

BASELINE BULLETIN

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Schedule of Events Winter 2019

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

Jan. 31—SATA Spring Player Registration begins

Feb. 13—DTC Annual Meeting at 6 p.m. at Clubhouse

Feb. 23—Spring Interclub begins

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our last year was a busy one for the Davis Tennis Club. We accomplished many things largely made possible by those who have served on the board. In order to maintain the momentum and keep moving forward we need a few volunteers with fresh ideas to fill the open board position which are:

- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Social Director
- Membership Coordinator

Contact me if you're interested in volunteering at ksaoneill@sbcglobal.net.



Before I touch on the highlights, I'd like to express an enormous thank you to the board's departing secretary Margo Roeckl. During the last two years, Margo has taken impeccable detailed notes at the meetings which the board heavily relied on to keep us on track and moving forward. Margo quite literally did the job of two board members. She took on the duties of the social director and coordinated eight tennis socials which I can tell you from first-hand experience were loads of fun. As if this were not enough and though seemingly not possible due to the lack of apparent hours in a day, Margo concurrently served on both DTC and Woodland Tennis Club boards, captained league teams, coached soccer, came to the aid of friends and all while taking care of her family. And, this is by no means is a complete. I personally will miss her spirit and strength of conviction at the board meetings and wish her all the best in future endeavors of which I'm sure there will be many.

Here are some of the highlights of what the DTC offered to the tennis community in 2018:

- The club held four highly attended tennis socials as well as coordinated with the school district to obtain DHS\Community court permits for interclub play and the social events.
- The DTC started a fundraising campaign to address the deteriorating high school\community courts 1-7. We've raised \$8,000 of our goal of \$20,000 and will continue to work with the school district to direct funds from the recently passed facilities bond toward the courts. The DTC board will also continue to work with the school district, the City and other funding sources to address long-term maintenance of the complex.
- The club hired Roger Gough and his friend Fred to regularly clean the Davis High\Community courts, inspect the nets for replacement and keep them adjusted to regulation height. Speaking of Roger, DTC thanks him for spending hours in the hot summer sun making sure all windscreens were securely attached to the fencing. Also, a debt of gratitude goes to the small army of volunteers including leaf-blower yielding members who cleaned gutters, removed built-up tennis ball fuzz and debris from the fence, and then raised metal poles all of which vastly improved water drainage from the courts and allowed Roger and Fred to more effectively clean them.
- Lastly, the club continues to work with the City and advocate for the repair of the two-court complexes in town.

—Kelli O'Neill, DTC President



DTC Annual Meeting Feb. 13

Business and Bribes--The annual DTC General Board Meeting will take place Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Gene Sakai Clubhouse. All members are invited to meet the new board, share your ideas on how to improve our club and tennis community, and help set the direction for the new year. Because the board is not above using bribery to entice members and generate interest, a drawing for two club t-shirts will take place.

Speaking of t-shirts, there are still some left for purchase. For \$25, you can buy a beautifully designed Davis Tennis Club logo Tee and help support the DHS courts fix-it fund raiser. Buy one at the meeting or check with a team captain who has access to the inventory.

FALL 2019 TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

Nothing Regular About These Wegulars



Since 2008, DTC has fielded a Wednesday 3.5 regulars women's team each fall and spring to compete in SATA. With Carolyn Teragawa at the helm, the team competed in the singles/doubles format but never quite reached the top of the division. That changed in fall 2018 when Carolyn led the Davis 3.5 Wegulars to a division win with a 5-1 championship record. Congratulations to teammates Olivia Beck, Joanne Brennan (co-captain), Mary Holmes, Christy Knutson, Peggy Leander, Ashley Michaud, Dilo Seneviratne, Elaine Snow, Kathi Wahed, Annemarie Zurborg and, of special note, Monique Gunther who earned an undefeated pin for both fall play and the spring season. Carolyn invites players to practice their skills with the team every Wednesday in the off season.

Racquettes Reel in a Win

The Racquettes placed first in their 6.5 Monday women's doubles division with clutch wins in the end-of-season playoffs. After moving up from 6.0 last spring and adding several players, the team battled its way to a third place finish and a spot in the playoffs before defeating the other Davis division team and then upending the number one team Gold River in the finals. Of special note was player Julie Sheppard who went 4-0 for the season. (Pictured at DTC December meeting are, from left, Stacy Morgan, captain Betsy O'Hanlon, co-captain Lisa Qvistgaard, and Gayle Murray.)



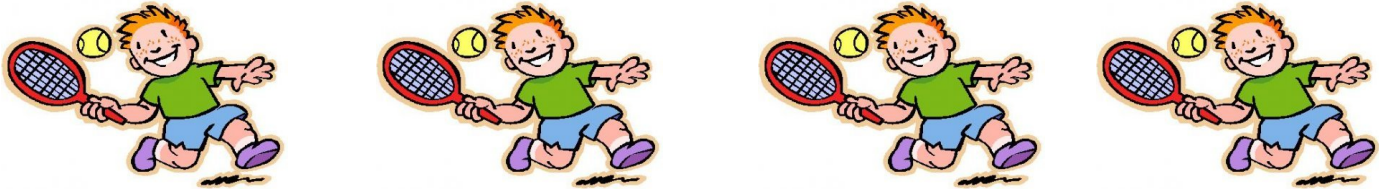
Volley Llamas Have Guru-vey Season



The inaugural season of the Volley Llama's (Davis Women's USTA 7.5 Combo Team) was very competitive. The team ended their season with a 6-4 record and in second place in the league. However, with two weeks remaining in the season and many teams still competing in regular or rain and smoke makeup matches, the Llama's destiny was out of their hands. Sadly, the planets failed to align for the tenacious Llamas and in the end they were knocked out of the post season by the 7-3 records of the four post-season teams. For the first time fielding a combo team at this level, this was quite a success. Maria Nansen (5-2) and Veronica Dunn (4-3) played hard and often for the Llamas as did Sue McConnell (5-1). Connie Zuecher (3-0), Leanne Villa (2-0), Kathi Wahed (2-0) and Sharon Opfell (2-0) were all undefeated. The llovely lladies will contemplate the cosmos in the intervening season and come back ready to inflict Llamageddon on their opponents!



This and that...Double Shots, also a Monday 6.5 women's doubles team, finished the regular season in second before double dipping in the playoffs. Congratulations to teammates Mary Holmes and Sharon Polis-Opfell for going undefeated. In USTA news, the **Love All** USTA 6.5 fall team was recognized with a certificate for taking their league and advancing into the fall season. Monique Garcia-Gunther and Maria Nansen went undefeated through sectionals. In the goods news department, DTC's **George Haver** is recovering faster than a Federer serve. You may recall the health scare he gave his friends and family not too long ago. Now he's contemplating getting back on the courts very soon for some practice.



BROOKS BYRD TAKES HOME THE GOLD

Brooks Byrd, a DTC member since 1976, competed in the USTA National Senior Women's Hard Court Championships at La Quinta in October last year, winning both the singles and doubles championships in the age 75 division. Tennis partner Sue McCandless of Jackson, Ore. shared the doubles win. Reflecting on how she maintained her composure against stiff competition, Brooks said winning was not her goal. She said that it seemed her opponent in singles really wanted to win but that her own goal was to "play with joy," and added, "I was so happy to be out there."

Brooks was introduced to tennis at age 3 and continued playing through high school at which point she took an extended break. She joined DTC in 1976 soon after moving here but only played casually until her 50s. As she played with her kids and contended with their topspin, she realized that she needed to revamp her game if she wanted to compete. From there, lessons, much practice and plenty of competition elevated her tennis skills. Today she most frequently plays at Rio Del Oro Tennis Club. Brooks encourages DTC women and men to consider playing in tournaments which are seeing the number of participants dwindle. She said, "There is great fun in just playing for yourself. You can be any ranking and the people you meet are great." **(Photo: Brooks Byrd holds her Gold Ball trophies after winning the singles and doubles titles at La Quinta in October)**



LOVE IS MORE THAN A TENNIS SCORE

Davis Tennis Club members showed their giving spirit again this holiday by adopting two families to bring them a little extra cheer. DTC was one of many organizations and individuals that participated in the STEAC annual program which collected, organized and distributed food, gifts, coats, blankets and books to 405 Davis families in need over the holidays. It's hard to believe this is the 51st time the folks at STEAC and generous Davis community have come together for this wonderful program.



In Memoriam

The Davis Tennis Club mourns the tragic loss of **Davis Police Officer Natalie Corona**. We extend our deepest condolences to her family and the men and women of the Davis Police Department.

Long-time DTC member and supporter Dr. Mark Otten passed away in late December. Remembered as a kind man and vigorous competitor, he contributed significantly to the campaign to build our clubhouse.

