



THE RACQUET

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Timberhill Tennis Club

A Member-Owned Tennis Club

President's Parley

Tennis Tips

WHO WINS AND WHY

My name is Ronald (Ron) Guenther and I have just been elected your president. I joined the club in 2006 after a break in playing tennis of twenty-six years. I know about ten percent of the members by name and about another ten percent by sight so I feel that I should introduce myself.

I played tennis for North Bend High School, and then played for Oregon State University when it still had a tennis team. I won my numerals as a freshman and then lettered the next three years.

In 1978, I played on the tennis team of the Hahn Meitner Institut in Berlin. We won our league. At that point, I did not pick up a racquet for twenty-six years since I was busy raising my family.

Now I am playing again. I love the game and play every chance I get. Although the members serving on the board are excellent, it is obvious to me that we need more members willing to serve on the board—long time members who will provide a sense of continuity—and women, who will broaden the perspective of the board. Currently, there is only one woman serving on a board of nine members.

The first meeting of the new board was taken up with the election of officers, a review of the finances, and a general overview of the club and its objectives. No new policies were proposed. Gary Quandt will list the new officers.

I would very much appreciate receiving any ideas or proposals from the membership concerning the club and how we could improve the way we do

John & Phil's Tournament Results

Men's Open Singles: Roman Boranov (Beaverton) def. George Jacminek (Port Coquitiam, BC) 6/1, 6/0

Women's Open Singles: Ema Cor (Croatia) def. Mandy Besoovic (France) 6/3, 6/0

Men's Open Doubles: Michael Hukwo (Mt. Vernon, WA)/Jesse Schouten (Port Angeles) def. Roman Boranov (Beaverton)/Lewis DeGeneault (Eugene) 6/4, 6/4

Women's Open Doubles: Ema Cor (Croatia)/Patricia Skowronski (Poland) def. Mandy Besovic (France)/Molly McDevitt (Los Ranchos, NM) 6/3, 6/0

Mixed Open Doubles: Colby Jager (Corvallis)/Sanja Indic (Vancouver, WA) def. Andrew Pritchard/Charlotte Fisher (Corvallis) 6/0, 6/1

Men's 35 Singles: James Dieveny (Mercer Island, WA) def. Kosei Ohno (Kirkland, WA) 6/2, 6/1

Men's 40 Singles: Darrell Hawkins (West Linn) def. Jeff Charters (Woodinville, WA) 6/3, 6/3

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things. If you have questions, I will also try to answer them.

I look forward to doing the best that I can for you in the coming year.

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

The point of a contest is to see how one can raise one's level of performance. Some don't see it that way, however; they see competition as a means of dividing people into winners and losers.

An important distinction is that competition is not so much with the opponent as with oneself. It's basically true that if one plays well enough, it doesn't make any difference what the opponent does. It's also true that figuring out how to outwit an opponent, especially one with superior ability, is a lot of fun.

Any discussion of winning begins with the subject of desire. Certainly, desire is a greater gift than physical ability. For some people there is a need to win, losing is a blow to their self-esteem. Most of us would prefer to win.

Eventually, each athlete discovers that some others are better. Contrary to how it sounds, this is helpful and it allows him to focus on his own development, and not continually compare himself to others.

When asked about his level of play, the player responds by describing his best wins. To protect his self-esteem, he offers contrived excuses for poor performance. An honest self-evaluation is more than a reality check; it's essential for learning the basics of the sport.

Tennis is not a test of pretty strokes but of attitude and effort. It's easy to get discouraged, especially when one thinks he is losing to a less talented player. Confused

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From the General Manager

NEW MEMBERS

Martin & Cecilia Meehan 754-7361: Both are 2.5 players who will play with their juniors Max (12) and Margot(12) who play at the Rookie level. They have some flexibility in their schedules.

2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Timberhill has a new Board of Directors for 2010. The elected officers are President Ron Guenther, Vice President Mark Koenig, Treasurer Steven Kearsley, and Secretary Clay Higgins. Other directors at large are Heidi Igarashi, Jim Kreuger, Stan Sevruk, Ken Lefton and John Myers. Thanks to the Board for volunteering their time to help the club run smoothly and keep Timberhill one of the finest facilities in Oregon and a great value to it's members.

LOCKER POLICY

Timberhill changed its locker policy last month and now provides members with locks to put on their lockers. We

will not be charging for that service, so if you will want a locker, just contact Gary and he will issue you a locker. Timberhill will still have access to your locker for security and liability issues but you will not be charged a rental fee. You may still bring your own lock for your playtime and lock up your stuff during your court time and take the lock off when you leave. If you have any questions, please let Gary know.

2010 TTC DIRECTORY

The 20101 Timberhill Membership Directory is now ready to pick up in the TTC clubhouse. Every membership receives one free directory. If you want an extra, just let Gary know how many you take so he can charge accordingly. If you have anything listed that has changed or did not get updated, please let Gary know so he can update your member information.

USTA ADULT LEAGUE

Starting the middle of February until the end of May the Adult USTA league

will be very active on the weekends. The afternoon times will start to be much harder to get. They use 5 courts per match and sometimes have multiple matches per day. So if you want to play on the weekends, late afternoon times will be much easier to reserve.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Timberhill will be forming a Landscape Committee to help oversee the maintenance and long term care of Timberhill's landscape areas. Currently we have Corinne Butzin and Al Haunold on the committee and we are looking for a few more members who are interested in keeping our club looking great. Please contact Gary, Corinne, or Al if you are interested.

ADULT/JUNIOR CHALLENGE

Saturday Jan. 30 Timberhill will be hosting it's 8th annual Adult/Junior Challenge event. This pits one adult and one junior against another adult/junior combination. There are three different skill levels.

GOLD	1:00-3:15
SILVER	10:45am-12:45 pm
BRONZE	3:30-5:15 pm

You can sign up with a partner, without a partner or call Hunter and he can partner you up with someone else. The cost is \$5 per person and there will be food after each division. Look for the sign-up sheet on the door in the clubhouse. Call Hunter with any questions.

SUPER TIEBREAKER SOCIAL

We will be hosting our second annual Super-Tiebreaker social on Saturday Feb. 6 starting at 3:00 pm until about 8:00 pm with a light dinner at the end of the event. The Super Tiebreaker is what USTA and many tournaments are using in place of the third set in matches, so it is important that we practice this format. The match hinges on your ability to be relaxed and play to win. This gives you an opportunity to practice this in a semi-competitive atmosphere. You can sign up as a doubles team or a single and we will get you

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Hunter's Lair

January was a month of transition for our staff, as we said goodbye to Becky Correll after almost 3 years of service to Timberhill as Assistant Pro. It's a busy time of year around here, but I've tried to fill in the gaps left behind while at the same time conduct a job search for a new pro.

We're getting closer to the beginning of spring, and that means preparations for USTA League tennis and high school teams have already begun. I am currently helping a couple of USTA League teams with practices. Give me a call if your team is interested in this.

Our Friday junior offerings this month include Rookie League on the 19th, and Quickstart Rallyball (beginners aged 5-12) on the 26th followed by Junior Team Tennis (intermediate and advanced players—

middle school and high school) later in the evening on the 26th. These programs offer play opportunities for everyone at all levels—even beginning kids.

A final note—the Tennis Welcome Center classes continue through the spring. These have been a real success. Again, if you have friends or family looking to start tennis, this is a great introduction. Let's create more players together to keep our tennis community vibrant!!

Rallyball/Junior Team Tennis

6:30-9:00 pm; Feb 26 & Apr 16

Rookie League

6:30-7:45 pm; Feb 19, Mar 5, Apr 9, & May 7

Junior Fest

7:30-8:30 pm; Mar 12 & May 14

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teamed with someone. This would be great for USTA League players or any other club member who wants to practice a competitive format in a social atmosphere. Look for sign-up sheet on the round table in the clubhouse.

COACHING SPOTS OPEN

Corvallis High School girls' tennis program is seeking a responsible, motivated volunteer to coach the junior varsity (JV) portion of the team. Enthusiasm for the sport and ability to work with student athletes is more important than tennis ability for this position. The high school season runs from February 22 to the first week in May. Practice runs for an hour and a half (3:30-5 pm or 5-6:30 pm alternating weeks) Monday through Friday (less on rainy days) at CHS. Time commitment on match days is a little more. Matches for JV are pro sets (first to 8 games) and are "exhibition matches" (team results are not tabulated). There are no weekend commitments, except a single day, Saturday,

for the JV district tournament held at the end of the season. The applicant must be 21, and would work closely with the current varsity coach, Andy Hackethorn. Filling this position allows girls' tennis to remain a no-cut sport at CHS, which is great for both the school and the Corvallis tennis community. This could be a joint position if two people can fill the time requirements, so please inquire even if your schedule is limiting. Anyone with serious interest in the position should contact Andy at (541) 753-5321 (anytime).

Also South Albany High school has an opening for both the Boy's and Girl's Tennis coach position. If you are interested in either job call Steve Pennsinger at 541-967-4522.

John & Phil's Tournament Results

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Men's 45 Singles: Geary Furukawa (Salem) def. David Hilton (Corvallis) 6/2, 6/1

Men's 50 Singles: Laird Davis (Hood River) def. John Wilson (Corvallis) 2/6, 7/5, 6/2

Mixed 35 Doubles: Cindy Collier/Gregg Furukawa (Salem) def. Steve Bolstad (Portland)/Jill Chapman (Lake Oswego) 5/7, 6/2, 6/3

Men's 40 Doubles: Michael Manly/John Wong (Salem) def. Paul Singleton/Jeff Tatro (Salem) 6/3, 6/0

Men's 50 Doubles: Hank Wright (Corvallis)/Lou Butera (Eugene) def. Laird Davis (Hood River)/Craig Koessler (Tualatin) 6/4, 4/6, 6/1

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and disrespectful, he asks; "how can I be losing to this guy?"

Consider the plight of the tournaments #1 seed: Supposedly the best player, he should win, and then what does he have to gain?

Confidence. One gets it from a variety of sources, but mostly from winning.

When the #1 seed wins the tournament, he walks away with the trophy and, most importantly, with the belief that he can succeed. He knows that there may be better players in other tournaments, and that this victory will assist him in defeating one.

In every match there are problems to solve; naturally, we prefer it easy, but when it's a struggle, we gain more. Look at it this way: with each failure we're one step closer to success, and the most useful lessons take the longest to learn.

Learning how to win is easier than learning how to handle winning. There is a celebrated phrase from Kipling that suggests success and failure should each solicit the same response. (It's painted above a locker room at the entrance at

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TTC Calendar

Club Events

February Events

Jan 30	Adult/Junior Challenge
Feb. 6	“Super-tiebreaker” Social
Feb 13:	Couples evening
Feb 19	Rookie League: 6:30-7:45 pm;
Feb 26	Rallyball/Junior Team Tennis: 6:30-9:00 pm;

Upcoming Events

Mar 13:	Couples evening
Mar 5, Apr 9:	Rookie League: 6:30-7:45 pm;
Mar 12, May 14:	Junior Fest: 7:30-8:30pm;
Apr 10:	Couples evening
Apr 16:	Rallyball/Junior Team Tennis: 6:30-9:00 pm;
Jun 11-13:	Corvallis City NTRP Championships
Jul 11:	TTC Birthday BBQ

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Wimbledon.) For most of us, though, that’s tough to do if we allow defeat to depress us, and we celebrate too much winning.

A loss can be motivating and gives you a clear picture of what you need to work on. Winning may be the greater problem. A victory can deceive you into believing that you’ve arrived. By the time you finish congratulating yourself, your next opponent has you down match point. The student must learn that even with his trophy there are still lots to learn. By doing so, he’ll be able to win bigger trophies.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Men's Night 7:45	3	4 Men's Night 7:45	5 Junior Family Night 6:30	6 Super Tie-breaker
7 Mixed Doubles 4:00	8	9 Men's Night 7:45	10	11 Men's Night 7:45	12 Junior Family Night 6:30	13 Couples Evening
14 Mixed Doubles 4:00	15	16 Men's Night 7:45	17	18 Men's Night 7:45	19 Rookie League	20
21 Mixed Doubles 4:00	22	23 Men's Night 7:45	24	25 Men's Night 7:45	26 Rallyball Jr Team Tennis	27
28 Mixed Doubles 4:00						