Passing Shots

A message from the CTC President:

Summer is almost here and the USTA Adult League season is in full swing. Because USTA scheduled the Super Senior 60 League during the same timeframe as the Adult League, home court availability became a real challenge. Thanks to our USTA Coordinator Jane Chan's diligent effort, as well as the cooperation of all of the CTC captains and the Sports Center, we are able to accommodate a record high of 23 teams during the months of April, May and June. However, the facility is now at its maximum capacity for USTA match utilization. Because there is very little room for rescheduling, we still need the continued cooperation from all of the captains and players to get us through these months by starting matches on time and and making every attempt to finish your matches within the allotted time slots.



We have a very active Women's Interclub at CTC. The ladies have a lot of fun playing social matches against ladies from other local clubs. These 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 Interclub matches are held weekdays, once every week or two from September through May. Some of you have suggested that we should offer a similar Interclub for the men. CTC used to have a Men's Interclub but it was dissolved several years ago. If there is enough interest, CTC would support a Men's Interclub. I encourage any men interested in participating in a weekday Men's Interclub to please email me at president@cupertinotennisclub.org and let me know. Getting the Men's Interclub off the ground would also require a coordinator. Any volunteers?

The Board is working hard on several **new action items** that will be implemented at our club in the next several months. First, we will be installing **shade umbrellas** on the courts that are typically used for USTA matches, courts 2 through 7. After several months of searching and evaluating shade options, keeping the CTC budget and CSC facility rules in mind, the Board has purchased 6 large umbrellas. Our goal is to have them installed before the summer heat arrives. Secondly, the CTC homepage will have a new look soon. Our web team, Jeff Labadie and Mike Wilkens are working hard on **an all-new website** and plan to have a beta launch mid-summer. Lastly, we are close to finalizing our plan for installing the **court condition viewing web cam**. Our goal is to have it implemented before the end of this year, hopefully in time for rainy season.

I would like to thank the members who sent us suggestions and feedback throughout the last year. Please keep them coming. This input helps the Board to direct the limited resources we have on what is important to our members.

Raymond Yan, CTC President.

Cupertino Tennis Club Membership

Good news! Almost everyone has renewed his or her membership for the 2012 tennis season. Now is the time to review and update your online information. Please update and/or correct any errors that may have been made completing the online application. Some of the things you should review for accuracy are your email address, phone numbers and your NTRP rating. A frequent error is using the wrong CSC ID number. This number is printed on your CSC membership card - the one you use each time you enter the Sports Center. Also, if you use a different name for USTA and CTC, put both names on your online application., separated by a dash or parenthesis. If you have the same name as another Club member, add a middle initial.

To do this update/correction to your CTC membership information:

Go to the CTC website at <u>www.cupertinotennisclub.org</u> Click on "Membership" Click on "Membership Application" Complete the application through the waiver. Do not pay again.

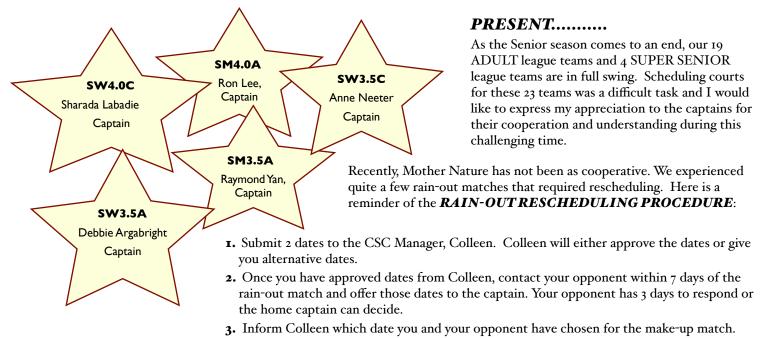
John Sperinde, CTC Membership

In the wake of a recent theft of a wallet at CSC near the court area, the Board would like to remind everyone to protect your valuables while playing or watching tennis. We know that CSC and CTC members make up a wonderful community, yet theft, often a "crime of opportunity", does happen. Don't leave your personal belongings unattended on or near the courts. If you must leave the area, take your bag with you or ask someone to keep on eye on it for you. Don't make it easy for someone to take what doesn't belong to them.

USTA NEWS submitted by Jane Chan, CTC USTA Coordinator

PAST.....

Last month, 5 CTC USTA Senior teams made it to playoffs. What an accomplishment, especially considering the ever growing competitiveness of the teams in the area! All 5 teams lost 1-2 in the first round playoff but they are all "stars" to us. Congratulations!



We are now experiencing maximum use of the CSC courts on weeknights and weekends. The tightly packed schedules of USTA league play running back to back, Junior Camps and social play require some discipline on the part of all CTC teams, especially the need to start all matches on time. To our Captains and players, please review and adhere to the 5 basic CSC and USTA Local League Area Rules (LLAR) below regarding time management, start time and overtime, in order to minimize problems and maximize the fun!

5 minute warm up 20 seconds between points 90 seconds on changeovers 2 minute break after set #1 and set #2 CSC rule: In the event you split sets, a 10 - point tiebreak will be played

If a match runs over time, Captains and players should follow LLAR Rule 36, excerpted here:

LLAR Rule 36. Starting time

"An individual match is started the moment at which a ball is delivered in service. A team match is started at the moment the first ball of any individual match is delivered in service. For matches played in two shifts, the second scheduled match time for the match shall be one hour and 15 minutes after the first scheduled match time. Also see the Order of Play rule.

Clarification from NorCal : Many of our facilities host multiple teams, running back to back matches on busy weekends. Inevitably some matches will run longer than planned, and the result is that teams following these delayed matches have had to wait for the courts. Any team whose match runs over the scheduled time allotment should vacate the court(s) for the next team, even if the have not finished their match. Here is the scenario:

Team A has the courts at 1:00. Team B has the same courts at 3:00. Team A starts late (guys), or warms up longer than 5 minutes, or takes multiple very long, very chatty bathroom breaks (gals), and when Team B arrives at 3:00, Team A is still playing. Team B should be entitled to start its match at its scheduled time. **Team B might be willing and able to give Team A ten or fifteen minutes, if they are close to finishing. That is up to Team B.**

If Team A has not finished its match when Team B claims the courts, Team A will have to reschedule the balance of their incomplete match. Team A then, knows the importance of starting on time, not extending warm-ups, and keeping bathroom breaks to a minimum. And Team C will appreciate getting their courts at 5:00, as scheduled!"

USTA NEWS continued:

FUTURE.....

Up next is the Mixed League. Teams, along with team captains, have been identified and approved (see page 4) through the CTC "Declare Intent" process. Captains have until June 3, 2012 to register or withdraw a team. CTC would like all interested members to have a chance to play on a USTA league, so priority will be given to declared 1st choice members to play on their teams first. If you have any questions, please email ustaleagues@cupertinotennisclub.org for help.

Have fun on the court! Enjoy your tennis! A great season to all! *Jane Chan, CTC USTA Coordinator*

ARE YOU READY...... FOR ANOTHER CTC CLUB SOCIAL ????

The Club's first social of the year took place on Saturday, March 10. Everyone I spoke with said they really enjoyed the event. It truly was a great opportunity to meet and interact with other Club members. I, myself, met many new people who, in turn, have opened more doors to future tennis opportunities.

Our next Cupertino Tennis Club Social is scheduled for June 23rd. Starting time will be 6:00 P.M. at the Sports Center. I plan to send out an email invitation soon to inform interested players when and how they will be able to sign up on the Club's website to participate in this event. I plan to continue the successful format of the first Social, which is 24 people playing in rounds of 30 minutes each, giving each the court the ability to play 8 doubles games with no-ad scoring. CTC will, as always, provide food and beverages.

If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, or if you would like to help, please contact me at <u>socials@cupertinotennisclub.org</u>. You will be receiving an email soon with details. Hope to see many of you at the June Social! *Robert Kunzler, CTC Socials Chairman*.

Calling All Tennis Chicks......

Belle and Eve are Americana chickens and are, in these pictures, 2 weeks and 2 days old. When they mature, they will lay blue-green eggs. Don't believe it? Next time you see CTC member Ione Low, ask her. These tennis chicks belong to her daughter, Nicole.



The CTC Tennis Pets of the Month "Lani and Caspian"



Calendar

Today

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

June 13

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

June 23

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

July-Aug

Adult and Super Senior Playoffs Mixed League starts in July.

July 9 - 15 Bank of the West at Stanford University 2012 tickets are on sale.

Lani, on the right, is a Toy American Eskimo. His best friend, Caspian, is a Pomeranian. Together, they are simply adorable. Are they watching "Mom" Ione Low play a USTA match? They have the best seats in the house!

** 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: <u>Pub-Rel@cupertinotennisclub.org</u>. **

