



CLUB NEWS & MEMBER VIEWS

The Newsletter of the Tustin Tennis Club

September/October, 2016

"Notes from Neil..." (From Neil Sherman, Club President)



Hello All,

Well summer is officially over. Like last month, only the hot July weather reduced the number of players coming for the MWF morning games. All Courts were playing, but no overcrowding this past month.

Membership renewal has been very successful, with 70 members already signed up, including 7 new members. Everyone should have received the multiple emails from Allan to renew. He has done a great job assuring everyone has been alerted. Though you can

renew anytime during the year, at the end of September, we will reissue our membership list with only paid-up members listed will be allowed.

The new play rules addressing the way we handle waiting time on crowded courts, listed in last month's newsletter, is now being incorporated into our website.

Cliff started up the Friday night tournament get together. The first event was held on Sept. 16. Ten members showed up. Would like to get more people, expand the event. Everyone plays. If you plan to be there, please contact Cliff before the event.

Our September Board meeting addressed our budget and calendar. Both were reviewed and approved. The updated calendar is included in this newsletter. If interested, the budget will be available for review in about a week. Ask me or Ishwar, if you want to see one.

The next Board meeting is still set for the first Friday in October, but the location is changed, but not selected as yet. If you want to attend, email me and I will let you know when it is selected.

From a safety perspective, please don't throw balls back to the other team without making sure someone on the other team knows it is coming. I saw an instance the other day when the ball stopped within a foot of another player, and they didn't know it was there.

Fortunately they didn't step on the ball before someone brought their attention to it. It isn't safe or courteous.

Finally, to make the newsletter more interesting, we will add 2 new items to the newsletter. One is 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 it 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. If you haven't yet, renew your membership, get your own personal first aid kit, and see you on the courts.

Stay hydrated.

Neil
President-TTC

TTC CLUB RULES & ETIQUETTE

As adopted by the Tustin Tennis Club Board

NOTICE FROM THE TTC BOARD

All members are required to follow the Rules of Play and Tennis Etiquette. Continued disregard to fair application of the rules and courteous play could result in a member's removal from the club. Club members should report violations to a Board member the same day it occurs. These rules apply to MWF morning play. Courteous play is always required.

PLAYING RULES.

1. RULES: The Tustin Tennis Club will follow the latest edition of USTA rules. The pertinent document is titled "Friend of Court: The USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations", and may be found on-line at <http://www.usta.com/Improve-Your-Game/Rules/?intloc=headernavsub>

The pertinent section to focus on in this document is Part 2 THE CODE, which is particularly applicable to most of our club's activities. The following rules are clarifications to the USTA rules that are specific to the Tustin Tennis Club mixed doubles play format Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning.

2. PLAY FORMAT: Teams will switch to opposite ends of the court after every 4 games, and the set is concluded after one team wins 5 games.

3. PLAY PRIORITY SYSTEM:

a. Members may wait to play on one occupied court by placing their name on the Queue Board for that court with position 1 being first and position 4 being last.

b. In addition two consenting players, not currently playing on any other court, who are both present at the courts, may pair together by placing both names in the last available position on one Queue Board.

4. TRANSITION AFTER A SET: The winning team:

a. May stay on the court after a set is completed, taking on the next two waiting players,

b. Must split up the winning team,

i) After winning two consecutive sets and waiting players are not paired,

ii) With losing team if there are no waiting players,

c. May have one winner vacate the court,

d. May have both winners vacate the court.

5. SCORING: At a 3-3 tie the receiving team shall choose which person will receive the serve. This may be a man or a woman. It does not matter whether the server is a man or a woman.

6. WAITING RULE: When there are at least 2 people waiting on all courts, the waiting rule comes into effect on the first court that has more than 2 people waiting. As succeeding courts have more than 2 people waiting, the waiting rule becomes effective on those courts. On those courts where the "waiting rule" is in effect, all 4 people must come off that court only at the end of the match. If only 3 people are waiting, one member of the winning team will rejoin the new players. This rule remains in effect on those courts as long as 3 or more players are waiting. This is to have less time waiting to play when the courts are crowded.

7. 2 MINUTE RULE: If 2 or more members are having a disagreement on the court and delaying play, they must resolve it within 2 minutes. If they can't resolve their disagreement, they must both leave the court. Disagreements between members are not to delay play of playing or waiting members. If this occurs, the first waiting players will enter the court and start a new match.

ETIQUETTE

WHAT IS SOCIAL TENNIS?

Social tennis simply means that the scores do not count as opposed to competitive tennis. There will be no awards, prizes or presentations. It is a fun game with friends that are able and willing to play tennis. Social tennis does not mean that the Rules of Etiquette are thrown out because 'this is just social tennis'.

Below are some tennis etiquette rules that will help on the courts. These rules are nothing more than common courtesy and respect shown by you to your fellow players. The officers of the club shall enforce these rules, and club members violating these rules repeatedly shall have their membership withdrawn in accordance with Tustin Tennis Club Bylaws.

TENNIS ETIQUETTE FOR ALL: Observe the following rules and insist that others do the same.

1. COURT ACCESS:

1a. ENTERING: Wait outside the court for the game to finish or at least the point. Announce your presence, close the rear gate then go quickly to the bench. Do not talk or interrupt a game while waiting outside the court or entering the court to sit down.

1b. EXITING: If there is a game in play, wait till a point has been played before you quickly walk out of your court through the **Rear Gate**. The only time the center gate may be used is if the court you are leaving and the court you are going to have both stopped play.

2. BALL RETRIEVAL.

2a. AFTER FIRST SERVE: If your opponent's first serve is out:

Pick up the ball near your side if it could be tripped on. Pocket it. Do this quickly. Leave it if the ball does not pose a hazard. Do not throw it back to your opponent.

2b. AFTER SECOND SERVE: Quickly pick up all the balls on your side before the next point is played. Gently hit the ball to the serving side while making certain the opponents are ready to receive the balls from you. Return the balls as close as you can to the server.

3. BALLS: Bring a can of new balls and a can of warm-up balls to all tennis matches.

4. SERVICE CALLS: The receiving team should make best judgment calls of "out" immediately after the serve. The serving team should not protest the calls, either by speech or by manner.

5. SERVING:

5a. The server must be certain the receiver is ready before serving.

5b. Prior to serving the server announces the game score loudly enough to be heard by the receiving team.

6. CHALLENGING A COURT:

6a. When challenging a court never use a tag/chain/keys or paper that does not have your name on it.

6b. Remove your name from the court's Queue Board waiting hooks before you start playing on another court.

7. BEHAVIOR:

7a. Don't coach or criticize on the court

7b. Avoid getting angry with your teammate or your opponent, and exhibit good sportsmanship throughout a match.

7c. Don't display your own disappointment physically in any manner.

7d. Social interactions can lead to wanted as well as unwanted advances. Bluntly rebuke undesired persistent advances, and get a club officer involved immediately.

7e. Spectators must keep their conversations quiet while a game on that court is in progress.

7f. Any player leaving the court during a game will be replaced by a waiting player.

7g. When a player in waiting comes in to replace an outgoing player for any reason:

a. If the replacement takes place before the end of the 4th game, the match in progress will restart from the beginning;

b. If the substitute comes in after the 4th game, the match in progress will continue till the end. However, the substitute will keep their position at the head of the waiting line.

7h. Strictly "No Smoking" on the courts. All smoking is prohibited on TTC Courts.

8. CELL PHONES: Turn off your cell phone while on a court. However if you neglect to do this, and you answer a phone call, get off the court immediately. The next person waiting to play will take your place. The person answering their phone will go to the end of the waiting line.

9. TIMELINESS: If there is one or more player waiting to play, then courtesy demands the playing teams complete their match in a timely manner.

9a. TWO MINUTE RULE: Any acts such as extended warm up time, social chatter, between game rest periods, restroom breaks, equipment repair, not ready to play when it is one's turn to play, etc. shall be less than 2 minutes unless there is a medical emergency (This excludes medical conditions such as weakness, dizziness, shortness of breath, aching

joints, etc.). If the act takes longer than 2 minutes the player or players waiting to play shall immediately replace the person(s) creating the delay when demanded by a playing team member or club officer. If the 2 minute rule is violated, then the player violating the rule goes to the end of the waiting line.

9b. Relinquish the court promptly after completing a match.

10. BENCH SEATING: Bench seating, when provided on a court, is to be vacated promptly so members of the playing teams on that court can rest between games.

11. NON-MEMBERS: If you see a new face on or near the courts, politely ask if they are a member of TTC. And if they are not, ask if they would want to stay and watch our play format or if they want to fill out a membership form (located near Court One display box). If they don't want to apply for membership or watch, politely inform them of the times the courts are reserved for TTC, the location of the posted sign listing the reserved times, and ask them to vacate the court as soon as possible.

Approved by TTC Board – February 6, 2015

TUSTIN TENNIS CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: August 5, 2016

Venue: Tustin Golf Club

Attendees:

Board: Neil Sherman, Ishwar Chander, Chris Andres

Officers: Irene Zaleski, Allen Galera

Meeting called to order at 10:30.

The Board approved the July Minutes.

BOARD REPORTS

PRESIDENT

Tournament position: The Board voted Cliff Polston to take the position of tournament Director.

Cliff is looking for 2 members to help him run our Friday night tournaments, and help reestablish inter-club tournaments with other clubs. This was done in the past and provided a more competitive environment for our better players. As with all the clubs activities, the Tustin Acers are all eligible to participate in these events as well. Allen will check the new Membership forms to see if there are any members who expressed a willingness to help in club activities. Allen will send those Membership forms to Cliff.

Appreciation Luncheon: Nancy will organize the lunch to thank the last year's outgoing and the current incoming Board and Officers.

Board meeting attendance: As was done in the past, the club will budget an allowance to help defray the cost of the refreshments for the attendees, if the funds are available.

Budget change: The Budget cycle will be changed to September 1– August 31 each year. This will provide any new board elected in May, an approved budget allocation to start with, and carry the funds through the membership renewal period.

TREASURER

The application and fees for the Tustin Acers team, was sent to Sundowners League. An Appreciation Luncheon line item will be added to the budget for visibility. State Taxes have been paid: \$25 per year. The club's annual calendar will be annotated to identify the specific dates when taxes, club membership fees, insurance fees, etc. are required.

CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

SUNSHINE-Irene Zaleski

Steve's hand is recovering very slowly. Irene has contacted him several times.

MEMBERSHIP-Allen Galera

In this first week, 25 people have already signed up for this year. At the end of last year we had 81 members. Allen will contact the Tustin Acers to make sure they all get their membership dues in before the Sept. 1 cutoff date.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion: The 3 present Board members discussed and passed the new rule changes.

1. When, at the end of a match, if any single court has more than 2 players waiting, all the players on that court will go off, and the first 4 waiting players will start a new match. If there are only 3 players waiting, 2 of the defeated players will leave along with 1 of the winning players. The winning players decide among themselves who continues to play.
2. Any disputes on a court, whether during a match, or at the start of a match must be resolved within 2 minutes. Any player(s) holding up play for more than the 2 minutes must relinquish the court and return to the waiting area at the back of the waiting line.

Roy Alveyra will modify the web-site to incorporate these changes.

Budget and Calendar: The Board meeting in Sept. will address and approve both items after discussion. The budget discussions will only be open to the Board and Chairpersons.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board will review a special membership request for consideration. This will be addressed during the next Board Meeting.

It was suggested that we consider purchasing T-shirts with the clubs name and logo on the front. This was done a few years ago, and there appeared to be enough interested members. We will see if there still is enough interest in doing so. Allen Galera will contact Bernie Miller coordinating this task.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

The next meeting will be Friday, September 11, at the Tustin Golf Club at 10:30am. This is the second Friday of the month, so as not to interfere with Labor Day weekend.

Submitted by Chris Andres

Secretary

Tennis Quiz (*Correct Quiz Answers shown at end of Newsletter*)

1. If your opponent hits a first serve and the ball hits you in the leg before it bounces, what should happen?

Your point 1a

Your opponent's point 1b

Opponent hits a second serve 1c

Opponent is disqualified 1d

2. If your opponent hits a ball so far out of the court that it is going to hit the back wall/fence and you catch the ball before it lands whose point is it?

Your Point 2a

President Obama's point 2b

Your opponent's point 2c

Tennis4you's point 2d

3. If you are in the middle of a great point and the court next to you hits a ball into your court what happens?

Continue the point 3a

You call a let 3b

Your opponent calls a let 3c

Any of the above, it is up to you

And your opponent. 3d

4. How many times in one point can your opponent hit a serve that's a let?

4 4a

5 4b

6 4c

As many as it takes 4d

5. If you hit a very angled cross-court shot and your opponent gets to the shot, hits the ball and it goes around the outside of the net post and into the court and you don't touch the ball, who's point is it?

Your point 5a

Nobody's point 5b

Your opponent's point 5c

Replay the point 5d

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

2016-2017 TTC CLUB CALENDAR

BOARD MTG.	LOCATION	ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBLE
6/16 11:00am	Courtside	Renew Cal. Non-profit status	Ishwar
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
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

1. If your opponent's hits a first serve and the ball and it hits you in the leg before it even bounces, what should happen?

Answer: "B" - Your opponent's point

2. If you are 8 feet behind the service line and your opponent hits a ball so far out of the court that it is going to hit the back wall/fence and you catch the ball before it lands whose point is it?

Answer: "C" - Your opponent's point

3. If you are in the middle of a great point and the court next to you hits a ball into your court what happens?

Answer: "D" - Any of the above, it is up to you and your opponent..

4. How many times in one point can your opponent hit a serve that's a let?

Answer: "D" - As many as it takes

5. If you hit a very angled shot and your opponent gets to the shot and hits the ball and it goes around the outside of the net post and into the court and you don't touch the ball, who's point is it?

Answer: "C" - Your opponent's point

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

