

Passing Shots

March,
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2015

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

March, 2015

Spring is coming fast and people are working hard to get the new courts up and playable before the start of the new school year in September. The proposed plans look terrific and the promise from the contractors is for a twenty-year playable surface. The challenge is getting the plans through the several entities that have to approve the project. Jim Utz and Larry McEwen are doing most of the heavy lifting on the project.

March 8th begins Daylight Savings Time and spring is not far behind and warmer weather, so maybe those attendees of the Fun Mixers will be arriving just a bit earlier and bringing along a friend to give our club a look over. If you have not been to a Mixer in a while, come on out to remember all the fun you used to have.

Donna has plans for an exciting St. Patrick's tournament in mid March. Give her a shout about entering. Since this is my first message as PHTC Prez., and I'm a bit late in getting the message to our newsletter Editor, Mario, I will keep the message short.

More next time, Tommy Butler



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Newsletter Editor Message

As you would surely see, this newsletter is way late, about 3 full weeks to be exact; when this is published some of the activities mentioned here will be history, such as the St. Patrick's Tournament. Although I never get to "write a message" as the newsletter editor I am doing it this time to announce to the whole membership that this will be the last time I will be in charge of the newsletter. The board has been already been notified (via e-mail), and I thought I would explain why this newsletter is late and the why I am quitting as newsletter editor.

When I took the job of newsletter editor I was retired and had lots of time in my hands and therefore was able to perform my duties wholly, about 2 years ago I got a part-time job which still allowed me time to work in this newsletter, now the part-time job is becoming a full time job and since I also have babysitting responsibilities, I don't have any more time to do this work and that is the reason why this newsletter is so late and also the reason why I have decided to abandon the post.

As it is I am now a PHTC member in name only because I haven't participated in a mixer for several months, haven't attended tournaments and other activities such as the holiday party for the last 2 years, and the only time I did was the picnic last year, so in essence I am no longer part of the club except for my newsletter editor duties and that is simply not good enough for me anymore, so it is time to let someone else take charge and continue with the newsletter editor job.

It was a pleasure getting to know all of you and having played tennis with many of you but life is now taking me on a different direction and while I may rejoin the club as a regular member sometime in the future, for now I must say goodbye.

Sincerely,

Mario A. Novelo

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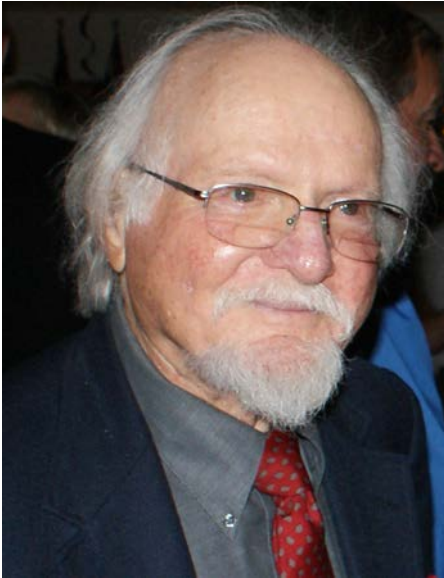
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"Gitano, The Best is Yet To Come"

Our fellow PHTC member of many, many years has revealed it all!! Ed Cohn has published his memoirs in a fascinating book of the adventures he has undertaken and the philosophies that he has held onto throughout his very interesting life. Who knew that Ed started out as a poor Jewish boy in Chicago, became an incredible salesman that allowed him to travel the world and then became a bullfighter? He has met thousands of very interesting people in his life from all over the world, and the tales he tells are funny, inspirational and very revealing. This is a must read for anyone that knows Ed. It really gives you the flavor of what he is all about.

If you'd like a copy, contact Ed (he has a trunk full of his book with him at all times) and dive into the adventures of Ed Cohn. gitano2@att.net

Update on the Big Fix

The past month and a half has seen a 20-year Joint Use Agreement signed between the School and Park Districts concerning our home tennis courts at PH Middle School. Another agreement between the PH Community Foundation and our tennis club was just recently approved which will allow the tennis club to use the Foundation's 501(c)(3) status to make grant applications, specifically to the Leshner Foundation, the Valley Foundation, and the John Muir/Mt Diablo Health Fund. The NorCal section of the USTA has agreed to support the Renovation with a \$25,000 grant, thanks to Monica Ruiz, who is also submitting an application to the national USTA. The Mt. Diablo School District will serve as the contracting agency; Larry McEwen and Jim Utz will be working with them in the preparation of the bid package. We are moving forward, slowly but surely, to our goal of renovating the tennis courts in the late summer. We have received a \$500 gift from Lily; we expect to receive a matching \$500 from the Bank of the West soon. Depending on our success with potential Foundation partners, we may need to again approach our members. This would probably not occur until the Spring when we have more definite figures regarding our grant applications.

PLEASANT HILL TENNIS CLUB

is an organization sponsored by the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District (PHR&PD). It was formed in the early 1970s by a small group of tennis enthusiasts and currently boasts about 160 individual and family memberships. 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. Dues are \$55 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, at 1 Santa Barbara Road (off Oak Park Blvd). Over the years, the Club has provided maintenance, nets and windscreens, and we share the costs of resurfacing with the school district and PHR&PD.

Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Kensington Place at 1580 Geary Road, Walnut Creek.

FUN MIXERS

Mixed doubles Fun Mixers are held on Saturdays or Sundays each week except weekends when there is a tournament. Start time is 9:00 a.m. in the winter and 8:30 a.m. in the summer. No RSVP or partner required - just bring your racquet, a smile and \$1 for balls. Guests are 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 mixers. We always need volunteers to lead the Fun Mixers. It is easy and everything is provided. To schedule your turn, e-mail the Fun Mixer Coordinator, Stephanie Candelaria at stephaniesca@yahoo.com

TOURNAMENTS

Members only. To enter, submit the application in the newsletter with the fee (usually \$10) to the tournament director by the deadline. The fee includes tennis balls, prizes, refreshments & lunch.

USTA LEAGUES

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.

New Members

Sabine & Jesse Walker

Ike Garcia

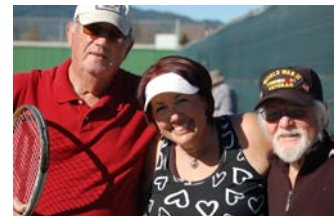
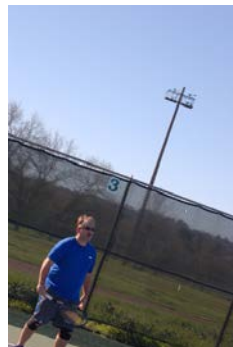
Julie Galinski

Jeffrey Magidson

Denis Weil

Valentine's Day Drop In

There was beautiful sunshine and fantastic snacks (mostly sweets) and we all had a wonderful time at the Valentine's Day Drop-In Mixer. Thank you to Donna for the food and, of course, Tommy and Ken Castleton for getting things set up for our fun day.





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2015 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) \$55.00 or Family \$75.00 (Check payable to PHTC)
(Includes \$15 & \$25 Surcharge for Court Fund)

NEW MEMBERS ONLY: after July 1st Individual \$35 or Family \$50

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: _____

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: _____

Send To: Larry Malin
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USTA ONLY Limited Membership Application For 2015

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NOTE: THIS MEMBERSHIP IS LIMITED TO USTA MEMBERSHIP ONLY AND DOES NOT INCLUDE PLAYING IN PHTC FUN MIXERS OR CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Check One: New Member () Renewal ()

**Individual (18 or older) \$20.00 For Each League Played On
(Check payable to PHTC)**

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: _____

Home Telephone: (____) - _____

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Ernie Kay
April 6, 1932-January 1, 2015

Ernie Kay, a good friend of tennis and the PH Tennis Club, passed away suddenly and peacefully at home on January 1, 2015. He and his wife, Leiko, owned and operated the Pleasant Hill Florist for over 30 years, just recently retiring. Together, they had a deep affection for Pleasant Hill and often donated flowers to many events in the community.

Ernie was born in Amoy, China, but of Taiwanese heritage. He attended university in Taiwan and graduated from UCLA in Biochemistry. Ernie enjoyed eating out with friends and playing tennis. In the few years following a stroke, Ernie was often at the tennis courts, watching others play. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Leiko; two sisters and four brothers.

As announced in the Racqueteer's message of January 30, a celebration of life that was held February 18 at the Oak Park Hills Chapel in Walnut Creek was attended by several members of the tennis club. Game, Set and Match, Ernie.

HELP WANTED !!!

FUN MIXER VOLUNTEERS!

***It's Fun! It's Easy! and an opportunity to mingle
and get to know fellow members.
PHTC has Fun Mixers once a week all year round.
We need YOU! to volunteer to run one.
You can be scheduled to run a Fun Mixer by contacting
Roger LeBlanc
by e-mail (rogerleblanc@att.net)
or phone (925-361-7325).***

USTA

The 40 and over league and the mixed league will finish up at the end of the month. Then we will start the 18 and over adult league. We will have 6 teams playing for PHTC

W3.0

W3.5

W4.0

M3.0

M3.5

M5.0 and over

That's a lot of teams but the more the merrier!

I'm also working on a project to see if we can have reusable water bottles made with our logo to offer for a small fee to club members and USTA only members, trying to cut down on plastic

Chris

USTA Coordinator

New Members (USTA)

Since USTA is now charging players to play in tournaments beyond regular league seasons, ie, Districts, Sectionals and Nationals, PHTC will now pay the first set of District fees per team if they make it beyond playoffs. This is a show of support for our hardworking men and women who play on USTA leagues. We also hope to attract other USTA teams to our little club with this small incentive.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to renew your membership for 2015. All regular PHTC memberships have a calendar year term and expire December 31st. Membership is required in order to participate in any PHTC League, Mixers, Drop-Ins, and Tournaments.



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1-Mar	Sunday	Mixer
3-Mar	Tuesday	Board Meeting
7-Mar	Saturday	Mixer
14-Mar	Saturday	St. Patrick's Tournament
15-Mar	Sunday	Mixer
21-Mar	Saturday	Mixer
29-Mar	Sunday	Mixer
April		
4-Apr	Saturday	Mixer
5-Apr	Sunday	Holiday Drop-in Mixer
7-Apr	Tuesday	Board Meeting
12-Apr	Sunday	Mixer
18-Apr	Saturday	Mixer
26-Apr	Sunday	Mixer