



THE CLEVELAND RACQUET CLUB PROFESSIONAL TENNIS STAFF



JIM ELWING is in his eleventh year as Director of Tennis at CRC. Jim was recently recognized for his 30 years of service to the United States Professional Tennis Association. He has a Certified Level 1 rating. In 2002, Jim was honored as a Specialist in Competitive Player Development, considered the top level of coaching by the USTA. In 2004, Jim received the Faye Tooley Memorial Award, given to the Midwest tennis professional for his contribution to the tennis industry. Jim has served as Head Coach for Team Cleveland at the last eight International Children's Games held in Hungary, Poland, Greece, Thailand, United States and England. Jim was selected as the 2008 Volunteer of the Year by the Northeast Ohio Tennis Association. In 2009, Jim was voted Ohio Professional of the year by the USPTA.

One of Jim's strongest assets is his ability to teach all ages and levels of play, from beginners to advanced tournament players.



J. T. TINJACA Brings 22 years teaching experience to our staff. He has successfully coached juniors at Midwest and National level tournaments. He has been named High School Coach of the Year three times. In addition, J. T. has won the Ohio Clay Court Doubles Championships, has coached U.S.A. Adult teams to State and National levels, is USPTA certified Pro level 2, and has coached juniors who have played, or are currently playing NCAA tennis. He is on the Prince Advisory Staff.



TIM NIEMAN began his teaching career 10 years ago at The Country Club before joining the staff here at CRC 6 years ago. He was a lifer at University School and lettered all four years. During those four years, US won a State championship and Tim was a two time State qualifier. He then continued his tennis career at Denison University and graduated in 2003. He looks forward to another great year here at CRC.



Arnold is a former touring professional and has traveled the world as both a player and as a coach. He played college tennis at UNC-Asheville and Gardner - Webb University in North Carolina and continues to participate in USTA tournaments where he is consistently ranked among the Top 5 in his age level. With over 20 years of instructional experience, Arnold is USPTR certified and in 2004, became a USTA High Performance Coach. A native of West Palm Beach, Florida, Arnold has taught at various tennis facilities throughout the United States. He has acted as a travel coach for several nationally and regionally ranked juniors and ATP/WTA players. Arnold has a strong skill set for developing top level juniors using all-around training techniques, but thoroughly enjoys teaching members of all ages and ability. He has a dynamic personality, a passion for being on court and relishes the challenge of bringing out the best in his players.



Tom grew up in Neenah, Wisconsin where he became a nationally ranked Junior. He went on to become the Wisconsin State High School Singles Champion and was twice honored as a High School All-American. While attending the University of Minnesota, Tom was selected all Big Ten in '97, '98, and '99. He holds the all time singles victories title at U of M with 117 career wins. His highest NCAA ranking was #16. After graduating, Tom went on to play on the professional challenger circuit where he had wins over Top 100 players. Tom played the qualifier at Wimbledon and the US Open. He achieved a ranking of #257 on the ATP computer. Tom was a personal hitting partner for David Wheaton, a top 20 player in the world. Tom worked at the Tiburon Peninsula Club in Los Angeles, California where his primary focus was developing the skills of tournament ranked juniors. Most recently, Tom was the Assistant Men's and Women's coach at Division 1 Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. Tom is excited to join the CRC staff and help all our juniors as well as adults take their game to the next level.



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