



THE RACQUET

September 2010

Timberhill Tennis Club

A Member-Owned Tennis Club

President's Parley

With summer in full swing and the temperatures nearing 100, our president has the month off and I'm filling in for him on this month's parley. Recently on vacation myself, I was able to take time from the busy schedule to reflect back on the first half of our term's year and the progress we as a board have made this year.

The survey that was conducted earlier in the term has set the tone for our year and has provided us focus and guidance for proceeding. Over the past couple of months, the Roofing Committee has been steadily making progress on exploring our options concerning our # 1 issue, the leaking roof. The committee has enlisted the expertise of an architect and has met with a couple of contractors to secure estimates of cost. We will be securing a couple more, but we will soon be looking at our options for repairs vs. funding. We've also looked at opportunities for insulation which was another major concern.

In our last board meeting, we started a discussion concerning the condition of our bathrooms. Particularly addressing concerns not only in the survey, but also ones that Ron has been receiving recently. The board took a tour of both the men's and women's restrooms and drew up an initial exploratory plan to address the concerns.

Thanks to the good work of Club Pro Hunter and our newest Board Member Kim Schlessinger, we have recently introduced a new social/competitive fall tennis opportunity for the women. The new program addresses a concern about the lack of social/playing opportunities for women and will be an organized play night orchestrated each week by one of our pros. We will also be posting standings on our TTC website, so they will be easy to check. This looks to be a great opportunity for women to increase their tennis skills and meet new people/players!

Of course, the men's program which was enacted this summer has been a huge success. Hunter plans to continue and improve this program through the fall. A tentative

Notice! See correction for Jessica Klein's phone number on page 2. She's getting a lot of calls intended for Andy or Tracy Klein

Sunriver Tennis Camp Sept 16-19

start date is September 23.

As you can no doubt perceive, many of our challenges are around facility cost. We've been closely monitoring the financial situation, improving processes and attempting to closely monitor costs. We made a tough decision to increase dues, which had not been raised in over 4 years. We took some flack for this but know that we are not only looking to increase our revenue opportunities, but also evaluate and address our expenses when/where we can reign them in and still maintain a quality tennis facility.

Needless to say, it has been an exciting first half of the year! I strongly encourage you to review our board minutes that are always on the wall next to the Pro Shop. They go into greater detail on all of the activities and details above.

Lastly, continuing the tradition of tennis tips, my pointer this month is that practice makes perfect. The service is one of the most difficult and crucial elements of anyone's game. Toss is central, especially indoors. Keep the toss short and compact. The longer or higher the toss; the more opportunities for it to go off course and derail your serve. Practice by using a point on the wall and toss 25-50 balls at that same spot consistently. This drill will only take you 5 or 10 minutes, but doing this once a week will perfect your toss, allowing you to focus on other points of the service motion or swing.

Cheers,
Mark Koenig
Vice President

USTA and Tournament Results

Our **One Doubles League Men's 3.5 team** has qualified for sectionals to be held at Yakima September 24-26. A huge good luck to captain Robert Rice and players Steven Chapman, Michael Laport and Dale Kern. Good Luck Team!!

Timberhill's **Woman's 4.5 team** lost at the adult league sectionals held in Portland August 6-8. They lost to a Vancouver and Bellevue team in pool play. Congratulations to team members, Pam Edinger, Lynn Harper, Helen Higgins, Liz O'Donnell, Robin Evans, and Kim Schlessinger on another great season.

TTC Junior Results from the Pacific Western Junior Challenger Tournament held July 14-15. Timberhill members are in italic print.

Girl's 18 Singles: *Jane Fortner* (Corvallis) defeated Natalie Esterberg (Philomath) 6/0, 6/0

Girl's 16 Singles: Blair Dozois (Lake Oswego) defeated *Claire Meunier* (Corvallis) 6/1, 6/1

Boy's 18 Doubles: Bryan Chung (Kennewick)/Shane Sandlin (Pasco) defeated *Benjamin Brook* (Corvallis)/Jeffrey Koss (Longview, WA) 9-7

Girl's 18 Doubles: *Jane Fortner/Claire Meunier* (Corvallis) defeated *Hannah Rondeau/Emma-Kate Schaake* (Corvallis) 6/1, 6/0

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From the General Manager

NEW MEMBERS

Adrian Schalk 541-746-0030: Adrian is middle school player who is looking for singles or doubles games from other junior players.

Hong & Duane Liner 541-754-9938: Hong and Duane are just starting their tennis playing. Along with kids Catrina (11) and Tyler (14) they are looking for introductory players to improve with.

Corrections:

Jessica Klein's telephone number in the 2010 directory is wrong. The number should be 541-908-3067 or her cell is 541-230-1819. Please make a note of this change.

SEPTEMBER PRO SHOP SPECIAL

With every string job we will replace your grip. This is a \$10 value.

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 of the replacement of the panels 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 money 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 our #1 item to be fixed on our survey a few months ago.

ADULT SUNRIVER TENNIS CAMP

Gary still has some openings in his Sunriver Adult tennis camp September 16-19. The session starts at the north courts in Sunriver Thursday around 4 pm with a welcome BBQ after the session. We do a morning and afternoon session on Friday and then long morn-

ing sessions on Saturday and Sunday. The cost is \$209 which covers court instruction, t-shirt and the welcome BBQ. Talk to Gary if you want to sign up or have any questions. This will be our 25th year doing this camp.

TED CARLSON ALL COMERS TOURNAMENT

Timberhill Tennis Club will hold it's 23rd annual All Comers NTRP tennis tournament. This year we are honoring Ted Carlson for his support of Timberhill over the past 35 years. Ted has served as president and helped TTC in numerous projects. We will offer NTRP rating categories in Men and Women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles. This event is open to any adult or junior players. You do not have to belong to Timberhill to play in this event.

MISSION STATEMENT FEEDBACK

The Timberhill Board has developed a draft mission statement for Timberhill Tennis Club. Please read over and give us any feedback, positive or negative by our next Board meeting to be held September 13.

"Timberhill Tennis Club is a member-owned club whose mission is to provide our members with a superior tennis facility and to maintain a welcoming and friendly community for the enjoyment of social and competitive tennis."

USTA FEEDBACK

We are looking at ways to improve our USTA league play. We need your feedback so please don't hesitate to talk to us about the organizing of teams, play times or any other matters pertaining to the USTA leagues.

Please give any feedback for improving either the adult, mixed doubles, senior or one-doubles league to Gary (gquandt@comcast.net) or Jim Krueger (Jkreuger@proaxis.com).

TTC Directory

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- Steven Kearsley**
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- www.timberhilltennis.com
- Court Reservations: 541-757-2294**
- Club Office: 541-753-1043**

Hunter's Lair

As the summer ends, we look back on a really successful season of tennis for TTC. We hosted four adult and junior tournaments this summer, the annual BBQ was a hit once again, and many players represented the club during weekly play on the courts of Corvallis, in tournaments throughout the Pacific Northwest, and in national competitions around the country. We had great successes from our USTA adult league teams, as well as from the 2 + 1 league team format.

Many players took advantage of the lesson program this summer, increasing and improving our community's pool of players.

During September, our focus will be gearing up for fall. New programs were initiated, including a weekly Men's League, and we are adding a weekly Women's League beginning at the end of this month. These leagues require pre-signups, so call Hunter if you would like to be a part of either this fall, as a regular or a sub.

Also this fall we will continue with the new format for Junior Fests, as well

as Quickstart rallyball for the younger kids and team tennis for the more advanced players. Friday rookie leagues have been a great way for kids to develop match experience and gain confidence to try tournaments and that will continue on a monthly basis as well.

Our Ted Carlson All-Corner's Classic will be held October 9-11 and will highlight our fall membership drive.

On the instructional side of things, the fall junior and adult clinic programs will start soon. You can call the club, visit the website, or stop by for registration information. A free "stroke of the week" clinic will be offered during selected weeks through the fall and winter—check the web site or lobby for dates and times.

Continuing this fall is TTC's participation in the Tennis Welcome Center program. We are offering introductory level classes with drills and match play for new and returning players. If you have neighbors or co-workers who have always wanted to try tennis, this will be a great opportunity.

Have a great end to the summer!!

From the General Manager

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FALL MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Timberhill will be running a promotion for attracting new members for the Fall. From September 19 to October 17 Timberhill will be offering a \$0 initiation fee. This is a great time to introduce Timberhill to potential tennis players and get them involved in our great club. Remember that if you sponsor a member, you will receive a free monthly dues when the new member joins. This only pertains to monthly dues paying members that join. You can also bring a perspective member once as a guest for free. Just make sure that you sign their name and

write perspective member next to their name.

COURTS #4-6 CLOSED

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 5

We will be resurfacing courts #4-6 starting Monday August 30 and they will be closed until September 5 or 6 depending on the weather. They will be cleaned, some small cracks filled, coated with three layers of color surface, and then the lines repainted. The courts will be in tiptop shape for this upcoming year. So remember during that period to only reserve courts 1-3 or 7 & 8.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

USTA & Tournament Results

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Girl's 16 Doubles: Jessica Creger/Savannah Fellers (Sherwood) defeated *Lauren Bailey* (Corvallis)/Sydney Obstar (Kennewick, WA) 8-6

Girl's 14 Doubles: Shyler Sullivan/Bailee Sanderson (Kennewick, WA) defeated *Clare Briggs/Erin Smith* (Corvallis) 8-5

Here are the final results from the **Corvallis Junior Rookie Tournament** that was played at Timberhill Tennis Club July 31. Timberhill members are in italic print.

Girl's 10 Singles: *Tessa Kern* (Corvallis) defeated Ivana Ilic (Ridgefield) 7-6

Girl's 14 Singles: *Alana Chaplin* (Corvallis) defeated *Anna Turkisher* (Corvallis) 8-6

Boy's 12 Doubles: Davis Loen (Tualatin)/Benjamin Masserly (Peoria) defeated Finn Carlson (Albany)/*Adrian Schalk* (Corvallis) 8-5

Girl's 12 Doubles: Madeline & Drew Kennedy (West Linn) defeated *Tessa & Anna Kern* (Corvallis) 8-4

Girl's 14 Doubles: Preksha Naik/*Anna Turkisher* (Corvallis) defeated *Alana Chaplin/Erin Smith* (Corvallis) 8-6

Final results from the **Corvallis Junior Championships** held at Timberhill August 6-8.

Boy's 12 Singles: Nathan Hampton (Eugene) defeated *Lewis Shotton* (Corvallis) 6/0, 6/1

Boy's 16 Singles: Andrew Salvador (Portland) defeated *Lorne Bulling* (Corvallis) 6/4, 6/4

Girl's 18 Singles: Catherine Hueffner (Portland) defeated *Jane Fortner* (Corvallis) 6/2, 6/0

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TTC Calendar

Club Events

September Events

Sep-Dec: USTA Mixed, Senior and Super Senior league
Sep 16-19: Sunriver Adult Tennis Camp

Upcoming Events

Fall Marketing Campaign
Oct 8-10: Corvallis All Comers NTRP Tournament
Oct 31: New Members Tennis Social
Nov 6: Junior Rookie event
Nov 7: Welcome New Members social event.
Dec 31: New York New Year's Eve party

USTA & Tournament Results

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Boy's 14 Doubles: Rajul Chikkalingaiah/Jamie Fisher (Corvallis) defeated Kieran McTeague (Portland)/Fedya Myagkov (Springfield) 8-3
Boy's 16 Doubles: Lorne Bulling (Corvallis)/Andrew Salvador (Portland) defeated Nicholas Jarvis (Gig Harbor)/Brian McKittrick (Portland) 8-1

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Junior Family Night 6:30	4
5 Mixed Doubles 4:00	6	7 Men's Night 7:45	8	9	10 Junior Family Night 6:30	11
12 Mixed Doubles 4:00	13	14 Men's Night 7:45	15	16	17 Junior Family Night 6:30	18
19 Mixed Doubles 4:00	20	21 Men's Night 7:45	22	23 Men's League 7:45	← Adult Tennis Camp, Sun River →	
26 Mixed Doubles 4:00	27	28 Men's Night 7:45	29	30 Men's League 7:45	24 Junior Family Night 6:30	25