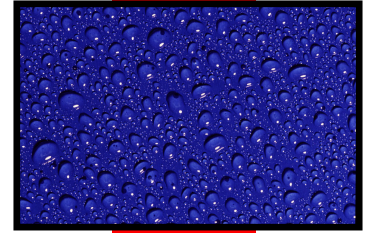


# *Passing Shots*

The CUPERTINO TENNIS CLUB Newsletter



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## **MY SPIN ON THINGS** BY Bob McCord, President

Happy New Year! Hopefully, everyone enjoyed a terrific holiday season.

Can you believe that 2007 is now history? It seems like it wasn't that long ago when it started. There's a lot of water under that bridge now – not just all the rainwater that's been coming down recently. It sure interferes with one of our favorite exercises, and that, in turn, probably makes anyone's New Year's resolution about getting more exercise

a little tougher to meet. But take heart, this too shall pass.

Remember, the Sports Center's 2008 Open House is on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10AM until noon. There is usually a great deal for renewing your CSC membership.

The Adult and Super Senior 65 team registrations have begun. Why not consider being a captain this year? The good news is that

there are a number of people who captain a team season after season. The better news is that Club membership continues to grow and there is enough interest in playing USTA to warrant having a few more teams than last year. We can find a mentor for you if you are feeling uncertain about giving it a try. Please do! Contact the Club's USTA Coordinator if you want to test the water.

Have a great 2008.  
Play well and have fun,  
*Bob McCord*

## **USTA NEWS**

## **WRAPPING UP AND UP AHEAD** BY BOB LAROCCA, USTA COORDINATOR

### **Wrapping Up:**

The Senior and Mixed leagues are near the end of their regular seasons. Our teams have been pretty successful so far. Several of them have already qualified for the March playoffs. Sarina Tafarella-Gonzales' 8.0 Mixed team leads the flight. Anne Neeter and Bob Larocca have 7.0 teams which have already made the playoffs. The teams captained by Bill Kahng (8.0) and Diane Detig (6.0) are still in contention.

Our Senior teams are having their usual success. All four men's teams (Irwin Horowitz 3.0, George Bassi 3.5, Fred Tierney 3.5 and Ron Lee 4.0) are either in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their

respective leagues. On the ladies side, Sue Williams has a 3.5 team that sits in 1<sup>st</sup> place with three matches left.

### **Up Ahead:**

January storms bring springtime tennis. Teams will be forming over the next two months for both the Adult and Super Senior 65 leagues that begin play in March. Early feedback from potential captains indicates that we should have a pretty full slate of Adult teams and a few Super Senior teams. Captains can begin registering their teams on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Players should contact team

captains BEFORE registering on a team.

If anyone is interested in being a team captain this spring, please contact [USTA@CupertinoTennisClub.org](mailto:USTA@CupertinoTennisClub.org) We are always looking for enthusiastic people who are willing to help head up a USTA team. More captains mean smaller rosters and more playing time for everyone.

If you are looking for a team this spring and need some help finding the right one, please use the email address above, as well.

# 2008: Start the Year Right by Renewing Your Membership in JANUARY

By Kathy Wheeler, Membership

Your 2007 membership in the Cupertino Tennis Club expired at the end of the year about the same time the ball fell in Times Square. I hope you filled out a new 2008 membership form right afterwards! If you were occupied with other activities and missed this opportunity, we have several ways for you to get that membership in before the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline:

1. Go to the CTC website ([www.cupertinotennisclub.org](http://www.cupertinotennisclub.org)) and fill out the membership form, print it and sign the waiver **OR** print the membership form in this newsletter (pgs 5 & 6) and fill it out. Attach payment.
2. Drop your completed membership form/fee in the mailbox at the Sports Center (next to the manager's office) **OR** mail the completed membership form/fee to the CTC Post Office Box:

CTC Membership  
P. O. Box 2743  
Cupertino. CA. 95015-2743

3. Come to the Cupertino Sports Center Open House on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 10-12 noon, and fill out a form and pay your dues (check or cash, please) at the CTC table.

Your action for today is:  
Do something you have been putting off because you keep thinking you don't have time for it.



**Check it out!**

## Featured Tennis Pro

### Hung Ngo

Hung is the **Director of the Lifetime Tennis Junior Teams Program**, serving nearly 300 students a week. His enthusiasm and light-hearted spirit has made him popular with students, parents and other staff members. He can regularly be seen on the courts from 3-8pm most weekdays and throughout the day on weekends.



## NEW MEMBER MENTORSHIP!

By Kathy Wheeler, Membership

I would like to collate a list of tennis players at the club who would like to mentor a new member. Mentorship only involves inviting a new member to play! Those first one or two game introductions are enough to get a newcomer involved with the membership.

Please email me at [membership@cupertinotennisclub.org](mailto:membership@cupertinotennisclub.org) if you're interested in joining the New Member Mentor list.



*Build a Friendship  
Be a New Member Mentor*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The CTC Board is delighted that you are now one of the more than 300 members that make up the vibrant tennis community known as the Cupertino Tennis Club. We hope that you will take advantage of the numerous opportunities to play tennis available to you throughout the year. Our website is designed to give you plenty of information to get started on the courts. If you have any questions, please address them to the Membership Chairperson at [membership@cupertinotennisclub.org](mailto:membership@cupertinotennisclub.org)

## In Memory of our Dear Friend



**James A. Figgins**  
December 2, 1955 – December 11, 2007

Longtime CTC member and avid tennis player, James Figgins, suffered a massive heart attack while on a business trip, passing away on December 11, 2007.

Friends and family have found the perfect way to honor James. The USTA Education and Tennis Foundation provides scholarships to at-risk youth (\* see "Aces for Kids" on page 4). Donations to this program are accepted through the "Avenue of Aces" – a pathway of brick, bronze, and aluminum pavers in the USTA National Tennis Center, the site of the US Open in New York. Donations totaling \$5,000 qualify for the "aluminum paver", which is prominently located in the center of the pathway leading up to the Arthur Ashe Stadium! The 3-line inscription on the paver will read:

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## In Memory of James Figgins *continued*

**James Figgins**  
**Tennis for Life and**  
**Laughter Foundation**

All donations are tax deductible; however, all checks must be submitted together with a single application form to USTA. Therefore, if you would like to participate, please make your check payable to “USTA Tennis & Education Foundation” and mail it to (CTC member) Ron Yu, 21101 Canyon Way, Cupertino, CA 95014. Ron is coordinating this effort on behalf of James’ family, and will provide the USTA with each donor’s name, address, and donation amount so the USTA can mail receipts to all donors. If you have any questions, please email Ron at ronyu\_us@yahoo.com

### \* “ACES FOR KIDS”

“Aces for Kids” is a national initiative of the USTA Tennis and Education Foundation. It strives to promote healthy lifestyles by combating childhood/adult obesity by providing disadvantaged, at-risk children the opportunity to learn to play tennis and improve their academic skills in a structured format.

At “Aces for Kids” program sites, children between the ages of 5-18 will:

- \* learn about healthy nutrition and lifestyles, as well as responsible citizenship
- \* improve study skills and receive tutoring
- \* develop computer literacy
- \* interact with a mentor and other students
- \* attend college preparatory sessions
- \* learn to play tennis in a team format



<http://www.usta.com/communitytennis/fullstory.sps?iNewsid=52321>

### \* “AVENUE OF ACES”

The “Avenue of Aces” is located on the magnificent grounds of the USTA National Tennis Center – home of the US Open. Surrounded by beautiful landscaping, it forms the pathway between the east gate entrance and the historic Arthur Ashe Stadium. A personalized paver will forever link the donor to the US Open, the world’s ultimate tennis proving ground.

<http://www.usta.com/communitytennis/fullstory.sps?iNewsid=161096>

Many thanks to Ron Yu for supplying the “In Memory of James Figgins”, “Aces for Kids” and “Avenue of Aces” information.

# CUPERTINO TENNIS CLUB

## 2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please Check One and Pay Corresponding Amount:

**RENEWAL :**

**CUPERTINO RESIDENT :** Single Membership \$20 \_\_\_ Family Membership \$25 \_\_\_

**NON - RESIDENT:** Single Membership \$25 \_\_\_ Family Membership \$30 \_\_\_

**NEW MEMBER:**

**RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT:** Single Membership \$10 \_\_\_ Family Membership \$15 \_\_\_

\* Available to first time members and those who have not been members since 2002.

**MEMBER (1):** \_\_\_\_\_ **M/F** \_\_\_ **NTRP** \_\_\_

**MEMBER (2):** \_\_\_\_\_ **M/F** \_\_\_ **NTRP** \_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIPCODE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER (1) 2<sup>nd</sup> PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ (work / cell)

**MEMBER (2) 2<sup>nd</sup> PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ (work / cell)

**MEMBER (1) EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER (2) EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER (1) Cupertino Sports Center Annual Passholder? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_**

**MEMBER (2) Cupertino Sports Center Annual Passholder? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_**

Note: You need to be a Passholder and a CTC member to play USTA League and Interclub tennis.

**WAIVER:**

I/we, the undersigned, do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Cupertino Parks & Recreation Dept., the Cupertino Tennis Club, and the Cupertino Sports Center, from and against any and all liabilities for any injury which may be incurred by the undersigned arising out of, or in any way connected with, my/our participation in any event sponsored by the aforementioned.

**MEMBER(1)** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER (2)** \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Cupertino Tennis Club. Checks and membership forms can be left in the club mailbox (next to the manager's office) at the Sports Center or mailed to:

**CTC Membership**  
**P.O. Box 2743**  
**Cupertino, CA 95015-2743**

Memberships are for the calendar year, with a two-month renewal grace period. Therefore, 2007 memberships are invalid on March 1, 2008. Those who have not renewed by then will be dropped from the Club roster and are no longer eligible for CTC activities or USTA play on teams at the Sports Center.

Cupertino Tennis Club - A USTA Community Tennis Association.  
A co-sponsored Club of the City of Cupertino Parks & Recreation Department

**I/we are interested in USTA League play at the checked NTRP levels. (Please select all that apply) You are not making a firm commitment, but this information will help us determine how many teams will be required for each league.**

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				Women's Thursday Interclub				
				Men's Tuesday Interclub				
				Ladders – Men's, Women's, Mixed				
				Participating in tournaments and/or social events				
				Volunteering for and/or learning about the CTC Board				

Check the box if interested

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