



# BASELINE BULLETIN

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## Schedule of Events Winter 2015

Annual General Membership,  
February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 pm at the  
Clubhouse

2nd and 4th Saturdays—Drop-in  
Tennis from 9 a.m. to noon at  
Davis Community Courts. All are  
welcome.

1st Wednesdays —DTC Board  
Meeting begins at 6 p.m. at  
Clubhouse.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Davis Tennis Club Board has been busy this year and I'd like to share some of our accomplishments. The Board created a Community Tennis Plan with the goal of persuading City and School District officials to address the overwhelming need of repairs that plague our courts. The courts have been sorely neglected along with other City recreational fields and facilities. The Community Tennis Plan has helped in our efforts to persuade the City to commit \$125,000 toward rehabilitating the Walnut Tennis Complex. We hope this step breathes life into that dying complex.

The Community Tennis Plan also came into focus during the first meeting between our city liaison George Haver and the new Davis Joint Unified School District's facilities director, George Parker. Mr. Parker stated that although the School District is not contractually obligated to maintain the Davis High School courts, he is nevertheless working toward repairing and resurfacing courts 1-7.

Although courts 8-12 are in worse condition, Mr. Parker feels that he will have more success repairing courts 1-7 than attempting to replace courts 8-12. He has agreed to look into alternate funding sources, including securing private funding, for replacing courts 8-12.

The Board is forging a relationship with other community tennis clubs and the recreation tennis group at UCD to create a more county-wide tennis scene. One idea is to create a Yolo Team Tennis league modeled after World Team Tennis, where teams have at least 5 players, male and female, who each participate in a shortened-match format where all games count toward determining the league champion. In other business, we moved the message board from the Walnut Complex to the Davis High School\Community Courts where we feel it will be better used. It's designed to publicize drop-in play dates, tennis socials, tournaments and other club happenings. If you'd like to post or if you have ideas on what to post, contact the DTC Secretary Frans DeWaard at [fransdewaard@hotmail.com](mailto:fransdewaard@hotmail.com).

The DTC Board is looking forward to the New Year, as we hope our courts in City parks and on school property will get the attention they deserve. We need all members to show their support at City Council meetings and to attract the attention our tennis facilities need. I look forward to bringing good things to our small but mighty tennis community in 2016.

--Kelli O'Neill, President, Davis Tennis Club

**Remember to renew your membership for 2016**

Go to <http://www.davistennisclub.org/membership>



## Dues News

from Treasurer Chris Dewees

The good news for DTC members is that your Treasurer has not yet absconded with your funds to pay for his European tennis tour. Instead, he diligently makes sure that your Board's wise wishes are efficiently funded and monitored.

In the past year your dues have been used in the following ways to promote tennis locally.

1. Paying quarterly fees to the City of Davis for use of the courts at Davis High School.
2. Obtaining liability insurance through USTA to cover DTC-sponsored activities.
3. Sponsoring several DTC club socials with the intent of attracting new members and strengthening bonds among current members.
4. Maintaining tennis infrastructure in Davis by making clubhouse improvements and buying new squeegees, nets, and a bulletin board.
5. Paying dues and maintaining relationships with the Sacramento Area Tennis Association (SATA) and United States Tennis Association (USTA).
6. Working with Pam Mainini, CPA, to prepare tax returns and maintain our non-profit status.

This all seems like a good deal for \$40/year. If you have any questions, please contact me before I leave on my European tennis tour.

## Boys' High School Team Wins Section Title



Boys' coach Dale Hersch reports that after 2 straight years of losing to Jesuit in the section finals, Davis was able to easily regain the title, defeating Granite Bay 8-1. This was the Blue Devils 7th section title since 2004. Davis also reached the CIF High School Nor Cal semi-finals for the first time since 2010. Though the team graduated the top 3 singles players, the Blue Devils bring back a very deep squad, led by a very talented junior class. Look for Davis to battle Jesuit again for the title in 2016.

## Girl's High School Team News

According to Coach Sally Hosley, the DHS girls' high school team had a tough season. They placed third in the Delta League and lost in the section quarter finals. Overall it was a competitive, yet fun, year.

## Special Olympics

The TEAM Davis tennis team had lots of success this spring. We had over 30 athletes and numerous volunteers on the courts. All the athletes medaled in the Nor Cal competition and at the Summer Games at UCD. It's an amazing experience for the athletes and the coaches.

## SATA Junior Grand Prix Tournament

The SATA Davis Junior Grand Prix, held in late September, saw over 60 participants from all over the Sacramento region. About a dozen juniors were from Davis, and most of them went deep into the draw. I would definitely call it a success.

## Davis Tennis Academy news

The Davis Tennis Academy said goodbye to associate pro Jeff Chale, who took a fulltime job at DMG Mori. Jeff was a big part of the success of the DTA, working closely with the junior program and coaching the DHS JV tennis team. Good luck to Jeff!



## Women's Interclub News



Sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells"

*Tennis balls, tennis balls  
Bouncing on the court  
Monday mornings are the time  
We play this crazy sport*

Lyrics by Margo Roeckl

Captains Lesli Chuck and Suzanne Mikesell report that the 6.0 Davis Double Shots valiantly played doubles all spring and fall, but garnered more losses than wins on court. But off-court they won for best potluck food in the league! A typical menu: Sandra Ross' Syrah-saturated Tuscany cheese and mushroom brie, granny smith apples and yummy crackers; the heaping platter of tuna, egg salad and ham & cheese sandwiches on croissants and rye made by Mary Davis; Lesli Chuck's cabbage slaw; Jodi Liederman's delish pumpkin bars; Suzanne Mikesell's pasta with homemade pesto; Nancy Stone's cabernet to accompany a selection of Tejava tea, limonatas, mini Dr. Peppers and Perrier. Ah, the flavor of Davis tennis is more than anyone expects!

The other Monday team, Party at the Net (7.0) captained by Peggy Leander and Margo Roeckl, finished at 4-6 this fall, a little short of previous seasons when they and the Double Shots competed in playoff finals. Nonetheless they still had a great time on and off the courts and continue with team practices and lessons throughout the year. This year both Monday teams sponsored a STEAC family for the holidays. At the end of season celebration, players sang tennis Christmas carols to creative lyrics written by Margo. See some of her lyrics highlighted in this newsletter.

Captain Carolyn Teragawa reports that the 3.5 Wednesday Wegulars were fixated on 6th place this past spring and fall as they played their 3 singles and 2 doubles format. The team also had some clubhouse fun as they traded racquets for mops and buckets to spiff up our courtside home.



Sung to the tune of "Deck the Halls"

*Smash the balls with force not folly  
Fa la la la la, la la la la  
Tennis season makes us jolly  
Fa la la la la, la la la la*

Lyrics by Margo Roeckl

Some blazing hot fun in the summertime was had by the 4.0 Monday Mraqs rotating doubles. We had a solid losing record, but next time we will know to invest in some Blue Ice Sports Lingerie.

USTA Co-captains Veronica Dunn and Janine Carlson led the "Go for the Win(e)" 18+ 3.5 and Combo 7.5 teams to some close and fun matches. The 18+ 3.5 team ended the season 3-7 and the Combo 7.5 (with only 3.5 players) 0-10 but celebrated the end of the season with margaritas anyway!! We are gearing up for the Winter season with our 40+ 3.5 team which starts playing in January so if anyone is interested, please contact us.

## Men's Interclub News

Captain Steven Asercion of the 3.5 Respectable Mackerels writes that the team continues to build. We finally won a match in the fall this year. Yay! The team now has several solid singles players who compete well and win the big points. In fact, one of them won a SATA undefeated pin for singles play in the regular season for winning 3 or more matches in the fall season. We're still finding the right combination of players in doubles to give us the opportunity to win more matches. The team is a work in progress and we continue to persevere.



This fall, we also held our first after-the-season gathering along with other non-team players at the clubhouse. What a great bunch of guys! Everyone had a good time and we possibly recruited a couple of players to join next year. Many on the team play/practice on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. Yes, we play even during the winter months. If someone is interested in joining the team, please contact me at [steven.asercion@gmail.com](mailto:steven.asercion@gmail.com).

George 'Not Just Eye Candy' Haver captains the USTA Men's 55+ 8.0 team. 15 men participated in this Summer's USTA Men's 55+ 8.0 doubles team. In a tough 10 team leagues, we ended up with a 4 win, 5 loss record. The format was three doubles matches, and during one tough stretch we played 9 matches that all went three sets and we lost eight of those nine three-sets! We felt that we were in the mix and close to the top teams from Gold River and Johnson Ranch. Top players for our team were Matt Pirtle, Dennis Sadowski, and Dale Russell. We all look forward to the Summer, 2016 season. Go Davis!

By the way, you can read more about NJEC George at: <http://www.davisenterprise.com/arts/music/musical-duo-not-just-eye-candy-is-featured-at-village-homes-performers-circle>

## **New Developments at SATA (reported by Carol Rose)**

The general membership meeting was held November 10 at Rollingwood. The following people will be serving on the SATA Board for 2016:

Lisa Biachtal (Rio del Oro)--new  
Botum Chhay (Laguna Creek)--incumbent  
Michael Connolly (Howe Avenue Park)--new  
Sue Corbin--incumbent  
Peeyush Dayal--new  
Maureen Joyce--incumbent  
Connie Lugo--incumbent  
Kendra McDonald--incumbent  
Frank Sinatra (Laguna Creek)--new

Board meetings are bimonthly--January, March, May, July, September and November.

**Note that new registration procedures will begin in Spring 2016!** Area captains will register teams without paying a fee. Once the coordinators have determined that there are enough teams for a league, captains will be notified that individual players can sign up for their team. Individual players must have a SATA login and password and pay \$10 to register for each team they play on; there are no refunds or carryover of unused fees. The good news: captains play for free! Any new captains out there?

## **Local Non-League Tennis Winning Points**

Over the past few years, Davis women's tennis has "flexed" its muscles. Based on the success of a local round-robin doubles group in town, a casual singles flex "league" was created just over a year ago and is completing its third season. The Davis Flex provides casual yet competitive match play without the travel commitments of SATA or USTA. Players schedule their own matches and report scores to the coordinator. Based on wins/losses, players move up or down a division. The league has been very popular and has encouraged people to try singles without the pressure of ratings or team standings. The singles league will take a winter break, but the coordinators are busy working out the details of a similar doubles flex league for January and February. The coordinators hope that this short season will offer players a chance to play with the same partner...something that doesn't always happen in weekday doubles SATA leagues. Fun times at the baseline, and at the net!

## **The DTC board needs you!**

Do you care about free, lighted, unlocked tennis courts in town? Low cost tennis leagues? Tennis socials? Court improvements throughout the city? A heated and air conditioned clubhouse? At small number of people volunteer on the DTC board to make these things happen. We need to continue to promote tennis in Davis where there are many other sports that capture the public eye. DTC will need a new women's interclub coordinator in 2016, and there are a number of other activities where we can use help. Make this the year you give back a little. Volunteer for a board position, come to our monthly meetings, or find out where we can use some extra help. We welcome everyone to our annual general membership meeting on Wednesday, February 3 at 6 p.m. in our clubhouse. Many hands make light work.



## Winter reminders

Please be kind to our court squeegees. Don't step on them and remember to hang them up on the fence to dry. If the swimming pool is being used, please access the bathrooms through the poolside doors. Remember to always shut the outer doors to the bathrooms.

## Welcome the Crickets – no, not Buddy Holly



by Steven Asercion

You have probably seen Dr. Ann Hedrick and her team wonder around the tennis courts looking for crickets. Let's satisfy our curiosity and learn more about her and the crickets.

**Please give a brief introduction about yourself to the tennis community:** I am an Adjunct Professor at UCD in the Department of Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior. My specialty is behavior, specifically animal personality. I conduct my research on crickets. Believe it or not, crickets show personalities: different crickets behave differently than others. For example, males that are more aggressive are also bolder towards predators, and other males that aren't as aggressive are more fearful of predators.

**What do you do with the crickets you catch?** I catch crickets at the tennis courts, because they fly to the lights and then drop onto the courts, where they are easy to capture. I then take them to my lab at UCD and we perform behavioral experiments on them. We also allow the females to lay eggs so we can rear more crickets during the fall and winter.

**What time of year/what time of day do you catch them?** I capture the crickets during July and August when they are most common, and usually from 9-11 pm when they are active on the courts.

**How is the interaction between you/your team of catchers with the tennis players when looking for crickets?** Most tennis players are very kind and allow us to come onto the courts when their game is not ongoing. A few even help us get the crickets. Unfortunately, a small minority are hostile, but that is rare.

**Any other comments you would like to add to the tennis community?** I'd like to thank the helpful tennis players! Also, please remember us and do not stomp on the crickets. We would like to use them in our research, and it is important to know that we do not ever kill them or perform harmful experiments on them. Thanks!

## Volleys is at your service

Did you know we have a full service tennis shop in town? Volleys is now behind Temple Coffee at 231 G St. Suite 5. Go to their website at [volleystennisshop.weebly.com](http://volleystennisshop.weebly.com) to learn more about their racquet demo program, stringing services and merchandise. You can also sign up to get on their mailing list.

