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DOCTA OPEN JR. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

MAKES FIRST APPEARANCE IN ORANGE COUNTY

The Durham-Orange Community Tennis Association (DOCTA) is partnering with Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation in Orange County to host its Annual DOCTA Open Junior Tennis Challenge Tournament in Chapel Hill on July 29-31, 2016. Previously held in Durham County for the past 15 years, this event registers over 150 junior players. Retired Athletic supervisor, Bernard Leach, has worked with DOCTA to promote 10 and under Tennis leagues at the local public tennis courts for many years. Now, the partnership to grow youth tennis is expanding with this United States Tennis Association (USTA) sanctioned North Carolina tournament for boys and girls 12-18 years of age.

The tournament will highlight the great junior tennis players from across North Carolina and other states as they converge on the town and its' great attractions. It is an event you don't want to miss as a player or spectator. DOCTA is thrilled to showcase the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro as it brings greetings to the players and their families for a great tournament event.

DOCTA, established in 1998, is a nonprofit Community Tennis Association with the mission of promoting and encouraging diverse and inclusive tennis participation, programming and leadership involvement in Durham and Orange Counties. John McLean, board chair, said "we are excited to have an opportunity to come to Orange County. Many of our top players reside in the area." DOCTA will need volunteers for this event that will be played on at least five tennis sites, including East Chapel Hill and Chapel Hill High Schools; Cedar Falls and Ephesus Park

Tennis Courts and Philip's Middle School. For volunteer opportunities with this event, email DOCTA at amercermclean@gmail.com.

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