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➤➤➤ PACQUENAC TENNIS CLUB NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

The PTC is now about to go into hibernation until spring. We do, however, have a contingent of dedicated members who persist in the game by playing indoors! Play on!

Our end-of-the-year Banquet will be held on Sunday, Nov. 9, 2014 at Stefano's Restaurant, 569 Rte.23 S, Pompton Plains, NJ. Let's enjoy some repast together as we review the events of this past season!

Watch your Emails for a request to assist in the closing of the courts for the winter. Remember to adjust you clocks, watches, etc. to Fall behind on November 2, 2014!

Your board members will continue to work during the off season to improve the workings of the PTC and all it's committees. We thank you for your participation this year and look forward to 2015!

I wish everyone a great winter and good health. I hope to see you all again next season! Be well!

Jerry



Membership

Don Wain reports that Tom Moore was voted in as a playing member at the October Board Meeting and that the Board will be voting on a new applicant, Joseph J. Romei, 3 Lyons Terrace, Kinnelon, NJ 07405. Upon approval, our final total for membership will be 106.

PTC BANQUET

The Annual Pacquenac Tennis Club's banquet/awards dinner will be held **on Sunday, Nov. 9th, at Stefano's Restaurant, 569 Rte.23S, Pompton Plains, N.J.** Dinner will be served at 6:00PM— please try to arrive 15 minutes before that time. Cost: \$35.00p/p/. Please make checks payable to Gerald Cetrulo and mail to 140 West Parkway, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 by **WEDNESDAY, November 5th** at the latest. Questions (?), Call Jerry Cetrulo at 973-650-4474.

Meeting Host Schedule

November: Fall Banquet
December: Don Wain
January: Janet Greene
February: Tom Mathews
March: Don Adams
April: Pasquale Baccarella
May: Matt Dondiego

TRIVIA QUESTION

What two female tennis players won exactly eighteen Grand Slam Singles Titles before they retired?

- A. Helen Wills Moody and Maureen Connolly
- B. Martina Higgs and Justine Henin
- C. Margaret Court and Suzanne Lenglen
- D. Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova

This month's meeting will be replaced by our Year End Banquet at Stefano's Restaurant on November 9th at 6:00PM

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Women's and Men's Open Tennis Schedule: FALL 2014

Sundays 9:30-11:30 AM: Mixed doubles. Singles may play if there are open courts.
Doubles have priority.

WOMEN: Monday 9:00 - 11:30AM - Women's Open
Thursday 4:30—7PM - Women's Open

MEN: Tuesday 9:00 to 11:30 AM - Men's Open
Friday 9:00 to 11:30 AM - Men's Open

COACH'S CORNER

Have you had a bad day where you just can't seem to hit the ball where you want it to go? Or worse, you just keep hitting it into the net or sailing it long? If your answer is YES, then it has a lot to do with your timing of the ball bounce and the swing.

Timing is very important in tennis. If your timing is correct it will definitely improve your strokes, hence your game!

To improve your timing, which will greatly improve consistency, accuracy, your movement on the court and will add more controlled power to your ground-strokes, you can say (to yourself and not aloud) Bounce-Hit, Tick-Tock, or 1-2. If you play musical instruments and are familiar with the Metronome, it's a 95 to 100 BPM (Beats per Minute) tempo, or 110 BPM if hitting the ball on the rise.

If you have any questions regarding this tip, please feel free to ask me when you see me at the Club! Have a great game.! Johnathan

PTC: WEBSITE CORNER

Site: <http://www.pacquenactennisclub.com>

Please follow the link below to view the centennial photos and video:

<http://www.pacquenactennisclub.com/articles/142-centennial-celebrations>

TRIVIA ANSWERS

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Tournament Committee

On behalf of the Tournament Committee, I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Founders Tournament. I think that everyone enjoyed the healthy competition and camaraderie. Your cooperation enabled the Tournament Committee to administer this annual, season long event and bring it to a timely conclusion. Johnathan Le, the Tournament Consultant, provided invaluable assistance on an on-going basis. It is very doubtful that this Tournament would have succeeded without his input and advice. The Club's Webmaster, Tom Mathews, deserves a great deal of credit for creating and maintaining our website and making it possible for Ilya Shragin and myself to update the ladder files, the scheduled matches, the match results, etc. Tom also created the tourney address that players used to schedule their matches and report the match results.

Here are the Champions of the 2014 Founders Tournament:

Men's Singles—Div. A	-	Mark Kass.
Men's Singles—Div. B	-	Tom Mathews
Women's Singles—Div. A	-	Narelle An
Women's Doubles—Div. A	-	Debbie Loehr & Narelle An
Men's Doubles—Div. A	-	Mark Kass and Zach Chessin
Men's Doubles—Div. B	-	Bill Urban & Tony Schlachter
Mixed Doubles—Div. A	-	Eric Mertrud and Lori Messina
Mixed Doubles—Div. B	-	Harriet and Jack Markowitz

Again, thanks to everyone who participated. We hope to see you again next season!

Regards, Thor Jorgensen & Jeff Sheldon, Co-Chairs, 2014 Founders Tournament.

Pictured below are the men's playoff contenders (Peter An, L., Mark Kass, R.. With Johnathan Le, C.) for Div. A, Men's Singles sent by Bob Riech.



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GROUNDS CHAIRMAN

I will be scheduling some grounds improvement work for **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th** at about 9:00AM. The projects to be undertaken will be the lowering and lessening of the grass between courts 2 and 3. This will entail renting a sod cutting machine and borrowing an excavating machine through Eric Mertrud. The plan is to cut and roll up the sod, remove and re-grade the soil between the courts so that the sod will be level with the court surface, and then to replace the sod. The re-sodded area will be about 3-4 feet wide from service line to service line, and then about two feet wide from each service line to the fences. This is a largish undertaking and **if I don't get enough volunteers** (at least six not including myself and Eric), **it won't happen!** So, if you've been complaining about the grass (men OR women), and don't show up, your complaints will no longer be heard! **Don't assume others will take care of it.** If I get an abundance of help I will also work on the sidewalk from the new patio to the side gate using the left over pavers. I will bring grading tools (rakes, flat shovels, soil tampers, wheelbarrows, etc.) but if you have more, bring them just in case.

Also, sometime next week, the court sprinklers will be shut down for the winter and the lines blown out. The water in the bathroom and kitchen will remain on until a freeze is imminent, probably mid-November. At that time, the bathroom will be locked and out of service until next season.

Thanks to all, Matt Dondiego.

Winter Indoor Tennis Groups

The PTC has many indoor tennis groups among our members—both Women and Men— that play weekly during the winter. The Men have 2 groups of Doubles that meet on Tuesdays, and 2 groups of Doubles that meet on Thursdays, as well as those members who have arranged a weekly match of Singles! If you would like to act as a substitute for any of these groups or participate in Doubles for next year, contact Jerry Bott at 973-835-3576.

The Women have several members that meet weekly for Doubles and Mixed Doubles! If you would like to participate as a substitute this year or, perhaps, on a weekly schedule for next year, contact Janet Greene at 973-299-5257.

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