

**A message from the CTC President:**

Fellow CTC members,

I hope you are enjoying the umbrellas shading the USTA competition courts 2-7. The umbrellas are part of the Sports Center facility improvement projects funded by our Club. Recently, we have also added 6 more benches to those courts. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the Board is also working on 2 projects that should be ready this fall. First, we are working with the Sports Center on a court weather-conditions viewing web cam. Our goal is to have it installed and online before the rainy season. Second is a brand-new CTC website. Our web master and his team are working hard to launch a beta version in the latter part of this year. I would like to ask for your patience regarding our completion dates since all of the work is being done by volunteers in their free time. On behalf of the CTC Board, I would like to thank all of the members who sent us facility improvement suggestions throughout the last year. I also appreciate all of the feedback we have received on the actions that the Board has taken. Your suggestions and comments are always helpful in setting our direction and focus.



Admiring the success of the Women's Interclub, many men in the past year had requested the Board sponsor a Men's Interclub and in response, (in the last newsletter), I announced that the Board voted to fund a Men's Interclub for 2013. I asked for anyone interested in participating to email me. So far, I have received only a handful of responses. I would like to keep this offer open for another couple of months. If there is still not enough interest, we will close the offer and no money will be allocated to the Men's Interclub in the 2013 budget.

Time has gone by so fast - we are already approaching the 4th quarter of the year. It is now time, yet again, to start forming the new CTC Board for 2013. The elections and final selection of the next Board will be held at the Annual Membership Meeting in December. Although every Board Director position is up for nominations, 2 positions will definitely be vacant and need to be filled. Because of the 2-year term limit for the CTC President and Treasurer positions as dictated by the CTC Bylaws, both Jack Stanley and I will be leaving the CTC Board at the end of the year.

I urge everyone who would like to volunteer your time and effort for the betterment of the Club to consider running for a Board Director position for 2013. Please contact Pat Frischmann, CTC Vice President at [V-P@CupertinoTennisClub.org](mailto:V-P@CupertinoTennisClub.org) for any questions. You can find a list of Board positions below. Your passion and involvement are keys to the success and continual future success of our Club.

*Raymond Yan, CTC President.*



**Would you like to have a say.....** in how CTC tennis is run at the Cupertino Sports Center? Yes? Then we need your help! The all-volunteer CTC Board needs your time, your ideas, your help and your expertise. We need you to volunteer.

Board members are elected at the Annual Membership Meeting in December so right now is a great time to volunteer for one of the Board positions below.

**President (maximum 2 year term)**

Vice President

**Treasurer (maximum 2 year term)**

Secretary

Membership

USTA Coordinator

Interclub coordinators

Socials Events

Public Relations/Newsletter

Webmaster

Web site Technical Manager

To volunteer or for more information, please email Pat Frischmann at [V-P@CupertinoTennisClub.org](mailto:V-P@CupertinoTennisClub.org)

**CTC USTA teams on fire!**

All 4 of our CTC Super Senior 60's teams made it to the 1st round playoffs this season. The teams burning up the courts were the Women's 7.0 (captain Jo Pak), 2 Men's 7.0 teams (captains Larry Chen and Fred Tierney) and the Men's 8.0 (captain Paul Romeo). Congratulations everyone!



In the Adult League category, we also saw 4 of our teams in the 1st round playoffs. Our red hot teams: Women's 3.0 (captain Pat Perry), Women's 3.5 (captain Debbie Argabright), Women's 4.0 (Lynn Stark) and Women's 4.5 (Lynn Stark). Awesome playing!

**Congratulations to the Men's Super Senior 60 7.0 team captained by Fred Tierney and Super Senior 60 8.0 team captained by Paul Romeo - they made it to Sectionals!! Good luck guys!**

CTC Adult Mixed League teams are well underway and 50Mixed is starting up. Results will be reported in the next newsletter. As always, we wish everyone good luck and great matches.

**Next on the USTA League schedule is Combo(see the list of captains below) and one Super Senior Men's 70's 7.5 team, captained by Nebojsa (Boris) Advdalovic.** Team registration is underway. CTC will offer 16 teams for this season with the playing season starting October 1st and ending December 2, 2012.

**A reminder to the Combo captains:** Please form your roster with "1st choice" declared players before accepting any players who declared "2nd choice" or "Any" declared players. NON-DECLARED players should be last in line for a place on your roster. This is a fair way to apply to "Intent to Play" procedure.

Please note that the "Intent to Play" declaration period for Combo has ended. Players - if you **DID NOT** declare your intent to play on a Combo team but would like to play, I remind you that the captains **MUST** choose from the "declared" lists first.

**A special note to the declared "ANY" players:** I appreciate your participation in the "Intent to Play" process. Now is the time to be pro-active and contact a captain to have your name added to the roster. Please remember that the rosters fill quickly and the captains will try to accommodate you as much as possible. If you have any questions, please email me at [USTA@Cupertinotennisclub.org](mailto:USTA@Cupertinotennisclub.org).

**2012 Combo team captains:**

**MEN:**

- 6.5 captains Kiran Kolpe and Tak Young
- 7.5 captains Corey Ebadat, Kevin Ong and Larry Chen
- 8.5 captains Joe Stevens, Gorti Brahmanandam, Roger Okamoto

**WOMEN:**

- 6.5 captains Pat Frischmann, Pat Perry, Sukkin Fong
- 7.5 captains Anne Neeter, Gail Leung, Debbie Argabright
- 8.5 captains April Abreau, Sharada Labadie

As usual, CTC has reached the maximum number of USTA teams able to play on the CSC courts. I am taking an optimistic view that USTA will not overwhelm us with home matches all in the same week. If that situation does arise and home match dates need to be rearranged, I'm sure I can count on the captains (and the players) to be flexible. We will all do the best we can to work together! If you have any questions, please email me at [USTA@Cupertinotennisclub.org](mailto:USTA@Cupertinotennisclub.org).

**\* PLAYERS: YOU HAVE THE POWER!** You are the only ones who can avoid the Club instituting the dreaded **"Do Not Declare, Do Not Play"** rule by diligently using the "Intent to Play" procedure. It is no secret that courts and court time are limited. My goal is to schedule as many teams as possible so that as many members as possible get to participate in the USTA leagues. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of declaring your intent to play so that accurate plans can be made in a timely manner. Many thanks to the captains and members who adhere to the rule and declare their intent to play. Unfortunately, there are still too many repeat offenders- those who do not (or never) use the Intent process yet assume they will be on a team. So far, they have been lucky enough to play. **WARNING...** Unless we see a decline in Repeat Offenders soon, the Club will establish a Do Not Declare, Do Not Play rule. 2013 USTA Leagues will be here before we know it so when you receive the email stating the dates for "Intent to Play" Adult or Senior league tennis, make a point to go on the website ([www.cupertinotennisclub.org](http://www.cupertinotennisclub.org)) and **DECLARE!** With USTA creating new leagues (and over-lapping play times), it becomes more and more of a challenge to find court time at CSC to accommodate all of our players. Help us by letting us know your intentions.....

**DECLARE, DECLARE, DECLARE !!**

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## FIRE UP YOUR TENNIS GAME....and join us for another CTC CLUB SOCIAL

The **September Tennis Social** will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Keep an eye out for an email, to be sent to all CTC members soon, detailing the sign-up process.

Play will be the usual: men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles, on 6 courts, in a rotating 8 game format. This is an excellent way to meet other members as well as catch up with old friends. Food and soft drinks will be provided after play at around 8:30 PM.

Help is always greatly appreciated so if you can spare a little time, please let me hear from you. My email address is [Socials@Cupertinotennisclub.org](mailto:Socials@Cupertinotennisclub.org).

*Rob Kunzler*

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### *Albert Mirko*

Albert Mirko, of Gilroy, CA, age 69, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2012, with his family and friends by his side.

As a professional race car driver, Albert owned Mirko Racing. As an avid tennis player, he was a member of CTC, Gilroy and Morgan Hill Tennis Clubs. As an animal lover, he was the co-founder and Director of Town Cats, a nonprofit cat shelter and adoption center located in Morgan Hill.

Albert played on a number of USTA leagues. His participation in this years Super Senior 65 Men's 3.5 team at CTC ended with an impressive 6-2 record.

CTC was pleased to follow the suggestion of his family and donate \$50 to Town Cats in honor of our tennis friend.



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### *Susan Cirelli Flores*

Susan Cirelli Flores, 66, of San Jose, CA, passed way on July 6, 2012, with her husband, Herman, by her side. She was a 1964 graduate of Robert E. High School and was a realtor in Baytown, Texas.

Susan also worked at the Front Desk of the Sports Center for many years. If you ever called at 8:00 AM for a court while Susan was there, her ever-cheerful voice would answer the phone. She had the gift of recognizing most of us simply by hearing our voice. She was a hard-working, kind and caring lady.

Funeral and cremation services were held in her hometown of Baytown, Texas.

CTC has had the privilege of making a \$50 donation to the American Heart Association in her name.

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CTC would also like to pay tribute to a local tennis legend, Alex Swetka, who died on July 17th, 2012. He was 94. The Mountain View Voice ran a wonderful article highlighting his life and tennis career . You can read it on the web at [http://www.mv-voice.com/news/show\\_story.php?id=5883](http://www.mv-voice.com/news/show_story.php?id=5883).

A celebration of Alex's life is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, at Cuesta Park. MVTC has been asked to help provide the following items:

- o Gatorade-style coolers
- o Power Generator
- o Volunteers to help set up tables, etc.

Please contact John Togasaki at Mountain View Tennis (Cuesta Park) for details on the Memorial or if you would like to help. If you need his email address, please email Dotti Rado at [Pub-Rel@Cupertinotennisclub.org](mailto:Pub-Rel@Cupertinotennisclub.org).

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Are you on **Facebook**? The Cupertino Sports Center is! Check them out and if you "like" them, let them know and you will receive 2 free day passes!

[www.Facebook.com/cupertinosportscenter](http://www.Facebook.com/cupertinosportscenter)

## The CTC Tennis Pets of the Month

Sharing the spotlight this month are two irresistible lazybones. Chloe, our tennis princess pup and the King of adorable cats, Tigger, who will take catnip and a catnap over tennis any day.



It's nice to see that Chloe's "Mom", Rachel Cheng, puts the CTC towel to good use this summer !



Tigger's taste runs not to tennis balls but ping ball balls. He keeps his "Mom", Elizabeth Davis, on her toes with a challenging game of Ping Pong every day!

### Calendar

#### Today

Make a commitment to declare your intent to play in the 2013 USTA leagues.

#### September 12

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

#### September 15

A Memorial for Alex Swetka - Cuesta Park.

#### September 29

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

#### September

50 Mixed league starts

#### October

Combo league starts