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PACQUENAC TENNIS CLUB NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

As previously reported by email, the July 14th “Open Board Meeting” was a lively affair with a number of good suggestions by the playing members who attended. Some of the concerns and suggestions were acted on immediately where possible. Others, that may require a change in the by-laws will be addressed at the next meeting, on August 11th. We will discuss, deliberate and amend those ideas which have merit so that we can better serve the needs of the club.

On another note, Friday, JULY 29th is the last Friday of the month! That means it’s FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS !!!! BYOB, and food! The Grill will be available for those who choose to use it ! Since this event has been so well attended, we are, if there are a lot of people, going to try a simplified, shortened version of ‘BEGINNING PLAY’. Since everyone is ‘Hot to Trot’ upon arrival, we’ll begin by each group playing a 7 game set, no add, as we do in the Friendship Tournament, so turn over will be quicker in the beginning. As the night wears on, we will revert to ‘One Hour’ player more depending on court use. BELIEVE ME, we will all have been able to play as much as we wanted to by the end of the evening. It’s just that in the beginning, everyone can’t wait to get out there! So let’s all be good sports and give this a try.

Gerald Cetrulo, President



Meeting Host Schedule

August:	Jerry Bott
September:	Pasquale Baccarella
October:	John Griffin
December:	Matt Dondiego
January:	Robin Allora
February:	Tom Mathews
March:	Sean McHugh

Trivia Question

What is the length and width of a singles tennis court (in feet) ?

- A. 74’ & 26’
- B. 78’ & 27’
- C. 78’ & 24’
- D. 74’ & 27’

COACHES CORNER

Can you hit the ball in the same spot and/or sustain a rally consistently? If the answer is “No”, then one of the problems is that you are swinging just—or too much—with the arm (arming the ball) and not enough with the body.

Get the body into the shot with a proper set-up and weight transfer. Most importantly, don’t lean back or forward during the stroke !

Your Coach, Johnathan Le.



This month’s board meeting will be on August 11th hosted by Jerry Bott at the Clubhouse at 7:30 PM. Parking available in the parking lot !

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MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to: Renee Kazanowski/Thomas Penhale, Sandra Miller/LeeBrotzker, Jen/Simone Hardie, Sue/Rich McElwreath & James/ElLEN Moore for being voted in as Conditional Members for 2016. The last application to be considered for membership in 2016 is Gabe Michelli, a former member, up for a vote on 08/12/2016.

Welcome to the PTC ! You will find our facility a great place to meet friendly tennis players and enjoy clay court tennis at its finest !!!

With these additional members, we must now place any further applications for membership on a waiting list beginning with the first application received after this date. Although our grounds are impeccable, we must be cognizant of the demand made by the use of our facility !!

Our Club is sustained by the efforts of it's members to improve and maintain the quality of our facility. We hope that you will be a contributor to the maintenance of this great CLUB !



NOTES FROM OUR TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR Founders Tournament

The Tournament Ladders for the Founders Tournaments, and the Seniors Mens and Ladies Tournaments are on the Website. To schedule a match: arrange a time with team/person you are challenging, email the tournament committee or Ilya Shragin or Dan McElwreath with the names, ladder position, and date/time of match. Best of luck to all.



Dan McElwreath

Notes from our Webmaster

Tip to send email to a PTC member; Login to the **PTC** site to see member list. Each member has an email address (that is 'clickable'). Clicking the address should take you to your email client, depending on your browser set-up, or, if you have a client like MS Outlook, etc the following link has instructions on settings for gmail: <http://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/set-gmail-as-browser-default-email-client-ht>. You can also google for similar instructions for other services like yahoo, etc.



Tom Mathews, Webmaster

Women's Tennis at Pacquenac

Pacquenac's Women's A2 Tennis Team placed fourth out of nine teams in their division – missing second place by two matches. We had great tennis matches, with many tie breakers in the third set. The members of the team include: Helene Scott, Captain, Cathy Dondiego, Co-Captain, Debbie Miller, Narelle An, Bonnie Holmes, Paula Bencsko, Susan Leeds, Angela Rubbone, Janet Greene, Jackie Smith, Harriet Markowitz, and Tina Piombino. We would also like to thank our substitutes Lori Messina, Kathy Sheldon, and Abbe Weber.



Pacquenac's Women's Round Robin Tennis has been very successful this summer. The courts are full and the weather has been great! Women's Round Robin Tennis is on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM and Thursday evenings at 4:30 PM. Come join us and enjoy terrific tennis and great camaraderie.



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PTC Facebook Page

For those of you with Facebook accounts, don't forget to view our page for updates on major tennis events and our club activities and milestones. Also, any tennis or club related articles/photos, etc. can be posted to this site, which we know has universal appeal and exposure. In existence for a number of years, a substantial amount of "feeds" are now available to us which are easily accessible and can be passed along to our membership for viewing on our page.

Articles may be submitted via email to: jgriff817@optonline.net.

With the US Open coming up, the site can furnish you with valuable insight.....don't forget to "Like us", please!

John Griffin, Trustee & Facebook administrator



TRIVIA ANSWER

B. 78' & 27'



NOTES FROM Bob Reich

The 2016 Pacquenac Junior Tennis Academy just completed its first year to glowing reviews. Parents, grandparents and juniors garnered a lot of praise for the Academy. Johnathan Le, the Director of Instruction for the Academy, made the lessons fun—everyone hit a lot of balls and all learned a great deal about the game. DJ Finnell won our Junior Tournament defeating Cooper Johnson in the finals.

Although only a total of 12 juniors (8 beginners and 4 advanced) signed up, we still made a profit for the club. Again, only 2 children of Playing Members signed up. However, Playing Member Mark Kass deserves a special "Hats Off Award" for directing 3 juniors to take our lessons. One travelled daily from Montclair. Two families signed up 2 kids in order to take advantage of our 1/2 price charge for the second child in the same family. All remaining 8 Juniors payed the full price of \$125.00 which included \$90.00 for lessons and \$35.00 for court fees.

To quote the father of one of our students, he said "The Pacquenac Junior Tennis Academy is a hidden treasure. Head Pro Johnathan Le is an integral part of the operation who has a knack of bringing kids together, teaching them techniques and strategy in a way that keeps the game a lot of fun and everyone around him improves. The bond forged between Johnathan and my son is one we hope continues well past this summer of involvement. "

For the first time in over 10 years, all juniors received either white or blue performance T-shirts and all received most improvement awards. The tournament winner received a trophy and the runner-up a plaque. New ball hoppers with wheels were also purchased for juniors to pick up balls.

An exciting, top notch 1st year for the PTC Junior Tennis Academy. Next year we anticipate even greater success. Members, get out there and spread the word !

Bob Reich



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