



BASELINE BULLETIN

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Schedule of Events Summer 2019

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

Thru August—SATA Interclub Summer Season continues

August—SATA Fall Interclub Registration begins

September—Fall Interclub begins

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My entire message is dedicated to Janine Carlson as that is what it will take to list all she has done for our tennis community. In her quiet calm manner she steadfastly moves the club forward in all she takes on whether serving on the DTC board, captaining a league team or photographing a social event. It seems she's always been there and continues to be there for us.



JANINE CARLSON, DTC'S MULTI TASKING POWERHOUSE

It was Janine, "the computer lady," who single-handedly plugged the club into the internet by creating our first website which she has managed since it went live in 2009. She created and looks after our Facebook page, maintains our DTC board and membership email service, took our file management online with Dropbox and is always ready with a Doodle poll for a potluck, flex league or other event in need of a quick organizational fix.

As if bringing the club into the technical age isn't enough, she is our unofficial, official club photographer. When playing in a social or other club happening, she'll put down her racket and pick up a camera to capture the fun. Her pictures enhance the DTC website, the Facebook page, the clubhouse and were sought after and used by the Sacramento Area Tennis Association (SATA) in their promotional material.

I'm not done. In addition to her technical duties, Janine also serves as the league coordinator on the board. It's through her efforts that numerous league teams are able to use the much-in-demand DHS\Community Park courts. It is no easy task juggling all the different groups who schedule time on those 12 courts around the priority use by the school, but as with everything, Janine takes it in stride. And, if that's not enough, she graciously posts a monthly calendar on the club website and at the courts for casual players to reference before picking a court to use.

My listing all of the jobs Janine does for Davis tennis may make your head spin but I'm still not done. Janine has captained more than 20 SATA and USTA league teams and was the first to take a Davis team to a USTA district championship which she did in 2016.

So, if you see Janine out there on the courts, please thank her for all she does and has done for the club and community tennis here in Davis. It may take a while because the list is long but she deserves our time because of all the time she gives to our Davis Tennis Club.

—Kelli O'Neill, DTC President





SPRING 2019 TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

Five SATA league champs include three undefeated teams

A soggy SATA and USTA spring season did not dampen the competitive edge of Davis teams who won multiple division championships. Our

Clubhouse Wall of Fame will soon have four new additions starting with the Monday Women's 6.5 **Double Shots** whose undefeated record topped their league. Captain Donna Reed and co-captain Joanne Crosta led the team to a 9-0 season and, of the top 15 players in the league, five were from Double Shots: Peggy Leander, Julie Kuo, Dilo Seneviratne, Diana Fong and Julie Morris. They may have to rename their team The Dominators!

Next on the championship list was **Aces Wild**, the Thursday 6.0 women's regular team. The team faced so many rainouts, their motto became "If it's raining it must be Thursday." Ultimately, the weather didn't slow them down and the team, captained by Joanne Crosta and co-captained by Peggy Leander, finished with a 7-1 record and counted multiple players on the top 15 list: Crosta, Georgia Corbett, Julie Kuo and Julie Morris.

The victory march continued for the Thursday night women's 7.0 doubles team, the **Davis ACers**, who finished with an astounding 10-0 record. Captain Annemarie Zurborg and co-captain Christy Knutson led the team to eight team sweeps and counted only two individual match losses out of thirty. If that is not a SATA record, then they are knocking on the door. Of the 15 top players in the league, eight were from the Davis ACers: Knutson, Sue McConnell, Dilo Seneviratne, Janine Carlson, Veronica Dunn, Monique Garcia Gunther, Stephanie Deknikker and Maria Nansen. A new team name is needed to describe a powerful force: The Juggernauts?

Davis Farm Club, the 50 and over men's 7.5 team, had a successful season that concluded with a 7-1 record and a league championship. They had some stout competition from a Gold River team who they split matches with during the season and who also ended with a 7 and 1 record. The tie breaker was more sets won by the Davis team. This league, with 3 doubles teams rotating after 1 set and playing every other team, is a unique format that gives the advantage to the pair that gets off to a fast start. It also lends itself to good competition with some great camaraderie as well. Every one of the 17 man team contributed said team captain Dale R. Russell. The team had seven top 15 players: Matthew Pirtle, Dennis

Sadowski, Ron Riesner, Peter Pascoe, Dale Russell, Chris DeWees and Scott Voelker.

Another big winner was the **SATA Saturday Women's Line Doubles, Davis Tetrad**. The flex team went 7-0, dominating their lines. Team Susan Kauzlarich and Ashley Nunes, with 5 wins, received undefeated pins, and partners captain Janine Carlson and Hyunok Lee were also undefeated with 4 wins.

More teams and more fun

The **Wednesday Wegulars** had a rain-delayed extended season with a 6-2 winning record. The Wegs held on to first place for much of the season, but were edged out by a late-season loss to Rio del Oro, which opened the door for Serrano to take top honors. Joanne Brennan, Peggy Leander and Dilo Seneviratne won all their singles and doubles matches but didn't have the required tally for an undefeated pin. That honor went to Sharon Polis-Opfell, who joined the team as an emergency singles replacement and went on to win all of her singles matches! Captain Carolyn Teragawa said they were inspired in their play by senior gold ball winner Anneke Balics, who competed in singles.

The **Davis Deucedays**, the Tuesday SATA 4.0 Women's Regular team, had a fun season finishing fifth out of eight strong teams. The team went 3 and 4 overall with close losses that could have gone their way, according to captain Joanne Brennan. Two players made the top 15 in the league: Monique Garcia Gunther went 3-0 in singles and Hyunok Lee went 5-1 and continues to be one of the team's deadliest singles weapons.

Party at the Net, Friday Women's Day Doubles 7.5 captained by Peggy Leander and Margo Roeckl, ended the season with a 4-6 record. Although they finished in the bottom half of their division, they had the satisfaction of beating each of the top three teams once during the season. The team is looking forward to having Margo off the injured list and back on the courts for the fall season.

The Davis Cuppers, Sunday's Men's Regular 4.0 team led by Dennis Sadowski, were in an extremely competitive league, finishing fourth and sharing a 5-2 record with two other teams. Marysville's 6-1 record prevailed but just barely.

The Davis Respectable Mackerels joined the men's 4.0 level this season. Captain Steven Asercion said it was fun to compete but it was a big challenge especially with some of the teams. "We learned where we need to improve and we will be ready for competition in the fall."



RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY WAS THE MANTRA FOR SPRING TEAMS

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The Davis Mixed Doubles with captain Elaine Snow had a challenging season but they hope to return in the fall prepared for the league's top teams.

Competing to great success were DTC's Chris DeWees and Jim Hoke who played in the **USTA SS65+ 7.0**

sectionals for the Vacaville InShape Club Team this season. Chris and Jim won their respective matches to help Vacaville hover near the number one spot before it fell to Gold River and just missed the finals.

DTC Debate Rages Over Hybrid Tennis Courts



To Resurface or Not to Resurface, That Is the Question

By Fay K. Nuuz

Wimbledon has rye grass and the U.S. Open has hard courts. In an innovative transformation, our DTC courts have been hybridized to embrace both of those tennis ideals but with a twist. In a first of its kind, prairie grass and asphalt have been combined to create a tennis surface that is astonishing players from Davis and throughout the region.

Touting the benefits of this one-of-kind court combination is tennis innovator Bill Gene Kinguvdacourt. "Tennis is too predictable on mono surfaces. Dual court surfaces add excitement because you never know how the ball's going to bounce." He noted with consternation that some players complain about tripping and added, "What they need to understand is that this is also an opportunity to improve their footwork."

As Kinguvdacourt expected, there is resistance by some DTC members to the new design. Malcontents have expressed displeasure by launching a Fix-It fundraiser for the express purpose of replacing the hybrid innovations with traditional hard courts. "These hybrid courts appeared without any consultation with membership," complained Raphaella Nadonmywatch. "If we wanted change, we'd look under seat cushions. We are fighting this and want DTC members to vote."

The board is appeasing Nadonmywatch by holding a special ballot for members. Voting is simple: Do nothing and the hybrid courts remain. Contribute to the Fix-It fund and traditional hard court surfaces will prevail.

Where do you stand? Donations to the Fix-It fund can be made using this link: [Donate to Davis Tennis Club's Court Fixit Fund](#)



GRASS AND HARD COURTS ARE COMBINED FOR DTC MEMBERS

On a more serious note...

We all know the front courts are a mess. There are multiple cracks, some of them seismic in appearance. Weeds grow and must be weed whacked or removed. Surfaces are uneven. The good news is that we are a public club so can take action and make a difference. The bad news is that we are a public club and public money (ours) is part of the equation to accomplish the repairs. A total of \$20,000 is needed from the club for our share of the repairs. So far about \$8,500 has been raised. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed and here's a nudge to everyone who has been thinking about it. And, if you have fund raising expertise or know someone who may want to give theirs, please raise your hand and contact our club president, Kelli O'Neill (president@davistennisclub.org). To donate, go to davistennisclub.org and click on the donation link. Let's get this done!



IT'S LOVE ALL AT DAVIS TENNIS CLUB AND DAVIS POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY EVENT

DTC members, pickle ball players and officers from our Davis Police Department stepped out together in mid-June and stepped onto the Walnut Park courts for some fun and friendly court action that didn't involve judges -- just smiles and competition. The community event was well attended and saw doubles tennis action and rounds of pickle ball. Thanks to Volleys for providing racquets for the day and to Noah's Bagels, Preeti Indian Cuisine and Crepeville for the delicious breakfast spread.



All smiles were DTC members and Davis police officers. Front row, from left: Sgt. Kimberly Walker, Officer Ernest Roberts, Stephanie Deknikker and Officer Fiona Wais. Middle row, Sharon Opfell, DTC president Kelli O'Neill, Grace Vaughn and Georgene Redman; back row, Officer Chris Pinion, Kathi Wahid, Laurel Hassid and Officer Chay McCampbell.

Above, Sgt. Walker and Officer Roberts having fun on the courts.

NEWS FROM VOLLEYS TENNIS SHOP

If you haven't tried a new racquet in a couple of years, the word is that Wilson's Clash is worth a close look. Highly flexible without compromising stability, it is like nothing you've ever swung before because of the control over explosive power. Another option is the new HEAD Radical. The Radical epitomizes a modern player's frame, offering a variety of different weights and head sizes which can meet the needs of every ability level. You can them both out though Volley's demo program: \$25 for 30 days of trying every racquet in the store with your deposit applied toward your purchase. Or ask Dale Hersch to pull a HEAD Radical out of his bag.

SPECIAL FOR DTC MEMBERS ONLY

Come in by July 4th and mention the "DTC Special" and get 40 percent off all Volleys spring apparel currently marked at 20% off -- that's an extra 20% savings only available to DTC members and before the price drops on July 5th for the regular public, giving you first shot with the largest selection available.

