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PACQUENAC TENNIS CLUB NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Hello Folks !

Our tennis season is well underway. Although there was late notice, and regrettably Carol and I could not attend, the 1st Friday Night Tennis Party was a big success with an attendance of about 30 members. As usual, a good time was had by all. I am looking forward to our next Friday Night Tennis Party on May 26th ! I hope the weather co-operates and we see lots of you there.

A clarification of Round Robin Tennis seems to be in order. There has been some confusion about the STARTING TIMES. The website has the correct information. Morning Round Robin Tennis ALWAYS begins at 8:30 AM. That is Men's, Women's and Mixed (on Sunday's). The confusion arises from CLUB PLAY TIME which may begin at 8AM Monday thru Saturday, and MAY NOT begin until 8:30 AM on SUNDAYS in deference to the neighbors. I hope that clarifies the issue once and for all. FYI, women's Round Robin on Thursday afternoons begins at 4:30 PM and ends at 7PM. As stated above, the Website has the correct information.

On another topic, in case you haven't heard, we are re-ordering the same logo shirts we ordered several years ago. If you are unaware of this and care, you can contact me . IN FACT, all members should always feel free to contact me on ANY issue they may have. SEE YOU ON THE COURTS !!!!

Gerald I Cetrulo, III, President
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TRIVIA QUESTION

What is the proper way to determine who serves the first point of a match in both singles and doubles?

Meeting Host Schedule 2017

June:	Dan McElwreath
July:	Thor Jorgensen
August:	Don Wain
September:	June Rudd
October:	Johnathan Le
December:	Gerald Cetrulo

**This month's board meeting will hosted by Dan McElwreath on Thursday, June 8, 2017.
Directions will be sent prior to the meeting.**

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2017 PTC JUNIOR TENNIS ACADEMY **REVISED** LESSON SCHEDULE AND PRICING

Group tennis lessons will be held on Monday June 26, Tuesday June 27, Wednesday June 28, Thursday June 29, Friday June 30, Wednesday July 5, Thursday July 6, Friday July 7, Monday July 10, and Tuesday July 11.

TIMES: **12:00pm-1:00pm**—Intermediate and Beginners (Elementary & Middle School)

11:00am-12:00pm—Advanced (High School)

PRICE: \$ 90.00 for 10 lessons over 3 weeks

\$ 45.00 for each additional child in the same family.

NOTE: Children of non-CLUB families must pay an additional \$ 35.00 for yearly PTC court fees. Price **includes** entry in an age appropriate Junior Tournament which will be held on **Thursday, July 13** starting at **10 AM** and **Friday, July 14** starting at **11 AM**. Draws will be posted on our club bulletin board no later than **Tuesday, July 11, 2017**. **All Juniors** must wear smooth-soled tennis sneakers to play on the **red clay courts**. **Members, please take note of these changes when you try to recruit juniors for the program.**

Contact Club Teaching Pros Bob Reich (973-696-3635) OR Johnathan Le (646-824-8961) to register. Make checks payable to **Pacquenac Tennis Club** and bring it to the first day of lessons. Please provide names, ages, home addresses, email and telephone numbers at this time. Please indicate if your child is a beginner, intermediate, or advanced player.

If you have any questions, call the Club Pros at the above phone numbers. We are happy to promote the sport of tennis at all age levels. Come join us at our premiere tennis courts on **Red Clay** !

Many Thanks, Johnathan Le and Bob Reich



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Congratulations to Susan Mittler and Geri/Mike Maurer for being accepted as 2017 Conditional Members !

We have two applicants to be voted on at our next meeting:: Eric Swain/Jane Audenried of 151 Summit Ave., Pompton Lakes, NJ and Arthur/ Cynthia Griffenkrantz, 21 Ingraham Terr., Wayne, NJ.

We welcome our new conditional members and wish them a great tennis season at our club.

Jerry D. Bott, Membership Chairman



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PTC Junior Tennis Academy

Bob Reich asks all our members to support and encourage friends and relatives to send their juniors to participate in our 2017 Junior Tennis Academy !

This program provides great training for young people to learn how to play tennis as well as to improve their skills in a fun filled environment !

Thanks for your help. Bob Reich



In Memory

This past month of May we lost two of our long time members. Herb Neil, former mayor of our town and Ron Wild, past president and past trustee of our club.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to both family and friends. We will never forget their contribution to both the community and our club.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Women's League Matches will occupy our courts on Monday, JUNE 5 & 12th ! ALL the courts will be occupied until about noon! If you choose to come and watch, observe your manners!!!!

TRIVIA ANSWER

The server is chosen by a coin toss (or racquet spin). The player who won the toss (spin) can choose to serve or choose the side he/she wants. If the toss (spin) winner chooses to serve, his/her opponents get to choose the side and visa versa. This applies to both singles and doubles games. In singles, the server (person playing 1st) and receiver(one who receives the serve) change positions(left/right) after every point and the ends are changed after every odd numbered game.

PTC Calendar of Events

Founders TournamentMAY-OCTOBER
Mens and Womens
Singles/Doubles
Mixed Doubles

Friday Night Open Tennis Parties (4:30- ?)
*June 30, July 28, August 25, September 29, and
October 27 (possibly November 24)*

Women's Team Tennis.....MAY & JUNE

Club Breakfast (9:00 AM) ..JUNE 11th

Junior Tennis Program.....,JUNE 26th

Junior TournamentJULY 13/14th

Friendship Tournament..(8:30-12:00pm)-JUNE 10/11th

Octoberfest/Club Picnic.....SEPTEMBER 17th

Friendship TournamentSEPTEMBER 16/17th

Club Awards and Banquet.....NOVEMBER 5th

All Special and/or Additional events will be posted on our Website:

pacquenactennisclub.com OR

announced via Email to our members.

PLEASE REVIEW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION AND TOPICS (including our current membership list for 2017.)

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Coach's Corner

Many members have approached me and complained that the courts are more slippery than ever before, and a handful of players have already fallen due to the problem. A few even asked whether it was because of their poor footwork. Some folks were also adamant that the lack—or absence—of Calcium Chloride was the main factor for the slipperiness.

The answer to all the above is “yes” and “no” as it is a combination of many things. Let me explain.

First, it is a common belief that calcium chloride (CaCl₂) will make the courts play better, meaning that the ball does not skid or pop up as much and the footing is more solid when it is applied. While this is true, CaCl₂ is just a quick, short term, but expensive fix as it is hygroscopic; thus highly deliquescent. As such, an application of CaCl₂ will be quickly dissipated after just a few short days with normal cycles of court-watering or completely vanished after heavy rainfall. As a matter of fact, in Europe, CaCl₂ is almost never used for clay courts, and if absolutely necessary, it would only be applied prior to a long tournament when a break to “hose down” the courts would create an undue interruption. That said, the real answer is water, water, water—and lots of it—at intervals throughout the day. This is the most effective and efficient way to maintain or cure clay-court playability.

Second, top dressing without “binder” (which is commonly used for hydro courts with sub-surface irrigation) is being used for our courts this year as opposed to that with binder in the previous years. The binder is actually gypsum mixed in with the clay and serves as a binding agent or “glue” to absorb moisture and hold the loose grains of clay and finely ground red brick together. This binding effect, as a result, makes clay less slippery with normal watering of the courts.

Although the lack of binder renders the courts more slippery, there is a trade-off— and it might be a good thing for us! Have you noticed lately that the courts are mostly dry and playable even right after heavy rainfall whereas most of them would have been completely flooded in the previous years? The answer lies in the fact that the lack of binding agent actually allows the courts to dry out much quicker as there is no gypsum to retain the water.

A side note: Just like clay without binder, too much binder will also cause excessive slipperiness. Determining the right amount/mixture of binder is truly a science that requires extensive experiments and years of expertise by the manufacturers. In addition, the slipperiness we are experiencing now is, relatively speaking, about 2 to 3 times less than that of any red clay court in Europe, and 5 times less than that at Roland Garros (the French Open). That said, besides more frequent watering of the courts, we all can learn how to slide on clay instead of digging our feet and pushing off like we normally do on hard courts.

Hope this answers all your concerns,
Your Coach, Johnathan Le



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