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Passing Shots

Cupertino Tennis Club Newsletter

My Spin On Things by Bob McCord, President

The annual CTC General Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 1st, at the Cupertino Hills Swim & Racquet Club. The meeting will start at 5:30PM with refreshments, appetizers and pizza! The business meeting will begin at 6:30PM with the election of the 2008 CTC Board. The election is a chance for your voice to be heard about who will represent you in the operation of your Tennis Club. With free food, an important voting opportunity and good friends to touch base with do you need any other reason to attend?

Due to the strong interest from so many members, the CTC Mixed Doubles social, held on October 7th, was a great success. The tennis, food and prizes were excellent and we learned a few things that will make next year's socials even better. Thanks again to Arlene Hanson for organizing this event and thanks also to Mike Wilkens for helping to make the day run smoothly by scheduling the partners and their games ahead of time. Thanks go out to all of the people who pitched in to help Arlene as well. The CTC Board would like to ask all of you to think about volunteering to

coordinate a social (or two) next year. There are plenty of people willing to help – we just need someone to take the lead. Come to the CTC General membership and toss your hat into the ring!

Have you seen the CTC tennis towels? Some members received their towel at the tennis social.

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"Volley" Your Way to Successful Returns!

By Dana Gill, Director of Lifetime Tennis

Many people swing away at every return of serve. This technique works well for slow 2nd serves, but is problematic for faster 1st and 2nd serves since it adds unnecessary power and decreases accuracy. In order to put more balls in play and improve

placement, simply shorten the back swing and block or "volley" the return (after the bounce, that is).

Roger Federer has been doing this for years with his backhand return. Since the surfaces of Wimbledon and the US Open are so fast, he

minimizes the power serves of the likes of Andy Roddick with compact, controlled returns. He learned this from Pete Sampras, who utilized this skill to achieve many Grand Slam victories in the 90's.

Life Time Tennis Pro Shop is having a sale! Check it out - page 4

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A Reminder:
CSC will be closed Thanksgiving Day

There are some logistics to figure out for getting them to everyone so please be patient. We will be distributing the CTC towels at the December meeting – one more good reason to attend!

The Cupertino Sports

Center has set the date for their 2008 Open House. It will be on Saturday, January 12th, from 10 AM until noon. In the past, they have offered great discounts on yearly membership rates to those attending the Open House and will

do so again this year, simply adding a year on to your current membership. Mark your calendars and stop by.

*Play well and have fun,
Bob McCord*

USTA and GRAND PRIX News by Bob Larocca, USTA coordinator

The Club had several members that qualified for NorCal's end-of-the-season Grand Prix Tournament. On the women's side, we had Ava Wu, who won the Women's 3.0 Singles Championship and Natalya Bach and Jessica Ma making it to the semifinals in Women's 3.5 Doubles. On the men's side, Anthony Brittis and E.G. Kim finished 2nd in the Men's 4.0 Doubles, losing a three set final to fellow club member Stephen Spray and his partner.

On the Senior Circuit, the Club showed outstanding strength in the over 65 and over

70 age groups. Bob Slavik and Larry (Bud) West are now the #1 pair in NorCal 65 Men's Doubles. Bob also teamed up with Tony Fadelli enough times so that their team ranks 3rd. Bob has the highest individual ranking for 65 Doubles players, with Larry in 2nd place and Tony in 5th.

In the 70 Men's Doubles, Hal Zamzow and Tad Yoshikawa hold the honor of being the top rated team in NorCal and they are tied for 2nd place in the individual rankings as well.

Well done, everyone!

CTC Member Appreciation Social Report:

And the Winners are.....

by Arlene Hanson, Social Coordinator

The CTC Member Appreciation Social was held on Sunday, October 7th and it looked like everyone had a lot of fun. I received many positive comments from players saying that the social gave them a chance to meet and play with other people in the tennis club besides the players on their USTA teams. They also said they would like to see more of these socials.

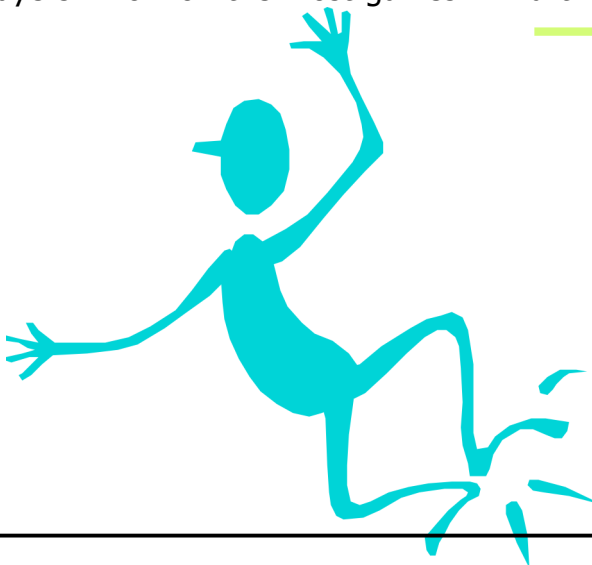
The Social was a mixed doubles round robin with 27 women and 27 men participating. The event had 6 rounds scheduled and each player played 4 rounds consisting of 8 no-ad games. Mike Wilkens prepared an interesting series of matches for the players, and successfully (continued on page 3)

And the Winners are.....continued

provided competitive matches for everyone. In two of the rounds, players partnered with (and played against) those at their own level. The other two rounds were "mixers", with a variety of 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 player combinations.

Everyone kept track of the number of games they won and after playing 32 games, submitted their score sheets to Charlie Hanson. Scores were tallied and announced by Charlie Hanson. McHarts pizza was delivered and devoured. A bottle of wine was awarded to the 6 players who won the most games. And the winners are.....

#1	Len Lyfoung	25 games
Tied for #2:		
	Anne Neeter	22 games
	Bob McCord	22 games
Tied for #3:		
	Anna Boyarshinova	21 games
	Shannon Thwaite	21 games
	Raymond Yan	21 games



SENIOR TENNIS AT CSC

Senior tennis group looking for men and women to play tennis Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 8 – 10 AM at the Sports Center.

The - Most - Amazing - Cookies to bring to your next interclub!

Thanks to Sue Williams for this great recipe

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup chopped **pecans**
- 1cup **butter**
- 6 oz semi sweet **chocolate**
- 1 cup flaked **coconut**
- 1 1/2 cups **graham cracker crumbs**
- 10 oz **cream cheese**, softened
- 1cup **sugar**
- 1 tsp **vanilla**

(Makes 4 dozen cookies)

Instructions:

- Microwave** 3/4c butter & 2 oz chocolate for 1-2 minutes until melted – stir frequently
- Stir in** crumbs, coconut, & pecans
- Press** into bottom of 9x13 pan.
- Chill** 30 minutes
- Microwave** remaining butter & chocolate until melted.
- Spread** over cream cheese layer.
- Chill** – cut into squares – enjoy!

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NCODE RACQUETS

In Stock	Head Size	Grip Size	Sale Price
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nTour -Two	(95)	4 ¼	\$99.95 +tax
n5 Force	(110)	4 ½ , 4 3/8	\$124.95 +tax
n5 Force	(98)	4 3/8	\$124.95 +tax
nBlade	(98)	4 5/8	\$99.95 +tax
nSix-Two	(100)	4 ¼	\$99.95 +tax

K FACTOR RACQUETS

In Stock	Head Size	Grip Size	Sale Price
K 1	(122)	4 3/8, 4 ¼	\$199.95 +tax
K 3	(115)	4 ½, 4 3/8	\$179.95 +tax
K 4	(112)	4 ½, 4 3/8, 4 ¼	\$154.95 +tax
K Surge	(100)	4 ½, 4 3/8	\$124.95 +tax

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