



The Garden City Casino A Tennis and Social Club

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GC Casino Newsletter July 2026

President's Message

Happy 250th Birthday America!

I hope you all had a wonderful Independence Day celebration and found time to enjoy some tennis at the Casino, despite the recent heat wave. June was a busy month for us, and we have a full schedule of events planned for July, including our annual Summer Fest on July 18. The club tournaments are now underway, and our Casino tennis teams are all doing well in their respective club leagues. I am pleased to announce that on Friday evenings this summer, we will be serving refreshments on the patio beginning at 5PM through 9PM.

We were excited to see young Casino member Ben Wiese complete his outstanding high school tennis season with a NY State Championship at the US Tennis Center last month. Ben just finished his sophomore year at Garden City High School and has a most promising tennis career ahead of him. Congratulations to Ben and the entire Wiese family!

Finally, I would like to announce the appointment of our two newest Board members. On behalf of the entire Board, I extend a warm welcome to **Mayra Mangal, Communications Chair**, and **Michael Sbeglia, House Chair**.

Drew Wozniak
President

July 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			10AM: Women's A2 Team	10AM: Women's B2 Team	Independence Day Holiday 6:30AM - 12:30PM Open Play	6:30AM - 12:30PM Open Play
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
6:30AM - 12:30PM Open Play		6PM: Men's Senior League (Gold Team)	10AM: Women's A2 Team 5PM: Men's Burger Night	10AM: Women's B2 Team	10AM: Women's B3 Team	6:30AM - 12:30PM Open Play
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
6:30AM - 12:30PM Open Play		10AM: Women's C Team 6PM: Men's Senior League (Gold Team)		10AM: Women's B2 Team 5PM: Ladies' Night		6:30AM - 12:30PM Open Play 5-9PM: Summerfest
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
6:30AM - 12:30PM Open Play		6PM: Men's Senior League (Green Team)	10AM: Women's A2 Team 5PM: Men's Burger Night	10AM: Women's B1 Team		6:30AM - 12:30PM Open Play 5-9PM: Mixed Doubles Round Robin
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
6:30AM - 12:30PM Open Play		10AM: Women's C Team 5:30PM: Men's Senior League Playoffs (TBD)		10AM: Women's B2 Team 5PM: Ladies' Night		

July 2026 Casino Special Event Calendar

July 3	Friday	Holiday - Open Play
July 8	Wednesday	Men's Burger Night
July 16	Thursday	Ladies Night
July 18	Saturday	Summerfest
July 22	Wednesday	Men's Burger Night
July 25	Saturday	Mixed Doubles Round Robin
July 30	Thursday	Ladies Night

Friday Evening Patio Refreshments

The Casino will have staff available to serve drinks on most summer Fridays from 5-9 PM through Labor Day weekend. Beer and wine will be available for purchase through a chit signature and light snacks of chips and pretzels will be provided. No reservations are needed – just come down and enjoy some cool refreshments with your fellow members on Friday evenings this summer.

The Casino celebrated Independence Day on Friday July 3 with open play



YOU ARE INVITED TO

SUMMER FEST

◆ The Garden City Casino

Sat 18 July 2026
5:00 - 10:00 PM

\$100/PP

CLAMS
MUSSELS
1.25 LB
LOBSTER
NY STRIP
& MORE!

TEDDY'S KITCHEN
CATERING
CLAM BAKE | BBQ
COCKTAILS
DJ
& MORE!

VEGETARIAN
AND GF
AVAILABLE

REGISTER ON PLAYBYPPOINT
BY FRIDAY, JULY 10

HOSTED BY THE EVENTS COMMITTEE
LAUREN SBEGLIA, LIZ CANALES,
TERI CIRRUOTO, & ROSEMARY GUIDER

Garden City's Ben Wiese and CJ Bravo Win NY State High School Tennis Doubles Championship!

The Casino's first family of tennis – the Wiese family – has another NY State Championship trophy on its mantle. Last month, sophomore Ben Wiese and his doubles partner CJ Bravo of Garden City High Scholl repeated as Nassau County doubles champions. The pair moved through the draw with calm confidence and humility, dropping only five games in the entire tournament.

Their county title earned them the No. 2 seed in the New York State Tennis tournament held at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. This was the second consecutive year this pair represented Section XIII at states. Last year, when Ben was just a freshman and CJ a sophomore, they placed fifth. This season, they believed they could win it, and all their hard work, dedication, and self-assurance fueled a run of consecutive victories. In the finals on June 7, they faced the same team that had beaten them in last year's quarterfinals. Ben's powerful, virtually unstoppable serve was blazing, and the duo closed out the match in straight sets, 6–3, 6–4, making history for Garden City High School.

Although both Ben and CJ play singles during the regular season and went undefeated individually, they teamed up for doubles last year to increase their chances of reaching states. They bring exceptional tennis IQ and passion to the court and complement one another very well. As two young, strong left-handed players, they are a formidable team and have proven to be very difficult to beat.

The Garden City coach is also long-time Casino member club champion Jen Soper. Jen, who was recently named ***Coach of the Year*** by **Newsday**, knew these young men were on a mission and saw their development from last season. "You could tell during counties, they were more confident this year, more mature, and took better shots," she said. "They really worked super hard, and they knew what the end goal was, they wanted it, and they took it."

With his NY State tennis title, Ben is keeping with the Wiese family tradition. His sister, Nina, won the NY State singles championship in 2023 and is now playing in college. His dad, Andrew, was a top college player and frequently can be seen working out with his family on the courts at the Casino.

Heartfelt congratulations to both Ben and CJ on a terrific season, and to Newsday's "Coach of the Year" Jen Soper as well. We look forward to more exciting tennis from this dynamic duo next year!

(Reprinted from Newsday)

NEWSDAY SPORTS - HIGH SCHOOL **HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS** Salute to the Champs

Once Garden City's Ben Wiese and CJ Bravo clicked, there was no stopping state tennis champs



Ben Wiese, left, and CJ Bravo of Garden City won the state doubles title in boy's tennis. Credit: Anna Sergeeva

By **Brian Heyman** brian.heyman@newsday.com June 20, 2026

Ben Wiese and CJ Bravo were regular-season singles players who turned into double trouble in the postseason as an unbeatable tennis duo for Garden City.

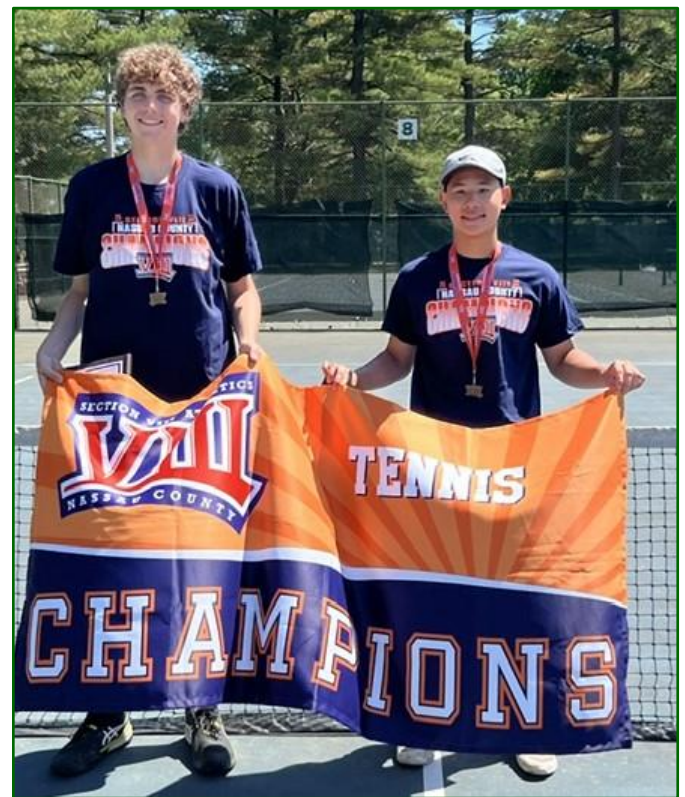
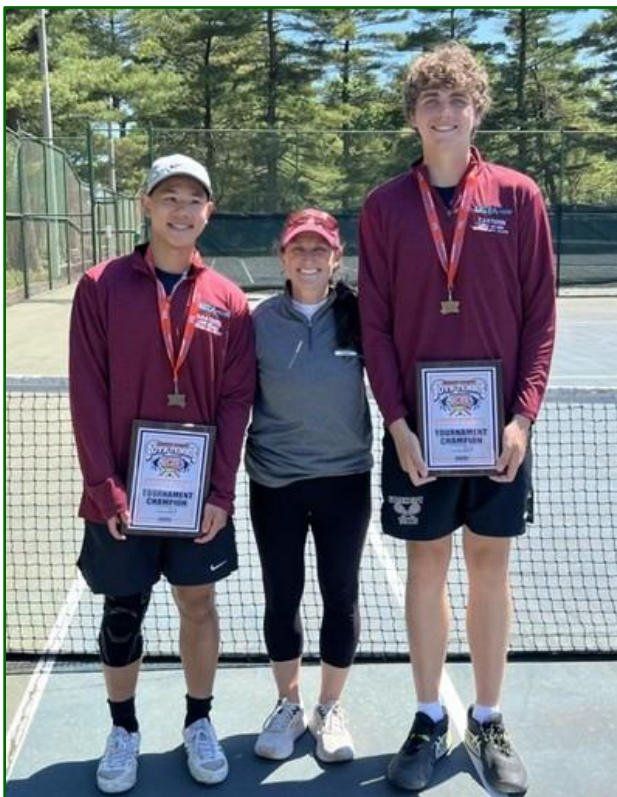
"We know where we need to be on the court," Wiese said.

Wiese, the nearly 6-7 sophomore, and Bravo, the 5-8 junior, won all five matches to take the Nassau boys doubles title, then five more to secure the NY State public schools doubles crown after a fifth place showing in 2025. "You could tell during counties, they were more confident this year, more mature, better shots," Trojans coach Jen Soper said. "They really just worked super hard. And they knew what the end goal was and they wanted it and they took it."

Bravo and Wiese, whose sister, Nina, claimed a state singles championship in 2023, were undefeated in singles, too. "Doubles are so much [more fun] than singles to be honest," Bravo said. "I love to play with this guy."



Newsday's 2026 All-Long Island boy's tennis team: From left - Ray Hidaka, **CJ Bravo**, Saje Vijay Menon, **Ben Wiese**, Will Bohner, Kai Hidaka and Coach of the Year Jen Soper. Credit: Peter Fruttkoff





COACH OF THE YEAR

Jen Soper, Garden City

She helped lead doubles pair CJ Bravo and Ben Weise to an undefeated playoff run that led to a state tournament win. The pair also secured their second straight Nassau doubles title.

Casino Club Tennis Tournaments

All club tennis tournament brackets have been set by the tennis committees. The brackets are posted on the patio bulletin board and are also available on the PlayByPoint app. All rounds of matches have a “play-by date” and are to be scheduled by the players. Many first round matches are due to be played by July 12, so be sure to check your brackets, schedule your dates, book your courts and play your matches. Good luck to everyone!

Tournament play will conclude on finals weekend, which is currently scheduled for September 11-13. Good luck to everyone!

New Member News

The GC Casino is happy to introduce our newest members, **Megan Falck** and **Norma Ytuarte**. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Megan and Norma.

Parting Volleys

Newsletter Contributions

We are always looking for member contributions to include in our monthly Newsletter. Your photos, articles, suggestions, team scores, tennis highlights, and all other club-related submissions are all welcomed. If you have anything you would like to submit for inclusion in a future newsletter, please email it to GCCasinoEditor@gmail.com.

Special Event Reservations

Member reservations are required for all special events, and may be booked on the PlayByPoint app, where more details are available, including prices and rosters

Questions?

Do you have a question about The Casino? Please submit your question and we'll do our best to include it with an answer in our next newsletter. Email your questions to: GCCasinoEditor@gmail.com.

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