

A Member-Owned Club

(No President's Parley this month, since the new president doesn't get chosen until mid-January. In its place, Carol Simmons has written the Q & A about our club. You should find it very interesting. Ed.)

Q: How is TTC organized?

A: We are a G.I.R.C 501 (c) (7) organization.

Q: What on earth is that?

A: That's a club with members who come together for social or recreational purposes.

Q: How does TTC operate?

A: We are a member-owned non-profit organization, supported mostly by members' dues.

Q: How do things get done at TTC?

A: Besides a paid Manager and Director of Tennis, TTC is supported almost entirely by member volunteers.

Q: What do these volunteers do, and where do you find them?

A: These volunteers are members like you and me who offer their time, talent, and service to make sure TTC meets the needs of all members. Volunteers provide governance and organize several social activities such as the Chili Feed, B'day BBQ, Mix-n-Match Tennis, auctions, parties, etc. to benefit all TTC members.

Q: Why do I need to know all this? After all, I pay my dues each month. Isn't that enough?

A: If you think your dues are enough to keep TTC thriving, you should think again. Dues keep the lights on, the water running, and the mortgage and staff paid. Most everything else in-

**New Year's
Eve Party**
**Dec 31, 6:30
pm**

**John & Phil's
Championships**
Jan 15-17

volves the ongoing commitment, involvement, and hard work of members like you and me. For example, years ago when the building required painting, Bob Graham mixed stain and preservatives in laundry tubs and members used their garden spray tanks to get the job done. Members made it happen, and a great party followed! That's the real spirit of TTC!

Q: It seems as though TTC will only continue to thrive with the direct involvement of its owners (aka members, aka us)?

A: Right on!! Money doesn't cook chili, organize mixed-doubles fun days, or plan for TTC's future. Members do! We do!

Q: So, how can I help?

A: Thanks for asking. You can volunteer to serve on the Board, TTC committees, help organize an event, suggest new ideas, and/or talk and

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Tennis Tips Communicating in Doubles

One of the all-time great acts in sports is played out by doubles teams everyday, everywhere. It's the old routine of "I got it! ... I got it! ... You take it!" The act is funny to everyone except the two partners. Successful doubles teamwork is based on communication. Before, during, and after a point, better doubles teams talk things over.

Before the point starts, discuss tactics with your partner. If you are the receiver's partner, find out what he will do after returning serve. (You don't want to be left stranded at the net.) If he plans on staying back, you should join him before the serve is put into play.

When your partner is serving, and you believe you can poach the opponent's service return, tell him before he serves; better yet, set up a poaching signal system.

During the point, there are occasions when it is helpful to talk to your partner. Whenever confronting a lob down the center of the court, it is best to verbally decide who will play it. Many teams will let the player with his forehand down the middle take the one in question; others let the stronger overhead play the ball. This decision should be answered with an immediate, authoritative verbal command: "MINE!" This calls the other player off the ball.

Being lobbed at the net also poses an occasional problem. Often it is easier for the lobbee's partner to run behind him and chase down the ball.

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From the General Manager

NEW MEMBERS

Looking for substitutes or new people to play with? Please feel free to use these new members to fill-in play times, or you can join our Timberhill Yahoo Group, check out our substitute listings in the TTC clubhouse, or check out our Web directory. Access to that involves a user and password.

User: ttc

Password: GaryandHunter

There are lots of ways to find other players or get more play time by joining one of our many programs. If you really get desperate for players you can always call or email Gary and he can help you out as well.

Kimie Schuster 752-0763: Kimie is a 14 year old junior member who can play most times when not in school. Kimie likes singles but will play doubles as well.

Ralph & Shelley Gleffe 509-388-9788: Ralph and Shelly have just

moved to Corvallis from Yakima. Ralph plays at the 4.0 level and Shelly plays at the 3.0 level. Daughter Taylor (16) will play on the varsity at Crescent Valley High School and son Grant (14) also plays at the intermediate level.

Caitlin Hilton 740-5454: Caitlin plays on the Corvallis High School team and is a sophomore. Caitlin can play after school and during the week-ends.

Patrick Yun 738-0810: Patrick is a senior at Crescent Valley and plays on the tennis team. He like singles but will also fill in for doubles.

Jeff McCubbins 758-0336: Jeff has joined back after taking a tennis vacation the past few years. He plays at the 4.0 level. He has joined as a couple with Debbie Bird who is just starting her tennis career.

Kent Welter 240-418-3248: Kent plays at the 4.0/4.5 level and can play evenings or weekends and enjoys singles, but will play doubles.

LOCKER POLICY

Last month we announced a new policy about lockers. We will now charge \$24 per year to hold a locker full time at the club. We will provide locks that you can get through Gary. All old locks will be cut off as of Jan. 1, 2010. If there are items in the locker when we cut the old locks off, we will place a new lock on that locker. All you have to do is notify Gary and he will give you the combination of the lock and it is yours. Remember that it is still okay to use a free locker for the 1½ hours that you play at the club.

2010 TTC DIRECTORY

We have updated the TTC Directory, from the draft copy that has been circulating around the clubhouse this past month. The final copy is at the printers and we hope to have them ready to hand out by the middle of January. Keep an eye out for them.

USTA ADULT LEAGUE

We had organizational meetings for the 2010 USTA Adult League season in the middle of December. The team commitments must be in by the beginning of January and the season will start Feb. 13 and run for 3½ months. If you are still interested in playing but did not attend the meetings, we may still have some spots open. Just contact Gary and he can tell you if some of the teams are still looking for players.

NEW YORK NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

We have planned a New Year's Eve party on Thursday evening, Dec. 31, from 6:30-10:15 pm. We will bring in the New Year at 9:00 pm as we watch the ball drop in New York's Times Square. We will have appetizers and desserts at the event as well as open tennis. This will even give you time to clean up and get to a midnight party later for those with the energy to do so. Put this event on your calendar. If you are interested in helping with the event, contact John Myers, the host of the event.

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Hunter's Lair

Happy New Year!

League season is just around the corner. Aside from our ongoing lessons, adult clinics and Tennis Welcome Centers, your Timberhill teaching staff is also available to run USTA League team practices. We can customize these practices to work on whatever skills you'd like your team to improve upon. In fact, many of the adult group classes that I give these days are "custom classes". That is, a person forms his or her own group and comes to me to set up a weekly or biweekly time. I will always continue to offer the open adult classes on weekday mornings and evenings, but if the "custom class" idea appeals to you, let me know and we can put a time together for you.

John & Phil's Toyota Championships will be held here at the club January 15-17. Even if you aren't in the draw, this is a great spectator event, traditionally showcasing ex touring pros, teaching pros from the area clubs, college players, and top juniors from the Northwest. Bring a blanket, and look forward to seeing some top-notch tennis.

On the junior end of things, the new clinic session begins on Jan. 4, and the

upcoming Junior Fest is Jan. 22. If you haven't been at the club on a Friday lately, come check out what we've been doing. We've been running monthly "Rookie Leagues" for kids who are just starting match play, and alternating every other month between Junior Fest and Quickstart Rallyball (for the really young ones) and Junior Team Tennis (for high school and middle school tournament players). Prior to this Junior Fest, at 6 pm on the Jan. 22, is our annual Junior Tournament information meeting. If you're new to the junior tournament scene or you just want more information on how to get involved, this is a great opportunity to ask questions about the process.

Also, save the date of Saturday, January 30 for the Adult/Junior Challenge. This has been a popular yearly event, teaming Juniors with Adults for a doubles tournament. There are three flights based on team ability level and the junior's age, and each flight is completed in less than three hours. Find your partner and sign up in the lobby soon.

Upcoming Friday night Junior events
Rallyball/Junior Team Tennis:
 6:30-9:00 pm; Feb 26, Apr 16.

Rookie League:

6:30-7:45 pm; Jan 8, Feb 19, Mar 5, Apr 9, May 7.

Junior Fest:

7:30-8:30 pm; Jan 22, Mar 12, May 14.

USTA Team Results

As of December 10, 2009:

Mixed 6.0	3-4
Mixed 7.0	4-2
Mixed 8.0	3-5
Senior 3.5 Men	6-2
Super Seniors 3.5	1-6

Tennis Tips

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This is sensible because he has a better angle of pursuit. As he moves to the ball he tells his partner to "cross" and they change sides. At the beginning and intermediate levels of play, both players should retreat together, returning a lob with another lob.

Once at the baseline the communicating doubles team patiently waits until they are presented with an opportunity to rush the net—together. The player taking the ball should inform his partner that they are approaching: "Let's go!"

On the changeover (changing sides) it is time to talk about future strategy—analyze what is working and what needs to be changed. Also it is the opportune time for partners to encourage each other and get ready for the next big game.

Make sure that you pick a partner that suits your personality. You will be under many pressure packed situations during a match so make sure you play with someone you can lean on, and compliments you. If you can talk to them under pressure and formulate game plans while you play and keep a positive attitude then try to keep that partner for along time. Keep talking!!

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network with other members to find activities that would be of common interest.

Q: Who would I contact to get myself more involved?

A: Contact the General Manager, Director of Tennis or any Board member (see page 2).

Q: What if we all just pay our dues and play tennis? I'm really busy and ...?

A: Without member involvement, services would be reduced and the family feel at TTC would be compromised. More importantly, governance of TTC would begin to slip

out of the hands of the members. We'd all end up losing out.

So, please keep in mind:

Corvallis is a family friendly town.

Timberhill Tennis Club is a family friendly club.

Families who help and encourage their own members are the families who find genuine meaning and joy in their lives.

I'm so glad we're all in this TTC family, aren't you? Let's all join in the fun for the love of the game!

Carol Simmons



TTC Calendar

Club Events

January Events

- Dec. 31:** New York New Year's Eve Party
- Jan 8:** Rookie League: 6:30-7:45 pm
- Jan 15-17:** John & Phil's Championships
- Jan 22:** Junior Fest: 7:30-8:30 pm;
- Jan 30:** Adult/Junior Challenge

Upcoming Events

- Feb-May:** USTA Adult League
- Feb 7:** "Super-tiebreaker" Social
- Feb 13:** Couples evening
- Feb 19, Mar 5, Apr 9, May 7:** Rookie League: 6:30-7:45 pm;
- Feb 26, Apr 16:** Rallyball/Junior Team Tennis: 6:30-9:00 pm;
- Mar 12, May 14:** Junior Fest: 7:30-8:30pm;
- Mar 13, Apr 10, May 10:** Couples evening

- Jun 11-13:** Corvallis City NTRP Championships
- Jul 11:** TTC Birthday BBQ
- Jul 14-15:** Pacific Western Junior Challenger Tournament
- July 31:** Corvallis Junior Rookie event
- Aug 6-8:** Corvallis Junior Championships
- Sep 15-19:** Sunriver Adult Tennis Camp
- Oct 8-10:** Corvallis All Comers NTRP Tournament

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				New Year's Eve Party	1 Junior Family Night 6:30	2
3 Mixed Doubles 4:00	4	5 Men's Night 7:45	6	7 Men's Night 7:45	8 Rookie League 6:30	9
10 Mixed Doubles 4:00	11	12 Men's Night 7:45	13	14 Men's Night 7:45	15 John & Phil's	16 John & Phil's
17 John & Phil's	18	19 Men's Night 7:45	20	21 Men's Night 7:45	22 Junior Fest 7:30	23
24 Mixed Doubles 4:00	25	26 Men's Night 7:45	27	28 Men's Night 7:45	29 Junior Family Night 6:30	30 Adult-Junior Challenge
31 Mixed Doubles 4:00						