Pleasant Hill Tennis Club

March - April 2018

Save The Dates

Sunday, Mar. 4th ……Mixer

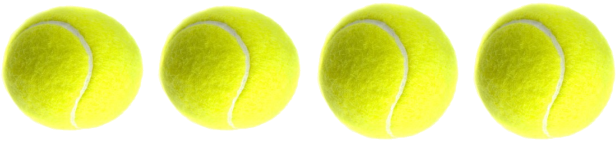
Tuesday, Mar. 6th ……Board Meeting

Saturday, Mar. 10th……...Mixer

Saturday, Mar. 17th…St. Pat's Tourney

Sunday, Mar. 18th ……Mixer

Saturday, Mar. 24th……...Mixer



Sunday, Apr. 1st ……Easter Mixer

Tuesday, Apr. 3rd…….Board Meeting

Saturday, Apr. 7th……Mixer

Sunday, Apr. 15th……..……..Mixer

Saturday, Apr. 21st……..……..Mixer

Sunday, Apr. 29th……..……..Mixer

President's Message

As the 2018 calendar year began we were extremely fortunate to secure the volunteer services of Mary Akli as the new PHTC Board Secretary! She resides with her family in Pleasant Hill. She took up the game of tennis 3 years ago when she joined the PHTC. She has been a valuable PHTC member by assisting with the Annual Holiday Party and Captaining USTA teams.

Fun Mixers continue to be attended by many members. There has been a mix of young, middle-aged and senior participants ranging in skill level from beginner to USTA 4.0 rated (see page 3).

The After School Tennis Program is about to begin another successful Spring session sponsored by the PHTC (see page 4).

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament is fast approaching (see flyer after page 6).

The 2018 USTA Winter League season has commenced! Eight (8) teams are competing in the Winter season. (See pages 5, 6).

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Did You Know?

Have you ever had a dispute with a fellow player over a call on the court that you couldn't settle? Maybe you're just curious about how some scenarios, from the common to the ridiculous, are resolved.

Question: In the middle of my match, I hurt my shoulder and the normal serving motion really hurt. I didn't want to retire so I started serving underhand. My opponent said serving underhand isn't allowed. I disagreed. Who is correct?

Answer: Great thinking! We should call you Michael Chang. He famously won the 1989 French Open after defeating Ivan Lendl in a five-set battle using an underhand serve. Although unconventional, the rules allow for it. As long as the ball is hit with the racquet prior to hitting the ground, it doesn't matter if it was released in an upward or downward motion.

Rule from Friend at Court under the ITF Rules of Tennis #16 The Service.

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Pleasant Hill Tennis Club

Pleasant Hill Tennis Club is an organization sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District (PHR&PD). It was formed in the early 1970's by a small group of tennis enthusiasts and currently boasts about **218** individual and family memberships and steadily increasing. The Club is incorporated, non-profit and fully member-supported. Club members volunteer their time to serve on the Board, maintain the courts, lead tournaments and Fun Mixers and captain USTA league teams. For members, the club offers weekly fun mixers, monthly tournaments, this bi-monthly newsletter, a website and competitive USTA League teams. 2017 dues are $60 per year for individual memberships and $75 for family memberships. Tournament Fees are generally $10 per player if pre-paid ($12 if not).

The six courts we currently use are located on the campus of Pleasant Hill Middle School; 1 Santa Barbara Road. Over the years, the Club has provided maintenance, nets and windscreens, and shared the costs of resurfacing with the school district and PHR&PD. We currently hold all of our USTA league matches at Pleasant Hill Middle School and at College Park High School, 201 Viking Dr, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

USTA League

Members only. Men's, Women's, mixed, seniors and super-senior leagues form and play throughout the year. Watch for announcements in this newsletter and contact the captain for information and procedures. To volunteer to captain a team, contact the League Coordinator, Chris Rascle at: chrisrascle@yahoo.com

Tournaments

Members only. To enter submit the applications in the newsletter with the fee of $10 or $15 if late to the tournament director, Donna Carnahan (carnahan70@gmail.com) by the deadline. The fee includes tennis balls, prizes, refreshments & lunch.

Mixers

Fun Mixers are held on Saturdays or Sundays each week except for weekends when there is a tournament scheduled. Starting time is 9:00 a.m. during the winter and 8:30 a.m. during the summer. No RSVP or partner is required. You just bring your racquet, a smile and $1 for balls. Guests are VERY welcome for their first time. Family members not living with a current member pay a $5.00 fee if they wish to play at the Fun Mixers. This weekly event is located at the Pleasant Hill Middle School tennis courts, 1 Santa Barbara Road, Pleasant Hill, California 94523. **We always need volunteers to lead the Fun Mixers.** It is easy and everything is provided for the players. To schedule your turn, e-mail the Fun Mixer Coordinator, Tommy Butler at: bstommy@comcast.net

Below are photos from the annual Christmas Mixer.

After School Program

Due to continued interest, currently there is a 5-week after-school tennis program at PHMS! The class is held on Wednesdays and has 12 participants; a good dynamic between the newcomers, newer and older players.

The kids are continuing to work on improving the mechanics of the stroke, timing and understanding how to transfer their weight into their shots. They're playing singles and doubles matches in order to get familiar with court coverage, some strategy, communication with their partner and sportsmanship. It's a good dynamic for the new kids to see what the more advanced kids are doing, as well as for the advanced kids to be in leader positions. Unsurprisingly, the kids have been respectful, excited about learning and working hard. It is a joy to be on the courts with them.

The Spring session will begin the week of March 12th for the Monday class of Beginners and March 14th for the Advanced-Beginners/Intermediate students. The flyer has been posted in the weekly Ram Slam of PHMS, thanks to Tina Bauer-Ochoa who is the liaison with the school and has been very helpful. There have already been inquiries about the program and enrollment is now open with a limit of 16 players in each class.

Monica Ruiz-Hiramoto, PHTC Tennis Pro and After School Program Coordinator

Welcome to the Pleasant Hill Tennis Club! We are happy to inform you that your application for membership has been accepted. The Pleasant Hill Tennis Club has been an important part of the Pleasant Hill Community since the 1970's, providing many social and charitable opportunities for its members. **Below are some of our new 2018 PHTC members.**

Membership Dues

Please all remember to get your membership dues paid for 2018! In order to participate in weekend Mixers, Tournaments and League tennis, you must be a full member in good standing for $60 a year per individual or $75 a year for family. You have several options to pay your membership dues. Go to **phtennisclub.com** and either pay online or use the downloadable version and submit your check with application to Kris Hunter. Remember, you MUST submit the application form as well as the payment for your membership to be in effect.

USTA UPDATE

Winter league season concludes at the end of March.

Here are the current teams registered to PHTC:
40 and over W3.0, Captain Mary Akli (3-3), 40 and over W3.5, Captain Inna Taranchenko (0-6), 40 and over W4.0, Captain Asa Forsman (0-5), 40 and over M3.0, Captain Jim Karas (0-5), 40 and over M3.5, Captain David Wax (0-4), 40 and over M4.0, Captain Damon Turner (0-6), 55 and over Mixed 6.0, Captain Jim Karas (1-5), 55 and over Mixed 7.0, Captain David Wax (1-3)

Here are the upcoming PHTC teams for the 18 and over Adult Leagues:
Women's 3.0 Captain Mary Akli ,Women's 3.5 Captain Carnahan, Women's 4.0 Captain Asa Forsman, Men's 3.0 Captain Jim Karas, Men's 3.5 Captain David Wax

Also congratulations to the combo W5.5 Captain Shawnley Walton, they are going to district!!!!

Thank you to all Captains who volunteer their time and talents to make our Club a fun place to play enjoyable and competitive tennis. Have a great season everyone!

Chris Rascle, USTA Coordinator

Below are some photos of teams from the last season:

On 1-7-18, our combo men's 5.5 team won the Playoff by sweeping Diamond Hills. They are going to Sectionals! Line 1 was Jesse Omamagho and Alex Murray, Lines 2 and 3 were Greg Snyder and Gary Scott, Arun Kumar and Perry Seto, then Salem Zahiri and Roz Zahiri. On 1-7-18, at Rancho Colorados our combo women's 5.5 won the first round of playoffs. On 1-20-18, at WCRC our combo women's 5.5 team during the 2nd round of the Playoffs. line 1 was Regina Hughes and Julie Golinski, line 2 was Shawnley Walton and Amy Flaherty and line 3 was Mary Akli and Nomi Sanchez.

USTA UPDATE

The PHTC Women's 5.5 Combo were given a wild card spot to go to combo Districts in Elk Grove. So, they went in with no expectations. They were all excited to just have the opportunity. They wound up winning all four (4) of their matches on Friday and Saturday and headed into the finals on Sunday.

They knew they were the underdogs so they played with little pressure. On Sunday, they lost a close Finals match to WCRC 2-1 but really, they won! They defied the odds! We all are so incredibly proud of this amazing team and their captain, Shawnley Walton and Co-Captain, Molly Raja. They played their hearts out and were so supportive of one another. It's a very special group of ladies!

The following are members of the team: Mary Akli, Fedwa Booth, Amy Flaherty, Julie Garrahan, Julie Golinski, Regina Hughes, Paula Martinucci, Shauntae Morris, Molly Raja, Anita Roth, Nomi Sanchez, Shawnley Walton, Remy Wax, Michelle Weiss and Roz Zahiri.

Way to go Pleasant Hill!!!!!

Below are a variety of photographs from the Districts in order of match play.

St Patrick's Day Tournament

Come join the fun!! Come try your luck!

WHO will be the lucky WINNERS!

Date: Saturday, March 17th
Time: 8:45- 12:30ish
Place: Pleasant Hill Middle School

Early entry fee is $10 per person. Last CALL TO JOIN is Thursday at 8PM. Be sure to sign up early!! If you are unable to play but want to join in the fun for lunch the fee is $6.

ALL players MUST Email me donna_carnahan@yahoo.com to register to play.

Best way to pay:
- GO to **phtennisclub.com** and register and pay through Paypal
- Bring your check or cash the day of the tournament.

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR "GREEN"

Your email with be your commitment to play

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2018 Membership Application or Renewal

MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM JANUARY 1st TO DECEMBER 31st

Check One: New Member ( ) Renewal ( )
Check One: Individual ( ) Family ( ) **All members 18 and over must sign below**

Individual (18 or older) $60.00 or Family $75.00 (Check payable to PHTC)
Deadline for 2018 Dues is February 28, 2018

NEW MEMBERS ONLY: as of July 1st Individual or Family $30

Name 1: _____ E-Mail : _____
USTA Member: Yes/No USTA Rating _____

Name 2: _____ E-Mail : _____
USTA Member: Yes/No USTA Rating _____

Name 3: _____ E-Mail : _____
USTA Member: Yes/No USTA Rating _____

Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____
Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) - _____

Check All Items That Apply:

( ) DO NOT include me in the annual Membership Directory
( ) Send me club e-mails about upcoming events and club news.
( ) Interested In Leading Fun Mixers
( ) Interested In Running Club Tournaments
( ) Interested In Serving on PHTC Board

Waiver of Liability

I understand that sporting activity presents a risk of injury. I hereby assume all risks of any injury that I may suffer as a result of participation in any tennis activity sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Tennis Club and any activity whatsoever occurring on the premises of any tennis facility that is in any way maintained by that club or supervised by it. I hereby waive and release all claims or causes of actions that I may acquire against the Pleasant Hill Tennis Club, the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District, their officers, members, representatives, and agents from all liability to me resulting from any injury I may suffer as a consequence of any alleged negligence of any such entities or persons in connection with the sponsorship and conduct of any such event or the maintenance or supervision of any tennis facility.

Your signature below indicates you have read and understand the waiver of liability.

Each member 18 and over must sign below or application will be returned.

Signature 1: _____ Date: _____

Signature 2: _____ Date: _____

Signature 3: _____ Date: _____

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Martinez, Ca. 94553

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