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## **The President's Court**

As the end of the year approaches and our tennis season winds down, I look back at a year of fun and friendship on our Davis Tennis Club courts. Tournaments, leagues, drop-in Saturdays, and social mixers throughout the year gave us all lots of opportunities to enjoy the game we love.

For the upcoming year I look forward to more of the same and a growing involvement of more of our members in club activities. As president of the tennis club board, I want to thank all our board members for their help and service and involvement in making our club a vital and valuable resource for the Davis community.

If you haven't been involved with serving on the board, please consider volunteering some time for the benefit of Davis tennis. I'm hopeful that 2009 will move us closer to our goal of building a Clubhouse; your ideas, energy, and suggestions will help make the clubhouse a reality in the future.

George H.

## **Volunteer in 2009—Yes you can!**

The DTC is now an official 501(c)3 non-profit organization governed by a 10 member board of directors. Please help us point **YOUR** club in the direction you want it to go by volunteering! We especially need a TREASURER. Tired of the old administration? Are you ready for change? Do you want to be an officer of the board? Or help with SATA, interclub, socials, the newsletter. . . Support the community organization that supports the sport we all love. Contact members of the nominating committee with your questions and see our new by-laws posted on our new website for a full list of board positions.

Nominating committee: George Haver ([gmhaver@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gmhaver@sbcglobal.net)), Manuel Lagunas-Solar ([solar@crocker.ucdavis.edu](mailto:solar@crocker.ucdavis.edu)), Peggy Leander ([paleander@aol.com](mailto:paleander@aol.com))

## **NEW davistennisclub.org WEBSITE!**

We are now on the web! The [www.davistennisclub.org](http://www.davistennisclub.org) website will host general information about the club and its activities and will be linked to the davistennisclub.com teaching website of club pro Dale Hersch. Keep checking it as site-construction continues.

## **Lopsided Squeegees?**

With the fog and rain it is squeegie season again on the courts. New rollers are on order. You can help keep the squeegees in good condition by hanging them up on the fence after use.

## **Renew memberships for 2009**

Please remember to renew your memberships for 2009—you will be receiving information soon. Remember that interclub players must be DTC members to participate in the SATA

leagues. Your dues support windscreens. . . benches. . . squeegees. . . court reservations. . . interclub. . . demo days. . . socials. . . tournaments. . . special events. . . web-site hosting. . . .  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (fill-in the blank—what would you like to see your club doing? Get involved!)

### **Fall Interclub news—Men**

**Men's 3.0:** Tim Youmans captained the Sunday 6 person team this past Fall. Contact Tim at: [tryoumans@comcast.net](mailto:tryoumans@comcast.net)

#### **Men's 3.5: Mackerels Nearly Champions!**

In the nine team Men's 3.5 league, the Davis Mackerel's A team (6-2) was edged out by Johnson Ranch (7-1) in a breathtaking title chase. The Mackerels overcame serious injury, aging bodies, bad luck, and screw-ups to make a serious championship run. Captain Dewees and Co-captain Schwartz skillfully finessed six home matches to improve our chances. Ken Widman and Chris Dewees had undefeated singles seasons. Dale Russell, John Barker, Barry Markman, Paul Schwartz, Kay Blacker, and Manuel Lagunas-Solar presented a deep and formidable lineup for our opponents. A good time was had by all who didn't tear their Achilles tendon (Devin Bartley).

DTC had enough 3.5 level players this season to field two teams in the 4-person league. If there is a similar level of interest for the Spring season we could field two teams again. Those interested please contact Chris Dewees (758-2048; [cmdewees@cal.net](mailto:cmdewees@cal.net)) or Robert Glassburner (601-0061; [robertglassburner@yahoo.com](mailto:robertglassburner@yahoo.com)). Final rosters are due January 30, 2009.

**Men's 4.0:** Cap'n Bill ([bill.nori.reinert@gmail.com](mailto:bill.nori.reinert@gmail.com)) reports that the Men's 4.0 team had a not-so-good season with really no highs and lots of lows (kinda like the recent stockmarket). They were 1 and 5 and lost 7-2 in the end-of-season championship semi final.

**Men's 4.5:** Congratulations to Tom Armstrong, Mark Hendrickson and Joseph Sorenson who won all their matches. Contact Michael Greene: [green@delta-4.com](mailto:green@delta-4.com)

**Mixed doubles 6.5 or 7.5:** contact Alesia: [ams2000@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ams2000@sbcglobal.net)

### **Fall Interclub news—Women**

**Saturday 3.5 Regular:** We had fun playing singles and doubles this fall. Everyone on the team did a great job. If anyone is interested in joining our Saturday morning team, please contact Patty: [nishifarms@aol.com](mailto:nishifarms@aol.com)

**Wednesday 3.5 regular:** We had a challenging schedule (i.e. we lost a lot!) but we did have Marsha Lucio and Patty Nishi going undefeated! We look forward to playing in the spring. Contact Carolyn: [ckteragawa@comcast.net](mailto:ckteragawa@comcast.net).

**Tuesday 4.0 Weekday Regular:** This was our first season together. Although we did not win many matches, we all enjoyed the competition and look forward to spring season! If you want to play 4.0 singles or doubles, contact Patty: [nishifarms@aol.com](mailto:nishifarms@aol.com)

**Weekday 7.0 doubles:** Congrats to Ashley Michaud, Machiko Shimada and Qi Zhao who won all their matches. Contact Peggy ([paleander@aol.com](mailto:paleander@aol.com))

**Weekday 8.0 doubles:** Contact Mimi: [Mimi@omsoft.com](mailto:Mimi@omsoft.com)

**Evening 3.5 doubles:** We celebrated our summer finalist award by buying team shirts and treating cap'n J to a new racquet! Contact Janine: [jmcarlson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jmcarlson@ucdavis.edu)

**Evening 4.0 Doubles** placed 3rd in our Division, with only Southgate and Woodland beating us!! Good job ladies!! Here's hoping you're all onboard for the Spring season of SATA.

Team rosters will be due at the end of January. I plan to "play" captain again (unless one of you is dying for the honor or wants me fired!!!!). I'll be calling and/or e-mailing to see if you're ready to play the next season. Carol Rose (916)482-7743

### **Spring Interclub Dates**

- 1/5 captain's packets ready**
- 1/30 rosters due**
- 2/16 spring schedule posted**
- 3/9 spring interclub begins (4/6 Sac schools bye, 4/13 Davis schools bye)**

SATA offers more leagues that we can participate in—go to <http://www.sactennis.org> and click on interclub. If you are interested in organizing and captaining a new team, contact Bill Reinert ([bill.nori.reinert@gmail.com](mailto:bill.nori.reinert@gmail.com)) for men's teams and Karen Lyeth ([kdlyeth@yahoo.com](mailto:kdlyeth@yahoo.com)) for women's teams so that the team may be approved.

### **Pro's Corner**

It was another fantastic year at the Davis High School Tennis Courts. Tennis lessons were at an all-time high, as Jared Martin, Sally Hosley, and Daniel Sheeter all put in long grueling hours during the Spring and Summer. We said goodbye to Roger Gough, who not only was the original owner of Davis' friendly little tennis shop, Volleys, but also taught numerous individuals private lessons on many mornings. Roger and Lisa are now in Bethesda, Maryland and doing great (see below).

The Davis High School Boys' Tennis Team had an almost perfect season. With regular season wins over Alameda, Clovis West, Monta Vista of Danville, Jesuit, Monte Vista, Bullard and Aptos, the team was set for the section final against rival Jesuit. This would be the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year the two teams had met in the finals. With the teams tied at 4-4, the match hinged on the #1 doubles team. It was inevitable that the match would go three sets. Jesuit prevailed 6-4. Davis finished with a 22-2 record. Look out for the Blue Devils in 2009!

The girls' team easily went through their league going 10-0. However, they ran into a very tough St. Mary's of Stockton in the section quarterfinals and lost 7-2. Look for the girls to make a strong run at the title next season.

The two annual SATA adult tournaments held at the DHS courts were also a success. The draws were deep and the matches were all very hard fought. We always look forward to having players from outside the Davis area participating in our tournaments. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out with the tournament desk and

the refreshments, as well as keeping the tournament director sane. Carolyn, Patty, Elsa, Grace, the Reinerts, thanks again. And Barry, thank you for everything.

It's great to see the excitement of tennis in Davis. I truly believe that we have the best 12 court public facility in the US. Windscreens, lights and no charge for play are just a few of the perks we sometimes take for granted. But, it's the people on these courts who make this place so special. I love going out to the courts and seeing everyone having such a great time.

I look forward to seeing all of you again out on the DTC courts in 2009.

Happy Holidays.

Dale Hersch

Director of Tennis/Head Pro

Davis Tennis Club

### **VOLLEYS LIVES ON**

Holiday greetings, Davis tennis fans! We at Volleys Tennis Shop, owned and operated by a handful of your favorite Davis tennis nuts, are looking forward to better tennis in the new year: better weather, better game, better gear.

Come by the store (130 G Street) and check out our personalized service as well as our selection of rackets, shoes, bags, tennis balls, clothes, etc. Maybe something will catch your eye for a holiday present. And if we don't stock what you have in mind, we will special order it for you. We promise that the weather will get better (soon), your game will improve (if you keep practicing) and you will look simply mah-velous (playing in your new VOLLEYS attire with your new VOLLEYS gear). Our phone number is (530) 759-0109. Our Web site is: [www.volleystennisshop.com](http://www.volleystennisshop.com).

### **Senior tennis drop-in**

Monday mornings, 8 am, a group of Senior Tennis Players meet at Community Courts for doubles. Anyone is welcome! Contact Ed or Clara Comingore, 530-753-4553 for more information. ONLY REQUIREMENT IS A RACKET AND A SENSE OF HUMOR!

### **The D.C. Beat (by Roger and Lisa)**

Greetings tennis fans! We are doing well and have settled into our home in Rockville, MD. I am playing tennis at Cabin John Park, which reminds me a whole lot of the atmosphere of the Davis Community Courts. A whole bunch of really nice tennis players. We really miss CA food, especially MEXICAN!!!! And Michaela's tortillas. When we come out for a visit, we will gain weight since we will want to eat our way through Davis. Get in touch with us at [rogersracquet@yahoo.com](mailto:rogersracquet@yahoo.com), [gough.lisa@gmail.com](mailto:gough.lisa@gmail.com)

### **Recycle ball cans**

Remember to recycle your tennis ball cans with your #1 PETE plastics. The aluminum pull top recycles also. Plastic #5 and #7 lids recycle with rigid plastics that must be dropped off at the Davis Waste Removal site (24 hrs. day). Plastic #4 does not recycle in Davis.