

The Etchebaster Cup

to be held in New York City at the

Racquet & Tennis Club

370 Park Avenue

February 10th to 12th, 2012



Prizes: Four prizes to be awarded

Minimum Play: All entrants guaranteed at least two marked matches

Included Events: Friday Cocktails, Saturday Lunch, Sunday Breakfast

Entry Fee: \$100 plus tax

(for details and application form, see attached)

Etchebaster Cup FAQs:

Who can enter? *Basically, any male member of the USCTA who: (1) started play within the last year, (2) has a handicap of 25+ and started play within the last two years, or (3) has a 30+ handicap, regardless of experience. However, there are additional limitations, so please read the "Tournament Restrictions" below.*

How do I enter? *E-mail an Application Form (see attached) to Mike Gooding, head tennis pro at the R&T at: tennis@rtcny.org . The draw is limited to 32 and is first come, first served. **The deadline for entries is noon on Thursday, February 2.***

How many prizes are awarded? *Four: A gold USCTA medal to the overall winner, a silver USCTA medal to the runner-up, and an etched glass memento for the winner of the consolation draw as well as for the runner-up in the consolation draw. The consolation draw is composed of all players who don't win in the first-round, giving the players in the bottom half of the draw a chance to win prizes.*

Will this be a social event too? *Participants are encouraged to bring guests (a spouse and/or friends) to watch the matches and join in cocktails on Friday evening, lunch (sandwiches) on Saturday and the continental breakfast on Sunday. The atmosphere will be congenial, and, although nothing formal has been planned for Saturday evening, players will likely go in groups to local restaurants.*

Should players with a 30+ handicap enter the tournament? *By all means. Not only does the 30+ player with experience have a chance to beat a novice with a lower handicap with wit and guile, but the tournament committee has added two additional prizes specifically to give higher handicap players a greater chance to win a prize.*

How much will I get to play? *Unlike past years, when the Etchebaster Cup competition was single-elimination, this year the tournament committee has decided that each player will have at least two marked matches. Since the R&T has two courts, there should also be some opportunity to play additional, informal matches as well.*

When do I need to arrive on Friday? *Matches will begin Friday morning, but every effort will be made to schedule out-of-town participants in later time slots if requested.*

I have further questions, whom should I contact? *Call the Pro Shop at the R&T at 212-753-9727 and ask to speak with one of the tennis pros.*

What are the detailed USCTA Tournament Restrictions for the Etchebaster Cup?

- a. The tournament is a men's amateur singles competition.*
- b. The tournament is not open to non-residents in the United States.*
- c. A player must be a member in good standing of the USCTA. A player does not become ineligible because of participation in any USCTA-sanctioned event, or the Tuxedo Gold Racquet or the Whitney Cup.*
- d. The tournament is not a handicap event.*
- e. A player entering must have a registered handicap at his home club.*
- f. Previous winners and finalists may not play again.*
- g. Any player with less than one year of experience may play.*
- h. Any player with more than one year but less than two years of experience and a handicap of 25 and over may play.*
- i. Any player with a handicap of 30 or more, regardless of experience, may play.*
- j. The tournament will be played beginning in 1990 and every even-numbered year thereafter at the Racquet & Tennis club. In odd-numbered years the tournament will be hosted by other clubs on a rotating basis as determined through petitioning to the USCTA.*
- k. The Etchebaster Trophy will permanently reside at the Racquet & Tennis Club. Each year the winner and finalist will receive a take-home trophy chosen and given by the host club.*

Additionally, the tournament committee has decided for purposes of interpreting rule "g," that any player who has played games of court tennis on more than three occasions prior to 1/1/07 (or prior to 1/1/06 for a 25+ handicap) is not eligible to play in the tournament.

2012 Etchebaster Cup Application Form

(Must be submitted to tennis@rtcny.org by noon, Thursday, Feb. 2)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:			
LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:	M.I.:	
STREET ADDRESS:			APT./UNIT #
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	
HANDICAP:	HOME CLUB:	MEMBER OF USCTA (Y/N)?	
EMAIL:	CELL #:	ALT. #:	

BILLING INFORMATION:	
CHARGE MY HOME CLUB ACCOUNT (YES/NO)? _____ (WASHINGTON MEMBERS MUST PAY BY CHECK)	
HOME CLUB:	AUDIT #:
IF <u>NOT</u> CHARGING HOME CLUB, MAKE <u>CHECK</u> OUT TO "RACQUET & TENNIS CLUB" FOR \$108.63 (=\$100 + TAX)	
MAIL CHECK TO:	
ETCHEBASTER CUP RACQUET & TENNIS CLUB - PRO SHOP 370 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY, 10022	

Note: Entrance fees are fully refundable for cancellations on or before Thursday, Feb. 2 and non-refundable thereafter.

Reminder: To enter,
 (1) email a completed Application form,
 (2) if you are paying by check, mail it promptly (openings are on a first come, first served basis).