



**FAIRFIELD COUNTY PLATFORM TENNIS LEAGUE**

**2016 PAUL FOWLER INVITATIONAL**  
**Saturday, February 6, 2016**

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S HANDBOOK**



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February 3, 2016

Dear Tournament Director,

On behalf of the more than 1,500 active players in the FCPTL, the 224 registered participants in this year's tournament, and the FCPTL Board of Directors, I want to thank you for generously committing your time to make the 2016 Paul Fowler Invitational one of the biggest and best ever.

The success of this Tournament relies heavily upon the support of volunteers like you who play and serve the game. I'm very glad you could make it to tonight's Tournament Directors' briefing and Draw Meeting.

Please take a few minutes to review this booklet – in it, you will find plenty of useful information to help make this coming Saturday go smoothly.

Good luck on Saturday! I look forward to enjoying a beer or two with you at the Finals Party on Saturday afternoon at Wee Burn Country Club.

Thanks again!

Richard Hurst  
Tournament Coordinator  
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**Please note the following:**

- There is no rain date! In the event of inclement weather, players' safety is paramount – if a player does not wish to play, we cannot force him to
- Please ensure that you leave the host Clubs as clean as you found them, especially at CCNC, who have kindly provided their courts, even though there are no entrants from that Club
- Board Member Tom Kratky will be collating results from the various venues – at the end of each of the morning rounds, please text a photo of your completed Draw Sheet to Tom at (203) 570-2106 or e-mail it to [tom.kratky@gmail.com](mailto:tom.kratky@gmail.com)

**Important Information**

I am the Tournament Director for Division	
We will be playing at	
My Division counterpart is	
He is playing at	
His cell # is	

If you have issues, please contact:

Richard Hurst, whose cell # is (203) 550-3478; e-mail: [thirstywork@optonline.net](mailto:thirstywork@optonline.net)

Tom Dickson, whose cell # is (917) 971-6676; e-mail: [thomas.w.dickson@ustrust.com](mailto:thomas.w.dickson@ustrust.com)

**FCPTL Board**

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**The Draw Meeting – Middlesex Club, Wednesday, February 3, 6:30pm**

The purpose of the Draw Meeting is to...

- Distribute balls, favors and snacks for each Tournament venue
- Brief Tournament Directors on their duties at the Tournament and before
- Place registered teams in the Tournament draw

Ahead of the Draw Meeting, Tournament Directors are encouraged to review the 16 teams registered in their respective Divisions and determine (a) the top 4 seeds, in order of ability and (b) the next four teams, not necessarily in order of ability. Tournament Directors will be asked to take a photo of their completed draw sheet and text it to Tom Kratky at (203) 570-2106 or e-mail it to [tom.kratky@gmail.com](mailto:tom.kratky@gmail.com).

After the meeting, the Tournament Coordinator will e-mail the following to all Tournament Directors:

- List of all Tournament Directors, with phone numbers and e-mail addresses, as available
- List of registered and waitlisted players by Division, with phone numbers and e-mail addresses
- Suggested e-mail for Tournament Directors to send to the 16 players at their respective venues
- Blank left half and right half draw sheets

**Suggested e-mail for Tournament Directors to send to their assigned players**

Dear Paul Fowler Invitational Division [#] players,

Last night, we held the Draw Meeting for the 2016 FCPTL Paul Fowler Invitational Tournament, and I will be your Tournament Director at [Club name and address]. I attach a list of the teams that will be playing there – if your or your partner's cell phone number or e-mail address is not shown, please send it to me.

Logistics for the day are as follows:

- Please arrive at the Club no later than 7:45am [D1-3; 8:15am for D4-7], or earlier if you wish to warm up; we have a full morning program, so we will need to start promptly at 8:00am [D1-3; 8:30am for D4-7]
- Everyone will play 3 matches in the morning; winners of the last morning match will also play in the afternoon
- Lunch will be at Wee Burn Country Club, starting at 12 noon, where banners will be presented to Division Champions around 1:15pm
- The Main Draw finals will take place at Wee Burn Country Club at 2:15pm (Divisions 3-7) and 2:45pm (Divisions 1-2); other finals will take place at [Club name and address], starting at 2pm
- The Finals Party starts at Wee Burn at 2:15pm – friends and family are also welcome! Winners of trophies\* should ensure that they collect their trophies from Wee Burn before 5pm

Looking forward to a great day!

[Name; cell #; e-mail address]

*\*Main Draw winners and finalists and winners of all other finals*



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**On the day of the Tournament**

Tournament Directors should encourage players to be at their assigned venues no later than 7:45am [D1-3; 8:15am D4-7], and earlier if they wish to warm up...all host Clubs have made their courts available for the tournament all morning, so courts should be available early.

You will need to bring the favors, snacks and balls to the Paddle Hut at your venue, and arrange them for easy access. Depending on the venue, you may want to call the Club in advance and ask if staff might be able to help transfer the items to the Paddle Hut, if it is not close to the parking lot.

We suggest you have available several copies of the directions to Wee Burn (page 13 of this document) for any of your players who need them.

So that we can keep up to date with the results, ahead of distribution of the trophies in the afternoon, you should text or e-mail a photo of your completed draw sheet after each round to Tom Kratky (203-570-2106; [tom.kratky@gmail.com](mailto:tom.kratky@gmail.com)).

Please ensure that you leave the host Club's Paddle Hut as you found it; it is preferable that you bring leftover favors and balls to the lunch at Wee Burn and take home any left-over snacks. If afternoon matches are being played at the same venue, leave any remaining balls there or return them there after lunch.

Please encourage your players to...

- Attend the lunch at Wee Burn; and car-pool there, if possible, due to limitations on parking
- Attend the afternoon Finals party at Wee Burn; and park in the main parking lot
- Collect their trophies at Wee Burn; distributing unclaimed trophies is a nightmare!

**Tournament Directors & Venues**

**Morning**

Division	Host Clubs - AM Matches	Tournament Directors	Time
1	Rowayton Paddle Club New Canaan Country Club	Brendan O'Brien Dave Mueller	8:00AM
2	Woodway Country Club Wilton YMCA	Jud Staniar Phil Penny	8:00AM
3	Wee Burn Country Club Wee Burn Country Club	Paul Harding David Frank	8:00AM
4	Darien Country Club New Canaan Town	Andrew Atha Nick Jovanovich	8:30AM
5	Roxbury Club Innis Arden	Demian Johnston Terry O'Brien	8:30AM
6	Middlesex Club New Canaan Field Club	Mike Smith Carl Peterson	8:30AM
7/8	Lake Club Round Hill	Mike Solecki Tom Dickson	8:30AM

**Afternoon**

Division	Finals Matches	Host Club/Director	Time
1	Division 1 Consolation, Consolation Reprieve & Main Draw Reprieve	Rowayton Paddle Club Brendan O'Brien	2:00PM
2	Division 2 Consolation, Consolation Reprieve & Main Draw Reprieve	Woodway Country Club Jud Staniar	2:00PM
3	Division 3 Consolation, Consolation Reprieve & Main Draw Reprieve	Wee Burn Country Club Paul Harding	2:00PM
4	Division 4 Consolation, Consolation Reprieve & Main Draw Reprieve	Darien Country Club Andrew Atha	2:00PM
5	Division 5 Consolation, Consolation Reprieve & Main Draw Reprieve	Roxbury Club Demian Johnston	2:00PM
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Divisions 3 to 7	Main Draw Finals for Divisions 3 through 7/8	Wee Burn Country Club	2:15PM
Divisions 1 and 2	Main Draw Finals for Divisions 1 & 2	Wee Burn Country Club	2:45PM



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## Tournament Director's Welcome

*At 7:50am [D1-3; 8:20am D4-7], please call all participants into the Paddle Hut and read the following:*

“Good morning everybody, and welcome to the 2016 FCPTL Paul Fowler Invitational. My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm the Tournament Director for this site. I want to get everyone out there, so that you can all start promptly at 8:00am [D1-3; 8:30am D4-7], but, first, I need to go over some important housekeeping items:

1. The lunch today is at Wee Burn Country Club, starting at 12 noon; the presentation of banners to the season's Division winners will take place at 1:15. If you are unsure where Wee Burn is, I can help you. If at all possible, please car-pool to Wee Burn, as parking space is limited.
2. This morning, everyone will play three matches at this venue.
  - a. In the first two rounds, if any set reaches 6 games all, you will play a standard APTA 12-point tiebreaker (i.e. the first to 7 points, by a margin of 2). If you split sets, you will play an 18-point Super-tiebreaker (i.e. first to 10, by a margin of 2) instead of a full third set.
  - b. In your third match, you will play three complete sets; if any set reaches 6 games all, you will play a standard APTA 12-point tiebreaker (i.e. the first to 7 points, by a margin of 2).
  - c. If you win your third match, regardless of whether you have lost or won your prior matches, you will be playing in one of the Finals after lunch – the Main Draw final (three wins this morning) will be played at Wee Burn Country Club; the other three finals will be played at \_\_\_\_\_.  
See the Draw Sheet for start times.
  - d. If you lose your third match, enjoy your lunch in the main Club House at Wee Burn and head down to Wee Burn's Paddle Hut for the Finals Party, to enjoy the finals of all the Main Draws, as well as the food and beer and a chance to chat with your fellow players. At Wee Burn, you must park in the main lot; the Paddle Courts and Hut are located between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> fairways.
3. After each match this morning, you must come in to the Paddle Hut and report your scores. If I am not here, please enter the score for the match just played, then write your name into the appropriate section of the draw for the next round.
4. I only have a limited number of balls for this morning's play, so please take only one new ball out for each match; the used ones can be used for warm-ups in subsequent matches.
5. Please help yourself to the snacks provided, and make sure you take your favor with you.

*At the end, please give everyone their court assignments and wish them luck!*



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**How to read the Draw Sheet**

The tournament format is designed to give every participant at least three matches. Every team will play three matches before lunch; winners of the third match will also play in the afternoon.

The Draw Sheet you have been given represents half of the entire Draw Sheet for your Division, either the left or the right half; your counterpart has the other half.

**First match**

- If you win your first match, you advance to the second round of the Main Draw
- If you lose your first match, you go into the Consolation bracket

**Second match – Main Draw**

- If you win your second match, you advance to the third round of the Main Draw
- If you lose your second match, you go into the Main Draw Reprieve bracket

**Second match – Consolation**

- If you win your second match, you advance to the third round of the Consolation
- If you lose your first match, you go into the Consolation reprieve bracket

**Third match**

- Regardless of whether you won or lost your first two matches, if you win your third match, you will be playing one more match after lunch in the Main Draw Final, the Consolation Final, the Main Draw Reprieve Final or the Consolation Reprieve Final

	Winners					Finalists			
	#1	#2	#3	#4		#1	#2	#3	#4
<b>Main Draw</b>	Win	Win	Win	Win	Win	Win	Win	Lose	
<b>Consolation</b>	Lose	Win	Win	Win	Lose	Win	Win	Lose	
<b>Main Draw Reprieve</b>	Win	Lose	Win	Win	Win	Lose	Win	Lose	
<b>Consolation Reprieve</b>	Lose	Lose	Win	Win	Lose	Lose	Win	Lose	



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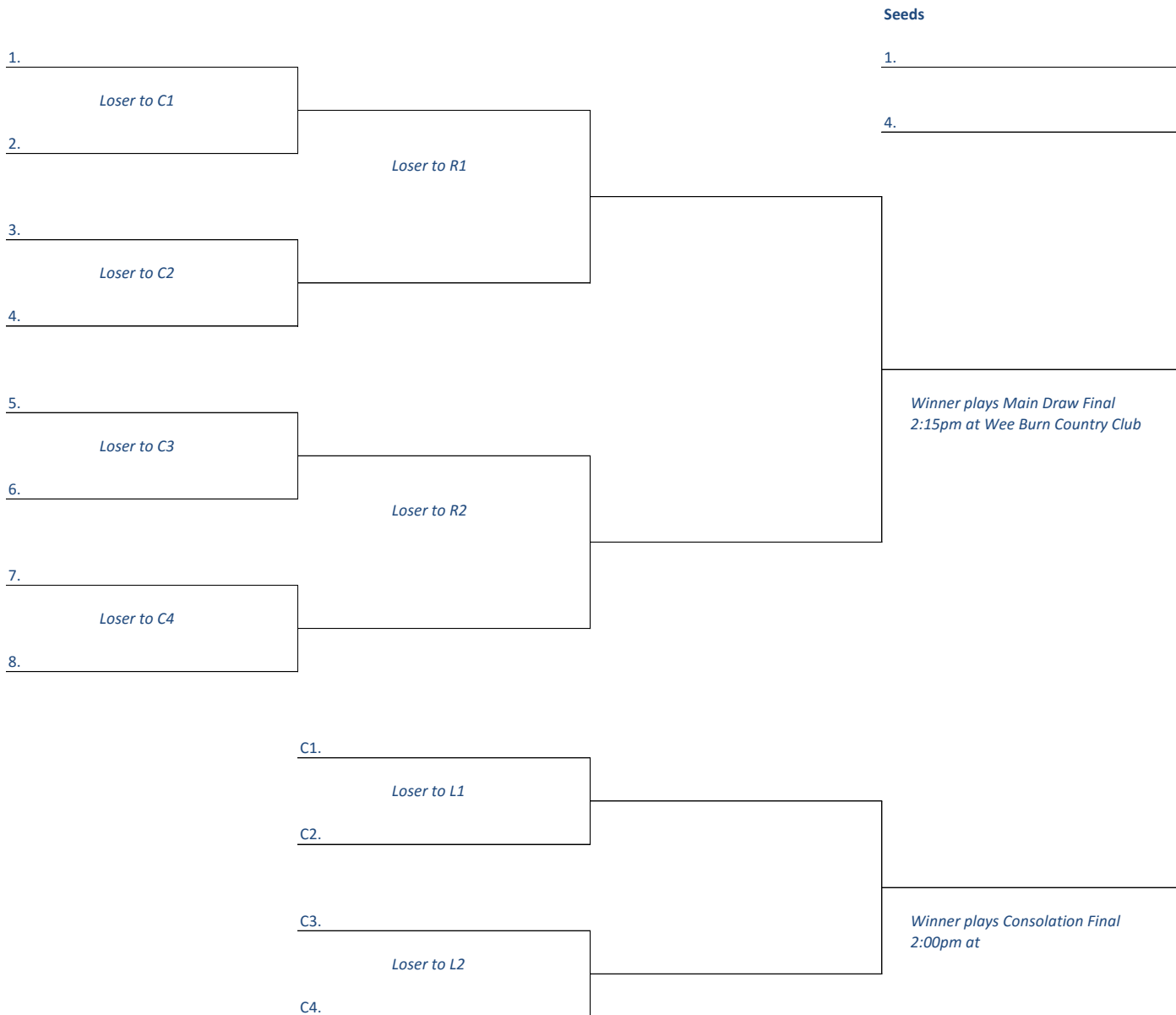
***Directors. Please update Tom Kratky with results on a regular basis in the a.m. Please give 2 to 3 updates before lunch. Take a picture and text the picture and/or scores. Tom Kratky 203-570-2106***

**Left half of Draw**

Division:

Venue:

Tournament Director:







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***Tom Kratky 203-570-2106***

**Right half of Draw**

Division:

Venue:

Tournament Director:

Seeds

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Winner plays Main Draw Final  
2:15pm at Wee Burn Country Club

Winner plays Consolation Final  
2:00pm at

R1.

Winner plays Main Draw Reprieve Final

R2.





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## THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY PLATFORM TENNIS LEAGUE Presents The 2016 FCPTL PAUL FOWLER INVITATIONAL

- Date:** One-day event on Saturday, February 6th, 2016, with 7 simultaneous Tournaments, one for each League Division (Divisions 7 and 8 are combined into a single draw).
- Format:** Draw is strictly limited to 16 teams per Division. There will be a Main Draw, Consolation, Reprieve and Consolation Reprieve. The format is designed to provide all participants a minimum of three matches.
- Eligibility:** Players must register for the appropriate Tournament (Divisions 1 to 7/8) based on the Division they played in most frequently this season. Both players must be from the same Club. The FCPTL reserves the right to adjust a team's division of play based on tournament response and player ability and eligibility.
- Play:** APTA rules apply. Best 2 of 3 sets. Standard tiebreaker at 6 all. For the first two rounds only, if sets are split, the winner will be determined by playing a "Super tiebreaker" in lieu of a 3<sup>rd</sup> set – first to win 10 points, must win by 2 points.
- Location:** Various FCPTL Clubs. All of the morning matches will be played at one club location. Players will be contacted regarding which club to report to for both morning and (if applicable) afternoon locations.
- Time:** Play begins 8:00AM for Divisions 1-3 and 8:30AM for Divisions 4-7/8. Lunch: 12:00-1:45PM. Party & Main Draw Finals from 2:15PM.
- Trophies:** Prizes will be awarded to the winners of all four draws and finalists in the Main Draw. Eligible afternoon players are reminded to stop at Wee Burn Country Club after their match to pick up their prizes.
- Lunch and Awards Presentation:** 12:00- 1:45PM at **Wee Burn Country Club**. Announcement of Final Division Standings and presentation of Divisional Trophies and Pennants will take place at 1:15PM.
- Party:** Starts at 2:15PM at **Wee Burn Country Club**. Division 3-7 Main Draw Finals at 2:15PM; Division 1-2 at 2:45PM. Friends & Family are encouraged to attend. Spectators must park in the main parking lot and walk to the Paddle Hut.
- Favors:** Will be distributed on the day.
- Entry fee:** \$170 per team
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**Invitation Process:**

Each Team Captain will nominate two doubles teams from their squad. Captains should send the names, e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers of their nominees to their FCPTL Board Division Manager by January 4th, and simultaneously have their nominees register on the FCPTL website. Nominated teams will have until January 8th to register. After that, registration is open to any team that plays in that Division on a first come, first served basis.

**On-line Registration Process:**

Only one player per team needs to complete the on-line registration. They will pay the full fee and collect from their partner. To register on-line, players should go to our web site, [www.FCPTL.com](http://www.FCPTL.com), and click on the "Tournament Registration" tab under "General Info", and then click on the "Begin Registration" button under the appropriate Division to register.

**Cancellations:**

Cancellations are strongly discouraged; however, any registration canceled by February 3rd, 2016 will be refunded if a waitlisted team can be added to the roster. There will be no refunds for cancellations beyond February 3rd, 2016.

**Match Timing:** Here is the timeline for the day's events:

Time	Tournament Draw			
Draw →	Main Draw ↓	Consolation ↓	Main Reprive ↓	Consolation Reprive ↓
8:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	-----	Note: For Rounds 1 & 2, if sets are split, play a 10-point "Super" tiebreaker in lieu of 3 <sup>rd</sup> set.	
9:15 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	1 <sup>st</sup> Round		
10:30 AM	Semi-finals	Semi-finals	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	1 <sup>st</sup> Round
12:00 PM	Lunch Starts at <b>Wee Burn CC</b> ; Morning Draws Posted			
1:15 PM	Pennants awarded to Division Champs. Photo of Championship Finalists, all 8 Divisions			
1:45 PM	Lunch Ends. Move to Clubs Hosting Afternoon Matches			
2:00 PM (Other)	Main Draw	Finals, All	Finals, All	Finals, All
2:15 PM (Main Draw)	Finals, Div 3 to 7/8 at Wee Burn CC	Divisions at outlying Clubs	Divisions at outlying Clubs	Divisions at outlying Clubs
2:15 PM	Tournament Party Starts @ <b>Wee Burn CC</b> Pre-Match Photos of Main Draw Finalists			
2:45 PM	Main Draw Finals, Div 1-2 @ Wee Burn	Players return to Wee Burn for Trophies	Players return to Wee Burn for Trophies	Players return to Wee Burn for Trophies
3:30 PM	Presentation of Trophies and Post-Match Photos for Divisions playing outside of <b>Wee Burn CC</b> .			
4:00 - 5:00PM	Presentation of Trophies to Main Draw Finalists.			



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**Match Locations:**

**Morning Matches.** The 3 morning rounds of each Divisional Tournament will be split between 2 clubs. Half of the draw will play all of their AM matches at one location, half at the other. You will be notified where to go no later than Friday, February 5th.

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### Driving directions to Wee Burn Country Club

#### **Wee Burn Country Club**

410 Hollow Tree Ridge Road

Darien, CT 06820

Tel: (203) 655-1477

[www.weeburn.org](http://www.weeburn.org)

#### **Coming from the North or South on the Merritt Parkway**

- Take Exit 36
- Turn right at the bottom of the ramp
- Head south on Rte 106 towards Stamford
- Continue to the traffic light just after the railroad tracks (there is a greenhouse on your right)
- At this light turn left onto Camp Avenue
- Go to the end of that road and turn right onto Hollow Tree Ridge Road
- Follow that road, go around a bend and the club parking lot is located immediately on your left
- Note that you must park in the main parking lot in front of the Club House; you cannot reach the Paddle Courts by car
- The Paddle courts are located to the right of the first fairway – to reach them, walk behind and to the right of the first tee by the Pro Shop and continue down the path for some 200 yards



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NEW CANAAN FIELD CLUB  
GREENWICH FIELD CLUB  
LAKE CLUB  
MILBROOK CLUB  
DARIEN TOWN  
ROWAYTON PADDLE CLUB  
DARIEN CC  
STAMFORD YACHT CLUB  
WOODWAY CC  
NEW CANAAN CC  
MIDDLESEX CLUB  
NEW CANAAN TOWN  
ROUND HILL CLUB



STAMFORD ITALIAN CENTER  
TOKENEKE CLUB  
ROXBURY CLUB  
BURNING TREE CC  
WILTON RIDING CLUB  
GREENWICH CC  
ASPETUCK VALLEY CC  
WESTON FIELD CLUB  
STANWICH CLUB  
SILVER SPRING CC  
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BROOKLAWN CC  
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