

President's Parley

The July board meeting took place on the twelfth. The first order of business was the election of our new board member, Kim Schlesinger, who will replace John Myers and serve out the rest of his term. We are very happy to have her on board.

The main topic of our discussions was the roof repair. It will be essentially a two-year process. This time, we intend to do it right. By dipping into our funds set aside for maintenance, emergency reserves, and prudent budgeting and spending, we should be able to pay for the work.

A number of other items were discussed. There was general agreement that in addition to the detailed monthly financial statement, a simplified version of the most pertinent points should be given. We also discussed a possible mission statement for our club. We would appreciate any input from the members. Pam Edinger put forward a possible mission statement at the June meeting. It can be found in the minutes of that meeting. Please read it over and give us feedback. We could either make minor changes to it, leave it as it is, or simply replace it with something different.

Manager, Gary Quandt, and tennis pro, Hunter reported on their activities. Their reports are part of this newsletter. Again, please read them over carefully. The restoration of Thursday night men's tennis (Summer League) has been a success. There are some members who would like to see a similar evening for women. Kim Schlesinger has agreed to spearhead that. If you have any ideas



**Aggravate your opponents
by taking a lot of drink
and towel breaks!**

how that should be structured, when, etc., let her know. She would welcome your comments and ideas.

The annual barbecue was very enjoyable. The attendance was down this year and that was too bad because those who came had a good time, there was ample and tasty food, and the barbecued chicken was excellent.

I have gotten a number of complaints about the effectiveness of the frame shots. Some say, their frame shots tend to go into the net or out of bounds, others claim that their balls spin off into the other court causing consternation among the neighboring players; still others maintain that their balls have bounced off their rackets and into their faces. I admit there are risks, but the psychological damage done to the opponent after successfully hitting a few of those is worth the effort it takes to master the shot. Go for it.

See you on the Courts,
Ron Guenther,
President, TTC Board

Tennis Tips

The Origins of Tennis!

Nobody ever invented tennis. The game's main features have evolved over nine centuries—the court itself, the racquets, balls, scoring system and other rules having been standardized since around 1600. The oldest indoor court in existence today, at Hampton Court Palace in England, was built by Charles I in 1625 (on the site of Henry VIII's earlier court) and is still widely used for championship play. An outdoor court at Falkland Palace in Scotland celebrated its 450th year of play in 1989.

Tennis started as a form of handball ("Jeu de Paume"), played by monks in the cloisters of French and Italian monasteries in the 11th century. The design of today's indoor courts, with its sloping penthouse roof, galleries and other openings, clearly originates from the architecture of cloisters and courtyards. The original balls were, as now made of bound cloth or hair covered with stitched felt.

With the development of gloves, and later wood and strung racquets, came heavier balls, standardized court dimensions and scoring. By the 13th century tennis was evidently the sport of leisured French clerics - so much so that it was at times prohibited by church authorities.

In the 14th century the game began to be played more by kings and nobles than the clergy. From France,

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From the General Manager

NEW MEMBERS

Megan Louden 541-602-3149: Megan is a junior at Corvallis High School and played on the team last year. She is looking for other junior players to hit with.

Nessar Alsaeed 405-334-9036: Nasser is new to tennis and is working on his game to bring it up. He is currently a 2.5/3.0 level player who enjoys singles but will play doubles as well.

TIMBERHILL BIRTHDAY BBQ (THANKS ROY AND ARLENE)

A special thanks go out to Roy and Arlene Burnham who have hosted our birthday BBQ for the past 34 years. We will miss Roy's great BBQ chicken and Arlene's positive spirit around the club. They have been great members to me and to furthering Timberhill to be the great club that it is. They will be moving to Seattle shortly to be near their

children. We appreciate all the years of service and friendship and hope they stop by the club when they come back to Corvallis.

We wish them all the best!!

FALL USTA SENIOR AND SUPER SENIOR TEAMS

For anyone interested in putting together a senior or super senior team, the deadline for getting a team registration form in is August 1. Gary has team registration forms, so please contact him for more info on this fun fall league. If you are interested in playing, talk to Gary and he can let you know who may be captaining a team at your level or about captaining a new team.

LATE NIGHT PLAYERS

Please make sure that you sign up in the clubhouse sign up sheet when you use the ball machine. We get lots of ball machine use without people signing up

for it, especially late at night and weekends when we do not have staff at the club. This is a member owned club and everyone pays when you don't sign up for the ball machine or sign in a guest.

ROOFING COMMITTEE

The roofing committee is meeting with an architect to discuss the design and planning of the skylight leaking. We will talk about the feasibility and the replacement of the panels and if we can keep the courts leak free in the rainy season. This summer however we will not be doing any panel replacement, only patching, since we do not have enough money to take care of that task. We will be putting away some extra monies so that next summer we can do some sort of replacement and potentially some other improvements as well. We are working hard to take care of this problem, which was the #1 concern on our member survey a few months ago.

ADULT SUNRIVER TENNIS CAMP

Gary will have his 24th annual Adult Bend Tennis Camp at the beautiful Sunriver resort. The dates are September 16-19. We will start on court Thursday late afternoon at 4:00 pm until 6:30 pm and then have a welcome BBQ. Friday on court schedule will be 8:30-11:00 am and then 2:00-4:30 pm. Saturday and Sunday will be from 8:30 am-12:00 pm. The cost is \$209. You must provide your own accommodations. Ask Gary who is going if you want to share a house or if you know someone else you can bunk with. This is great learning environment and lots of fun, so plan ahead now. If you have any questions just call Gary at the club.

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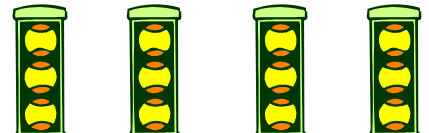
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Hunter's Lair

The last stretch of summer means Mixed Doubles league heating up, summer junior classes winding down, and lots of lessons going on as we get into fall. A couple of things happening around the club:

Thursday Men's League

The summer men's league has been a blast, and we've had a great turnout. We'll plan on expanding this league to 4 courts each Thursday in the fall, beginning September 16. We'll have a signup posted in the lobby if you want to be a regular or a sub, or you can call or email Hunter.

Women's League

The guys can't have all the fun! We'll be initiating a women's league based on the same format as the men in September. All levels of play are welcome to participate. We're still looking at possible days/evenings and times. If you want to play and have an opinion about when we hold the league, give Hunter a call or email.

Fall Junior Ladder

Look for another fun "getcourtside.com" ladder for Septem-

ber-December so you can get lots of match play in.

"Stroke of the Week" clinics

This will be a weekly (well, most weeks, anyway) series of FREE adult clinics that tackles a different stroke each week—it's a great way to get to know our teaching staff, and a way for us to give back to you. Look for specific dates and times in next month's newsletter.

Tennis Welcome Center

Anyone you know have an interest in learning tennis, but they don't know where to start? Send them our way and we'll get them going in our award-winning Tennis Welcome Center classes!

Facebook

For those of you on this social networking site, add Timberhill Tennis Club to your list of "Likes". We'll keep you updated on club events, post pictures, and you can discuss all things Timberhill with other folks.

Have a great end of the summer!

Tennis Tips

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which gave tennis much of its vocabulary (including the name, derived from "tenez", the server's warning that the ball was on its way), the game spread to England and Scotland and had its many royal devotees. Henry VIII was perhaps the best known, but others were just as keen. By the 16th and 17th centuries, tennis was clearly the most popular ball game in Europe—and not just with aristocrats. Paris alone had around 250 tennis courts in the mid 1500s. No wonder various monarchs tried to prohibit commoners from playing tennis rather than attending to their military and religious duties.

The second half of the 19th century marked a major revival of the game in

Britain. Tennis courts were built with today's dimensions, not just at the country estates of wealthy families, but at new urban clubs that catered to the burgeoning growth of competitive sports in Victorian Britain. Both men and women participated in tennis making tennis one of the few sports enjoyed by both sexes as it still is today. Lawn tennis also took off internationally in the mid 19th century spreading to Australia and the United States and has been around ever since. Wimbledon held its first championships in 1879 and has continued to this day.

(see also the short "Ball History" section to the right, added by your editor)

USTA & Tournament Results

USTA Regional results

Timberhill had three teams at the USTA regional championships held in Salem. The Men's 4.0 and Woman's 3.5 team went down to defeat but the Woman's 4.5 team qualified to go to the sectional championships in Portland in August. They will play against 6 other teams for the right to represent the Pacific Northwest at the national championships this Fall.

Our Woman's Senior 4.5 team lost at the sectionals held in Sunriver last month. They lost to a team from Bellevue in the championship match in very close match.

Ball History

The very first tennis balls used when tennis originated in the 16th century were made of leather stuffed with wool or hair. Later, in the 18th century, small strips of wool were tightly wound in many directions and sewn to form the ball.

In the 1860's, India rubber, made by a Charles Goodyear's innovative vulcanization process was used to manufacture uncovered hollow pressureless rubber tennis balls. The balls were a great improvement over the wool wound balls. In 1890 a felt cover was added to the ball to permit the racquet to grip the ball better so as to provide increased control. Another significant improvement occurred in 1922 when Penn Racquet Sports invented the thinner-walled pressurized ball in hermetically sealed cans. The balls have remained essentially unchanged for over 80 years except for the adoption of optic yellow felt in 1968.

The ITF and the USTA have very stringent requirements that balls must meet. The requirements are listed below:

- Ball shall have a uniform outer surface consisting of a fabric cover

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TTC Calendar

Club Events

August Events

Jul 31: Corvallis Junior Rookie event
Aug 6-8: Corvallis Junior Championships

Upcoming Events

Sep-Dec: USTA Senior and Super Senior league
Sep 16-19: Sunriver Adult Tennis Camp
Oct 8-10: Corvallis All Comers NTRP Tournament
Nov 6: Junior Rookie event

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- Ball shall be white or yellow in color.
- Diameter between 2.575 and 2.70 inches
- Weight (Mass) between 56 and 59.4 grams
- Bounce between 53 and 58 inches when dropped from 100 inches
- Forward Deformation between 0.220 and 0.290 inches under 18 lbs load
- Return Deformation between 0.315 and 0.425 inches

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Men's Night 7:45	4	5 Men's League 7:45	6 Junior Family Night 6:30 Corvallis Junior Championships	7
8 Mixed Doubles 4:00 Cor. Jr Champs	9	10 Men's Night 7:45	11	12 Men's League 7:45	13 Junior Family Night 6:30	14
15 Mixed Doubles 4:00	16	17 Men's Night 7:45	18	19 Men's League 7:45	20 Junior Family Night 6:30	21
22 Mixed Doubles 4:00	23	24 Men's Night 7:45	25	26 Men's League 7:45	27 Junior Family Night 6:30	28
29 Mixed Doubles 4:00	30	31 Men's Night 7:45				