

REGION 7

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The South continues to be a hotbed for platform tennis growth and Atlanta continues to lead the way:

- Up to 15 courts in Atlanta
- Almost 1,000 players in total
- Bitsy Grant public venue with 3 courts and a “hut”, which received an APTA Grant a few years ago, has been a great success.
- Next project in Atlanta is an expansion from 2 to 4 courts with possible warming hut at Cherokee Town Club, where Paddle is hugely popular and Rich Maier is now the head pro.

Charlotte has doubled their court count to 4 with the addition of 2 courts at Charlotte Racquet Club North, thanks largely in part to an APTA grant. Greensboro and Winston-Salem have also either added courts or upgraded their current ones.

We continue to be in discussions with several clubs in the Central Carolina area to stress the advantage of adding platform tennis to their facilities.

On the tournament front, a big win was adding a women’s PCQ tournament in Winston-Salem on its own weekend. We also changed the men’s Charlotte tournament from a PCQ to an NRT to try to attract more out of region players.

Current Region 7 Tournaments:

	Women		Men	
	NRT	PCQ	NRT	PCQ
Atlanta	X		X	
Winston-Salem		X	X	
Charlotte		X	X	
Charlottesville		X	X	
Chapel Hill				X
Richmond				X

We hope to continue to grow tournament play in the South, especially on the women’s side. Initial discussions have included hosting a Grand Prix event in Atlanta in the next 2 years.

We invite everyone to come down and enjoy snowless paddle and Southern hospitality. We hope to add one NRT to the Region 7 tournament schedule for the 2019-2020 season. Try to add a Southern tournament or two to your schedule next year!