

A message from CTC President:

Happy New Year!

Our Club had a very busy 2011. Members participated in a total of 81 USTA teams (compared to 68 teams in 2010), 21 of those teams reached the playoffs and 3 teams entered the District or Sectional Championships. We also held 3 very successful Tennis Social events, as well as 3 Women's Interclubs at the 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 levels. All of this was accomplished as our membership reached a record high of 472 members.



Several members of the 2011 Cupertino Tennis Club (CTC) Board have retired. On behalf of CTC, I would like to extend our appreciation to Susan Hollis (Vice President), Grace Haig (USTA Coordinator), Eunice Yan (Social Chairperson) and Ellis Wilkens (Web Master) for volunteering their time and for their exemplary contributions.

With the coming of 2012, we have a new Board for the Cupertino Tennis Club (CTC). The CTC Board consists of a 6 - member Executive Council and 6 Chairpersons.

Executive Council:

President	Raymond Yan
Vice President	Pat Frischmann
Secretary	Emi Kawamoto
Treasurer	Jack Stanley
Membership	John Sperinde
USTA Coordinator	Jane Chan

Chairpersons:

Socials	Robert Kunzler
Interclubs	Emi Kawamoto
Newsletter	Dotti Rado
Web Master	Jeff Labadie
Web Site Technical	Mike Wilkens
Community Liaison	Ed Hirshfield

The contact information for all Board members can be found on the CTC website: www.cupertinotennisclub.org.

CTC is co-sponsored by the City of Cupertino. The objectives of the Club are:

- to promote recreational and social tennis;
- to encourage skill improvement and sportsmanship in tennis;
- to establish teams to represent CTC; and
- to provide opportunities for tennis competition in Cupertino.

The funding of the Club is generated solely from the membership fees. The majority of the Club expenses are used toward benefitting our members. The Club expenses in 2011 were as follows:

- 67% USTA activities (balls, rule books and captain's gifts)
- 16% Social Events (4 Social events and Interclub matches)
- 14% Charity and Community Support
- 3% Operation and Administrative

The Board meets once a month and the upcoming meeting date is published in the CTC Website. We are in the process of working on the 2012 budget and the activities plan. If you have comments or suggestions related to the Club, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Board members.

Besides the usual Club activities, this year the Board is planning to complete the projects we started in 2011. They include adding shade umbrellas on the courts used for USTA matches and adding an internet-accessible web cam to view the court conditions.

The biggest challenge for the Club this year will be court availability during the USTA Adult League season, which runs from March 21 through July. (continued on page 2)

As the Club membership grows, the demand for USTA teams also increases. However, the availability of courts at the Cupertino Sports Center (for USTA matches) remains the same. To make matters worse, USTA has created a new schedule this year which puts the Super Senior 60 Leagues and the Adult League in the same March through July timeframe.

In order to ensure all members who want to play in the leagues a fair opportunity to participate, we have to make some changes to accommodate the demands. This includes a tighter control of the number of teams at each level as well as asking the captains to take on a larger roster. In some cases, this may mean that members may not be able to "play up" from their published level or must choose only one level to play. I understand these changes might not be well-received by some of you but they are necessary to get us through the Adult season this year. I plead for your understanding and thank you for your support.

*Raymond Yan,
CTC President.*

2011 COMBO LEAGUE COMES TO AN END WITH GREAT RESULTS!

(All of the USTA information in this newsletter is thanks to Jane Chan, USTA Coordinator)

The USTA Combo league was very popular at CTC as evidenced by the 13 teams that participated in the 2011 season. Thanks to all of the captains that worked hard to create a fun and competitive environment! Year-end playoff results are as follows:

MEN'S COMBO

M7.5A - Kevin Ong, captain - 1st Round win against Courtside, 2nd round loss to Decathlon

M8.5A - Ravi Shankar, captain - 1st Round loss to Los Gatos

WOMEN'S COMBO

W6.5A - Debbie Argabright, captain - 1st round loss to Courtside

W7.5A - Anne Neeter, captain - 1st round loss to Courtside

W8.5C - Lynne Stark, captain - 1st round loss to Courtside

2012 USTA LEAGUES GET STARTED

The 2012 **Senior League** is well under way with 6 Men's and 11 Women's teams for a total of 17 teams this season.

The **Super Senior 65 League** has formed 3 teams this year. Beverly Trindade will captain the Women's 3.5, Simon Brafman will captain the Men's 3.5 and Jim Miller will head up the Men's 4.0 team. Play starts the week of February 20th. If you have not been in contact with a captain but would like to play (you must be 65 this year or older to qualify for the league), please **emailb4ujoin**. (I stole that excellent phrase from Simon :=) Don't know the email address? Go to CTC website www.cupertinotennisclub.org, select membership, select "Membership Contact List 2012, enter your password and voila` - email addresses will appear.

Overlapping the SuperSenior65 league will be the 2012 Adult League which begins on March 26 and the SuperSenior 60 League beginning April 9. Captains are now registering their teams on the USTA website and CTC member sign-up has begun. Again, please **emailb4ujoin**. If you are new to USTA and need help navigating the sign-up process, please send an email to USTACoordinator@Cupertinotennisclub.org for help.



Club Socials March Into 2012

My goal for 2012 is to continue to provide an official Tennis Club Social for each of the four seasons. With this in mind, I am delighted to present the Club's 1st Social of the year on Saturday, March 10, from 6 p.m.- 9 p.m. at the Sports Center.

I plan to continue the successful format employed by Eunice last year, which is to have 24 people playing in rounds of 30 minutes each, giving each court the ability to play 8 doubles games with no-ad scoring. CTC will, as always, provide food and drinks.

This Social has been announced on our website (www.cupertinotennisclub.org) and allows you to sign up now, provided there are spaces available. We compete with other users of the courts, so we are fortunate to have 6 courts designated for this event.

If you have any comments or suggestions, or if you would like to help, please contact me. Hope to see you at the March Social!

Robert Kunzler, CTC Social Coordinator **Email me at Social@cupertinotennisclub.org**

CTC MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WARNING

Reading the information on the following two pages will provide you with everything you need to know to play tennis as a Cupertino Tennis Club member. Never again will you be able to say “But I didn’t know.”

Currently, there are about 260 individuals with a 2012 CTC membership. This means that about 200 still need to renew. Most of you will be playing in the upcoming USTA Adult season so now is a good time to renew your membership. **CTC membership always expires at year end**, so there isn't any advantage to waiting. If you don't renew soon, you will be dropped from the CTC mailing list and will need to visit the CTC website to find out what is happening. Why risk the chance of missing email notices of deadlines to **declare your intent to play** (* see page 4) on a USTA league, the announcement of an upcoming CTC Social or the announcement that the latest newsletter is available on the website?

Remember that to play in a USTA league or in the Women's Interclub, you must be a current member of the Cupertino Tennis Club (CTC) and an annual pass holder of the Cupertino Sports Center (CSC). If you have friends or teammates who are new to the Sports Center, please remind them of this dual requirement. New members are often unaware of this requirement so please help them out. Senior members often forget so help them out too.

There are a few misconceptions and misunderstandings about the membership process.

1. **CSC and CTC are separate organizations.** You need both the “S” and the “T” to participate in any organized tennis provided by CTC: USTA, Socials and Interclub. This is especially confusing to new members. I leave it to the reader to figure out which is which this time, in the hope that figuring out the puzzle will burn the information into your memory. (Hint: go to www.cupertinotennisclub.org, select “New to CTC?”, then select “CTC versus CSC, what’s the difference?”)
2. **The payment for CTC online membership is through PayPal. You do not need a PayPal account to pay your CTC dues.** You can use a credit or debit card or even an echeck. PayPal will encourage you to open an account with them since that is their business but you can just ignore that. If you have trouble with this process email me directly at Membership@cupertinotennisclub.org.
3. **Handing me a check or cash is not sufficient for membership in CTC.** We need your contact information and agreement to the liability waiver in addition to the money.
4. Don't know your **CSC pass holder ID number? It's on your CSC membership card.** Please take care to enter it correctly during the CTC membership renewal or new member process. If you enter someone else's number, you will remove them from the membership list. Not good. What password should you use? You decide. Some use their USTA password to make it easy to remember.
5. Enough you are now an expert.

To renew/join CTC for 2012:

Go to the CTC website at www.cupertinotennisclub.org

Click on “Membership”

Click on “2012 membership application:

Complete the application including payment. **Your membership is immediate with successful online payment.**

To check that you are a 2012 CTC member:

Go to the CTC website at www.cupertinotennisclub.org

Click on “Membership”

Click on “Membership lists (names only) for : 2012”

If your name is in the list, you are a current member. If you think you should be a member but do not find your name in the above list, contact me at Membership@cupertinotennisclub.org.

The CTC Tennis Pet of the Month
"PEPPER"



Pepper is waiting patiently for his "Mom", Snyeska Bendis, to return from a morning of tennis at CSC. He is a patient pup :-)

** Please enter your pet's picture for a chance to be a star in the CTC Newsletter spotlight. Email your pic along with your pet's name and a sentence or two about him/her to: Pub-Rel@cupertinotennisclub.org. **

Many thanks to Lynne Stark for the picture of "Stella", her adorable tennis dog you have seen in the CTC bulletin case during the month of January!

Calendar

Today

If you need to renew your CTC membership, do it today!

February 20th

SuperSenior65 USTA league begins.

March 10th

The first CTC Social. Watch for an email with specific information.

March TBD (check website for date)

CTC Board Meeting. If you would like to attend or add a topic for discussion, please send an email to President@cupertinotennisclub.org

March 26th

USTA Adult league starts.

April 9th

Start of USTA SuperSenior60 league

AN IMPORTANT CTC PROCESS - DECLARE YOUR INTENT TO PLAY

submitted by Jane Chan, USTA Coordinator

With so many leagues underway, I would like to re-emphasize the importance of the "Declare Your Intent to Play" process. Here is an article from the January 2011 newsletter, written by Grace Haig, our 2010 and 2011 USTA Coordinator, on the importance of the process as well as step-by-step instructions to complete the task of "declaring your intent to play."

"CTC asks all members planning to play in a USTA league, as well as all members planning to captain a team, to declare their intent to play and/or captain before registering on any team, or registering a team, on the USTA website. We do so in order to prevent the numbers of the teams from exceeding the court capacity at the Cupertino Sports Center. By looking at the "intent to play" list, CTC will have a head count and be able to determine how many teams we can possibly accommodate. Of course, members can change their mind and decide not to play later on. If you change your mind at a later date and want to play or form a team but did not register your intent, please remember that it may be hard to squeeze you or your team in once we max out our allotted courts."

Step-by-Step Instructions to DECLARE YOUR INTENT TO PLAY:

1. Go to the CTC website at www.cupertinotennisclub.org.
2. Click on the link "Declare Intent to play USTA League" and complete the form. Please note: If you wish to captain a team, please sign up as early as possible so your players can find your name in the list of captains.
3. Captains - please do not register your team(s) with NorCal until you are notified by the USTA Coordinator. You will be contacted within a couple of days of the closing date.

Great Tennis and Good Luck to Everyone! *Jane Chan., USTA Coordinator*