



# BASELINE BULLETIN

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## Schedule of Events Winter 2014

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.

March 1—Spring Interclub begins

March 8-9—Broadstone Spring Fling for junior players. For more information, visit [sactennis.org](http://sactennis.org).

May 2—DTC Spring Social. Everyone welcome

May 16—Summer Interclub registration begins

May 31—Spring Interclub Season ends

## MEET THE PRESIDENT

### Kelli O'Neill Elected New DTC President

Kelli O'Neill is the newly elected DTC president, replacing long-serving board member Barry Markman. "Barry worked hard for the club and made certain that DTC's interests were represented at the city level," Kelli observed in praising his efforts. "Because he left the club so well organized, we are in an excellent position to work with the city on many of the issues important to our tennis community."



A high priority for Barry and now for Kelli is the repair of deteriorating public courts. She addresses this and proposed changes with DTC's city contract in her President's Message. At the time of this publication, a vote to approve moving forward on the new city contract was scheduled for the March 5 DTC meeting.

Kelli exudes an enthusiasm for tennis and for community service. Aside from serving as vice president of the tennis club the last two years, she is currently on three DTC team rosters and has served on many community boards over the years, including the Davis Bike Commission.

One volunteer stint in the late '80s resulted in a job and career in law enforcement when she was hired by the Yolo County District Attorney's office as an investigator. This, in turn, led to the DA's office assigning her to a computer hacking case that received national attention. "Two hackers out of Berkeley got into Tower Records' credit card database. The case became the first of its kind

in this region and was also the first to be federally prosecuted," Kelli recalled. Eventually, she was hired as a computer crimes investigator by the state Department of Justice and now, after retiring from the state, works for Hewlett Packard in its cyber security division.

"I am looking forward to meeting DTC members and working with the board on the various issues we must address in the coming months," she said. "We have many active members and I invite any and all to contribute ideas and energy to expand and improve our club."

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES AT WORK

The non-profit Davis Tennis Club is a USTA and SATA member. Your membership includes insurance for city court usage and eligibility for SATA adult interclub, USTA leagues and junior team tennis. It also supports court maintenance including nets, windscreens and squeegees, and supplements instructional programs, and other DTC-sponsored tournaments and social events. To join or renew, please go to [davistennisclub.org](http://davistennisclub.org).



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Davis Tennis Club is looking forward to an exciting new year with high hopes of bringing some much needed repairs to our courts around town. The DTC Board has been in negotiations with the City to work toward replacing the Walnut Courts in South Davis whose seismic craters have given way to beautiful foliage. While this is nice for parks and green belts, it doesn't really work for tennis surfaces. It probably goes without saying but this project will be a tremendous undertaking by all involved so the DTC will be looking toward the membership for much support in building the new complex. The Board has also inventoried the repairs needed on the various city courts and will work toward the goal of making these courts playable once again.



In keeping with our mission of promoting tennis in Davis and to develop programs to bring everyone out to the courts, DTC is in negotiations to take over the recreational lessons from the City and offer them through the Davis Tennis Academy. We will continue to offer drop-in tennis every other Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon and quarterly socials for all to enjoy. The club has meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. and invites everyone to attend. We are always looking for new ideas to make our club better than it already is so please join us in making a difference.

Speaking of club meetings, we are in search of someone to serve as Vice President. What does a VP do you ask? First, thanks for asking, and second, a VP attends the monthly two-hour meetings as a voting member of the Board. It is also the VP's job to fill in as President in my absence which means presiding over and running a meeting. If you are interested in the position and have questions simply send me an email at [president@davistennisclub.org](mailto:president@davistennisclub.org) and I will get back to you with open arms.

I'm excited about the New Year and see good things on the horizon for all that is right and relevant to tennis in Davis. Barry Markman, the outgoing board President, has organized the club and left us in a great position to continue to build on his solid foundation—a theme I hope to see transferred to the courts in our fair city this year of 2014.

--Kelli O'Neill  
DTC President

### FIT AND FAIR Online Resources

Whether you are looking for ways to improve your conditioning and your strokes or you want to know more about the rules of tennis, there are free online resources to help you.

The USTA has a treasure trove of online offerings that include answers to questions about tennis rules of the court, advice from fellow players, and instruction videos through its Improve Your Game program. Go to [www.usta.com/Improve-Your-Game/?intloc=headernav](http://www.usta.com/Improve-Your-Game/?intloc=headernav).

Don't forget YouTube. Go to YouTube.com, enter a description of your interest, and you will find video help that ranges from free serving tips from Novak Djokovic to instruction for beginner, intermediate and advance players.

Although it is a commercial website, Essential Tennis has video instructions that are free and of good quality. Go to <http://www.essentialtennis.com>.

There are, of course, many, many more helpful sites that are accessible whatever your search engine. Simply go online and explore--it's free and it's fun.

