

BASELINE BULLETIN

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Summer Issue

Schedule of Events Summer 2013

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

July 3—DTC Board meeting 6 p.m. See details p. 1

July 19—Summer Tennis Social 7 p.m. See story p. 1

Continuing through mid-August—Junior Tennis Camps. Details p. 2

July 20-Aug. 2—SATA Fall Season registration deadline. See story p. 2

Sept. 28-29--2013 SATA Jr. Grand Prix at Davis Community Courts. Registration starts Aug. 1. Go to Sataennis.org to learn more

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summertime has arrived and I've noticed many in our tennis community enjoying the extended playing time that the longer days and nice weather give us. I have also noticed the improved footing at the Davis High School tennis court complex thanks to the court washing by the City of Davis. This should continue at bimonthly intervals until the rainy season begins. Our tennis club continues to research alternatives to increase the frequency of the court washing and hopes to come up with a solution in the near future.

FULL COURT PRESS

In conjunction with the good weather and the summer schedule, you may have encountered less court availability for unscheduled playing time. The condition of the Walnut Park tennis courts and, to a lesser degree, the other two court complexes in our community reduce our options for places to play tennis. At the same time, our youth and adult recreational programs continue to grow and prosper as this wonderful sport gains in popularity

The board of directors of the Davis Tennis Club is acutely aware of this and is working closely with the City of Davis staff to come up with short-term and long-term solutions that include contributing funds toward improvements at the other city courts, and conferring with the staff to identify the cause of the court problems at Walnut Park.

BOARD MEETING JULY 3

These and other issues will be discussed once again at our next board meeting on July 3. I encourage anyone who is curious about our organization or who is interested in becoming more involved with the tennis community to attend. We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. in our Clubhouse located in Davis Community Park adjacent to the AYSO building and just behind the Davis Branch of the Yolo County Library.

Barry L. Markman, DTC President

SUMMER SOCIAL AND RACQUET DEMO JULY 19

Your Davis Tennis Club invites you and your tennis friends to our 2013 Summer Social to take place Friday, July 19 starting at 7 p.m. This just for fun event starts with round robin tennis on the high school courts followed by food and refreshments at the clubhouse. To add to our enjoyment, Volleys Tennis Shop will be on hand with a raft of racquets for us to try out. Thank you Volleys! See you on the courts.

--Linda Deos, DTC Social Director



Post-match handshakes and ideal weather made for smiles at the USTA NTRP Tourney April 27-28 in Davis. More than 80 players competed in the annual event. For additional photos and results go to davistennisclub.org.

The mission of DTC is to encourage participation in tennis by players of all ages and abilities. This is done through sponsorship of instructional, social and team-based programs that are open to all. Look for us at www.davistennisclub.org and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Davis-Tennis-Club/180365978779819>. Our teaching pro's site is www.davistennisacademy.com.





NET GAIN

Not all nets are tennis nets although we all know they are among the most important. There's also something called the internet and DTC computer guru Janine Carlson would like to remind our membership that davistennisclub.com officially becomes davistennisclub.org effective July 1. Additionally, she advises that our pro Dale Hersch's new website is davistennisacademy.com where information on lessons, high school activities, and summer camp and other junior tennis activities is found.

Also, for those who want to be a "friend" to the Davis Tennis Club, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Davis-Tennis-Club/180365978779819> and then "like" us!

Contact Us

Do you have news about our Davis Tennis Community that you would like to share? We'd like you to do just that. Send an email to our newsletter editor Joanne Crosta at jhcrosta54@gmail.com with your contact information and she'll be in touch.

UPDATES FROM OUR PROS

The Davis Tennis Academy is in full swing with boys and girls ages 5 to 15 learning new tennis skills and building on old ones at the Summer Junior Tennis Camps directed by DTC head pro Dale Hersch through mid-August. Weekly sessions are from 9 a.m. to noon, Mondays through Fridays. More information is available at davistennisacademy.com.

Sally Hosley was excited to announce that five Team Davis athletes medaled at the Special Olympics qualifying them to advance to the Summer Games at UCD in late June.

SATA NEWS and VIEWS

Summer SATA leagues may have just begun but it's not too early to start planning for the SATA Fall season. Registration will begin on July 20 and run through Aug. 2. Once again there will be a Fall Kickoff event at Laguna Creek Racquet Club tentatively scheduled Sept. 6. Watch your email for a SATA eblast giving all the specifics.

Don't receive eblasts from SATA? Go to sactennis.org and click on the box in the right column titled "Newsletter" and enter your information. It's a good way to stay informed!

Be a Team Leader

Have you ever thought about captaining a SATA team? It's really quite easy. During season registration simply go to Adult Leagues,

League Guidelines and follow the steps to register a team. If you get stuck along the way, you can always contact a coordinator to help you through the process. Once your team is registered, most of your work is done. Remind your players of time and location of each match. There is no scheduling of matches--that is all taken care of by SATA coordinators.

SATA players--be kind to your captains. They are making sure you get to play on a SATA team. Help them out by being available for your day/night of play and being on-time for warm-ups. It is very stressful for captains to not have a player show up or to be late. If you know you will be delayed, call at the earliest possible time. Hope all your tennis seasons are the best.

--Carol Rose, DTC SATA Representative

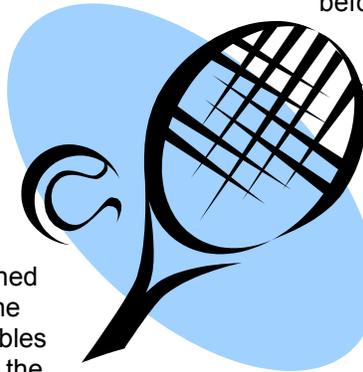


A SENSATIONAL SATA SPRING

The Davis men's and women's SATA teams met with great success this spring, and notably include two league champions and a play-off contender plus undefeated and top-ranked players. Who knows the respective teams better than their team captains, several of whom submitted season summaries with team highlights starting with the men....

THE FANTASTIC 4.0—The Men's Sunday Regular 4.0 6-person team had a good season, winning five straight after losing the opener to Gold River and possessing the best record going into the playoffs. In post-season play, we beat Laguna Creek the first week and again met Gold River in the final playoff. In singles we were 3-2 up at the time we started the doubles with one singles match still going on. This match finished with a win for Ron Reisner leaving us with one doubles match to win. Our first and third doubles pairs went down and the second pair started the third set with most of the team urging them on. The match came down to a tie breaker with everyone holding their breath (except the players). Unfortunately, Gold River took the day. Congratulations to Jeff Chale and Steve Shepps on their undefeated season in singles. -- Peter Pascoe

BETTER THAN RESPECTABLE--The Men's Sunday Regular 3.5 6-person team, a.k.a. the Respectables, may have started slowly but ended up giving the No. 1 team Gold River a good fight. With the team scores tied at 4-4, the Respectables' doubles team of Ryan Sharp and Tim Youmans took the deciding match to three sets



before Gold River prevailed. The Respectables finished the regular season in last place. All teams made the playoffs and our opponent was Gold River again. The Respectables lost 2-7 but had enough wins to place third overall. The Respectables are always looking for new recruits. Please email steven.asercion@gmail.com or Dennis Anderson at farful1@sbcglobal.net. --Steve Asercion

MACKERELS ENCOUNTER ROUGH SEAS—In contrast to past seasons, the Mackerels, Men's Sunday Regular 3.5 4-person team, finished sixth in the highly competitive nine-team SATA Men's 3.5 league. The Mackerels sprinted to a 4-1 record and appeared poised for yet another championship run but then dropped the final three closely contested matches to finish at 4-4. Whether this was due to senescence, improved competition or unfavorable SATA ratings is up for debate. The Mackerels are always on the lookout for fresh talent in search of strong upward potential. As a matter of fact, a fresh mackerel is always better. Contact Chris (753-2048) or John (757-7159) to explore Sunday morning fun starting in September. --Chris DeWees

DTC WOMEN'S WINNING WAYS

CAN'T GET ANY BETTER—The Saturday 4.0 regular team won the league in a decisive fashion with 7 wins and no losses. The team also had two undefeated players. Kelli O'Neill won all 8 of her matches and Carmen Schnathorst won all 6 times she played. Congratulations to everyone for their great focus and inspiring play! --Carolyn Teragawa

MORE PERFECTION—The Women's Tuesday Evening 8.5 Doubles were a perfect 8-0 led by Captain Kerry Spangler. Turning in undefeated records were Lan Huyn 8-0, Amanda Rose 7-0, Mei Wang 5-0 and Kelli O'Neil 3-0.

DOUBLE THE FUN—The Women's 9.0 Doubles Friday team finished in fourth place, winning four and losing four in a highly competitive season that had plenty of fun, three-set matches. Of the four wins, three were decisive 3-0 victories. Two players came within one win of earning an undefeated pin: Hideko Neches and Kelli O'Neil each had 5-1 records.—Mei Wang

MOVING ON UP—The Women's 7.0 Monday team finished with their best record to date since moving up to the 7.0 league, splitting the 8-game season 4 and 4. Players Ashley Michaud (7-1) and Margo Roeckl (4-1) cracked SATA's top 15 list and, of the 13 team members, 10 broke even or had winning records. Go team! We welcome new players and invite anyone interested in playing to contact the team captain at paleander@aol.com. --Peggy Leander

WAY TO GO WEGULARS—The Wednesday 3.5 Wegulars occupied the coveted median of the league with 4 wins and 4 losses. Although our play can be ir-wegular, we regularly have fun and we continue to meet for practice and lunch. If you are looking for a place to practice your singles and doubles, come out and practice with us on Wednesday mornings and consider joining our team in the fall. --Carolyn T.

COMPETITIVE LEAGUE—Some 14 teams competed in the Women's Monday Evening 4.0 Doubles. Susan Kauzlarich's 0-7 team had plenty of fun and battled hard.



MID-SEASON REPORT

USTA 3.5 WOMEN'S TEAM UPDATE—The USTA Women's team is about two-thirds of the way into the season with a total of 14 matches to be completed by mid-July. In spite of our current standing (1-9), we are "strung for fun"! We have over 20 women on the roster and we are making new friends and new partners. When the adult season ends, we will be looking forward to the combo league that starts in September. If you are interested, contact [Janine Carlson](#).



Marian Schlotterbeck warms up before her USTA match. She started an intra-club Summer Singles Women's Flex League which can be a model for DTC competitions in the future.

A LEAGUE OF OUR OWN

Tired of driving to Sacramento? I sure was! When the call went out for SATA Flex leagues this summer, I thought it would be fun to have a league of our own right here in Davis. In the inaugural season of the Davis Summer Singles Women's Flex League we have 13 players ranging from 3.0-3.5. To accommodate daytime and nights/weekend players, we play three lines Monday nights at the high school courts and two additional lines that are scheduled by the players. With a third of the season over, we currently have a four-way tie between the undefeated Janine Carlson, Joanne Brennan, Carolyn Teragawa, and Molly Allinder. Stay tuned for final league results! –Marian Schlotterbeck

RULES OF TENNIS

Reaching Over the Net

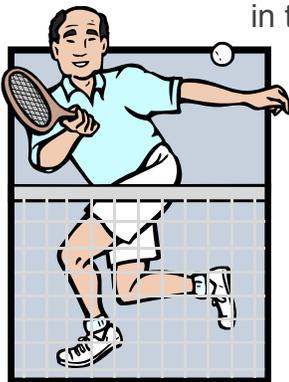
Sometimes the odd and the unusual happens on the court and calls for a ruling that is not in the shorthand version of the USTA

handbook you keep in your bag. Below is a rule clarification that addresses just such a situation. (Reprinted from the Northern California USTA website)

Q. "While playing a round robin doubles match, an opponent of mine reached over the net while returning a ball. The ball was on their side of the net, yet their racquet clearly was on my side during the return and follow-through. No contact was made to the net by player or racquet. The ball landed in and the point continued on. Is this automatically a lost point due to reaching over the net?" USTA Director of Officials Richard Kaufman responded.

Official Ruling

A player may break the plane of the net on a follow through from a shot as long as the ball was on that player's side of the court when the ball was struck. (The player can only reach over to play a ball in the situation stated in the paragraph below).



The player in either situation may not touch the net, or the opponent's court with anything he wears or carries or with any part of the body.

If the spin or wind brings the ball back over the net to the side of the player(s) who hit the shot, the opponent(s) may then reach over the net and play the ball. They may not touch the net or the opponent's court. This is the only situation when a player may reach over the net to play a ball. If the opponent does not play the ball and it bounces on the side of the player who hit the spin shot, that player who hit that shot wins the point.



COURTSIDE PROFILE

OUR TEXAS TOUR DE GRACE

When Grace Vaughn competes, she can be one part Southern Comfort and two parts Texas tornado. She charms with her easygoing manner and Houston drawl and then frustrates opponents with angled backhands and finessed drop shots. She may be 72 but, as with so many of DTC's tennis players, age doesn't really matter.

Grace moved to Davis after 20 years of teaching in Houston schools. As parents often do after retirement, she followed her children, who had moved here around 2001, to be closer to them and her grandchildren. It had been a long time since she'd played tennis regularly so she was nervous when she stepped onto the high school courts looking for a game in 2003. "Showing up for drop-in was the best move I made," she recalls. She was immediately welcomed and included in play, becoming a weekend regular and a DTC member. A year later she was elected to the DTC board and volunteered to chair membership.

Grace's love of tennis didn't begin with professional instructors at private clubs but with her older brother and her first boyfriend on public courts. "My brother and boyfriend were analytical. They learned how to play by studying a Jack Kramer tennis book and then taught me from the book," she said, adding, "I'm a good mimic. I just need to see what to do." She credits the Catholic schools she attended for the opportunities she had to play sports in an era when athletic girls were called tomboys and encouraged to do activities considered more ladylike. Softball was her primary sport for most of her school years. Tennis came later when a high school teacher signed her up for a tournament without telling her. "I knew nothing about it," Grace said, yet she made it to the finals.

Grace attended college, earning a degree in physical education from the University of Houston. She followed



this with service to the Catholic Church. Grace entered a convent and became a nun in an active order that taught religious education and took her to the Louisiana Bayou, New Orleans, Tucson and parts of Arizona. She described it as a Peace Corp experience that resulted in lifelong friendships but after six years she was ready to move on.

She began teaching in public schools and then married at age 31. Grace soon found herself the owner with her husband of a dairy farm in Kansas and the mother of two. After 11 years, they sold the farm and divorced. She

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moved back to Houston with her daughters and returned to teaching, this time at an inner city high school where she completed her career, retiring 16 years later at age 60.

Even though her service on the DTC board ended just over a year ago, she still keeps an eye on the courts and served most recently on the nominating committee. Right now she is nursing a sore knee but expects to be playing again soon. As with many players, Grace said that competing is not her priority so much as the socializing and the friendships off the courts. Considering how well liked she is by DTC members that would seem to be the case. On the other hand, opponents on the wrong end of one of her angled returns have good reason to think otherwise.

