

Passing Shots

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My Spin On Things

by Bob McCord, President



Did you Remember?
October 7th is the CTC Member Appreciation Social

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It's hard to believe the year is two-thirds over already. It's true but there is still a lot of tennis left in the year. **Combo teams** are in full swing. **Mixed** and **senior teams** are starting to form. (Have you joined a team yet?) And, a **CTC social event**, which promises to be a good time, is being planned for October.

It's also time to start looking for people who would like to serve on the CTC Board next year. A nominating committee has been formed to talk to you about giving this a shot. **The Club cannot operate without volunteers so please give some thought to joining in.** (The nominating

committee has been practicing Harry Potter's "confundus" spell just in case) Think about it. Job descriptions are available, along with estimates of time and effort, from current Board members. Feel free to email the Board. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Email your questions for the Board:
Board@CupertinoTennisClub.org

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CTC Membership by Kathy Wheeler, Membership Chair

THE ANSWER IS..... 309

309 Double faults?
309 USTA teams?

No! **309** Cupertino Tennis Club **TOWELS!** A towel will be going out to each and every member of the club for 2007. "**309**" is the final number of members for this calendar year, of which 84 are brand

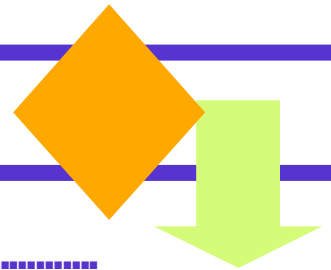
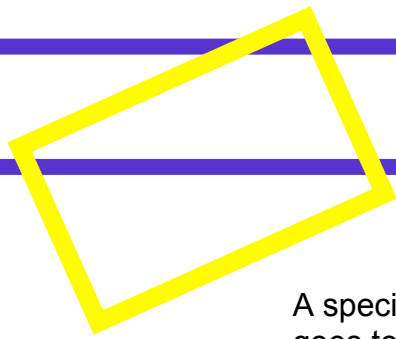
new members. The number is down from 2006's total of 322 members, but up on new members from 76 in 2006.

The roster went out in June, but will be resent this month. Look for it in your email. If you can't wait, send me a request*

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WANTED!

3.0 MEN for mixed season. Must be a good sport; enjoy playing doubles (especially with women), and willing to have enormous amounts of fun. Contact dianedetig@yahoo.com for details



My Spin On Things continued.....

Tournament results and pictures of the winners can be found on the website.

www.cupertinotennisclub.org

A special "Thank You" goes to John Sperinde (Tournament Director), Candace Danielson (Volunteer Coordinator), and all of the many volunteers who worked together so hard to put on another very successful summer tournament. Putting on a tournament is a lot of work and, as

Tournament Director, being responsible makes it a bit personal and probably adds a little stress, too. The Cupertino Classic has always been well received by the players and this year's tournament was as good as ever. Again, thank you. Great job everyone!

By the way, have you noticed the new ball trays on courts 2 – 5? They were purchased by the Club at the suggestion of CTC members to have on the courts used for USTA matches. Play well and have fun,
Bob McCord

FOOD STUFF!

Ladies' Interclub is starting this month. If you have a favorite recipe to share in the October issue of *Passing Shots*, please send it soon to Dotti at:

drado@comcast.net

The ANSWER IS..... continued

Next year's membership is due in January 2008 and you can drop off your form and check in the new membership mailbox, which is located next to the Sports Center's Directors Office (Colleen's Office). I'll be reminding everyone of the need to renew in the December newsletter! * *Kathy Wheeler*

*membership@cupertinotennisclub.org

To play tennis consistently does NOT mean to hit every shot directly to your opponent.

Find out what it DOES mean on page 4)

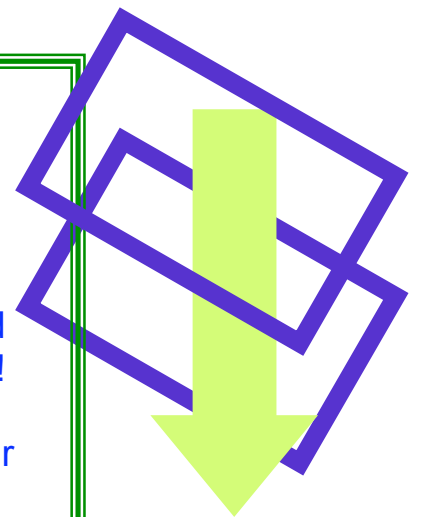
The initial distribution of CTC Towels will be on Oct. 7th.

Get yours when you attend the

MEMBER APPRECIATION SOCIAL.

MANY THANKS TO MARIE SHRODES

Marie accepted the challenge of taking the idea of a CTC towel and making it a reality – design and all! Sign up for the CTC Member Appreciation Social (see page 5 for details) and get yours on Oct. 7th.



Sign up for the CTC Member Appreciation Social at the CSC front desk.



HOT ROD TENNIS



As captain of the Cupertino A, 3.5 Men's Adult League team this year, I would like to say what a fun season it was. We were able to finish the regular season in first place by winning most of our matches 3-2.

Everyone on the team contributed to our success and considering there were so many players, almost everyone received ample playing time. There were a few players with only one win but those wins were crucial to winning the particular match overall and keeping our team in first place. Our only glitch during the regular season was a 3-2 loss to Decathlon. We responded by beating them in the first round of playoffs 4-1.

At playoffs, the

second week would be another tough match with Courtside. We started off well, winning the first sets in four of the five matches. The first match to end was #2 doubles with Show Chu and Ben Chui winning in straight sets. As it turned out, the other four matches went to three sets. Tom Zdimal won his #2 singles match after losing the first set. Now we were up 2-0 with three matches to go. Number 1 and #3 doubles finished at about the same time; both losing 11-9 in the third set super tiebreaker. Hal Zamzow was serving at 9-8 in #1 doubles with Ken Hughes, his partner, ready at the net. Had

they won that point, we would have won overall, but it wasn't to be. Courtside won the next three points to win the match. Roger Lachenbruch and Ken Yamamoto played in #3 just losing a squeaker also. The last survivor was Reza Kafi, playing #1 singles. He and his opponent were both undefeated for the season, 10-0 and 9-0, respectively, and were locked in a full third set. Unfortunately, we weren't able to pull that one out either. As I told my players after the match, they have nothing to be ashamed of. There were some unbelievable points in every match. Every player left it all out there on the courts. I thank this team for a great season!

George Bassi, Captain
3.5A Men's Adult League

Want to play more tennis this fall?

Sign up for: Women's 3.0/3.5 Interclub, Women's 3.5/4.0 Interclub, Women's or Men's Senior (over 50) league play, Mixed doubles league play, Member Appreciation Social, and/or Women's/Men's/Mixed Ladder. Go to the CTC website www.cupertinotennisclub.org and select "Calendar" to email the appropriate organizer or USTA captain

“Thanks For The Memories”

by John Sperinde, 2007 Cupertino Summer Classic Tournament Director

Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless – Sherry Anderson

Just a reminder - Tournament pics are on the website.

Whew! The 2007 Cupertino Summer NTRP Classic is over. We had some 220 participants with more than 45 from the Cupertino Tennis Club. Congratulations to the winners, finalists, and all of the players for their spirited and good-natured competition. The weather was great. The people were friendly. What more could you ask for?

I don't care what anyone else says. In my mind, this is the tournament of the year and you all made it that way.

All of you contributed greatly to the success of this years' tournament.

Thanks to Colleen Ferris and the staff of the Cupertino Sports Center, to Jennie Shem and the rest of the staff of Lifetime Tennis, to our many sponsors, to our officials Wendy Chow, Roger Appel, Paula Cunningham, and Shaun Lenihan, and to the approximately 50 volunteers who worked at the tournament. A special thanks to my frontline helpers Candace

Danielson, Bob Larocca, Marie Shrodes, Choe Hickman, Marilee Adams, and Grant Gower.

Patronizing our sponsors would be a good thing. Thank them for their support of the tournament. (a list of our sponsors is on page 6)

I shall never forget this experience and the memories of working with all of you are nothing but good.

Consistency Clarified:

There is a misconception about consistency that is the cause of much confusion. Many players think that consistency is hitting directly to an opponent and hitting away from an opponent is going for a winner. The idea of hitting away from an opponent WITHOUT hitting a winner is an anomaly. Yet, this is the skill that is paramount to learning the art of "working your opponent."

For example, if you are at the net and have a high short ball, by all means go for it! But, if the ball is low you should learn to hit the ball away from your opponent without thinking "winner." You are attempting to make your opponent hit the ball on the move, not to win the point outright. This strategy forces him to make another good shot, but could also result in an easy set up for you to go for a winner. If your opponent does not give you an easy set up, but instead hits you another low ball, stay with the same strategy of hitting the ball away from him without thinking "winner." The point goes on until one of the players misses or finds an opportunity to hit a winner. This scenario is called "working your opponent" and is the missing ingredient in most player's match play ball.

Tom Veneziano
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