

# ***Passing Shots***

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**Sportsmanship:**

fairness, respect,  
graciousness

## **MY SPIN ON THINGS** BY BOB MCCORD, PRESIDENT

The other night I witnessed a rather unfortunate display of poor sportsmanship. Thankfully, it wasn't from any of our players. That's not to say it doesn't happen but let's be reminded not to let it happen.

Foul language on the tennis court is not allowed. If we play in a tournament there are penalties for swearing and other sportsmanship issues. The fact that our USTA matches have no officials does not change the rule.

Another reminder of sportsmanship is line calls. Sometimes a bad call might get under your skin but an occasional one is part of the game. Remember USTA's "The Code". If you aren't sure a ball is in, it's in. Opponents get the benefit of the doubt. Let's always be known as a club where sportsmanship lives.

I wish I had an update for you on the tennis court lighting but sometimes decisions take extra time. Money is budgeted this year to upgrade the lighting so hopefully we will see work get started later this year. Fingers crossed.

Summer is here. Have a great one.

Play well and have fun,  
*Bob McCord*

### **CTC LADIES 3.0/3.5 INTERCLUB**

The CTC Ladies 3.0/3.5 interclub captained by Gail Dilley is welcoming new players at the 3.0 and 3.5 levels to join in for some wonderful tennis starting in the fall. Anyone who is interested can send an email to Gail at [WomensInterclub@Cupertinotennisclub.org](mailto:WomensInterclub@Cupertinotennisclub.org)

**Just in from the Cupertino Sports Center** ..... CSC will be holding a very interesting and informative Nutrition Seminar on July 16th from 7:30 - 8:00PM. Look for the flier at the Sports Center for more details.

## USTA News by Bob Larocca

The Adult and Super Senior 65 seasons are near completion. Several of our teams are competing for playoff spots including: Men's 3.0 (Irwin Horowitz), Men's 3.5 (George Bassi and Fred Tierney), Men's 4.0 (Ron Lee), Women's 3.0 (Debbie Argabright), Women's 3.5 (Susan Hollis and Anne Neeter), Women's 4.0 (Sookok Oh) and

Men's Super Senior 65 (Nebojsa Avdalovic). Local league playoffs start the week of July 11-13 for the Adult teams and the week of July 14-18 for Super Senior teams. Thanks to **ALL** the captains for their hard work during the spring season.

The summer leagues are in full swing now with the Fifty Mixed and Super Senior 60 teams going at it. We have 5 teams in the

Fifty Mixed league and three Super Senior 60s.

Combo season will kick off in mid-July. We will be fielding 8 teams in the doubles leagues. Players wishing to join a team should contact the team captains before registering.

Over 320 of our members have registered to play on USTA teams thus far this year. That's a participation rate of nearly 90%.

*Early Season ratings will be coming out this month.*

Tell your captains and co-captains how much you appreciate their efforts. Without them, we wouldn't be able to have nearly as many opportunities to play league tennis.

## **COMING SOON – THE 2008 CUPERTINO SUMMER NTRP CLASSIC** **2008 Tournament Director, John Sperinde**

Get ready. The Summer Classic is August 9-10 and August 16-17. Play singles, doubles or mixed at levels 3.0 - 4.0. Registration opened Sunday, June 29 and will close on Saturday, August 2. Singles play mostly the first weekend. Doubles play mostly the second weekend. There is some overlap to accommodate those playing both mixed and men's or women's doubles, or for events with a large number of participants. Finals are on the last Sunday. Come out and play some fun, competitive tennis! To enter, go to:

<http://tennislink.usta.com/Tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?t=59044>

We have many opportunities for you to help make this a successful and fun experience for you and your fellow players. In addition to playing, you can participate in the preparation for the tournament and also the running of the tournament itself. Many on the support staff also play in the tournament. Expect to be contacted soon by Marilee Adams, who will be coordinating the volunteer staff. No experience is needed. All that is required is a willingness to put in a little time and a smiling face.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the San Jose High Academy girl's tennis team.

Hope to see many of you at the tournament.

## IN MEMORY OF ROBERT (BOB) CARVALHO 1938 – 2008



Please join the CTC Board members in expressing our deepest sympathy to Jean Carvalho on the passing of Bob, her beloved husband, and very special member of CTC. Bob passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. He will be remembered by everyone who knew him as a joyful and kind man, a man quick to give a compliment to his opponents as well as his partners and teammates. Mike Wilkens wrote, “I remember he always had only compliments. Even when it was more luck than skill, he always made it sound like it was the opponent’s good play that got them the point”. Grant Gower, reminiscing about the time that he and Bob played tennis “way back in 1979, before USTA leagues and the Cupertino Sports Center.....when we were young enough to enjoy the tennis and the busy life available with tennis friends” with this heartfelt description: “Bob fought keenly for every point we contested and was both a generous winner and a gracious loser. You had to play with or against him to feel the full passion for tennis that lived just below his quiet demeanor”. And then USTA became a popular venue. John Sperinde offers a perspective as a friend and USTA captain: “I played with Bob on several USTA teams including my first ever. He was always eager to play, cheerful and a captain’s delight. Although he tried his best to win, whether in a league match or a social game, it seems that mostly he just enjoyed competing in a friendly way. He made life easy for a captain – always on time, not particular about partners and never complaining about whether he played in the number 1 or number 2 spot or didn’t play enough”. Speaking of winning, Rob Block sent an email to remind us that he and Bob “played 3 doubles matches this season and won the final match (in three sets) in what was perhaps the last organized match of his life. “

Voicing the thoughts and experiences of so many CTC members having known Bob as a friend and tennis partner, an email from Jo An (and Norm) Loop reads, "Bob was one of those people I hit it off with right away. He always had a great smile, a kind word, and great big hug. He was undoubtedly the best hugger in the Cupertino Tennis Club." They continue to echo the sentiments of many CTC members as they offer, "Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean and all of Bob's loved ones. We are blessed to have had Bob in our lives. He leaves a major void in our hearts and in the soul of CTC."

You are invited to attend a **Memorial Service** for Robert Caravahlo:

**Saturday, July 12, 11AM**

**CAMDEN COMMUNITY CENTER**

3369 Union Avenue

San Jose, CA 95124

For more information, please visit <http://www.arthabit.com/robert>



You will find the Ladies 3.5/4.0 Interclub schedule for 2008-2009 on page 5. May Matsuzaki is the coordinator and captain. If you have any questions or comments, please email her at [WomensInterclub@cupertinotennisclub.org](mailto:WomensInterclub@cupertinotennisclub.org).

## CTC Ladies 3.5/ 4.0 Interclub Schedule 2008-2009

Date		Time	Where	Who	
<b>Sept.</b>	11th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Home	Fremont Hills
	18th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Away	Sunnyvale
	25th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Home	Saratoga
<b>Oct.</b>	2nd	Thursday	9:30 AM	Home	Los Altos A1 @ Cuesta
	9th	Thursday	9:30	Home	University Club, A2
	16th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Away	Almaden A1
	23rd	Thursday	9:30	Home	Los Gatos A1
<b>Nov.</b>	4th	Tuesday	9:30 AM	Away	Brookside
	13th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Home	Mountain View TC
<b>Dec.</b>	4th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Away	Almaden A2
	11th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Home	University Club, A2
	18th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Home	Los Gatos A2
<b>Jan.</b>	9th	Friday	9:30 AM	Away	MVTC at Cuesta
	15th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Away	University Club, A2
<b>Feb.</b>	5th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Home	Sunnyvale
	9th	Monday	9:30 AM	Away	Los Altos A1@ Cuesta
	19th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Away	Fremont Hills
	25th	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Away	University Club A1
<b>March</b>	12th	Thursday	9:30	Home	Almaden A2
	26th	Thursday	9:30	Home	Brookside
	3rd	Thursday	9:30 AM	Away	University Club
<b>April</b>	2nd	Thursday	9:30 AM	Away	Los Gatos A1
	9th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Away	Los Gatos A1
	23rd	Thursday	9:30 AM	Away	Almaden A1
<b>May</b>	14th	Thursday	9:30 AM	Away	Saratoga