



CLUB NEWS & MEMBER VIEWS

The Newsletter of the Tustin Tennis Club

October/November, 2016



"Notes from Neil..."

(From Neil Sherman, Club President)

Hello All,

Membership renewal period is over, with a current total of 72 members. As of Oct. 1, only paid members will be allowed to play and enjoy all other club activities including our newsletters. If you don't remember whether you paid or not, contact Allan Gallera.

The new play rules addressing waiting time on crowded courts, along with the current calendar are now posted on the website. The budget was also approved. Interested members can contact Ishwar Chander to get a copy.

The Friday night tournaments are underway. Each night the play format may change depending on the number of players showing up. Please be on time. If you arrive late, you may not be able to be accommodated due to the play format in effect for that night. The Board is considering providing Pizza for at least 8 players, on a first come, first serve basis. This hasn't started as of Oct. 7, but may start soon. Contact Ishwar to let him know if you plan to attend each Friday night.

You may have noticed that Magnolia Park has been mowed and blowed on Wednesdays during play. The Parks and Recreation department has been notified and hope to rearrange the mowing schedule. It may take a couple of weeks to fix. Please be patient.

I hope my reminder last month about the ticketing on Mondays hasn't restrained you from playing. Usually you can beat the street sweeper if you park after 9:00am. Sweep marks alongside the curb is usually a sign that it has passed. Afterwards there is plenty of time to get a lot of tennis in. However, still keep an eye out to make sure the sweeper didn't start late. If you see it coming toward where you parked, grab your key and move.

As noted in the Oct. Board mtg. minutes, included in this newsletter, the Board is looking into ways of attracting younger, more competitive members. If we are successful, we should be able to revive our getaways, inter-club tournaments, and ladders. Some thoughts being considered are included in the meeting minutes. Hopefully we will attract members who are able and will volunteer for the board and chair positions in future years.

Again, please don't throw balls back to the other team without making sure someone on the other team knows it is coming. It isn't safe or courteous, and may speed up play.

The Acers have started their season. Next Monday evening they will be hosting the tournament at our courts at Magnolia Tree Park, 6:30PM. Hopefully, the lights will be on. I've asked the city to start lighting earlier because it is dark at least ½ an hour before the lights turn on. Hopefully I'll know before this week is out. For those interested in seeing the Acers play, I hope to place first half schedule in a future newsletter.

As noted last month, we have a Members page where any member can provide and share an article that could be of interest to the general membership. If you feel you have a general interest article, feel free to compose it and email to me. Please keep the article, including any photos, to a page or less.

Hope you enjoyed the tennis quiz last month. We included another one this month.

That is all for this month. See you on the courts.

Stay hydrated and enjoy our great California Autumn tennis weather.

Neil
President-TTC

2016-2017 TTC CLUB CALENDAR

MONTH/Date	LOCATION	ACTIVITIES	Action
JUNE 6/16 11:00am	Courtside	Renew Cal. Non-profit status	Treasurer
JULY 7/8 11:00am	Pres. House	Board Mtg	
AUGUST 8/5 10:30am	Tustin Ranch Golf	Board Mtg Start membership renewal Update website content	Membership Neil/Roy
SEPT. 9/1		Membership renewal deadline	Membership
9/2/2016		Website Hosting Renewal	Treasurer
9/9 10:30am		TRG Board Meeting	
9/16/16 6:30PM		Fall team tennis start	Tournament
OCT. 10/7 10:30am	Neil's house	Board Meeting	
10/17 6:30pm	Magnolia Tree Park	Acers home game	
10/24 6:30pm	MTP	Acers home game	
NOV. 11/4 10:30am	Chris's house	Board Meeting	
11/28 6:30pm	MTP	Acers home game	
DEC. 12/2 10:30am		Renew USTA insurance	Ishwar/Chris
12/2/2016	Citrus Cafe	TTC Christmas Party	Nancy
JAN. 2017 1/6 10:30am		Board Meeting	
FEB. 2/3 10:30am		Board Meeting Spring team tennis plan/sign-up Tournament	
MARCH 3/3 10:30am		Board Meeting Select Nominating Committee Board USTA membership renewal	Treasurer
3/6 6:30pm	MTP	Acers	
3/20 6:30pm	MTP	Acers	
APRIL 4/1 10:30am		Board Meeting	

4/10 6:30pm	MTP	Acers
4/17 6:30pm	MTP	Acers
4/24 6:30pm	MTP	Acers
MAY 5/1 6:30pm	MTP	Acers
5/8 6:30pm	MTP	Acers
Sat. 5/7		Picnic board mtg, new officers Social Chair
JUNE 6/2		Federal and CA tax filings Treasurer
6/2		Board Meeting
6-Jun		Renew P.O. Box Treasurer
July 7		Jul Board Meeting
7-Jul		Tustin Acer Membership renewal (Good till 2017) Treasurer

TUSTIN TENNIS CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: October 7, 2016

Venue: Neil's House

Attendees:

Board: Neil Sherman, Ishwar Chander, Chris Andres,
Chairpersons: Nancy Amante, Tom Ly, Bernie Miller

Meeting called to order at 10:40am.

The Board approved the September Minutes.

BOARD REPORTS

President: The Calendar and play rules are now posted on the web-site.

Neil asked the city if they could change the grass cutting from Wednesdays back to Tuesday's again. In the next 2 weeks there should be a change.

Neil will remind the members that on Mondays there will be no parking tickets from the police if we park by the courts once the street cleaning is done. Members can also park across Walnut St. and play earlier.

Neil is working with Roy to get all club pertinent information to update the web-site.

Budget/Membership: As of September we have 71 members.
Our balance is \$3,575. The approved budget is available to members if requested.

Tournament Director: Friday evening tennis has started.

CHAIRPERSONS

Social events: Nancy and Sallie will check cost and dates for the Christmas Party.
Neil thanked Nancy for a good job for the Board and Chairpersons' appreciation luncheon.

Photographer: Tom will continue to gather photos of members for placement in the Newsletter, website or on the bulletin board.

Club Equipment: Bernie will check our equipment and estimate the value. These are assets of the TTC and their current value will be carried in the budget. An amount to either fix or replace these assets will be added to the Reserve line item.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Bernie has some Club cards that can be used for one free tennis day of play with the club. The cards are placed by the entrances to courts 1 and 2. If the courts are very busy, guests will stop play at the end of their match and relinquish the court to members.

Our organization is getting older and less involved. As a result, Neil would like some suggestions on how to attract younger more competitive and active players to join the club. One suggestion was a 'Meet-Up' like tennis on a Saturday afternoon when the club has reserved, but unused time, on the courts. Individuals would have to be a level 3.0-4.0 players. They would be required to join the club for our \$25 annual membership fee. They could also join with the family memberships fees as well. We are also looking into expanding our family memberships to attract families with older dependents to participate in our events. This discussion will be part of our OLD BUSINESS discussions at the next board meeting.

Board Meeting times: Changing the time of the current board meetings to not overlap with tennis plan on MWF was discussed. It was decided that we should keep the same time on Friday at 10:30am.

Friday Evening Tennis: It was suggested that we have food along with the tennis. This might encourage more members to come play and socialize.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40am.

The next meeting will be 10:30am, Friday, November 6, at Chris' house.

Submitted by Chris Andres, Secretary

Tennis Quiz *(Correct Quiz Answers shown at end of Newsletter, at Page 8.)*

Tennis Quiz 3

1. Which backhand's contact point with the ball is typically 18 inches in front of the other backhand?

- One Handed 1a
- Two Handed 1b
- No Handed :) 1c
- None of the above 1d

2. In doubles, if one of your opponents is one the deuce side on the baseline returning a shot where is the strongest position for you and your partner to be?

- Deuce side at net, ad side at baseline 2a
- Ad side at net, deuce side at baseline 2b
- Both at net 2c
- Both at baseline 2d

3. If you are playing a serve and volley player, where is your best option for a return of serve of the following choices?

- Lob 3a
- Drop shot 3b
- Hit the ball at their chest 3c
- Hit the ball at their feet 3d

4. If you hit an approach shot down the line on your opponent's ad side of the court where should you stand at the net to prepare to hit the volley?

- In the center of the court 4a
- Slightly to the right of the center of the court 4b
- Slightly to the left of the center of the court 4c
- None of the above 4d

5. What is more likely to make you hit a serve into the net?

- Tossing the ball to far out in front 5a
- Tossing the ball slightly backwards 5b

- Not using enough spin 5c.
- All of the above 5d

Quiz answers below (end of Newsletter). Good luck!

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7/8 11:00am Pres. House Board Mtg

8/5 10:30am Tustin Ranch Golf Start membership renewal Alan

renew website Neil/Roy

9/9 10:30am TRG Board Meeting
Membership renewal deadline 9/1 Alan

9/16/16 6:30 PM Magnolia tree courts Fall team tennis start Cliff

10/7 10:30am Elsie/Cliff Polston Board Meeting
Plan for Christmas party Nancy

11/4 10:30am Board Meeting

12/2 10:30am Board Meeting
Renew USTA insurance Ishwar/Chris

12/2/2016 Christmas Party Nancy

1/6 2017 10:30am Board Meeting

2/3 10:30am Board Meeting
Spring team tennis plan/sign-up Cliff

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3/3 10:30am

Board Meeting

Board

Select Nominating Committee

4/7 10:30am

Annual TTC Picnic plan

Sallie

Sat. 6/6

Picnic board mtg, new officers

Sallie

Renew P.O. Box

Ishwar

Correct Answers for Tennis Quiz 3 (from P.6)

Tennis Quiz 3 Answers

We hope you did well on Quiz 3, here are the answers.

1. Which backhand's contact point with the ball is typically 18 inches in front of the other backhand?

Answer: "A" - One Handed Backhand

2. In doubles, if one of your opponents is on the deuce side on the baseline returning a shot where is the strongest position for you and your partner to be?

Answer: "C" - Both at net

3. If you are playing a serve and volley player, where is your best option for a return of serve of the following choices?

Answer: "D" - Hit the ball at their feet

4. If you hit an approach shot down the line on your opponent's ad side of the court where should you stand at the net to prepare to hit the volley?

Answer: "B" - Slightly to the right of the center of the court

5. What is more likely to make you hit a serve into the net?

Answer: "A" - Tossing the ball to far out in front

How to Hit The Perfect Lob

Posted by [Southern California Tennis News](#) on October 11, 2016 in [Improve Your Game, Newsletter](#)

There are different types of lobs: offensive, defensive, underspin, topspin, good, bad, in & out.

You must first master the underspin lob that you can do at any time, whether you are on the run, or in a balanced position.



This is done with a continental grip. The backswing is much smaller than a regular groundstroke, the main ingredient in this shot is that you must hit the “bottom” of the ball, not the back of the ball. Therefore, you may have to bend your knees a little more to help hitting the “bottom, or underneath” of the ball. Your wrist and elbow stay fairly straight as you lift under the ball toward to the sky.



Think of your arm as an elevator starting at the bottom floor, and going up to the 7th floor. You do not need any other follow-through on this shot. People miss this long, because they try to follow through over their shoulder, or they miss short because they did not **contact** the ball in front of their body.



The **contact** point for the forehand or the backhand is exactly the same as the ground strokes, but less backswing, and less follow through. The follow through is where the racquet strings should be facing the sky when you're done with the shot. Master this shot, and frustrate your opponents to death!

By [Mary Pat Faley](#), Director of Tennis at Riviera Tennis Club

Have a great Halloween everyone. The weather should be great for California Fall Tennis!



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