

Baseline Newsletter

November 2017



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Is it really November? I hope all of you have fun plans for Thanksgiving and will be making good use of the club to help work off the inevitable increase in caloric intake this time of year. Which pie to eat - pumpkin, apple or pecan? Or all three.....

October was another busy month for committees and the Board. At the October 25th meeting of the Board, a good deal of time was devoted to the issue of our current equity membership structure. The goal of the Board has been to address a long-standing issue of perceived inequity in the current dues structure, while maintaining the club's long-term financial well-being. I'd like to personally thank Finance Committee Chairman Ross Laursen for the excellent analysis he presented to the Board, which enabled a robust discussion, including financial consequences should a change be adopted. I am pleased to say that the Board unanimously approved a proposal to amend to the by-laws, which means the proposal will be scheduled for a vote by the membership. Information regarding this proposal and the amendment can be found on our club [website](#) (under communications tab). **Please note that no change can be made without an affirmative vote by the membership.** See page 14 of this newsletter for a copy of the proposed by-law change.

This issue has not been an easy or simple one to address, and this proposal will no doubt be seen by some as not enough, or by others as unnecessary. Nonetheless, the Board believes this to be in the "sweet spot" of balancing the interests of current and future members, while doing so in a fiscally responsible manner. Please look for additional information in the upcoming weeks, but let me briefly summarize what the Board approved:

- 1) A new class of equity membership will be created rather than the two classes we have now (single and family).
- 2) That base membership is for one adult and any additional people added to the membership will be charged an incremental amount on a sliding scale.
- 3) Current members and those on the waitlist on the date of implementation will be grandfathered into the existing structure, but will also have an option to convert to the new structure if they so choose.

Turning to another important topic....the work of the Ad Hoc Clubhouse Planning committee continues. We've taken some time to digest input from the membership with regard to the clubhouse planning process and one common theme was "what would a remodel plan look like?" (continued on page 2)



President
Dundee Doyle

CONTINUED - MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

So, the Board allocated funds to develop conceptual design drawings for a remodel of the existing clubhouse with an emphasis on addressing three main areas - the locker rooms, easier court access and code compliance associated with any changes. The next step is to have a rough cost estimate which can be compared with costs to build new. Your Board will review any new information at its November Board meeting, and let me emphasize that no decisions have been made.

Progress has also been made with regard to our food services. The Ad Hoc Food Services Committee has been busy at work and I want to provide a brief summary of their current thinking. After reviewing the results of the membership survey, talking with individuals in the food service industry and lots on informal research, the committee is pursuing a "grab-n-go" approach as its number one option. The committee and some volunteers will be conducting some "taste testings" and exploring changes in where and how food might be better displayed. More to come by the end of the year. In the meantime, please provide Committee Chair Kerry Levine or Julie Wheadon with any thoughts.

I've well exceeded my allotted space for this month's newsletter, so just let me close with thanking all of you who submitted ideas for the new building (tennis courts 9-12). We had 115 submissions and will be announcing the three finalists in the very near future. The vote on naming the building will occur at the same time as the vote on the equity membership structure.

And since this is the time of year for giving thanks - thanks to all of you (Julie, staff, pros, committee chairs, fellow Board members and all the members) for making our club great.

Dundeana Doyle - Club President

NEW PROGRAM

NEW WEEKLY PROGRAM!!!!

Women's Doubles - Saturdays at 8:30 am

- Starts Saturday, November 4.
- Sign ups go out 1 week in advance.
- Open to all women of all levels.
- Must cancel by Friday at 8:30 am.
- Lisa will flight the event Friday night before she leaves.
- Cost \$1.00.

Keep an eye out for more information regarding upcoming online sign ups!



SEASON OF GIVING BACK

In an effort to help those in our community who are struggling we are hosting our Annual 2017 Food Drive for HopeLink from November 13 - December 4.

Please help us reach our GOAL of 500 cans of food!

Donation bins will be located in the lobby.

Save the Date

Turkey Call-In Benefitting HopeLink

Saturday, November 18

Tennis: 11:30 - 2:30 pm

Social to follow with light refreshments & snacks

Cost: \$10 or 4 cans of food

FOOD
DRIVE

November

Important Dates

Wednesday, November 1	1st Day of Late Fall Women's Team
Wednesday, November 1	Registration Deadline for Junior Club Championships
Thursday, November 2	Chad & Amy Smith's Baby Shower - 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 4	New program - Women's Doubles Saturdays at 8:30am
Sunday, November 5	End of Daylight Savings
Sunday, November 5	Workout for a Cause - 10:15 am
Thursday, November 9-12	Junior Club Championships
Sunday, November 12	Junior Awards - 6:30 pm
Monday, November 13	Cups Captains Meeting - 1:00 pm
Monday, November 13	Tennis Committee Meeting - 6:00pm
Monday, November 13 - Dec 4	HopeLink Food Drive
Tuesday, November 14	Facilities Committee Meeting - 4:30 pm
Wednesday, November 15	Finance Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm
Saturday, November 18	Thanksgiving Call-In - 11:30 am
Monday, November 20	Membership Committee Meeting - 5:30 pm
Thursday, November 23	Happy Thanksgiving! Club closes at 1:00pm
Thursday, November 23-26	No Junior Team
Friday, November 24	Day After Fitness Blaster - 9:00 am
Wednesday, November 29	Board Meeting - 6:00 pm
Friday, December 1	Mix Up Friday Night - 5:30 pm

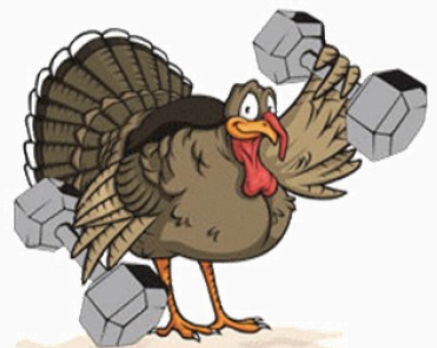
Day After Blaster!

Date: Friday, November 24th

Time: 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Boot Camp with Clay & Vicki

Work off that turkey, stuffing, and pie that you ate on Thanksgiving!



MANAGER'S MISCELLANY

Holiday season is here!

October was busy enough, now throw in the holidays! The Club tournament was a success with some fun nights watching some great tennis. (Results on Page 11). And the Halloween Cup Spooktacular was filled with amazing costumes and the luncheon decorated as a beautiful fall tea party! Thank you to everyone that participated and pitched in to help with both of those events. Don't forget we lose our daylight even earlier starting with DAYLIGHT SAVINGS the first weekend of November. The month will be just as busy, bringing the Junior Club Championships (Nov. 9-12), the Jr. Team Awards Celebration (Nov. 12) and an opportunity to load up on CPTC logo wear for holiday surprises. Laurie has found some great clothing items and will be bringing in samples for you to place your order. Do it early so we can make sure to have them available for under the Christmas tree!



Just a reminder... 'tis the season for unusual weather patterns. For future reference, if you call the club and our voicemail does not pick up, that usually means we are without power. We will do our best to send out notices and keep you up to date of the Club status, but depending on how wide the outage has spread, we may not be able to do that. If you have a junior in our program, we usually follow the snow schedule of the schools, as well as try to get notice to you if there is a cancellation. If we do cancel and make up days are available, just reach out to Ethan, Dea or Chad and they can let you know what the options may be. If you are onsite when the power goes out, the exit signs will light up- please come to the front desk, help others around you make it out of the buildings and be all around safe and aware of your surroundings at all times.

Busy times, busy courts – think of your fellow members!

This time of year we are limited to our indoor courts only and the impact on popular times can be overwhelming. The staff does their best to monitor court use and the waitlist – and now we are going to do our best to be proactive in making sure the courts are being utilized by those that reserve them or receive them off the waitlist. At least once or twice a day we receive a comment from your fellow member – who has that court? No one is there? It can be very frustrating when someone is on the waitlist and sees an empty court. Please - let the front desk know as soon as possible if you will not be using your court – or if someone else in your group has a court that you will be using. Also avoid trying to game the system by using the waitlist. Remember – the court reservation and waitlist are visible to anyone that logs in – they watch to see who has the court and who will get the court if they are on the waitlist behind you.

SPEEDING IN THE PARKING LOT & ON 60TH STREET – Yikes!! In front of the school!!! We would rather have you a few minutes late for your court than speeding through the parking lot to make it on time. Please, please, please slow down so we don't have any accidents that can be avoided. Also, we have had a few cars damaged in the parking lot – if you accidentally bump a car or your racquet dings that car next to you – do the right thing – leave a note or report to the front desk. Or if you see someone that does this – write down the make and model of the car and let us know.

We will be open Thanksgiving Day until 1 pm – walk on courts for Friday, November 24 can be made after 10 am on November 23.

Enjoy and be healthy this holiday season!

Julie Wheadon - Club Manager

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FACILITIES | CHAIR BRIAN DARROW

The Facilities Committee wrapped up a couple projects this month including finishing the roof repairs on the club house and installation of club-wide WiFi. The results of the Food Survey are in so look for some improvements based on the info collected. The Facilities Committee's focus will now turn to a few upcoming projects which include continued drainage repairs along the north side of Reed Building, paver repair along the entry drive, a new pool cover, repair of Champ Court cracks and parking lot resealing and restriping.

MEMBERSHIP | CHAIR CAROL BUCKINGHAM

Moving past Halloween and into the Holiday season means the Membership Committee is focusing on more charity oriented activities for the club membership. The Hopelink Food drive starts November 13th and will run through December 4th. Look for information on ways to donate food or funds to support those in need in the lobby in the coming weeks. The Turkey Call-in and Food Drive (also benefiting Hopelink) will take place on November 18th. And the Giving Tree will be back in December.

As a committee we have also been working on developing an event cancellation policy that members that cancel within three days of an event without the spot being filled with a substitute will be charged full price. This is being done to reduce the time spent by staff to fill spots that open up at the last minute, and make sure we have accurate head counts for food orders. Please note this policy when signing up so you aren't caught by surprise.

The Membership Committee also reviewed the new clubhouse name suggestions and prepared a slate of candidate names to forward on the Club Board. All I can say is that you are a very creative and enthusiastic group!! We had about 115 submissions to go through, and there were lots of great suggestions made. Nice work!!

TENNIS | CHAIR NANCY GOLDBERG

In October, we discussed several items relating to court allocation:

Saturday morning women's doubles will begin soon. A member brought this idea to the tennis committee. Upon the committee's recommendation, the board approved to allocate two courts for women's doubles at 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays on a trial basis.

Central Park will host the 2018 USTA 18+ playoffs in June 2018, with similar court allocations as 2017.

A group of members proposed having a pickleball court at the Club, converting one of the tennis courts on a trial basis. This group will work on having a pickleball demo day to determine if there is sufficient interest at the Club.

CUPS | CHAIR LYNDA CARLSON

Central Park's Cups Committee organized the annual Halloween "Spooktacular" tennis and luncheon event on October 25th. This social occasion brings all Cups teams together for fun tennis and delicious lunch. Special thanks go to Elsa Brodin and Lindsay Price for the festive decorations!

There will be a "check-in" Captains meeting on Monday, November 13 to review teams' progress at the mid-season timeframe.

Plans for our January 10 fundraiser have begun and the Committee is seeking input on a charitable organization to support. Last year's fundraiser benefitted the Listen and Talk organization which helps hearing impaired children and their families. Central Park members generously gave over \$5,000 and greatly exceeded our goal! All members are invited to submit their suggestions to Cups Committee members for consideration. Members are: Lynda Carlson, Elizabeth Graves, Anne Glenny, Lindsay Price, Arthe Lee, Marilyn Pedersen, Renee Bibeault and Carla Stanford.

FINANCE | CHAIR ROSS LAURSEN

The Finance Committee met in October and began with continued discussions about our purpose statement and responsibilities. Julie presented September financials and we continue to be having a good year relative to budget in 2017. Utilities were higher than expected through summer, but more than offset elsewhere. Next we reviewed and discussed the first draft of the 2018 budget, including potential capital spending. Revisions remain underway. Finally, we continue to review options and proposals from multiple institutions related to the interest rate on our bank loan adjusting on December 1, 2017. A recommendation is ready for the Board and I expect to report back more details in my next report.

PRO'S COURT

Hello Central Park,

As many of you know I went down to Orlando for a joint USTA/USPTA national conference in Mid-October.

First on show was the brand new USTA National Campus with 100 courts, all lit, spread across 64 acres. We got a tour of the whole facility showcasing the high-tech training center, 26 smart courts using Playsight (visit playsight.com for more info), 32 clay courts and much more. There were courts everywhere I looked. They will be hosting national, collegiate, and eventually professional events at the site. It is state-of-the-art and a tennis addict's dream.

Second was the new USTA program Net Generation. This program is going to create a pathway for ages 5-18 based on skill level, ball size, court size, and racket size. The goal is to keep progressing and having fun in competitive tennis instead of feeling outclassed or at the wrong level. As players age and develop they will meet certain benchmarks that will advance them through the levels. This will keep players in the sport longer and to show a clear path to compete even at young ages. It's just getting started so there will be a lot more to come.

Lastly, and very interesting was the meeting with the UTR (Universal Tennis Rating) team. This is a rating system that college coaches have been using for some time now to determine the level of players they are considering for their teams. We use it to assess juniors who want into our program. I'll let them explain,

"Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) is the "metric system" of tennis, worldwide. UTR rates every competitive tennis player – regardless of age, gender, or nationality – on a 16-point scale with two decimal places. It is by far the most accurate and reliable index of tennis skill available to players, coaches, tournaments, and federations."

Clubs and facilities are starting to run events and tournaments that match players up based on level rather than age and gender using UTR. This way the likelihood of a 6-0 6-0 blowout is highly unlikely and the goal is to keep players having good competitive play at a level that is fun for all.

It's exciting to see the sport we are all so passionate about continue to grow and evolve. There is so much to love about this sport and the people in it.

See you on the courts. Chad



TENNIS PRO ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to announce that our very own Blakeley Bean will be stepping into the role of Junior Team Tennis Coordinator for Washington State. Blakeley has a great depth of skills and experience that she will use to build JTT in the PNW. Please direct all JTT inquiries and questions to Blakeley Bean for WA.

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM YOUR TENNIS COMMITTEE

A note about tennis attire:

Non-marking shoes only on the courts – this includes spectators and parents who sit on the court benches or help pick up balls.

What is appropriate tennis attire? It can be fuzzy, but the best guideline might be to mimic what the pros on TV wear – or don't wear:

- Yoga pants under a tennis skirt are fine; yoga pants on their own are not.
- Hiking or other pants, shorts, or capris are a no go. Another guide – are your pants made to hold tennis balls?
- Shirts with non-tennis logos, such as beer ads or your recent fun run shirt, are not appropriate.

FITNESS COURT

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Clay's Workout Group. See you soon!

Here's some comments from the regulars:

"These are solid workouts, really impossible to do on your own. As we get older, keeping muscle mass up is important. It's a great sense of community, and every workout is different and hard. But, that means I'm always progressing." - Shannon Underwood

"I like the spirit of camaraderie with a group of people who are committed to health and fitness. Clay is tough and sets a high bar, but he's always willing to accommodate individual needs. His classes flow well, he's a pro. At the end of every class, I'm glad I came. I can feel my body getting stronger." - Marianne Heywood

"I love how I feel after a tough workout. The classes are fresh and new, without repeating. Having a workout group keeps me accountable. Clay's class has helped me with my tennis, I'm getting to more balls! He pushes us, and makes individual adjustments when we need them." - Kerry Levine



Wellness quiz, are these statements fact or fiction?!

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James Moreno & Tom Christenson
Heidi Jensen
Catherine & Grant Ries
Dan Canafax
Ed and Teresa Duran
Cember & Ryan Pinkerton
Amol Koli

Good luck and well wishes to our resigning members:
Paul Mathew
Kevin Woo
Jonathan Chang
Leanne & Reinder Vanderschoot
Emily Huang

WORKOUT FOR A CAUSE

**5TH ANNUAL
WORKOUT FOR
A CAUSE
BENEFITING
NORTHWEST
HARVEST**



**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 5TH
FROM
10:15 - 11:15 AM**

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1 BAG OF NON-
PERISHABLE
FOOD**



DAY AFTER BLASTER



**COME WORK OFF ALL THAT
DELICIOUS FOOD!**

**DAY AFTER
THANKSGIVING
BLASTER**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
FROM 9-10:30AM**

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS



HAVE YOU HEARD?

Chad & Amy Smith

ARE HAVING A BABY!

Please join us for a baby shower on
Thursday, November 2nd @ 7 pm
in the Clubhouse Lounge.

HELP US SHOWER THEM WITH LOVE!

Everyone is invited!
For those of you wishing to bring a
gift, they are registered at
Amazon & Target.

Please RSVP to Elsa Brodin
at emb3747@gmail.com.

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

JUNIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday, November 12 at 6:30 pm

\$10 per family

Pizza, drinks & dessert included

RSVP at the Front Desk



2017 ADULT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - RESULTS

Congratulations to everyone who competed! It was 10 days full of incredible tennis!

	WINNER	RUNNER UP	CONSOLATION WINNER
Men's Singles Flight 1	Ross Laursen	Steve McRae	Tung Dinh
Men's Singles Flight 2	Rob Leidle	Marvin Mall	James Moreno
Men's Singles Flight 3	Bob Bengford	Gamage Virithamulla	Justin Von Gortler

Men's Doubles Flight 1	Denis Brasfield & Ross Laursen	Tony Martin & Pat McGowan	
Men's Doubles Flight 2	Blake Brown & Ted Turner	Walt Paulson & Juan Vegarra	
Men's Doubles Flight 3	Bill Skilton & John Thekkethala	James Moreno & Alex Tao	
			Richard & Andrew Shen

Women's Singles Flight 1	Marne Whitney	Leah Gray	Mistie Iseman
Women's Singles Flight 2	Deb Nielsen	Tara Darrow	

Women's Doubles Flight 1	Arthe Lee & Marne Whitney	Susan Fascitelli & Andrea Gerth	
Women's Doubles Flight 2	Beth Hom & Maybelle Wiersholm	Sarika Calla & Janet Scott	
Womens Doubles Flight 3	Tara Darrow & Deb Nielsen	Elizabeth Graves & Dana Laursen	
Mixed Doubles Flight 1	Trent Burns & Marne Whitney	Daniel Avery & Dundean Doyle	
Mixed Doubles Flight 2	Ross & Lily Laursen	Juan & Annette Vegara	Carly Oberg & Alex Tao
Mixed Doubles Flight 3	Cathy Long & Dan Stumpf	Wei & Chairuna Antono	Barry Thompson & Zhanbing Wu
Mixed Doubles Flight 4	Dana & Erik Laursen	Connie Essinger & Mark Greenlaw	

CENTRAL PARK TENNIS CLUB

JUNIOR Club Championships

NOVEMBER 9-12

- Singles \$25.00. Doubles \$20.00 pp.
- Draws will be posted Nov. 6 after 7:30 pm.
- Match play weekdays after 5:30 pm and all day on weekends from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm.
- Consolation rounds for first match losers in all events, other than round robins.
- In entry level play, matches will be 2 out of 3 sets. The set will be to 4.
- **Entry Deadline: Wednesday, Nov. 1.**

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PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

1. Amend Article 3 as follows:

a Add a new Section:

3.1: Equity Membership

3.1.1 General. An Equity membership may be issued to an individual. The Equity member may use the Club's facilities at times and under rules and regulations set by the Board. For an additional amount in dues as set by the Board, one additional adult may be added to the Equity Membership. The additional adult must either be the spouse or domestic partner of the Equity Membership holder. For an additional amount in dues as set by the Board, children of either or both members who are unmarried and under the age of 25 may also be added to the Equity Membership and may use the Club's facilities at times and under rules and regulations set by the Board.

3.1.2 Membership Rights. Each Equity membership shall have only one vote on all issues put to a membership vote. An Equity member, and up to one additional adult as described in Section 3.1.1 above, may exercise all membership rights such as holding elective office and serving on committees, except if either adult is a member of the Board, the other may not at the same time be on the Board or act as the chair of a standing committee.

3.1.3 Effective Date and Applicability. Effective as of January 10, 2018, all new equity memberships shall be governed by this Section 3.1. Existing members as of the effective date have the option to opt in to the Equity Membership described in this Section 3.1, or to remain with their current Equity Single, Equity Family, or Equity Corporate membership. Members who opt for the Equity Membership described in this Section 3.1 shall not be able to revert to any previous membership structure.

b. Renumber the remaining Sections of Article 3.