

Newsletter for June 2014:

President's Message:

This past month has been full of activity both on and off the courts. There was an old and new officer communication meeting held at the lovely home of Elise and Cliff Polston (THANK YOU). At that meeting we collectively expressed what we like about our club (what works), and what we want to improve. It was good to find out that what we are doing we should continue to do such as tournaments and get-aways. On the other side we should get more challenging tennis, and enforce our rules and etiquette. So for this coming year these two goals will be the focus of your Board of Directors attention. So be prepared for changes. They have already started. Just remember your Board will have your best interest at heart when these changes get implemented, so please do your part to make these changes work, as well as give the Board your constructive criticism if they don't work for you.

Please read the sections below because they have details of all the things going on.

Chad Clanton our contact at the Tustin Park District was notified that one of our door clamps is so misaligned that the door can't be closed anymore. He saw the problem and agreed to have that fixed. If you see anything defective at or near our courts, especially if it is a safety issue, please inform a Board member.

HELP: We need one or two big, tall and handsome men to take down our banner that is hung on the Magnolia Tree Court fence. It has been up there for about two years and is starting to get shabby looking being full of dirt and mildew. This banner needs to be cleaned with bleach and re-hung high on this fence wall so it looks more respectable. Please call me at 714-244-0352 if you would like to help with this project.

Tony Toth

Sunshine:

I'm pleased to let you know that Donna Martinoff, who had teeth and elbow injuries on the day of our picnic is doing well, and hopefully she will start playing tennis again soon. Also Doug Dyer has recently completed a hospital stay for heart issues, and is still handicapped with shingles and cancer issues. All of us are wishing you well Don, and hope to see you at the courts some time if only to say hi.

Membership Application:

During our June Board Meeting we made substantive changes to the Membership Application form. One such change was the elimination of prospective members getting a free day to play with our club. The Board has experienced several issues in the past that makes the logistics awkward to handle. Consequently anyone showing up from now on at the courts to play during our reserved times needs to be a member of the Tustin Tennis Club. Prospective members are welcome to watch us play, see our level of play and see how we do things before deciding to join our club or not.

NOTE: Our new membership year starts September 1st. Anyone that has submitted their membership renewal will need to complete the new Membership Application form. Starting in August please mail your signed and initialed Membership Application and fee to Huw Christopher. This form is available on our web site tustintennisclub.org.

Ball Machine Access:

Some new members may not be aware that we own a ball machine. Availability of this ball machine is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during our regular reserved times at Magnolia Tree Courts. We have two people (Greer Fan 714-508-0191 and Rose D'Esposito 714-838-4967) who have access keys to this ball machine that must be contacted 24 hours in advance if access to this machine is desired. They will assist you in pulling the ball machine from its storage room, help you set it up on court one, and help you lock it up properly again when done. Cleaning up and returning the ball machine into storage is the responsibility of the person requesting the use of the machine regardless of who else practices with it.

All members are encouraged to take advantage of this club resource to help improve their game.

May 16th, 2014 Communication Meeting Feedback:



Fourteen current and former officers of TTC were present at this meeting. Each had the opportunity to mention what they like about the Tustin Tennis Club, and also what they want to get at some time. Everyone voted on each comment to categorize it as HIGH or LOW importance, and if it is something to Keep or something we should Get.

The things we currently do that were of HIGH importance were:

- Keep the Get-a-Ways
- Keep tennis playing times in the mornings during the week
- Keep annual picnic
- Keep club dues low
- Keep the Christmas party

- Keep Friday evening tennis
- Keep good court rules
- Keep Newsletter
- Keep changing players between matches
- Keep Web site
- Keep getting e-mail messages
- Keep sending new-member welcome messages
- Keep having insurance

On the other side the items below were voted HIGH importance that we should Get:

- Organize a Men's and Women's ladder tournament
- Get at least one court for players rated above 3 or 3.5
- Enforce more consistently our rules/etiquette on players who consistently break them
- Our who-gets-to-play-next rule should be more consistently enforced
- Enforce written rules per USTA and TTC
- Clean tennis court club banner and court signs

In addition the items below were voted LOW importance that we should Get:

- Get a Challenge Court that works
- Organize a visit to the next BNP Tourney – March 9-22-2015 at Indian Wells
- Get a tennis pro once in a while to offer lessons
- Have Board meetings at the Magnolia Tree Park for more member participation
- Have a Halloween party

As you can see there are a few generalities that can be construed from this survey. My first conclusion is that the various things the club currently offers are satisfying the membership expectations and should not be eliminated. But more work is needed in the areas of:

1. Offering more challenging tennis opportunities for better players
2. Enforce our current rules and etiquette

So now this provides a clear goal for our Board and members for this next club year. With your help, constructive suggestions and participation we should have no problem implementing these two changes.

Calendar of Events:

Your Board has made a calendar of events for all of this coming year thru May 2015. It will be posted in our bulletin board at the courts as well as on our club web site when finalized. So check your calendar and this calendar and make your plans accordingly.

Summer Fun in San Clemente:

Rose D'Esposito's has kindly offered her place in San Clemente on August 17th for tennis get together. She will send out more details specifically where and what time. It will be a pot-luck type of get together. Contact Rose for more details at 714-838-4967.

Casa Via Mar:

Chris Andres is in charge of get-aways. The next one at Casa Via Mar is scheduled for September 12-14. So save that date. We will be sending out a flyer soon that will give you all the details. Remember if you want to compete for prizes at our get-aways you must be checked into the hotel by September 12th.

Tennis Rules:

Here is a rule you should be familiar with. A ball comes flying into your midsection. You pull your racquet in and the ball careens high back over the net. Your opponent catches the ball claiming it had bounced off your body, but you were certain it deflected off your racquet handle. In this case your opponent can argue all he/she wants, but it is still your call. It was a good return and your opponent lost the point by catching the ball. A ball returned by hitting any part of the racquet is legal as long as the ball does not touch your hand, body or clothing.

Picture of the Month:

Please send pictures of interesting things going on in your life like places you have been, or new members to your family. Here is a picture of Montmorency waterfall in Quebec Canada taken by Greer Fan on her vacation in May.



Humor:

Four worms and a lesson to be learned!!!!

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol Dead.

The second worm in cigarette smoke. . Dead!

Third worm in chocolate syrup . . . Dead!

Fourth worm in good clean soil. . Alive...!

So the Minister asked the congregation,

"So, my friends? What did you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine, sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said . . .



"As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

That pretty much ended the service!

Today is International Disturbed People's Day.