts!** 🎾

*If you need to reach out to Rebecca personally for any club-related matters:*  
[nahanttennispresident@gmail.com](mailto:nahanttennispresident@gmail.com)

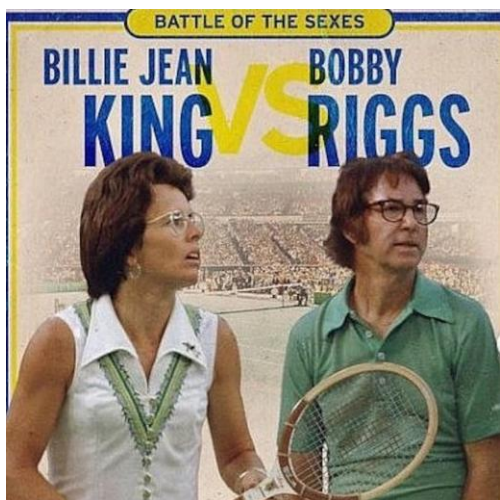
# Upcoming EVENTS

Keep your eye on  
**Court Reserve** for  
sign-ups and details!



## September 12-13

Women's Doubles/Men's Doubles Weekend



52 years ago!

## September 25th Friday night social!

**Theme: Battle of the sexes!**

Come by for fun and food as we  
set up matches: Guys against Gals!  
Sign up will be on Court Reserve.

We will be showing the 2017 movie starring  
Steve Carell and Emma Stone as Bobby Riggs  
and Billie Jean King.

Wear 70s attire if you like!

# Pictures from our Tournaments



event with a cause

## second serve mixed doubles tournament and fundraiser

sunday, august 16

Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> was all about community, competition, and charity as we held our **Second Serve Mixed Doubles Tournament!**

Our winners were Bay and Christian Bauta pictured here with tournament director, Nikki Carr.



Michael and Angie finished in second place!



## More about Second Serve

Donations to Second Serve are 100% tax deductible.

The organization is largely run by young people, student leaders ages 12-17. Adults serve on an advisory board, but the kids do all the work for campaigns, outreach and partnerships.

The equipment they collect goes to community tennis programs, schools and organizations serving low-income children.

The have worked with programs all over the world!

We raised over \$300 and collected lots of equipment.

If you missed the tournament and would like to donate:

- Equipment: a bin will be at the Hut until mid-November
- Financial support: **Venmo: @NahantTennisClub**

*Comment: Second Serve Foundation*



Highschooler Nikki Carr organized our Mixed Doubles Tournament!

## 52 years ago— September 20, 1973

Billie Jean King defeated Bobby Riggs 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 at the Houston Astrodome in what remains the most-watched tennis match in history. The victory silenced months of bravado from the 55-year-old Riggs, a former Wimbledon champion, who insisted women's tennis was *vastly* inferior to the men's game.

Leading up to the spectacle, Riggs boasted that women belonged *in the bedroom and kitchen* and claimed a diet of vitamin pills and pure confidence was all the conditioning he needed to beat the 29-year-old women's champion.



On match day, King, a fierce pioneer for equal pay for women, entered the court under immense pressure, knowing a defeat would set women's sports back decades. In front of 30,472 roaring spectators and a global television audience of 90 million, the heavily hyped “Battle of the Sexes” proved one-sided. King dictated play from the opening game, broke Riggs down with relentless baseline precision, and never dropped serve as Riggs withered under the Houston heat.

Her landmark triumph began an enduring legacy. The USTA changed the home of the US Open to the the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in 2006. In 2009, Obama awarded her the Presidential Medal of Freedom for athletic excellence and for being an agent of change: fighting for equal pay, creating the WTA, and championing civil rights for women and the LGBT community.

**Don't miss our own Battle of the Sexes Social on September 25<sup>th</sup>**

## Our Current Board of Directors

Rebecca Flacke (President), Andrea Gogolos (Vice President), Maureen DeCenzo (Secretary), Pam Motely (Treasurer), Thomas Imhoff, Len Frisoli, Karen Falat, Jeff Musman, Mark Reenstierna, Susanne Meninger, Chris Riegle and Kathy McSweeney.

Meetings are always open to members for observation. Comments may be made at the end during the Open Forum.

Annual Members' meeting/dinner at  
Nahant Country Club  
November 6th

## Stay Connected

- **Website:** [www.nahanttennis.org](http://www.nahanttennis.org)

Click "Book a court" to access Court Reserve

Note: Guest fees can be paid via Court Reserve

- **General question email:** [Info@NahantTennis.org](mailto:Info@NahantTennis.org)

- **President email** (Rebecca Flacke): [NahantTennisPresident@gmail.com](mailto:NahantTennisPresident@gmail.com)

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- Instagram: @NahantTennisClub



Have you checked out our website lately????