

# PASSING SHOTS

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THE CUPERTINO TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

ISSUE ONE

## On the Line

A message from the CTC President

Welcome! I would like to take this opportunity to give a hearty welcome to our returning CTC members, our new CTC members, our returning CTC Board members and our new CTC Board members. We all play an important role in preserving a tennis atmosphere that embraces fairness and kindness, along with a strong, competitive spirit. The 2013 CTC Board is already hard at work maintaining existing tennis programs, planning new events and discussing ways to enrich our tennis experience. Our 2013 members are participating in all manner of tennis, including USTA leagues, Interclub, Socials (see page 4 & 5 for a report on our 1st Social of the year) and 1st-rate social tennis. Together, we continue to set the tennis bar high. Bravo!

As most of you know, USTA league play is very popular with CTC members. So popular, in fact, that court availability for home matches has reached its peak again this year. CSC works side-by-side with our USTA Coordinator to allocate as much court time as possible during each USTA season. Occasionally, after careful deliberation, CTC's USTA Coordinator must say no to a captain wanting to form team because we have simply run out of courts. The "Intent to Play" policy was put in place to give the captains and the USTA Coordinator the information necessary to make these decisions and insure that as many members participate in USTA league play as possible with as few "no's" as possible. You, CTC members, can help make this process easier (page 2)

### Think About It

Tennis matches encourage us to constantly evaluate our own strengths and weaknesses, which leads to a self-awareness that serves us well in our everyday lives as well as on the court. Courtesy of World Tennis Magazine, Aug. 2011, The Philosophy of Tennis by Philip Mare

## Norcal March 20, 2013 Captains' Meeting Report by Pat Frischmann, VP

I attended the Norcal Captains' Meeting chaired by Anna Elefant, Adult Leagues manager, on March 20, 2013, along with about 20 others.

The attendee's chief concerns were the crowded new calendar, the ever-shorter seasons, the difficulty in guessing how many players to put on a roster under the new system, the rising cost of playing on a team and the odd structure of the Adult 40+ league.

Anna warned that next year "will be even more crowded" since Norcal needs to schedule the leagues going to Nationals to fit the USTA schedule for Nationals. Norcal must fit its' leagues - Mixed55, 65+, Combo and 70+ - around that schedule. Anna expressed her opinion that since so many leagues now overlap, players and organizations may have to "pick and choose" among teams next year. An

example of an unexpected consequence of overcrowding is seen in the 55 Mixed league: Norcal expected to have 30 teams yet 100 teams registered!

Next on the agenda was changes to be aware of this year. (1) Captains must have at least six "at-level" players on the roster. She noted that if the captain of a development team decides to roster six "at-level" players but not play them, those players will not get a registration refund. (2) To give leagues more matches and still fit within the USTA schedule, Norcal is considering doing away with or reducing the number of playoffs. This will be a question on the upcoming survey. (3) Players in the Adult 55+ league will be subject to the 3-strikes rule. (4) At Districts, if an opponent defaults a line, a captain of the other team may now change his/her lineup, in fairness to the players who may have traveled far or given

up a day of work to play. (5) National may tweak the self-rating questionnaire to cut



down on the number of players who are able to rate lower than their ability.

Rising costs of playing on a team were discussed. Anna explained that the fees are a decision of the Norcal Board of Directors and are used, in part, to fund community and youth programs.

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CTC is looking for a member volunteer to help update our website. If you have website design experience and would like to help, please contact Dotti Rado at [President@CupertinoTennisClub.org](mailto:President@CupertinoTennisClub.org) for more information. Thanks!

### You're invited

to attend a CTC Board meeting anytime. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at noon in the CSC Conference Room.

(On the Line continued from page 1) and more accurate by using the “Intent to Play” process in a timely fashion. May I suggest that as soon as you receive your email from the USTA Coordinators requesting that you “Declare Your Intent to Play” for the next league start, just respond right away. Click on the link to the website provided and fill out the form. It’s that easy and it’s important to do it.

Going forward, we will be working with the Sports Center and the City to find viable solutions to manage our tennis community growth.

Is everyone enjoying the new clocks on the courts? With money from the CTC Improvement Fund, a budget for the purchase of the clocks was approved last year and Raymond Yan and Mike Wilkens have taken on the task of purchasing, building the housings, water-proofing and installing them. Thank you, Raymond and Mike for the outstanding job!

If you have an idea that will benefit our tennis experience, please let me know. Send your idea in an email to :[President@cupertinotennisclub.org](mailto:President@cupertinotennisclub.org).

Wishing you a Happy Spring and terrific tennis, *Dotti Rado, CTC President*

## MEMBERS BY THE NUMBERS

### WOMEN

#### RATING #of Women

NTRP 3.0	31
NTRP 3.5	86
NTRP 4.0	75
NTRP 4.5	9

Members of the Cupertino Tennis Club are the key to our success. Here is glimpse at who we are.....

### MEN

#### RATING #of Men

Data collected (as of March 27, 2013) by John Sperinde, CTC Membership Chair	NTRP 3.0	13
	NTRP 3.5	73
	NTRP 4.0	75
	NTRP 4.5	22

### ALL MEMBERS

#### AGE

#### GROUP #of Members

18-39	17
40-54	110
55-64	72
65+	60
Did not state	125

#### CITY of Residence

Cupertino	83
Los Altos	41
San Jose	89
Saratoga	27
Sunnyvale	67
Various other	77



**Does it get more adorable than this??**

## CUPERTINO TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Making sense of the on-line roster:** On the “Membership” page of the CTC website, there are 2 Membership lists. The first has names only and anyone is able to access this list. If you want to know who the members are or if you need to check your membership status, check this list. All current members are listed and there is no need to sort - the list is automatically alphabetical. The second list includes members contact information, including phone number(s) and email address. This “Contact” list is password protected and only current members have access. Sorting of information, such as by NTRP rating, is available here. Check it to

make sure that your contact information is correct.

If you need to change your contact information, the process is simple. Go to the website and redo the “Membership Application”, agree to the waiver but **DO NOT PAY AGAIN**. By following this process, your new information will be automatically updated in the Contact List. CTC emails will go to your new address.

Questions should be emailed to [Membership@CupertinotennisClub.org](mailto:Membership@CupertinotennisClub.org).

- *John Sperinde, Membership Chair.*

# USTA News

by Kweiping Wong and Irwin Horowitz

## The 2013 Adult 18 season has begun!

The season runs from April 1st until July 14. CTC is fielding 15 teams. On the women's side, teams include one 3.0, three 3.5, three 4.0 and one 4.5. For the men, three 3.5, two 4.0 and two 4.5 teams are playing this season. Good luck!!

**Next up is Adult Mixed 18+ and Adult 55+ leagues.** Hopefully, everyone wanting to play in these leagues received their "Intent to Play" email from CTC and has signed up on the "Intent to Play" form on-line. An email identifying the captains chosen for the summer leagues has been sent (to all CTC members) and these captains are currently registering teams. Registration ends on May 19th. If you are looking for a team, please make sure to contact the captain before signing up on the roster. The season runs from June 17 - September 8 for both leagues. As you can see, the Adult 18+, Adult 55+ and Mixed 18+ overlap for 4 weeks. Please be sure you are committed to playing on any team(s) you join. Plan ahead so that your captain is not put in a position to default a match because of unavailable players. Having insufficient players for a match is one thing every captain works hard to avoid

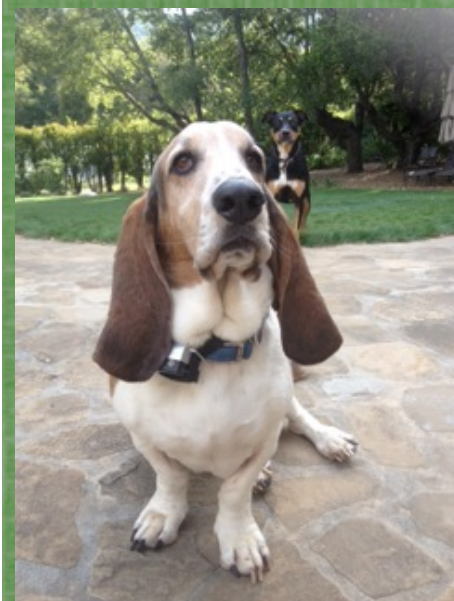
## A look at the 40+ Adult league

The 40+ Adult season is over and the results are in. Congratulations to all 16 teams for a great season.

**55 + Mixed - a great season!** Six teams played in this league with two teams in the local playoffs. Cheers to a first-rate season.

### 40+ RESULTS

Level	Captain	Season finish
3.0	Pat Perry	In local playoff (6-3)
3.5	Linda Chen	
3.5	Debbie Argabright	
3.5	Sukkin Fong	
3.5	Julie Brittis	
4.0	Sharada Labadie	In local playoff (8-1)
4.0	Analiza Dolor	
4.0	Nanette Vidalis	
4.5	Analiza Dolor	
4.5	Jessica Ma	
3.5	Fred Tierney	In local playoff (7-3)
3.5	Irwin Horowitz	
3.5	Raymond Yan	
4.0	Gorti Brahmanandam	
4.0	Richard Chuang	
4.0	Kevin Ong	In local playoff (9-2)
4.5	Ravi Shankar	
7.0	Linda Chen	
7.0	Raymond Yan	In local playoff (4-3)
7.0	Pat Frischmann	
7.0	Luanne Greyson	
8.0	Cindy Jeung	In local playoff (3-3)



*Reggie, the most handsome Bassett Hound and Kona, Ms. Rottweiler, are waiting patiently for "mom" Laura Worden to return home from her tennis match at CTC.*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION:

**Why do I have to join the Cupertino Tennis Club, too? I have already paid for an annual pass at the Sports Center.**

**My answer:** I just returned from the Sports Center, where I enjoyed a social match, sitting under an umbrella purchased by the Cupertino Tennis Club, on a bench provided by the Cupertino Tennis Club, occasionally checking the time on clocks newly installed by, yes, the Cupertino Tennis Club, and kept score on scoreboards (guess who purchased them). Although I no longer play USTA league tennis, I am pleased to hear of my tennis friends' USTA success, made possible because the Cupertino Tennis Club organizes all league play for Sports Center/CTC members. As you know, because you are reading this, the newsletter comes to you courtesy of the Cupertino Tennis Club. Throw in my ability to play Interclub on any one of the 3 women's teams, plus periodic socials, for a whopping \$20/\$25 per year. My dues are working hard for me. But if you think CTC can do more, email your ideas to the CTC Board at Board@CupertinoTennisClub.org. We are a congenial bunch who are always on the outlook for new projects.

*Candace Danielson, CTC Secretary*



# A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING

THE FIRST CUPERTINO TENNIS CLUB SOCIAL OF 2013

ORGANIZED, PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY OUR SOCIALS DIRECTOR, LYNNE STARK



**Our 1st CTC Social, “A Little Bit of Everything” was a resounding success!!** The schedule allowed for a total of 36 members to participate in 2 clinics, a number of round robins and a session with the ball machine. Before the tennis began, there was also a fitness workshop for those interested in a good warmup.

**The fabulous Lifetime Tennis Director, Dana Bargas,** along with his wonderful Pros, ran 2 clinics throughout each round. Members received feedback from Dana and Tennis Pro, Oliver, during a strokes clinic geared to fine tune your forehand, backhand, volleys and overhead. Next stop was the adjacent court, where

members got a chance to challenge Pro Parul and his very capable assistant Joshua, playing singles and doubles points. A few of the members even won!!

**Round Robins ran continuously through the evening.** Men’s, Women’s and Mixed doubles were played with teams being matched as close to even skill levels as possible.

**The ball machine got a workout, too,** as members waiting for the next round robin or clinic were encouraged to spend 1 round practicing their strokes.

## Soup’s On!

At 8:30 PM, tennis ended and supper began. Healthy and delicious soups (made by Lynne Stark), bread (made by Grace Haig), a variety of homemade muffins and cookies, and beverages were served. To be environmentally healthy, everyone brought his or her own soup mug, spoon and water bottle.

**“A good time was had by all” !**



A special thanks to CTC Secretary, and photographer extraordinaire, **Candace Danielson**, for the wonderful Social pictures!