

A Message from the President

Happy Holidays everyone! I can't believe I'm saying this. Where did the year go? How can it be time to think about all that is in store for the Davis Tennis Club in 2018? Well since it's upon let's go there.

I'm confident the new year will bring more attention to the remaining 7 courts at the Community Courts/Davis High School complex which as you all know are in dire need of said attention before the combined length of cracks make the Guinness Book of World Records. The club is committed to working with the School District and City to come up with a plan to finance the repairs. This may mean sharing the cost with them. The DTC Board has been discussing and will continue to discuss and explore options to raise the funds needed if necessary to see the project through to completion.

Elsewhere, the DTC is saying good-bye to a couple of Board members who have donated their precious time to help propel the Club forward. Their efforts have added to the increased number of league teams, tennis socials, annual tournaments and just the darn good fun we all enjoyed this year. Sue Shepps' amazing ability to keep track of league use of the high school courts without collision as League Coordinator will be missed but not nearly as much as Sue herself. Despite my efforts in using classic Catholic guilt technics to get her to change her mind, Sue and her family are moving to Phoenix. Though we hate to see her go, we wish her nothing by the best in her new adventure and only hope she finds a big enough place for her Davis friends to stay when visiting.

In spite of getting so close to the ultimate power as President of the Club, Vice-President Cheri Herman is stepping aside to devote more time to another non-profit she serves in Davis. Thanks Cheri for being there to take my place and run the meetings in my absence which on occasion she was called upon to do without much notice. Her ideas and advice were very welcoming and on target. I hate to see her step down but completely understand her desire to move on.

There are two other Board positions open and need filling, the Treasurer and Membership Coordinator. If you're interested in serving on Board feel free to contact me at ksaoneill@sbcglobal.net with any questions or hopefully to let me know you're ready to sign-up. Please help us make 2018 an even better year for the tennis community than the one we're already seeing in the rearview mirror.

Kelli

Board Positions - Help Wanted!

VOLUNTEERS NEED TO SERVE ON DAVIS TENNIS CLUB BOARD.

The DTC is sadly saying good bye to 4 directors who have graciously served on the Board and tennis community but now must move on. The Club is in search of replacements. Please review the open positions below and let Kelli O'Neill at ksaoneill@sbcglobal.net know if you are interested in serving. Elections will be held at our annual club meeting February 7, 2018.

Vice-President: Fill in for the absent President at Board meetings. Work with the Board and with members on various events throughout the year. Prepare to take over as President if desired.

Interclub Representative/Permit Courts. The Board position organizes USTA\SATA men's and women's league teams. Maintains a spreadsheet of the teams, captains, the day of the week and times each team uses the high school courts for home games. Sends spreadsheet to Membership Coordinator to post calendar on courts and to Webmaster to post on DTC website. Permits courts for league use and other DTC events.

Membership Chair: Keeps track of DTC members. Ensures all participants in leagues are members of DTC. Notifies members of information as directed by the Board. Assists in tennis socials and other club events.

Treasurer: Keeps track of club funds. Provides Board with current account balances (2 accounts) at monthly Board meetings. Pays various invoices and dues as requested. Orders equipment as needed. Works with accountant for end-of-year taxes filings for non-profit organization. Current Treasurer extraordinaire Chris Dewees will mentor and train his replacement.

Each position is a two-year commitment

Clubhouse Dedication



Family and Friends remembered and exchanged personal "Gene" stories at the dedication ceremony where the clubhouse was formally named after the long-time member who in his kind quiet manner welcomed so many us into the tennis community.



TEAM NEWS

WOMEN'S SATA Teams



Racquettes Monday morning 6.0 Doubles **Captains Lisa Qvistgaard and Betsy O'Hanlon**

Congratulations to The Racquettes on their **first** successful tennis season! We are a 6.0 doubles team with a spunky group of women that enjoy playing tennis and crave the thrill of victory! We started out strong with five wins in a row. Down the stretch we ran into some fierce competition and finished up in third place overall.

We mixed up our double partners during the season and found some great partnerships that play well together. In the beginning of the season, many of us were brand new to match play. Even with butterflies in our tummies, we still managed to drive some deep shots, volley some killer points and return the challenging lobs our opponents sent our way. I must add that we did host the most delicious lunches for our guests. We might not play at a country club, but we fed our competition like royalty. Betsy and I are so proud of our teammates and their dedication to play hard, to practice often and to have a winning attitude no matter the outcome.

We are looking forward to playing more tennis during the off-season to get in shape for spring. If you want to join our team, you can find us Monday's on the high school courts with our matching multi colored team skirts. If the sun is shining and the courts are dry, there's no place we'd rather be than together playing the sport we love!



Double Shots Monday morning 6.5 Doubles **Captains Mary Davis and Donna Reed**

What a wonderful Fall season we had - all eighteen of us! Coming off an 0-3 start, we made quite the comeback and finished with a 4-6 record. That was good enough for 4th place overall. We welcomed three new players to the team this season - Diana Fong, Emy Wets and Cora Sturgess. And what a wonderful addition these ladies were. It gave the Double Shots a chance to meet and play with different players as well as gain experience. It's all about the journey, and a lot of fun was had by all. Special congrats go to Elaine Snow for her perfect 5-0 record - an "undefeated" pin to come! Also with winning records on our team were Olivia Beck 2-0, Julie Kuo 4-2, and Julie Sheppard 2-1. We were sorry to have lost Donna for the season because of a broken wrist, but she is back now. Thank goodness! Double Shots are all very optimistic about next season and plan to take no prisoners! See y'all next season



Deucedays on Tuesdays- morning 8.0 Doubles **Captains Joanne Brennan and Carolyn Teragawa**

The Deucedays 4.0 Women's Regular SATA team played some competitive tennis this Fall. The team welcomed 6 players new to this team this season. While the team finished near the bottom of the league

this time, they were pretty competitive with all the teams except the two top powerhouse teams. The level of play honed the skills of our 4.0 players and helped our 3.5 players develop their skills at a higher level. And most of the time, we had a lot of fun! Congrats to Margo Roeckl who went undefeated on this team with a 4-0 record! Usually a doubles player, Margo stepped in to play singles for the team and earned 3 of her 4 wins on the singles court. We had 4 players batting 500 for the season too! New to our team and winning 50% of their matches were Hyunok Lee at singles, Ashley Michaud and Rosemary Miller at doubles. Peggy Leander also finished the season with 2 wins/2 losses in doubles. Great playing ladies! Joanne Brennan plans to captain this team again in the Spring. We will be looking to unseat some of the teams that beat us this season!!



Duecedays Captain Joanne Brennan pictured here with teammate Marian Schlotterbeck at Arden Hills Country Club on Halloween – lookin’ good post-match!



Wegulars Wednesday morning 3.5 Singles/Doubles Captains Carolyn Teragawa and Joanne Brennan

The Wednesday Wegulars 3.5 singles and doubles team had a rocky start with both Andrea out of action for the entire season and Jodi out with early season injuries. Suzanne M. and Missy graciously subbed for a match apiece, unfortunately producing a foot reinjury for Missy after a long 3 hour match! Late season injuries included Ashley's tennis-ball-induced black eye, and Carolyn's sore shoulder, but Susan B. was able to play pain-free for the first time in a long while. For next year, the team will offer a special Wegcare health insurance plan so everyone sign up!

Nonetheless, the Wegs had their best league finish in several years, with a 4 and 2 record and a solid rotation of singles players Joanne B., Maria, Mary H., Peggy, Jodi and Xiao. We played the first-place Serrano team during our last match which involved Joanne B. breaking strings on 3 racquets, a 4 games down come from behind win by Dilo and Olivia, determined singles play by Jodi and Mary H., and a decisive win on the racquets of Annemarie and Elaine S. Unfortunately, overall we finished just one line of play behind Serrano who ended up winning the league. Congratulations to Mary Holmes who won all 4 of her matches and should have an undefeated pin coming her way. Olivia Beck came close but needed just one more win for the pin. Hope to see you all next season!



Aces Wild Thursday morning 3.0 Singles/Doubles Captains Joanne Crosta and Peggy Leander

Our Thursday women's 3.0 regulars team made an exciting run for the top spot in the league, finishing in second place thanks to exceptional play by all the team members. This is how exceptional. Of the 15 top women in the division, six were on the Aces Wild roster and the difference between first and second place was two team matches and a tie in the number of individual match wins. This was our first foray in

regulars territory after playing the doubles division. Our singles players faced many tough opponents and held their own in long and sometimes marathon matches. Xiao Krebs led the singles lines with a 5-1 record followed by Peggy Leander at 4-1. Playing both singles and doubles was Julie Sheppard who finished the season at 6-1 and Kirsten Bock at 4-1. Top doubles players included Georgia Corbett, Sandra Dismukes-Ross and Marguerite Schaffron. I can't say enough how much everyone's sportsmanship and support made this season a winner from the first match to the last.--



ACers Thursday evening 7.0 Doubles

Captains Annemarie Zurborg and Christy Knutson

The ACers, captained for the first time by Annemarie and Christy, had a great group of ladies that helped bring the team to a 7-1 finish and second place in the League. The only loss of the season was to Fair Oaks, the undefeated League leader. Janine Carlson was 5-0 for the Fall, earning an undefeated pin and placing 4th overall in the standings. Monique Garcia and Sue McConnell were also undefeated with 4-0 records finishing 7th and 8th and Hyunok Lee placed 9th in the standings with a 3-0 record. Kirsten Bock and Sue Shepps also were undefeated, contributing to the team's successful season.



Party at the Net Friday morning 7.5 Doubles

Captains Peggy Leander and Margo Roeckl

Party at the Net historically played matches on Mondays throughout the SATA seasons but jumped to the Friday Women's Day Doubles - 7.5 in search of a greater variety of teams to play. After only our second season playing at the 7.5 level Party at the Net **won the division** against very stiff competition. The team started out slow but persevered throughout a rocky season and ended with a 7-3 record after winning the final three matches. Congratulations to Kelli O'Neill for remaining undefeated with a 4-0 record and finishing in the #2 spot in the division! Also finishing in the top 10 were Olivia Beck, Karen Senders and Annemarie Zurborg. Captain Peggy Leander made her 21st appearance in the captains' seat – what a wonderful gift to all the athletes to have such a dedicated and experienced captain at the helm! Party at the Net is thrilled to earn a place on the Clubhouse Wall of Champions again.

WOMEN'S USTA Team



Love All 6.5 Women's Combo Doubles

Captains Margo Roeckl and Janine Carlson

Love All 3.5 Women's Combo team also had another stellar season – coming out **#1 in the division** with an 8-2 record and heading to play-offs with home court advantage. A few of the players had a standout season. Maria Nansen saw her rating increase to a 4.0 and Monique Garcia Gunther, Hyunok Lee, Sue McConnell and Dilo Seneviratne all had ratings change from 3.0 to 3.5 – CONGRATS! Maria and Monique both had 4-0 records and Sue Shepps and Kirsten Bock also had undefeated regular seasons. Margo Roeckl had a 6-1 record and Sue and Hyunok both had 5-1 records. The first round of playoffs will be scheduled for January 7th so good luck wishes to Love All as they continue on the road to Districts!

MEN'S SATA Teams



Respectable Mackerels 3.5 Mens

Captains Steve Asercion and John Walter

During the fall season, the Respectable Mackerels players were competitive in singles and doubles but not enough to add up for a team win (0-5). We came close to winning one from Southgate. It came down to one point and we lost with a team score of 4-5. All six teams played in the playoffs and we were eliminated in the first round. The team will regroup, gather all the positives from our matches and move forward. Anyone who wants to join the team can contact Steven at steven.asercion@gmail.com.



Davis Farm Team 50+ Doubles 7.5

Captains John Walter and Dale Russell

The Davis Farm Team, finished the League in first place – undefeated - 9 wins and 0 losses and everyone on the roster got to play at least one match. Individual highlights are Jerry Armstrong's 9-0 set record and "ironman" Dennis Sadowski having a 22 -2 record. The unique format of playing each team one set and rotating makes this league unlike any other. We have a good group of guys who support each other and will often decide not to play if another has not played as many matches as them. We now have won the league in back to back seasons and look forward to the Spring 2018 League to keep the string going.

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Volleys
TENNIS SHOP

Season's greetings from the owners and staff at Volleys Tennis Shop!

Owners Dave & Scot are looking for new ways to serve you and the tennis-playing community and ensure the future of your local tennis shop. Can you help? If you made a tennis-related purchase recently, please take a short, six-question survey to help us chart a course for the future of our shop. Here's the link: <https://goo.gl/Ki6Gcp>. And don't forget to consider Volleys for your Holiday shopping -- pick up Volleys logo wear and gift certificates, browse our gift section, grab a pair of new shoes for a gift to yourself or the player in your life, or pick up a selection of accessories for stocking-stuffers. Cheers!

Social Scene



DTC Aloha August Tennis Social
Winners and wearers of the grass skirts
Duane Thomson and Joyce Loeffler McNeill



Team Tennis



Flight A winners

Mike Ramos, Duane Thomson,
Kelli O'Neill, Maria Nansen &
Kathy Muira (not pictured)



Flight B Winners

Chris Dewees, Sue McConnell, Xiao Krebs,
Sharon Opfel and Martyn Smith

DTC Halloween Tennis Social Winners



Mary Holmes and Theresa Pistochini
Larry Drager



Husband and wife dynamic duo, Matthew Pirtle and Sarah Collinson, are crowned the winners in the Holiday Tennis Social by taking the most games in the individual women's and men's categories though not partnered during play.