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Passing Shots

Cupertino Tennis Club Newsletter



My Spin On Things

by Bob McCord, President

Did you know? Lifetime Tennis is giving away free tennis balls as part of their October recycle program. Check out the details on page 2!

Seems like winter came early this year – we had our first fall rainouts in September. Other than the fact that USTA Combo, Senior, and Mixed Leagues are in full swing, the regular activities of the Club are winding down. The timing for this month's newsletter is such that the October 7th Member Appreciation Social is either over or soon will be. A special thanks goes out to Arlene and Charlie Hanson for organizing this event. The level of sign-ups indicate that it is a popular idea, so the Club will try to plan a couple for next year. Plenty of people are willing to help with things like this but it's difficult unless someone comes forward who is willing to take the lead. Please consider that.

Did you know that the CTC has a Constitution and Bylaws? They have not been updated for almost 10 years so the Board has been working on updates. The Constitution requires that proposed changes be sent to the full membership two weeks before a general membership meeting and approved by two-thirds of the members present at that meeting. Watch your email in late October....continued on pg 2

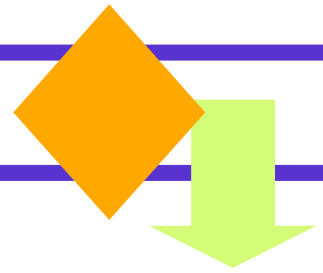
Tennis Tip of the Month by Dana Gill, Director of Lifetime Tennis

IMPROVE YOUR 2ND SERVE BY ADDING SIDESPIN!!!

Sidespin can be a server's best friend. It improves control, margin of error and allows a player to swing more freely - not to mention that the lateral movement bothers most opponents.

Sidespin is much easier to learn and implement than topspin. Players will have the most success by using a Continental serving grip and tossing the ball slightly to the right of their head (opposite for lefties).

There's plenty of time to add sidespin to your 2nd serve this fall. Take a ½ hour lesson or two. You won't be sorry!



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My Spin On Things *continued*

You will be receiving a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws. They will either be exciting or a cure for insomnia. The General Meeting will be held at Cupertino Hills on Saturday, December 1, starting with food at 5:30PM and the business meeting at 6:30PM.

It's not too late to volunteer for a CTC Board position for 2008. Election of the 2008 Board is another activity at the General Meeting. The Nominating Committee members are Candace Danielson, Marie Shrodes and Julie Brittis. Talk to one of them if you are interested in working on the Board in 2008. There are a couple of "easy" jobs that still have no volunteer. Remember, the Club cannot operate without volunteers. Please give some thought to joining in and offering your ideas to make the Club even better.

Play well and have fun,
Bob McCord

Lifetime Tennis

Discount Private Lessons

Premier Ball Machine Pass

Stringing and Racquet Specials

General Meeting Details

by Candace Danielson, VP and Head of the 2008 Nominating Committee

Save this date: Saturday, December 1st, for the Cupertino Tennis Club Annual Meeting and Pizza Party.

All current CTC members are invited and encouraged to attend. The members will elect the Board of Directors to serve in calendar year 2008.

A special vote will also be taken to approve the Constitution and Bylaws.

If you would like to serve on the 2008 CTC Board, contact the current Vice President for available board positions at

candyroger@sbcglobal.net.

At the very least, come out for free food and find out what your Club has been up to this past year and what is planned for the future.

More details will be in the November newsletter.



What can you do with all of your tired, worn out used tennis balls?

Lifetime Tennis has a recycling program for all passholders and juniors. During the month of October, stop by the tennis shop, **turn in 25 used tennis balls and receive a new can of balls free!**

USTA NEWS

by Bob Larocca, USTA coordinator

Summer Wrap Up – Fifty Mixed and Super Senior 60

During the last week of the regular season Irene Nishimoto's 7.0 Mixed team qualified for playoffs by beating the very strong and previously undefeated Yellowstone Team. That meant playing Yellowstone again two weeks later. In the playoffs, Yellowstone prevailed in a very close, very long match 2-1. All three matches went the distance. We lost one match 10-8 in a super tiebreak and another in a three hour marathon that ended up in a 3rd set tiebreak. Close, but.... Yellowstone went on to capture the league title.

In the Super Senior 60 league, the end of the regular season saw Victor Wong's 7.0 team finish at the top. All four playoff teams had 6-4 records, so you can see that the league was very well balanced. We hosted the Villages team, made up of several CTC alumni, in the first round of the playoffs. The Villages seemed to have our number this year. In another close match, they beat us for the third time by a 2-1 score.

Sue Williams' Super Senior 60 team also had a very solid season. They finished 2nd, just behind Kona Kai. Both teams came into the playoffs with a 6-2 record. In their playoff match up, however, Kona Kai swept all three matches in straight sets.

Combo in Progress

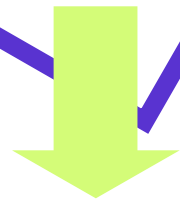
Currently, we have three men's and five women's Combo teams involved in the Combo season. 135 individuals from the club are playing on the Combo teams this year. That's a pretty representative group. Over 30 players are playing on two CTC Combo teams. Teams in playoff contention are Bob Gonzales' 6.5 Men (1st), Len Lyfoung's 8.5 Men (2nd), Sharada Labadie's 7.5 Women (5th), and Anne Neeter's 6.5 Women (4th) and 7.5 Women (2nd).

Good luck the rest of the season.

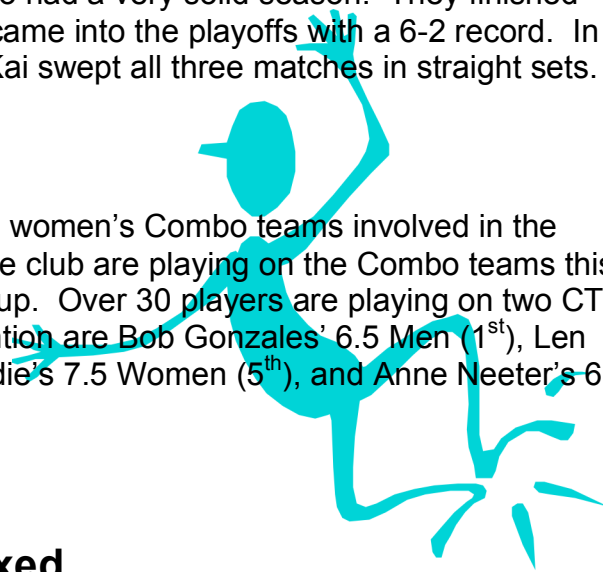
Kicking Off – Senior and Mixed

Just getting underway are the Senior and Mixed leagues. Some teams have pretty large rosters. We could certainly use another 7.0 Mixed and 3.5 Senior captain for next year. Smaller rosters mean more playing time for everyone, so if you have an inkling that you might want to try being a team captain, please let me know.

Thanks to all of the terrific people who volunteered to captain and co-captain USTA teams for the club this year. We fielded 42 teams in a seven leagues. Several people captained more than one team, including Anne Neeter (5), George Bassi, Diane Detig, Bob McCord (3 each), Irwin Horowitz, Bill Kahng, Ron Lee, Fred Tierney, Sue Williams, and Victor Wong (2 each). Your contributions of time and energy are truly appreciated.



CTC would like to thank Bob Larocca for the excellent job he has done coordinating the USTA teams this year.



2007 Cupertino Summer NTRP Classic

Photos

A very special thank you to Candace Danielson, our very own CTC Vice President and extraordinary photographer, for sharing her photos of the tournament with us.

Check the website for more great photos!!



Tournament Directors John Sperinde (left) and Bob Larocca get ready for a busy day.



Cosie Sasaki and her 4 year old Lhasa Apso, Ramona, enjoy a day of great tennis.



More tournament pictures will be published in future newsletters as room allows.

Linda Bailey and Bob McCord work hard to check in players, assign courts and keep track of final scores



CTC members (from left to right) Marie Shrodes Bonnie Ehle, Satomi Muramatsu and Dick Peattie watch the Ladies 3.5 Singles final in the shade of the upper deck at CSC. We couldn't have asked for better weather!