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Passing Shots

Cupertino Tennis Club Newsletter



Did you know that CTC sponsored 34 USTA teams in 2006? Thanks to all captains and co-captains!

My Spin On Things by Bob McCord, President

It's 2007, time for "out with the old":

- * The 2006 CTC Board (with abundant thanks for their service to the club)
- * Your 2006 CTC membership
- * Memories of the easy volleys that you missed
- * The hitch in your swing

It's 2007, time for "in with the new":

- * The 2007 CTC Board (with abundant hopes that they will do as well as last year's)
- * Time to renew your 2007 CTC membership
- * The new tennis gear you got for Christmas
- * Your new partner (if yours was the one who missed those volleys).....continued on page 2

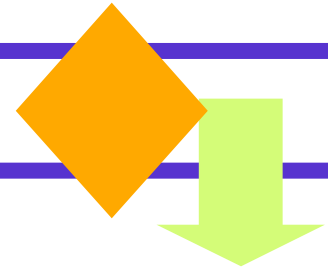
In The (USTA) Game By Bob Larocca, USTA coordinator

The Senior and Mixed seasons are wrapping up and the Adult and Super Senior 65 seasons are just getting started.

Two of our 7.0 Mixed teams (Bill Kahng and Bob Larocca, captains) are vying for playoff spots. At least one will advance, maybe both.

In the Senior leagues, three of our four men's teams (Irwin Horowitz 3.0, Fred Tierney and George Bassi 3.5) and one women's team (Janet Needham 3.5) have already qualified for the playoffs. Ron Lee's 4.0 team needs just one more win to qualify. League playoffs begin in March.

If you would like to play in the upcoming Adult and/or Super Senior 65 seasons but don't know which team might be best for you, sign up in the CTC Leagues binder located at the Sports Center desk and we will help you find a spot.



My Spin On Things continued

Dotti Rado is this year's Public Relations chairperson and this newsletter is her idea for something new to try. We like new ideas! Your board would love to hear your ideas as well. Send an email via the club's web site (www.cupertinotennisclub.org) or talk to any board member. Or come to a Board meeting – they are held at the Sports Center at 7:00PM on the second Thursday of each month.

I am supposed to write something for each issue of the newsletter – one of those little undocumented duties that aren't in the job description. Feel free to suggest topics of general interest. Someone did suggest writing about goals for the Club in 2007. That would be good but the Club's goals need to be the goals of the Club members, not the President. We will discuss ideas at the Board meetings and your input would be helpful. Anyway, I'll find a topic each month to fill the space and use the first one to set appropriately low expectations. (grin)

Happy New Year to everyone. May you serve aces, smash overheads (into the court), and have fun with your tennis this year.

Remember to check the website frequently!
www.cupertinotennisclub.org

Would you like to play tennis in China? Dates are 4/16 through 4/30. Contact Bill Pang at 714-998-3976 or 714-724-7883. Email: billpang88@aol.com. For full details go to the club website, click "Trip to China".



All the Way to Sectionals! By John Sperinde, Captain

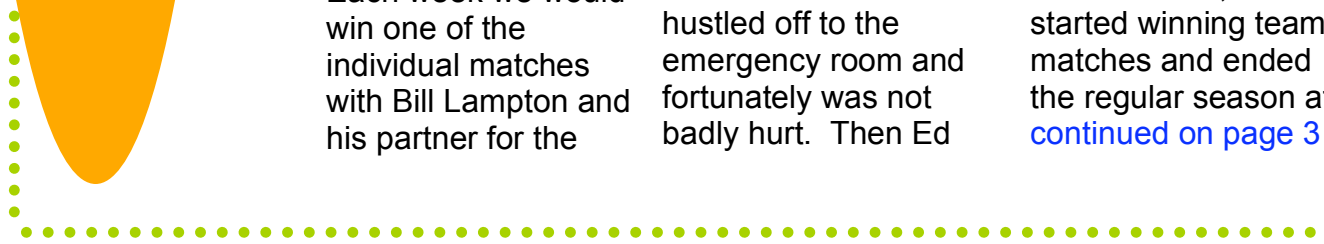
Men's Super Senior 60 6.0 team makes Sectionals!!

We started off very slowly losing 5 of our first 6 team matches. Each week we would win one of the individual matches with Bill Lampton and his partner for the

week, usually Jim Mitchell but also once with Albert Wilewski and even myself. Then there was the Ed Hirshfield effect. In our first team match win Ed and I were partners, One of our opponents fell and hit his head on a fence supporting pole. It staggered him for a few moments, split his nose and forehead and there blood all over. He was hustled off to the emergency room and fortunately was not badly hurt. Then Ed

was partnered twice with Bob Gonzales and the opponent didn't show up so they won by default *twice*. Lest we give Ed too much credit, he also went to the wrong court one week resulting in a forfeit and a team loss.

So, helped by the Hirshfield effect and some good playing by Mike Wilkens, we started winning team matches and ended the regular season at [continued on page 3](#)



All the Way to Sectionalscontinued

7-7 tied with another team for fourth place. We beat out the other team by virtue of winning one more individual match than the other team and we were in the playoffs. At fourth place, we had to play the number one team from Sunnyvale. This was a select team, made up mostly of guys with 3.0 adjusted ratings, with visions of going to Nationals. They had already beaten us twice during the season by a combined score of 6-0. But here comes Ed again, this time

partnered with Bob Carvalho, defeating his opponents in two sets in a match we didn't think we had a chance to win. Albert and I barely won in a third set tiebreak 13-11. With the help of a wildcard, we were now in the Sectionals and off to Carmel.

We won our first two matches at Carmel and now had visions of going to the Nationals in Florida. Unfortunately, we lost the final match 3-0 to a team from Walnut Creek and our

season ended. We came home with our second place trophies a little disappointed but happy for the successful season.

Team members: Ray Brooks, Bob Caravahlo, Paul Ebisui, Bob Gonzales, Ed Hirshfield, Irwin Horowitz, Bill Lampton, Jim Martinez, Jim Mitchell, Ed Rogalski, Uwe Schmalenbach, John Sperinde, Albert Wilewski, Mike Wilkens.

Congratulations to six of our CTC members for playing outstanding tennis in 2006!!

The NTRP Grand Prix Men's 3.5 Singles tournament winner is Marty Zimmerman and the second place Women's 3.0 singles winner is Natalya Bach.

The Ladies are Serving It Up..... By Dotti Rado

When the CTC Interclub and USTA ladies host a match, the lunch or late night snacks are always spectacular! Everyone brings delicious food and drinks: salads, sandwiches, exotic cheeses, cookies, brownies..... the list goes on and on. We thought it would be

fun to put all of our recipes and ideas together in one place. Thus, the CTC Ladies Cookbook was born. We would love to have all of the ladies in the Club participate in making this cookbook a great success. I will be collecting recipes and ideas so please email

them to me at tennisdotnet@yahoo.com as soon as you are able. As room permits, I will also add a recipe here in the newsletter for you to enjoy. We start this issue off with a very special recipe on page 4.

In Seniors, Bob Slavik and Tony Fadelli finished at the top of the Men's 65 Doubles and Hal Zamzow and Tad Yoshikawa finished at the top of the Men's 70 Doubles.



With Heartfelt Sympathy by Dotti Rado

Please join me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Bob Droessler on the passing of his wife (and very special member of CTC), Peggy Droessler. Peggy passed away suddenly on January 13th, 2007.

Peggy was on the courts almost every day, always smiling, working hard on her tennis game and enjoying the company of all who stopped to say "hello". Her warm and loving spirit was contagious and everyone she met recognized that they were fortunate to have met such a special lady.

Remembering a dear friend

The last time I saw Peggy she gave me one of her favorite salad recipes to include in the CTC Ladies Cookbook. I'm sure that lots of "us" ladies will make this salad and the wonderful time we have sharing it with our friends will be thanks to Peggy.

Sweet Potato Salad with Spicy Peanut Sauce

Submitted by Peggy Droessler

* Spicy Peanut Dressing

- 1/4 c rice vinegar
- 1/4c soy sauce
- 3 tbsp mayonnaise
- 4 tsp minced fresh ginger
- 4 tsp toasted sesame oil
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tsp chili-garlic sauce
- 1 ½ tsp golden brown sugar

- * 2 lbs red-skinned sweet potatoes (yams) peeled, cut into ½ inch cubes
- * 1 1/2c sugar snap peas, cut crosswise into ½ inch pieces
- * 1 c thinly sliced green onions
- * 1/3 c coarsely chopped dry-roasted peanuts

Whisk first nine ingredients in medium bowl to blend.

Add enough water to large saucepan to reach depth of ½ inch. Bring to boil; add sweet potatoes and cook under tender, about 5 minutes. Drain; cool.

Mix sweet potatoes, dressing, peas, and green onions in large bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with peanuts and serve. 6 – 8 servings

I would like to thank Bob McCord for the following ideas for headlines in this newsletter:

In the Game
Serving It Up
My Spin on Things

And lastly, my favorite:
Not My Fault – which brings me to the place where I let you know that any errors in this newsletter are mine, not those who were kind enough to submit such interesting articles.
-Dotti
If you have a tennis tale to tell please send it to me!

Just In by Kathy Wheeler, Membership

2007 New Year's Resolution: Renew Your Membership EARLY!



It's time to renew your membership in the Cupertino Tennis Club. The form is at the following link:

<http://www.cupertinotennisclub.org/application2007.html>.

2007 Rates:

Dues for Cupertino residents	Single membership	\$20	Family	\$25
Dues for NON_CUPERTINO residents:	Single membership	\$25	Family	\$30
First Time* Membership Special	Single membership	\$10	Family	\$15



Mail your membership form and dues to:

CTC Membership
P. O. Box 2743
Cupertino, CA 95014-2743

Remember! You will need to have an up-to-date CTC membership before playing on any USTA leagues.

Thanks!



Next time in *Passing Shots*: **IT'S NOT MY FAULT!**
It's _____ (fill in the blank with your favorite tennis excuse
and send it to me at tennisdotnet@yahoo.com :-)