



CENTRAL PARK TENNIS CLUB BASELINE NEWSLETTER

March 2024

PRESIDENT REPORT

I can't wait for some sun! We have a lot going on right now as we move into the upcoming outdoor season. I want first to congratulate the players in the recent tournaments and league play. Our results speak for themselves with some great 3rd set tie finals enjoyed by many bystanders watching! As the 18+ USTA season ramps up I wish those teams the best of luck and health for the more senior players! We also are starting the process to build the slate for the upcoming open board positions so please let us know if you are interested in helping guide our club's future. Related to our future, you will be receiving a survey for our long-term planning shortly, please prioritize completing this survey as it is critical to hear your voice on what our significant future projects should focus on and what timeframe they could be accomplished. Our Annual Club Meeting will be on June 19th this year where a summary will be provided.

As we embark on the journey of hiring a new club manager over the next few months, I want to assure all members and staff of our unwavering commitment to excellence. The hiring process is designed to broadly source candidates who not only have a proven track record of experience in club management but also embody a hands-on bar raising, 'do-it' approach. Our goal is to ensure that our new leader will not only understand the strategic aspects of the role but will also be deeply involved in the day-to-day operations, directly contributing to our club's success. We understand the importance of this decision, and our selection process will be thorough, transparent, and aimed at finding someone who aligns with our values and passion for tennis. Together, we will continue to foster an environment that thrives on professionalism, dedication, and a shared love for the game.

Happy St. Patrick's Day
FRED WURDEN

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View 2024 Calendar [HERE](#)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Dan Feng & family
Greg Harriman and Elisabeth Newkirk
Mindy Park & family
Wei Lu & Monica Li
Jayden Chen (Young Professional)
Oscar Li (Junior)

BEST TO RESIGNING MEMBERS

Andrew Haring & family
Deb Stratton
Ryan Brackett (Junior)

MARCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday 3/6: Fitness 1pm
Monday 3/11: Tennis 6pm
Tuesday 3/12: Facilities 4:30pm
Wednesday 3/13: Membership 5:30pm
Monday 3/18: CUP 1pm
Tuesday 3/19: Long Term Planning 6pm
Thursday 3/21: Finance 5pm
Wednesday 3/27: Board of Directors 6pm

[Click here to view the full March calendar](#)



ST. PATRICK'S DAY & BNP PARIBAS FINALS



PARTY



MARCH 17 11 AM

Join us in the lounge to watch the BNP Paribas Finals projected on a big screen! Bring an appetizer to share with everyone.



Sign up in GameTime, event is free.



EASTER

Egg Hunt

MARCH 30TH | 10:00 AM

SIGN UP IN GAMETIME, BRING YOUR
OWN BASKET, MEET IN THE LOUNGE,
DONT BE LATE!



CENTRAL PARK/ BELLEVUE CLUB TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

THURSDAY, FEB. 1 - WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

Men's 5.0 Doubles Champions: Gordon Goetzmann/Jack Kelly (BC)
Finalists: Bryce Danz/Richie Altig (CP)

Men's 6.0 Doubles Champions: Michael Wang/Jin Yu (BC)
Finalists: Austin Liu/Will Wang (CP)

Men's 7.0 Doubles Champions: Geoff Seuk/Chris Martin (BC)
Finalists: Mike Ensing/Pat Nevin (CP)

Men's 8.0 Doubles Champions: Barry Katz/Scott Mullett (CP)
Finalists: Leon Ma/Lyle Li (CP)

Men's Open Doubles Champions: Tim McRoberts/Gregg Skaggs (CP)
Finalists: Mario Lopez/Jeff Stoner (BC)

Women's 6.0 Doubles Champions: Tracy Brodahl/Wenjin Li (CP)
Finalists: Tongtong Lian/May Zhan (CP)

Women's 7.0 Doubles Champions: Colleen Wurden/Terry Luquette (CP)
Finalists: Joanne Hasbrook/Trish MacDonald (BC)

Women's Open Doubles Champions: Lydia Sun/Katie McRoberts (CP)
Finalists: Holly Yang/Becca Chen (CP)

Mixed 6.0 Doubles Champions: Wenjin Li/Jason Liang (CP)
Finalists: Tongtong Lian/Austin Liu (CP)

Mixed 7.0 Doubles Champions: Min Park/Perry Kim (BC)
Finalists: Mindy Marquart/Justin Marquart (CP)

Mixed 8.0 Doubles Champions: Priyanka Joshi/Madhur Joshi (CP)
Finalists: Eileen Wang/Jeff Stoner (BC)

Mixed Open Doubles Champions: Lydia Sun/Mike Costello (CP)
Finalists: Natalie Lepire/Andrew Shen (CP)

February 9th Pickleball Social

Photos by Barry Thompson





CUP Fundraiser February 7th



Cheers are in order for a phenomenal fundraising event supporting this year's chosen recipient, Acres of Diamonds. Acres of Diamonds is a local charity that focuses on Women and Children who are working to re-write their stories. They brought in a superb speaker that spoke to us over a luncheon provided by the committee. The money raised will have an immediate impact for the organization, so thank you all that supported this endeavor.

It is our most celebrated event and our fundraising totals are around the \$13,000 dollar mark (with a significant portion coming from a \$5,000 match by a member supported foundation, Harry's Hounds who urge you to consider pet adoption).

There were 9 beautiful themed baskets that were either up for the all-club silent auction or the raffle portion on the day of the event. Each Cup team, plus the CP Pro's gathered resources and turned in our most valuable baskets to-date.

Big winners! (Themed Baskets)

Evergreen Sponsored:

Shaken Not Stirred (martini) — Carly Oberg

Emerald Sponsored:

Slammin' Seasons (Grand Slam)—Twyla Baird

Classic Sponsored:

Barbie's Perfect Day—Kim Stein / Lorraine Wong

Rainier Sponsored:

It's a Barbie World—Amy Galanes

Challenge teams Sponsored:

Barrel O' Fun (scotch/whiskey)—Colleen Wurden

Great Wines Think Alike — Anna Duff

King-Co Teams Sponsored:

Match day Apres—Jeannie Coe

Oprah's favorite things—Heather Gertmenian

Pro Sponsored:

Teaching Lesson Basket—Lana Hansen





TENNIS CAMPS

JUNIOR & ADULT

AUGUST 5th-9th 2024
at **Central Park Tennis Club**

JUNIOR REGISTRATION SOLD OUT

ADULT REGISTRATION



Womens Flex League

CPTC Women's Flex League is in full swing this winter! Over 70 members of all skill levels are participating. There are six different divisions of teams and a flexible schedule of 5 or 6 matches for each team. Standings and scores are posted weekly and displayed on the monitors by the front desk. Members are enjoying the friendly competition with no travel or fees. I am considering running a similar Flex League in the spring/summer for mixed doubles...let me know if you would be interested!

Questions, comments and feedback welcome: carolyn@werners.me



We are looking for summer camp counselors to help run extra activities during the day. Contact Madison if you know someone who would be interested or for more information!

LIFEGUARDS WANTED!

Please reach out to maintenance@centralparktennisclub.com if you are interested in being a lifeguard this summer.

OPEN LESSONS IN GAMETIME

Each pro is offering an open one-hour private lesson each week, for members to reserve in Gametime! Find the lessons in the Classes & Events tab. Lessons will open up 7 days in advance each week. Waitlist may register 4 days in advance.

Mark Shkrebtan - Mondays 8-9am

Blakeley Bean - Tuesdays 3-4pm

Jeff Eicher -Wednesday 12-1pm

Chad Smith - Thursdays 12-1pm

Phil Ansdell - Thursdays 2:30-3:30pm

Lisa Moldrem - Tuesdays 11:30am-12:00pm / Fridays 10:30-11am

Nikita Moroz - Fridays 2-3pm/3-4pm

Nick Kamisar - Saturdays 11:30am-12:30pm

PRIVATE LESSON INTEREST LIST

Are you interested in being contacted for a private lesson opening? As the pros get openings or cancellations they will reach out to those on these lists. We at Central Park hope this will help connecting with a tennis professional much easier. Use the links below or search for the list in the classes & events tab in Gametime.

[WEEKEND INTEREST](#)

[DAYTIME INTEREST](#)

[EVENING INTEREST](#)

Do you have a couch or other furniture that you could to donate to the new jr lounge? Contact Blakeley.

Multi-Purpose Room

We have switched some things around and added new equipment to the multipurpose room.

Go check it out!



The USTA season has begun!
Captains & other resources
can be found in the members
only tab on the website under
Tennis Activities tab.

[View Here](#)



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP | CHAIR Heidi Nevin

The membership committee discussed new events for the month of March. We will plan to host a watch party event for the Indian Wells Men's Singles Final on Sunday, March 17th, that will also be St. Patrick's Day themed. We will also be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th at 10am. Please keep an eye out for more details on both events! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 13th at 5:30pm. See you soon!

FACILITIES | CHAIR Lynda Carlson

We have started the ladies locker room refresh and excited to see that completed this month as well as the start of the men's locker room refresh. The multipurpose room has been painted and re-organized to allow better utilization of the space. Cable TV is now available on the multipurpose room as well. Our security system will be upgraded this month. And we are planning to resurface the Reed building courts this summer. We received feedback regarding cleanliness of the courts so our maintenance staff has been going through each tennis building to spot clean the courts as needed. This has been completed in the Reed and Roberts building. Thank you for any feedback or issues you observe.

TENNIS | CHAIR George Hays

The Tennis Committee met on February 11 after a one-month hiatus. The Committee approved one request to add non-members to a USTA team and asked for more information on the other. The Committee also approved a new intra-club tennis league that will be run on the outside courts in July and August. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12th.

FINANCE | CHAIR Matt Osborne

In February the finance committee reviewed the club's financial performance to date, and reviewed the club's investment and cash management plan. The committee also determined that we should defer making any accelerated loan payments until we complete a more thorough review of the projected cash flow for the remainder of the year. The next finance committee meeting will be on March 21st at 5pm.

FITNESS | CHAIR Youngmee Kim

The fitness committee wants to thank everyone who filled out the equipment use surveys in the gym, we appreciate the feedback. Cable TV was installed in the multipurpose room. Stay tuned for an upcoming fitness workshop with Mindy Marquart. The next meeting is March 6th at 1pm.

CUP | CHAIR Lana Hansen

Cups competition has come to a close for this season but the committee is still hard at work. Check out page 6 for details about the fundraiser. Point percentage re-cap sheets will be e-mailed to each participating CUP player during the first week of March. These indicate if you meet the criteria of staying in-level for the following season. Appeal questions can be directed toward Pro's Chad and Lisa. Forms available soon. Our next meeting will be March 18th, 1:15pm.



MANAGER'S MISCELLANY

Happy March! As I type this article the sun is shining, birds are chirping, and I can't help but think of spring approaching soon, as well as the much needed changing of the clocks. We are getting through the grey days of winter and are turning the corner of longer days and more opportunities to play outdoor tennis again! I hope this month if it's warm and dry enough, you get that chance to play outside on our wonderful new courts if you haven't already. I know I'm looking forward to it!

Last month consisted of fun events that we host in the month of February each year. We started off the month with the Bellevue Club/Central Park tournament run by our own Lisa Moldrem and Bellevue Club's Brian Nash. Please see page 4 for full results, and congrats to our members who were winners and finalists! We then rolled into the annual Cup Committee fundraiser event, which in total raised about \$13,000 for the charity of Acres of Diamonds! Another very successful fundraiser that shows the generosity of our membership as well as the hard work and leadership of our Cup Committee! Job well done! Our third event of the month consisted of a pickleball social, which consisted of 50 of our members playing lots of pickleball in the Roberts Building, and then yummy pizza in the lounge after. A big thanks to Carolyn Werner and all the volunteers for coordinating!

This month hosts the BNP Paribas tennis tournament in Indian Wells, CA that many of our members and staff attend. For those who won't be making the trip down this year, the membership committee is looking to plan a watch party event at the club for the men's final, that coincides with St. Patrick's Day. Stay tuned for more details! March also consists of the start of the popular 18+ USTA league, for which our club will be hosting the playoffs in June. Also, with Easter in March this year, we will be planning another popular Easter egg hunt at the club!

Some exciting new things are currently in the works – at the time of this article we are renovating the Women's Locker Rooms with new tile, paint, vanities, and lighting. After completion of the women's, we will start to renovate the men's. We are in the process of updating our security camera system, as well as new landscape work at the parking lot and main entrance to be completed soon. An updated website refresh with new pictures and links will also be rolled out this month. Stay tuned!

To give an update on the current Club Manager job search, we have accepted applications in the past month and have narrowed down the candidate pool for interviews. The hiring committee led by Steve Carl, will be conducting interviews in the coming weeks and we will keep you updated as new information becomes available.

I hope you have a great month of March that consists of lots of tennis, St. Patrick's Day festivities, and sunshine!

Club Manager
Darin Rauso

PROGRAM DIRECTOR:

Chad Smith



As a proud employee of Central Park Tennis Club, I am constantly reminded of the invaluable role teamwork plays in our shared passion for the sport. From the courts to the coaching staff, the spirit of collaboration is the cornerstone of our club's success.

In every match and practice session, we witness the power of teamwork firsthand. Whether it's doubles partners communicating seamlessly or coaches guiding us towards our goals, the synergy within our club elevates our performance and fosters a sense of unity.

At Central Park, we understand that success is not solely measured by individual achievements, but rather by the collective effort of the team. We celebrate each other's victories and support one another through setbacks, knowing that together, we are stronger.

Our staff embodies the essence of teamwork, providing us with guidance, support, and inspiration every step of the way. Their dedication to our development both on and off the court fosters a sense of camaraderie that extends beyond the game itself.

Beyond the competitive aspect, the bonds forged through teamwork at Central Park Tennis Club extend into lifelong friendships and a shared love for the sport. Whether we're strategizing during a match or cheering each other on from the sidelines, we are united by our passion for tennis and our commitment to each other's success.

As we continue to strive for excellence, let us never underestimate the power of teamwork. Together, we are capable of achieving greatness both on and off the court. Let us embrace the spirit of collaboration that defines Central Park and propel ourselves towards new heights of achievement.



Amy Taylor and Chad organized an exchange with the Arbutus Club from Vancouver BC on February 24th. It was a huge success and both clubs had so much fun!

PRO REPORT:

Phil Ansdell

I heard something on the Tennis Channel the other day that has left me blown away, perplexed and saddened. They announced last week marks the first time in the history of tennis that there is no one handed backhand player in the top 10 in the world on the men's professional tour! Shocking! Stefanos Tsitsipas was the sole survivor, and after a few bad months, he has dropped to #11.

In 1968 as a 4 year old boy I remember seeing on TV the likes of Rod Laver, Ken Rosewall, Stan Smith, and then later Stephan Edberg, Pete Sampras, Scott Pearson, Stan Wawrinka and of course Roger Federer, all with beautiful one-handed backhands, and they influenced me into thinking that this is how you're supposed to hit a tennis ball. Well, my reality has been altered once again, and I am forced to realize that the game has evolved right before my eyes. With this revelation, those using one handed backhands might as well be wearing shorty shorts and playing with white tennis balls. Djokovic, Nadal and most recently Jannik Sinner are now making a case for the way a backhand is supposed to be hit. I must admit, a two-handed drive with your whole-body weight into it seems to be the best way to go. The only argument for maybe using a one hander other than on a slice, is that you might have more reach. But that's only another way of saying you didn't get your feet in position to rip it.

The modern game is played with so much power and topspin, the one handers are at a disadvantage, especially when the ball gets up high. This saddens me with my one handed shot, and at this stage in my life I don't think I can change. So, there goes my hopes of making it on the pro tour. But, on the other hand it makes me happy, because every one of our juniors in this club anyway, have two handed backhands. Either way, make your own choice and stick with it. As long as you enjoy the game it's ok to explore and be creative. It is how the game evolves.

I hope you're playing well and improving every day! See you on the courts!



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on the kiosk at the front desk.**

Email Phil to set up drop off and pick up.

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ON THE RISE: JUNIOR PROGRAM



Early Spring 2024

March 4th- April 28th

No classes April 8th-14th

MORNING HITTING PROGRAM **Monday-Thursday 6:00-8:00am**

- Playing Tournaments and UTR events year round
- Year-round commitment to tennis
- Exhibits strong effort and attitude
- Extra court time for players looking to hit more live balls and work on point play
- Must be approved by Mark Shkrebtan
- Sign up price: \$70 member, \$80 non-member (Price per day)
- Drop in price: \$85 member, \$95 non-member (Price per day)

DROP OFF, ENTRY & EXIT

PLEASE DROP OFF & PICK UP ALL PLAYERS IN THE GRAVEL LOT. OUR PARKING LOT BECOMES EXTREMELY BACKED UP WHEN PLAYERS ARE DROPPED/PICKED UP AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO MOVE IF STALLING IN DRIVING PATH OR FIRE LANE NEAR THE FRONT ENTRANCE.

LOOKING TO PLAY UTR MATCHES?

If you are looking for match play that you can set up on your own, please reach out to Coach Mark as he is creating a list of players that are looking to set up matches on their own time that will count towards their UTR's. Since there aren't a lot of USTA events happening during this time of the year, this gives players an opportunity to set up their own matches. Even if you have never played a match before, all that is required is for you to set-up a UTR account at app.universaltennis.com/join. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Coach Mark.

ON THE RISE: JUNIOR PROGRAM



Save the Date for Shape the Future

April 27, 2024

Hidden Valley Fieldhouse, Bellevue, WA

Shape the Future, the Eastside's most unique non-profit party, is back again this year to power Rainier Athletes' second decade of impact! This event is Rainier Athletes' biggest fundraiser of the year.

Shape the Future isn't a typical ballroom gala. The recipe for this event?

- An elegantly transformed gym (into a full-on party!)
- A chill dress code (we call it courtside casual)
- Game day entertainment (like Seahawks drumline Blue Thunder, lawn games, and more!)
- An audience from across the community (teachers, coaches, mentors, students, professional athletes, corporate partners, local government officials, and YOU!)

Your support at Shape the Future means more local youth will have access to long-term one-on-one mentoring, opportunities to pursue their passions, and authentic human connection - all key ingredients to uplifting youth furthest from educational and social justice.

Early bird tickets with special pricing go on sale February 1, 2024! Visit <http://www.rainierathletes.org/shape-the-future> or email shapethefuture@rainierathletes.org for more information.



Click [HERE](#) to view Winter 2024 Newsletter

Contact for Stars & Futures

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Director of Junior Programming

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Staff Contact for Challengers, Tour & Morning Group

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Director of Junior Development

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No athletic skills or experience working with youth required!



Your Commitment

Mentors typically spend 1 hour per week volunteering between check-ins at the student's school, reports, and invitations to cheer at their mentee's activities or celebrate milestones. We ask mentors to commit for at least one school year.



Our Commitment

RA's unique ONE Team model supports students from 4th grade through high school graduation and beyond. Each student is paired with a dedicated mentor who meets with them weekly and fully sponsored to participate in the activities of their choice. Mentors receive annual training and ongoing support.



Get Started!

"In addition to helping my mentee grow positive beliefs about himself, being a mentor has only grown my desire to bring my best out into the world."

"My mentee has expanded my knowledge, she keeps me 'cool' and also humble. Some days I wonder who is the mentee and who is the mentor."

Our mission is to affirm our youth's sense of purpose and belonging by intentionally connecting their core community of teachers, coaches, families, and mentors.

www.rainierathletes.org | hello@rainierathletes.org

CLINICS & PROGRAMS AT CPTC

Clinic	Day of Play	Time	Max # of people	Cost
Lisa's Drills & Strategy 3.0+ Intermediate	Monday	8:30 - 9:30am	4	Sign up dependent
Phil's Skills & Drills 3.0+	Monday	8:30-10:00pm	6	Sign up dependent
Chad Cardio Tennis	Tuesday	10:00 – 11:30 am	6	\$35
Chad Cardio Tennis	Wednesday	10:00 – 11:30 am	6	\$35
Phil's Skills & Drills 3.5+	Wednesday	8:30-10:00pm	6	Sign up dependent
Blakeley Cardio Tennis	Thursday	10:00-11:30am	7	\$35
Chad Cardio Tennis	Friday	8:30 – 9:30 am	6	\$25
Chad Cardio Tennis	Friday	9:30 – 10:30 am	6	\$25
Lisa's Advanced Beginner Skills & Drills	Friday	9:30 - 10:30 am	6	Sign up dependent

Click [here](#) to refresh yourself about our programs. Here are all the details: All program sign ups are online in GameTime. Program times will be one hour and 30 minutes. Program sign ups open at different times. GameTime will open the sign up for the following programs.

See schedule and times below:

Program	Day of Play	Time	# of courts	Sign up Starts	Sign up Ends
Men's Night	Monday	5:30-7:00 pm	4	Saturday prior 7 am	Day of 11:30 am
Women's Night	Tuesday	5:30-7:00 pm	4	One week prior 7 pm	Monday prior 7 pm
Women's Day	Wednesday	10:00-11:30 am	2	One week prior 9:30 am	Tuesday prior 10:00 am
Singles Night	Wednesday	5:30-7:00 pm	4	Monday prior 12 pm	Tuesday prior 5:30 pm
Saturday Men's Doubles	Saturday	8:30-10:00 am	3	One week prior 7 am	Friday prior 8:30 am
Saturday Women's Doubles	Saturday	10:00-11:30 am	2	One week prior 7 am	Friday prior 8:30 am

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