



SPORTS



Golf outing supports The Lodge

Lenape Valley Foundation (LVF) hosted its ninth annual Golf Outing on July 9 at Doylestown Country Club. Former Philadelphia Eagles player Bill Bergey, center, served as the event's guest speaker during the evening program. Robert Rogala, right, of Doylestown, LVF's board president, served as the event chairperson. Alan Hartl, left, is the foundation's CEO. The outing raised close to \$60,000, which will support the construction and implementation of the first crisis residential program in Bucks County. The Lodge at Lenape Valley Foundation. The program will offer a safe haven for people who require a brief respite due to an acute behavioral crisis. The Lodge is scheduled to open this fall. For information, visit thelodgeatlenape.com.

Team challenge a hit on court

Athletes from public park tennis programs throughout Bucks County met at Doylestown Township's Central Park to test their tennis prowess against their peers on July 13.

The Bucks County Tennis Association (BCTA), along with USTA Middle States, hosted a friendly competition for participants of BCTA's season one and two signature Learn, Practice and Play programs. Athletes competed in three divisions – Red Ball, Orange Ball and Green Ball.

In the spirit of the then-ongoing Wimbledon Championships, participants in the Red and Orange

Ball division were placed on joint teams named after professional male players who made it to the Grand Slam's semifinals. Every point scored in athletes' matches was counted toward their overall respective team score, and gold, silver and bronze winners were declared as well as winners in team sportsmanship categories.

Red Ball athletes included Mac Brunetti, Teertha Desai, Jay Hundiwala, Lia Kolp, Mandala Lang, Rishi Patel, Olivia Rodgers and Vivian Timberg.

Orange Ball athletes consisted of Keira Calista, Mereck Epperson, Katie Fanelli, Abigail Kolp, Aidan

Pustay and Namrata Sureddy. Green Ball athletes included Connor Gallagher, Regan Griffith, Nicholas Kitchennan, Ava Kolp, Alison Linkewich, Aidan Paster-noster, Kathleen Quigley, Arielle Spivack, Isabelle Spivack, Ruhanan Vaidya and Brianna Wilkinson.

Doylestown Township Parks and Recreation hosted the event, which received support from Delia Mask of USTA Middle States as well as BCTA volunteers and coaches Chris Miller, Mike Dickey, Tim Donney, Laura Canfield and Barb Long, student helpers Kenny Daugherty and Emily Johannan, and parent volunteer Shannon Timber.

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Athletes from the Orange Ball division.



Athletes who competed in the Green Ball division of a team tennis challenge hosted by the Bucks County Tennis Association gather for a group photograph.

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Members of the Red Ball division.

DeVal taps men's, women's tennis coach

Delaware Valley University has hired Dublin resident Mary Lou Cardie as head men's and women's tennis coach.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to develop the men's and women's tennis programs at DeVal," Cardie said. "I am looking forward to working with the players and

helping them reach their potential."

Cardie comes to the Aggies with 20 years of tennis teaching experience as she has been certified with the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) since 1998. She has served as a senior staff professional at the Doylestown Tennis Club since then and has taught private and group lessons while developing United States Tennis Association (USTA) competitive players. Cardie's responsibilities at the club have also included coaching USTA club teams, organizing leagues, and running competitive clinics and drills.

Cardie also served as the head boy's tennis coach at nearby Central Bucks High School South for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 seasons.

Cardie was a Division I soccer player at Villanova University. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from the institution in 1986. Cardie then earned her Master of Education degree (secondary mathematics concentration) from Arcadia University in 1988.

"We are excited to have Mary Lou join us at DeVal," said Director of Athletics Steve Cantrell. "She will bring years of coaching and teaching experience plus a love of the game to our tennis teams, and they will benefit greatly from that."

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