

Passing Shots

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Passing Shots

MY SPIN ON THINGS BY BOB MCCORD, PRESIDENT

You know how civic projects can tend to go on and on and..... Things feel a bit that way with the lighting improvement at the Sports Center. Here is an update. There are two CSC projects that need to be funded. One is to improve the lighting on the tennis courts. The other is to tear out the pool on the west side of the parking lot and replace it with a general-purpose court and restrooms. The city put out an RFP (request for proposal) for the combined project in hopes of getting more bidders and a lower bid. Unfortunately, that didn't bring the hoped-for result – the low bid was significantly over budget. Since the RFP was for one big project and the bids did not estimate separate costs for the two, the city has now revised the RFP so that the lighting is the main project and the rest is an

optional add-on. New bids are expected by sometime around the end of November. The good news is that all of the city council members support the lighting upgrade over the pool work if both can't be done within the 2008 budget. It sure sounds like we will get better lighting, just not as quickly as we had hoped.

In our last newsletter, I asked if there was an interest in having the Club organize a CPR class. There was just one response. Perhaps that's because there are plenty of classes already available in the community, including classes through the Cupertino Adult Education at Quinlan Center. I hope you will consider learning this valuable skill.

As December approaches (already??) so does the Club's annual general

membership meeting. The meeting will be held in the clubhouse at the Cupertino Hills tennis facility, 22090 Rae Lane, on Sunday, December 7th. We are not able to reserve courts but it's possible that courts will be available so we could pair up and play starting around 3:00PM. The general meeting will start at 5:30PM. Pizza and drinks will be served. It is at this meeting that next year's CTC Board will be elected. Without Board members there is no tennis club so please, give some thought to helping out by volunteering for one of the Board positions.

Play well and have fun,
Bob McCord

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS by Marilee Adams

We are currently seeking individuals who are interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the Cupertino Tennis Club for the 2009 calendar year. If you would like to find out more about the positions available, please contact Marilee Adams at V-P@CupertinoTennisClub.org.



**VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

USTA News: Congratulations teams!!!

Submitted by Bob Larocca, USTA Coordinator

Congratulations to Jessica Ma and Ed Wong who won this year's NorCal Grand Prix 3.5 Mixed Championship. Jessica and Ed started playing together at the Cupertino Classic Tennis Tournament and won 5 of the next 6 tournaments to qualify for the Grand Prix Tournament. They won all 3 Grand Prix tournament matches without dropping a set!

Victor Wong's Men's 7.0 Super Senior 60 team started the season with 5 straight losses before reeling off 10 consecutive wins to qualify for the NorCal Sectionals starting October 10. His squad won 2 out of 3 matches in Carmel but lost a close match to Sun City Lincoln, the eventual sectional winners.

The Combo season is wrapping up. Anne Neeter's 6.5 team and Ron Lee's 8.5 team have already qualified for the post-season. Several teams are close to qualifying including both men's 7.5 teams, Sue Kim's 8.5 team, and Anne Neeter's and Sharada Labadie's 7.5 teams. Good luck to everyone.

The Senior season has begun. We have 12 teams this year; nearly double the number from last season. At last count, one hundred seventy three members are registered on senior teams. Have a great season.

A Cupertino 50 Mixed Adventure

by Irene Nishimoto, Captain

Our Cupertino 50 Mixed team had a very successful season amongst some very tough competition. For most of the season, the #2, #3, #4, and #5 teams were very, very close with the standings changing from week to week on those positions. These teams were Susan Hollis' team (also Cupertino), Courtside A, Rinconada Hills, and our team. The #1 team, which was Courtside B, seemed like it owned that spot. However, later in the season, things started to change. The regular season ended with our team surprisingly on top. The playoffs were very tough and we ended up playing both Courtside teams. Somehow, with cunning, finesse and sheer determination, we won our division and it was off to Tahoe.

Tahoe was an adventure! It was unfortunate that we hit a weekend with questionable weather. At one point, early weather reports were saying that chains were recommended. Br-r-r-r-r. Luckily, it did not snow (where we were at least), but the rain hit us late Friday afternoon. All matches on Saturday were postponed until Sunday. This allowed the ladies to check out the shops in Truckee and for the guys to take their naps! Sunday's matches had to be 8 game pro-sets in order to squeeze all the matches in. Our team came close to winning our flight, but couldn't quite pull it off. However, we all had a great time. Good tennis, friendly opponents, and the camaraderie of our teammates..... we were all winners!

An Email from Lil' Ole Bea Greene

I had the pleasure of sitting with Bea, her daughter Sandra and her granddaughter Jennifer one Saturday afternoon a few weeks ago. Bea had recently won the Women's 90's Indoor Hardcourt Nationals in Portland, Oregon – for the second time! Her partner this year was Dodo Cheney. Bea shared some wonderful life (and tennis) stories with me and by the end of our visit I could certainly see how her love of life and plucky spirit rubs off just a little bit on everyone she meets. She told me that she “really enjoys letting people know her story and motivating people, young and young at heart”. Go to <http://www.sunnyvaletennisclub.org/BeaGreene.html> to read *Bea Greene: A Legend in Her Own Time*. Below is an email from Bea describing her match in Portland. She has kindly agreed to let me share it with all of you. Enjoy!

Dotti Rado

AUGUST 25, 2008

TO ALL OF MY TENNIS PLAYING FRIENDS:

On Aug. 24, 2008 I had the pleasure of playing with my 90 year old tennis friends in Portland, Oregon. We had entered the 90 year old tennis tournament!! Players consisted of Dodo Cheney 91, Jean Harris 92, Pat Yeomans 92 and Lil' Ole Bea Greene 93!! Dodo and I were partners!!

This is the 3rd time of our meetings and we were one and one in winning!!

To make a long story short ALL of us waddled around on the court and Dodo and I won the match!! Score was 6-2 first set and a Tie Breaker in the 2nd set 7-6 due to the fact that Lil' Ole Bea forgot how to serve and was serving balls hither and yon!! I finally ended up serving high in the sky balls and believe it or not they would land in the service area!!

We always won Dodo's sliced service game and for the rest of the game I played close to the net so that I only had to waddle one time and return the ball!!

Just wanted to let you know that tennis doesn't stop at age 50, you go on and on until you hit 90!!!

So keep on practicing!!

AS EVER YOUR LIL' OLE TENNIS NUT!! LIL'OLE BEA GREENE



CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners – Women's 90's Nationals
Dodo Cheney and Bea Greene

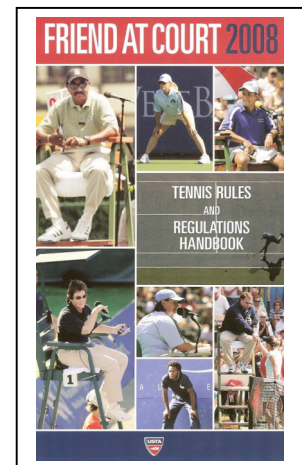


Women's 90 Indoor Hardcourt Nationals

From left to right: 2nd place Silver tennis ball winners Jean Harris (92), and Pat Yeomans (92), Tournament Director Margaret Anderson, and 1st place Gold tennis ball winners, Bea Greene (93) and Dodo Cheney (90).



The Rules Corner by Jean Hassoun



The CTC newsletter will offer a column, starting with the next issue, where your questions about tennis rules or court situations will be discussed and answered. Such questions could be captain's issues like how to deal with lateness in a USTA match or when is a player allowed to reach over the net to hit a ball?

Please send your questions to RulesCorner@Cupertinotennisclub.org. The generic questions will be posted and answered in the column each month. Specific and/or urgent questions will be addressed directly in an email to you ASAP.

Our "answer man" in **The Rules Corner** is Jean Hassoun. Jean is first an avid tennis player. He is a USTA certified referee, running 23+ adults and juniors tournaments each year and has been nominated for the USTA 2009 Referee of the Year. He has also been involved with the USTA leagues for many years, volunteering in the Adult League Committee and its Grievances Appeals Committee. CTC extends a "thank you" to Jean for volunteering to help navigate the USTA rules. Please participate soon – and often!