

President's Parley

We've had our second board meeting. I had asked for complaints and suggestions last month and got quite a few complaints. There were a number of the standard ones which Gary will address. The complaints were legitimate and I hope you will continue to make them.

One of the complaints dealt with the difficulty of getting court times. A painless way to help to alleviate this problem is to be sure to cancel your court time if you cannot make it so that it opens up that time for other members.

There is also the problem of three courts reserved for lessons at the popular 5:15 p.m. time. Beginning February 22, only two indoor courts rather than three will be allocated for lessons at that time. This is the amount of time given to Hunter in his contract. In general, lessons from that time on will only have two indoor courts and if there is a spill-over because of too many students seeking lessons, Hunter will take them to an outdoor court.

Two additional items were discussed to make the club more pleasant. First, we have to think of maintenance and capital improvements. We welcome suggestions along these lines. There have been complaints concerning the women's dressing room, for example, another reason why it would have been nice to have more women on the board. At any rate, Stan Sevruk has agreed to be the point man for this undertaking. Give him an earful about any improvements you would like to see made.

We also have to be looking to the future. We have decided to set up a com-

Couples Evening March 13



mittee to look into creating a Five Year Plan for the club. These plans have to be dynamic, of course, and are subject to change as conditions change, but they will allow us to set goals and "hopes". In charge of that committee is our current vice president, Mark Koenig. The other members are Ken Lefton and Clay Higgins.

Among other long-range problems is our debt, which comes due in 2014. At the rate at which we are paying it down, we will owe around \$360,000 at that time. Should we aggressively pursue refinancing the debt now or wait until 2014? There are other long range issues as well that must be addressed. Please let the committee members know your concerns.

We want to hear what you are thinking and how best to serve you. Last month, I got no bouquets. We do want both bouquets and brickbats. It is helpful sometimes to know when we do

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Tennis Tips

FIVE STEPS TO BETTER FOOTWORK

"Float like a butterfly ... sting like a bee."

Muhammad Ali's popular adage wasn't coined for the game of tennis, but it could apply.

Good footwork is the prerequisite to everything else in tennis. If you can't get to the ball, your fancy strokes won't help you at all.

There is a science to footwork that every aspiring player must understand and put into practice. The following five clues will improve your footwork and move you a few rungs up the ladder.

Balance. Hitting a tennis ball is analogous to hitting a golf ball. It helps to be on balance. Have you ever mishit a ball, shanking it on the throat of the racquet? Of course you have. One of the reasons this happens so frequently is because you are not set comfortably at the point of contact. Your skills improve when you make contact on balance, flat footed, front knee slightly bent, with your head motionless. Your footwork helps you reach this balanced positions.

In between shots ... don't stand around flat-footed. All good players use the bounce step to keep poised and ready to spring into action. The message gets from your head to your feet faster if you get on the balls of your feet, flex your knees a little, and bounce rhythmically between shots.

Shuffle step to the ball. Don't

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From the General Manager

NEW MEMBERS

Kathy Gibbs 503-302-5236: Kathy plays at the 4.0 level and can play mostly weekends and evenings.

Loraine Witzke 541-758-2002: Loraine plays at the 3.0 level and can fill in most times for singles or doubles.

Stephen Thom 619-402-8133: Stephen is graduate student at OSU and plays at the 4.5 level.

COURT TIMES

Court times in the Winter and Spring can be very difficult to reserve, particularly Monday through Thursday at the 4, 5:15 and 6:30 pm court times. If possible try to work around those times if you have the flexibility to play at other times. Remember that you can start making reservations for a week in advance 1 week and 5 minutes before the court time starts (e.g. 5:10 pm for a 5:15 pm court). One of the things we are noticing is that members are making a res-

ervation and then don't show up, but don't cancel the court. We would ask you to please make sure to cancel a court as soon as you know you cannot make it so other members can use it. The Board has asked Gary to track courts and cancellations a little closer and then decide if they should implement the \$5 fine for not cancelling a court.

PROCEDURES FOR CANCEL- LING A COURT

The procedure for cancelling a court through the Timberhill reservation is shown below.

1. Call the 541-757-2294 reservation system.
2. Go the #2 menu item for confirming or cancelling courts.
3. Put in the account number of the reserver.
4. Find the reservation you want to cancel and then press 1 to enter

the cancellation menu.

5. Then press 9 to cancel the court.

The main item to remember in this process is to put in the lead reservation to cancel it. For example if I made the reservation using Quandt first and then using Smith second I have to input Quandt's account number to cancel properly. If you search under Smith's number you will not be able to cancel the court. When you press 1 to enter the cancellation menu you will get an error message. You must use the lead reservation. If you are having trouble cancelling a court just give Gary a call and he can take care of doing that as well.

TAKING CARE OF OUR COURTS

Everyone enjoys playing in a pleasant tennis environment and Timberhill is great environment. Please make an effort to keep Timberhill's courts clean and place of enjoyment. Some of the negatives I have heard from members over the past couple of months are listed below.

- Leaving balls on the court or in back of the curtains when finished.
- Spitting on the tennis courts.
- Leaving cups and trash on the court when you leave.
- Leaving pitchers of water on the court or returning them without refilling them.

Remember that Timberhill is a member owned club, which means you the members own it. We just ask that you treat the club the same way you would treat your residence. Take some pride in Timberhill's appearance.



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Hunter's Lair

The exciting news this month is the addition to your teaching staff here at Timberhill. Colby Jager will be serving as the new Professional on the staff, offering his expertise in junior and adult private lessons and groups. Colby grew up in Corvallis, winning the Valley League high school title four consecutive years before continuing his competitive career at University of Portland, where he was named to the All-West Coast Conference team his senior year. He continues to be a top open level player in the Pacific Northwest, and most recently has been teaching adult and junior programs at Vancouver Tennis Center in Vancouver,

Washington.

He will be here the second week of March to begin work, and you can get in touch with him to schedule a lesson as soon as you'd like by calling the club. Please introduce yourself when you get a chance, and welcome him to the Timberhill Tennis family.

Rallyball/Junior Team Tennis

6:30-9:00 pm; Apr 16

Rookie League

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

Junior Fest

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

From the General Manager

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walk to the ball—shuffle. Many small steps are preferable to a couple long steps. Unless the ball is wide (in which case you have to pick up your feet and run). Good footwork means taking a number of shuffle steps to the ball so you can easily make an adjustment and be on balance.

Stride into the ball. Many players make the mistake of moving sideways or parallel to the baseline to play the ball. Move back to move forward! Shuffle step back so you have room to take a long stride into the ball. Step forward into the court. Collapse your front knee prior to the hit. "Shuffle... step... hit." Your knee acts as a shock

absorber for your forward step. Keep your poise.

Slide—step back into position after making the play. If you cross your feet or turn your back as you return to the center of the court, your opponent may hit the ball behind you. To keep that from occurring, move back with your shoulders and feet parallel to the net. If, however, you find yourself out of the court after hitting the ball, then forget about sliding, put one foot in front of the other and run!

For more specific movement drills Hunter and Colby Jager (our new Assistant Pro) have lots of footwork drills that they can help you with. Just give them a call!!

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something right.

I would like to close on a tennis note. A critical shot of utmost importance that is often overlooked is the frame shot. What can be more demoralizing to an opponent who makes a beautiful shot only to have you barely reach it, hit the ball on the edge of the

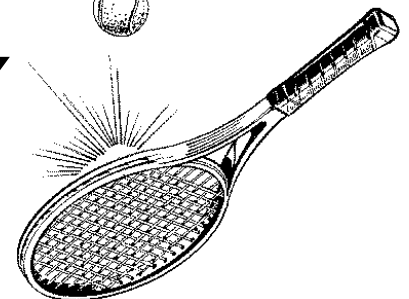
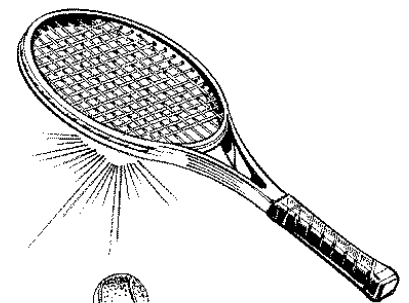
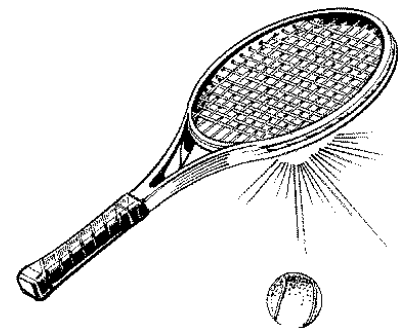
racket, watch it spin out of control and bloop over the net for an unreturnable winner. Ah yes, frame shots, practice them.

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

USTA & Tournament Results

Here are results of Timberhill's USTA Adult USTA League as of Feb. 15, 2010

Women's 2.5	0-0
Women's 3.0	0-0
Women's 3.5 "McCarthy"	0-0
Women's 3.5 "Youngren"	0-0
Women's 4.0	0-0
Women's 4.5	0-0
Men's 3.5 "Donel"	0-0
Men's 3.5 "Myers"	0-0
Mixed Senior 8.0	0-2





TTC Calendar

Club Events

March Events

- Mar 5:** Rookie League: 6:30-7:45 pm;
- Mar 12:** Junior Fest: 7:30-8:30 pm;
- Mar 13:** Couples evening

Upcoming Events

- Feb 13-May 31:** USTA League season
- Apr 10:** Couples evening

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

- Jul 11-13:** Junior Tennis Camp
- Jul 14-15:** Pacific Western Junior Challenger Tournament
- Jul 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
- Nov 6:** Junior Rookie event

March 2010

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