

# Passing Shots

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## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE May 2014**

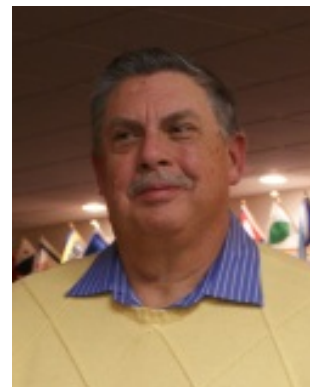
*Things are finally looking great weather wise. Over the last couple of months several of the Mixers were rained out but the weather gods are beginning to smile on us. (Of course as I am writing this it is raining but this should be the end of the rainy season.) So, it's time to get out and play some tennis. The mixers have started using the two flight format so you can come out early and play from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM or, if you prefer to sleep in you can play from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Some of you may even want to play in both and really get a workout. Whichever fits into your schedule just come on out and play.*

*I want to mention that there are a couple of Tournaments coming up. First up is the Memorial Day Tournament. Most of our Tournaments are held on Saturdays but Memorial Day is one that is held on the day of the Holiday so it will be on Monday May 26. The Tournaments are always lots of fun so mark your calendar and look for the flyer in this newsletter.*

*The second Tournament is the 4th of July Tournament. This would normally be held on July 4th but because the club plans to participate in the Pleasant*

*Hill 4th of July parade (the parade is a great way to let the community know who we are and we could even get some new members) it was decided to move the Tournament to Saturday June 28. This allows all of the people who participate in the parade to still participate in the Tournament. There is a flyer for this Tournament in this newsletter also.*

*I mentioned the Pleasant Hill 4th of July Parade so let me give you some info on it. Last year we also participated in this parade which winds its way through downtown Pleasant Hill. People line the streets and cheer and applaud as the parade participants pass in review. Last year we had a car with banners advertising our club as well as people walking along and handing out free passes to a mixer. There was even a moving tennis net with people playing a mock tennis game whenever the parade paused at a reviewing stand. The crowd loved it and cheered the players as they scored points. All in all this was a lot of fun and the club got some great publicity from it. If you are interested in being part of this parade this year contact Chris Rasclé at [chrisrasclé@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisrasclé@yahoo.com). It will be a fun day and you will have a great time.*



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***The courts at the Middle School are holding up better than we had expected and our fearless maintenance crew, headed by our maintenance czar, Larry McEwen, have been working on some of the cracks and potholes that developed. It was a surprise to everyone when one of the courts at College Park developed a problem so serious that the court had to be taken out of play. Court #4 developed what looks like an earthquake fault. The ground shifted and one part sank while another part was pushed up causing a huge crack with a raised edge so high that it is a tripping hazard. In conjunction with the School and the Park and Rec department we are having that hazard repaired by the professionals who did the resurfacing on those courts. Anyway, the good news is that court should be back in playable condition very soon.***

***And finally, we have purchased a shed and placed it on site at College Park. It is not as large as we had hoped but it will hold tables and chairs and scorekeepers which will make life better for the USTA teams and Team Tennis players while they are playing on those courts.***

***See you on the courts***

***Gary***

***POSSIBLE First Class RESTORATION OF THE PHM COURTS BEING EXPLORED***

***Long-time club members know that there have been several resurfacings over the past 12 years, unfortunately always done with insufficient funds. A committee has been formed to explore the possibility of a first class restoration as a result of learning of a pledge of a substantial amount of money from a former member. Committee members are Lynn Vuskovic, Chris Rasclé, Donna Carnahan, Kelly Williams along with the vast knowledge of Jim Utz. Those wishing to help with this exciting possibility should contact Chris Rasclé at [chrisrasclé@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisrasclé@yahoo.com)***

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## BOARD RESIGNATIONS

I regret to report that Kathy Poppleton, Daniele Lucking , and Stephanie Candelaria have tendered their resignations from the Board. Although they are still members of the Club their dedication and energy as members of the Board will be missed.

Kathy has been the Club secretary for two and a half years. She has been actively involved in planning and coordinating the Holiday Party, the Fall BBQ, the Spaghetti Dinner and many other events over that time. Her organizing skills and leadership will be a tremendous loss to the Board.

Daniele was the Vice President for one year and has been the New Member Recruiting Chairperson for the last six months. Previously, four years ago, she was also on the Board as the Secretary. Daniele has been involved in planning the Holiday Party, the Fall BBQ, the Spaghetti Dinner and other events. She has done a fantastic job in all of those positions and her experience and ideas will be missed.

Stephanie has been the Fun Mixer coordinator for two and a half years. Those of you who play in the mixers know what a great job she has done coordinating mixer volunteers and making sure everything relating to the mixers went smoothly. She has also been involved in planning the Holiday Party, the Fall BBQ, the Spaghetti dinner and other events. Her thoughtful ideas and insight along with her calming influence will be missed.

When you see them on the courts at a mixer or tournament be sure to give them a hug and thank them for all their hard work on behalf of the Club and its members.

Gary

***Looking for a Few Good Men and Women!!!***

***The PHTC Board has a few openings we would like to fill:***

***Secretary, Member Recruitment & Mixer Coordinator***

***We are looking for someone that would like to be a part of our team of enthusiasts that want to keep our club thriving, help it grow and get our courts fixed!!! If you would like to help your club, please contact Kelly Williams at [kellyhensl@gmail.com](mailto:kellyhensl@gmail.com) and let's get you on Board!!!***

***Annual BBQ-Picnic  
August 3, Sunday at 12:00  
at Rodgers-Smith Park***

***PHTC HOLIDAY PARTY  
SATURDAY DECEMBER 6, 2014  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!***

## 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.

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### 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](mailto:stephaniesca@yahoo.com)

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### 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.

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### 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.

## Tennis Tips

*From The Court of Appeals with Rebel Good Crowding the Box*

***Question: A doubles team decided to put both players inside the service box that the server must serve to. Are they allowed to do that? Would two players inside a service box be considered a distraction, or is that allowed as long as they don't do anything else to distract the server. David Sinett, Boca Raton, FL***

***Answer: You must have been comparing last year's Friend at Court to the 2014 edition. USTA Comment 15.1 has been changed to make it align with Rule 26, Case 5, which states that the receiver and partner "may take any position on their side of the net, inside or outside the court." The old USTA Comment 15.1 said both partners could not line up on one side of the court under certain conditions. The revised one says that they can both be on the same side, but that the serving team has the right to know which one is receiving the serve. It's not a hindrance unless one or both players are doing something other than standing there, and doing it solely to distract (The Code, Item 35).***

## ***Team Tennis Was a Lot of Fun!!!***

***Team Tennis season was from March 30th through May 4th meeting every Sunday at 3:00 pm at College Park High School. All teams played against each other in singles, men's and women's doubles and four rounds of mixed doubles to vy for their spot for the tournament.***

***Special K, Greg Kalustian and Kelly Williams' team, ended up in first place and had the advantage for the championship. But it was anyone's game on tournament day, and Donna Carnahan's team, Let's Roll, came in first!!! Special K came in second, all members of the teams receiving trophy medals. Last place, or the non-winners, received a cute pin that says Love Hurts. The committee of Chris Rascle, Donna Carnahan, Sarah Gallagher and Kelly Williams served a fantastic taco and burrito bar with all the fixings. It was a great season and wonderful tournament.***



### ***Pip Wright's 40 and up 3.0 Women's Team Goes to Districts and WINS!!!***

***The 40 and up 3.0 girls thought they were out of the championship as they barely lost in the second playoff against some very strong girls from Meadow, but two days before Districts, we got a call from USTA saying that another team from the Peninsula had to drop out and they were offering us the wildcard!!! We had half an hour to confirm that we could field a team all three days of the upcoming weekend and to pay our \$150 fee. A few phone calls were made, and Pip said, "Let's go for it." She really had to scrape to get a full team as many girls had committed to other activities and other teams for the weekend since they didn't think they made it to Districts. Yet all rallied together and came out winning all three days and are now on their way to Sectionals!!! What a team of women!!! They girls should all be very proud of this accomplishment. They have all worked very hard to get to where they are! Team consists of Stephanie Candelaria, Asa Forsman, Teri Frangie, Florence Huang, Kris Hunter, Nadine Laursen, Katrina Lee, Jennifer Murov, Sonja Snavely, Sonia Santiago, Dawn Van Hee, Kelly Williams and Pip Wright***





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# 2014 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)**  
**New Members Only: after July 1<sup>st</sup>, Individual \$35 or Family \$50**  
**(Includes \$15 & \$25 Surcharge for Court Fund)**

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  
101 Hazeltine Circle  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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**Pleasant Hill Tennis Club  
Presents  
Memorial Day Tournament 2014  
Tommy Butler will be hosting with help from whatever source it may come.**

**Where: The tennis courts of Pleasant Hill Middle School**

**When: Monday, May 26th, 2014, the official Memorial Day Holiday.**

**Deadline for entry: Thursday, May 22nd, 2014**

**Fee: \$10.00 per person, \$20.00 per couple in advance.**

**Format: To be decided. Probably keep your partner, or something else.**

**Enter as a couple if you choose, Tommy and his committee will make the final assignments.**

**Come early and join Tommy Butler and assorted friends in the morning ritual of setting up.**

**Morning treats will almost certainly be probably be provided.**

**Lunch will follow the tournament play.**

**Bringing a friend for lunch? Notify Tom by email or on the entry form and send or bring \$6.00 for each guest. Please: use email as the preferred means of communication.**

**Mail entry to: Tom Butler  
755 Glenside Drive  
Lafayette, CA 94549 bstommy@comcast.net 283 7048**

**Entry #1 \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ rating \_\_\_\_\_**

**Entry #2 \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ rating \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total of check enclosed /players \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

# **4th of July Tournament**

*Get out your **RED, WHITE & BLUE**  
and come have a blast with you fellow Team mates.  
We will be playing a Team Tennis format.*

*Date: Saturday, June 28th*

*Time: 8:45- 12:30*

*Place: Pleasant Hill Middle Schoo*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Player level: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Cost: \$10 - day of \$12 Make check to PHTC Check # \_\_\_\_\_*

***DON'T FORGET TO WEAR**  
**Red, White and Blue***

*Mail check to Donna Carnahan 1212 Stafford Ave 94521*

*Email me if you have any questions*

*Donna\_carnahan@yahoo.com*

*Our St. Paddy's Day Tournament was a huge success.*

*We played Poker Tennis with a lot of great prizes for some great poker hands.  
What's for LUNCH? OF course Corn Beef and Cabbage. Everyone enjoyed the day and  
it was another successful Tournament.*

*Thank you to all of you that helped to set and break down...it is always appreciated.*

*Next Tournament will be Memorial Day Tournament and will be hosted by Tommy... Thank  
you Tommy for all of your help and support.*



## USTA

*We have currently 4 USTA team for the Adult season running from March 31st-  
June 22 2014*

<i>Debbie Culver</i>	<i>W 3.0</i>
<i>Donna Carnahan</i>	<i>W 3.5</i>
<i>Tammy Anderson</i>	<i>W 5.0</i>
<i>Joey Martinez</i>	<i>M 4.5</i>

### ***New Members (USTA)***

***Cindy Bazan  
Judith Goff  
Linda Wong  
Sonia Santiago  
Jonathan Chow  
Milo Cornejo  
Eric Lofquist  
Kaito Sakai  
Joel Clark  
Jordan Briones  
Kirsten Riker  
Barbara Eckert  
Megan Sweeney  
Deborah Lee  
Lynley Payne  
Bryn Powell  
Gail Happel  
Petra Reinecke  
Jillian Santos  
Tammy Anderson  
Lilana Spindler  
Lisa Maral  
Lisa Bowers  
Ruby Kangleon  
Julie Cahill  
Mary Jane Kiefer  
Daisy Jennings  
Hazel Indick  
Sergio Perez Smith***



*We now have a new 5 by 8 shed at College Park High School  
to hold the USTA and Team Tennis equipment.  
Thanks to Hormoz Baba, Kat and George Poppleton and  
especially Pat Carnahan, Donna's husband for driving the  
forklift!!! We got a very good deal on the shed thanks to the  
Poppletons, and Hormoz coordinated the transaction.*

#### ***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 the mixer coordinator by email or  
phone.*



**AWARD-WINNING TENNIS BENEFIT FOR  
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS**

*Saturday, June 7, 2014 at Orindawoods Tennis Club*

*AM Clinics with Local Tennis Pros*

*PM Tournament of Champions*

*Gourmet Lunch & Raffle (registration includes raffle ticket)*

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**ACE IT! REGISTRATION FORM 2014**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

IF ENTERING WITH A PARTNER PLEASE INDICATE NAME, CURRENT RATING, AND INCLUDE BOTH PAYMENTS WITH THIS FORM.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACE IT! IS HOLDING THE LINE ON 2014 DONATION AMOUNTS BUT FEEL FREE TO DONATE MORE IF YOU ARE ABLE!**

\_\_\_ AM ONLY: 8:30 AM – 1PM (Clinics, Lunch & Raffle) **Donation: \$75.00**

\_\_\_ PM ONLY: NOON – 4PM (Lunch, Raffle, tournament) **Donation: \$75.00**

\_\_\_ FULL EVENT: 8:30 am – 4 PM (Warm-Up, Clinics, Lunch, Raffle & Tournament) **Donation: \$125.00**

\_\_\_ LUNCH TICKET: Anytime (Lunch, Raffle & Cheers!!) **Donation: \$25.00**

\_\_\_ SUPPORT ONLY: Cannot Attend; **Donation: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE PLAYING PREFERENCE FOR THE TOURNAMENT. WE WILL TRY TO ACCOMMODATE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE!

_____	Mixed Doubles	_____	Women's Doubles
_____	Men's Doubles	_____	No Preference

Make checks payable to: **ALTA BATES SUMMIT FOUNDATION**

Mail this registration form, along with your check to:

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3-May	Saturday	Mixer
7-May	Wednesday	Board meeting
10-May	Saturday	Mixer
11-May	Sunday	Mother's Day Drop-in Mixer
17-May	Saturday	Mixer
25-May	Sunday	Mixer
26-May	Monday	Memorial Day Tournament
31-May	Saturday	Mixer
<b>June</b>		
4-Jun	Wednesday	Board meeting
8-Jun	Sunday	Mixer
14-Jun	Saturday	Mixer
15-Jun	Sunday	Father's Day Drop-in Mixer
22-Jun	Sunday	Mixer
28-Jun	Saturday	Mixer