



The Baseline

NEWSLETTER

President's Volley



Tad Rolfe

Forty Years

1972 – The 1st Email was sent, MASH premièred, Bobby Fischer beat Boris Spasky at chess, NASA introduced the space shuttle, Richard Nixon authorized the Watergate Breakin and **Ron Reed** and especially **Howie Wright** talked **Bill Boeing** into selling 6 acres of land in Kirkland to some of their fellow squash enthusiasts. Later 3.75 acres were bought adjacent to the original grounds. They decided to include in their organizational group a few who also played tennis including **Walt Smith, John Meisenbach, Steve Bard** and **Charlie Brown** most of whom are still members.

As time passed and more tennis players joined the Club, squash began to fade away and by 1990 the squash courts were not only no longer regulation size, but only a couple of players remained including **Stuart Hagen** who is also still a member. A second tennis building had been added (Reed Building) and the Club house had been expanded improving the lounge area and fitness facilities. The name of The Club became simply - Central Park Tennis Club.

It didn't all happen without some leadership change and uneven commotion. Management has been the most consistent thread that sewed together the past including **Bernice McGarry, Fred Pessl** and **Julie Wheadon**. Tennis professionals included **Mark Frisby, Doug Ruffin, Tom Loucks, Doug McLaughlin** and **Ash Mitha**. **Phil Ansdell** has been with the Club 27 years, **Marceil Whitney** 20 years and **Lisa Moldrem** 14 years. *(Continued on page 4)*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

- **Tuesday, January 3** **Junior Team begins**
- **Wednesday, January 4** **Women's Team Tennis begins**
- **Friday, January 13** **Mix Up Friday Night - \$13pp**
Tennis at 6:00 pm. Pasta served at 8 pm
- **Thursday, January 19-
Sunday, January 22** **NorthWest Washington Invitational**
Sasi's will be open special hours (Th/Fri/Sat)
- **Thursday, January 19** **GRAND OPENING—New Building**
Courts 9-12 come into play
- **Saturday, January 28** **NEW BUILDING OPEN HOUSE**
Fun for Everyone!

SPECIAL NEW BUILDING EVENTS -

Join us Thursday, January 19 (3:00-8:30 pm) for the Ribbon Cutting and Photo Ops. The week of January 23– January 27 we will have different special events to capture the excitement of our new building. Saturday, January 28 (2:00 –5:00 pm) the OPEN HOUSE will be fun for everyone!

NEW BUILDING

Chair Jack Goldberg

After many years, my final Baseline article...

I think we need to pause for a moment and think about what our Club has accomplished. The dream of building new tennis courts started many years ago, and here we are today. We did it! We have built four new, beautiful, state-of-the-art tennis courts that will serve our Club for at least the next 100 years.

At the ground breaking, just a few short months ago, I reflected on tennis and friendship. To me, this is what CPTC is about. These courts represent current and future friendships. Tennis is what brings us together, but it is the friendships that we all cherish. Our new courts will be the place for many, many tennis matches but more importantly our courts will be the source for many new friendships. Just think about all the new first time tennis players, the lessons, clinics, matches, tournaments. Think about all the great wins and frustrating losses. All this will take place in our new building for 100's of people. For fun I did the calculations. The number is staggering. Over the next 100 years over 6 million people will play on our new courts!

These new courts, of course, didn't happen by themselves. Lots of people have been involved. I think it is important that we take the time to recognize their contributions.

First of all we need to thank our Building Committee:

Larry Ho, our Architect extraordinaire, designed a building that not only fit within our budget but met some very difficult City of Kirkland building code requirements. Larry was personally invested in this project and wanted Club members to be proud of what we built. Larry, we are very proud, and the building looks great!

John Barnes is a long time member and was Project Manager during construction. John sweated and bled every detail because he knew that at the end of the day his friends would be playing on these courts. Like Larry, John wanted members to be proud of what we have accomplished.

Bill Hewitt helped us "package" our project for the banks. Early on people said "the Club can't get financing." Bill was able to show that not only could we get financing, but we could get very favorable financing. Of course, the Club ended up financing the project internally, but knowing that traditional bank financing was available took off much of the pressure.

Andy Held is a member, neighbor, and someone who is intimately aware of the inner workings of the City of Kirkland Planning Department. This not only helped immensely during the Hearing and Permitting process but also allowed us to maintain neighborhood harmony throughout the construction process. Not an easy task when you consider the noise, the mess and the disruption to our neighbors. Well played, Andy.

Grant Buckingham was our Structural Engineer on the project. Grant operated mostly behind the scenes but helped engineer the rather unique roof structure on the building as well as our "post tension" concrete slab playing surface. This means a crack-free surface for many years into the future.

Brian Darrow a long time member (but just getting back into tennis himself) was the civil engineer on the project. More than anyone else, Brian found ways to creatively address issues such as water retention, pathways, sidewalks, easements, etc. Much of Brian's work is underground (literally) but ultimately helped make this project financially feasible.

Cheryl Munoz was our liaison to the Facilities Committee. Cheryl, **Susan Fascitelli** and **Kristy Caggiano** and the rest of the Facilities Committee have been enormously helpful selecting colors, furniture, carpets, etc. This group had wonderful suggestions and input throughout this project.

Art Olsen was our original liaison to the Finance Committee and was absolutely critical in helping us come up with a financial proforma for the project. He then stayed on throughout the construction process to make sure we stayed on track and on budget. Art provided the calm and analytical expertise that is needed in a complex project like this.

Ron and Seiko Rykowski also deserves recognition and thanks. Ron stepped up very early on and volunteered to help us put together a group of members to help us finance this project. It is hard to measure the significance of Ron's offer but speaking personally, it gave me the confidence to move this project forward. I'm sure many members felt the same way when they agreed to vote in favor of the project. So, a big thanks to the Rykowskis and all the other members who agreed to help finance this project.

Kim Skorupa deserves a shout out for agreeing to take on the engraved pathway project. We hit Kim with this idea without a lot of advance warning. She enthusiastically agreed, and we appreciate it.

I feel strongly that the Club should also acknowledge the work of **Steve Fields**, **Laura Lund**, **Greg Furman** and the rest of the previous Building Committee. The work they did, and the lessons learned, ultimately paved the way for this project. Nothing ever happens in a vacuum. It is always a process and usually bumpy.

Tad Rolfe deserves a giant round of applause and probably even a hug. Being Club President in the midst of a huge construction project is not easy. Tad, and the board in general, provided great leadership and oversight during this process. Our board and all the committees involved in the project worked the way they should. Some forget that this project spanned over four different boards! *Continued on Page 5.*

Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP

Chair Lynda Ardern

The December membership committee meeting was focused on planning Opening events for our new courts. The events and dates will be emailed to you at the beginning of January so you can put them on your calendar. Here is the basic plan. The opening events will span about 10 days beginning with a ribbon cutting ceremony on the afternoon of the January 19th. After the brief ceremony you will be invited to explore your new building and then at 5.30 pm there will be a lottery to select the first C.P. members to play on the courts and of course a party. During the following week all programs will be scheduled on the new courts and there will be special themes/events each day. The following Saturday (28th) will be the Open House Grand Opening with events for all ages.

Our postcard mailing campaign is ready to go and will be sent to 10,000 neighbors to coincide with our Grand Opening. We will first be emailing all our members the postcard and asking you to email it on to tennis friends. The postcard offers a free clinic to prospective members and a joining incentive of a month's free membership. To thank you for introducing new members your account will be credited with \$100 for each new membership.

Next meeting: January 3rd 5:30 pm

TENNIS

Chair Kent Lundgren

During its December meeting, the Tennis Committee discussed and approved two new programs on a two-month trial basis starting on February 19th: 1) Singles Night -- men and women -- on Wednesday at 5:30 pm, and 2) Men's Team Tennis on Sunday at 8:30 am for 3.9 rated players and below, and Sunday at 10am for 4.0 and above. Members Steve Shimkus (Singles Night) and John Barnes (Men's Team Tennis) have agreed to oversee these programs.

Committee Members: Frank Alexandro, John Barnes, Patrick Barthe, Julie Bernstein, Cathy Rouske, Julie Dreyfoos, Joanne Pearson, Kim Skorupa, Cheryl Leidle, Winnie Kwan, Swain Porter, James Scott, Chris Pearson, Ross Finke (Board liaison)

CUP

Chair Kim Skorupa

Cups committee met on December 13. We discussed allowing teams of 3 for next year sign up. Attending captains and committee members are in favor of making this change for next year. We also discussed our focus for the year which is to ensure we have enough teams that will provide access to players willing to make a 65% commitment to practices and matches. We also want to make the job of captain a manageable one – teams need to be large enough to allow captains the ability to field their courts for the season and they will distribute playing time equally to the available players. Finally, we want to ensure that we are able to incorporate the new members in the club into our teams. There are currently around 100 ladies playing as regular team members on 7 teams and over 35 subs signed up to play.

FINANCE

Chair Marty McCurry

The Finance Committee met November 30th and reviewed and approved the 2012 budget. There will be no dues increase at this time for equity members. The Board has approved a dues increase for junior, intermediate and Seasonal memberships, as well as a \$5 increase to lesson fees. Non-member fees for lessons has also increased by \$4. These increases will go into effect February 1.

The primary challenges relate to adding new members as quickly as possible. We are encouraged by the hiring of Samantha, and 8 new memberships have been sold in December so far and that is 5 more than budgeted. Once we are fully subscribed, there are excellent financing options available to the club. We are in the process of evaluating the effect of the Junior program changes with Dan's departure.

Construction of the new courts are on time and still slightly under budget at this point.

Due to the holiday season, and two meetings in November, there was no December meeting scheduled. The next meeting will be in Monday, January 16, 2012.

FACILITIES

Chair Kristi Caggiano

Your patience is appreciated while we work toward completion of the Reed Building viewing area phase II. We were presented with several unexpected challenges. Thanks to the many creative minds and talented people at CPTC, progress will continue. The improved viewing area will be an inviting and necessary gathering space as we continue to increase our membership. We are hopeful the space will be ready for the Central Park-Bellevue Club Tournament.

Revisiting the member survey results from the Fall, I would like to address a repeated request: larger locker rooms. A membership survey was completed prior to the last locker room remodel (2000). The results of the survey influenced the space planning and changes which were implemented in the design of the remodel. For example, at the time of the survey, privacy in the women's locker room was a high priority. The remodel incorporated this request and created more changing areas with privacy. Membership usage has increased and needs have changed. Currently, members are requesting more space and larger locker rooms. Expanding the locker rooms beyond the current footprint requires additional changes to the entire building such as a sprinkler system and meeting ADA compliance. It is not as simple as it may appear. We will continue to do what we can to accommodate the needs of our membership.

A big thanks to Kim Skorupa for the wonderful job she has done with the personalized walkway project! It will be a nice addition to the new building landscape.

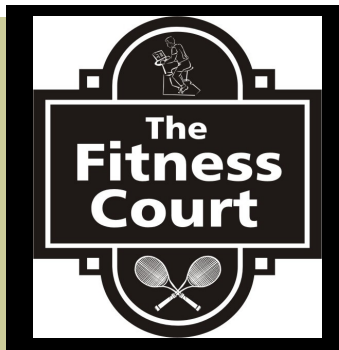
Happy New Year!

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With the opening this month of our new building we become one of the largest member owned indoor tennis clubs in the country. To be fair they don't need indoor courts as much in the South. Our weather not surprisingly has caused a slight delay in the grand opening.

The evolution of our history now taking our equity membership to 500 is testimony to the certain vision of our founders. Squash has been replaced with an activity even more important than email and the space shuttle, lasting longer than MASH and more exciting than chess – TENNIS. Celebrate our forty years of tennis history by helping dedicate our new building to many more years of healthy recreation and just plain fun. Happy New Year Central Park Tennis Club and Happy Fortieth Anniversary.

*Tad Rolfe
President*



2012 A Fitness Odyssey

It is a new year and with it come new goals and a desire to change something; whether it's to lose weight, have a stronger core, better endurance or just improve upon your current fitness level.

Whatever you have in mind we are here to help you jump-start those efforts and to help you each step along the way.

Some people prefer a solo journey, for those we can give you some ideas and words of wisdom and off you go; others prefer companions on their quest, for those of you we have groups with similar pursuits, and would like the company. There may be pitfalls and dead-ends along the way but there will be friends there to encourage and cheer you on.

Just when you think the road is too rocky or the mountain too steep you will realize you are almost there and you CAN do it. One goal attained and on to the next one. We all crawled before we walked and walked before we could run so starting with baby steps is fine. How we start our journey is irrelevant as long as we start. We will not get to our destination if we don't take the first step.



"The big secret in life is that there is no big secret.
Whatever your goal, you can get there if you're willing to work."



CLASSES OFFERED

Xpress FITness: T/W/TH@7am
Xpress FITness: M@12:30pm (on hold/call if interested)
Total Body Workout: M/TH@1:00pm
Abs and Back: W@11:45am
Fit To Play for Men T/TH@11:30am
Circuit Class MW@6:00pm
Champs Core T/TH3:30-4pm



FIT2PLAY BOOTCAMP HAS ARRIVED!!

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday
9am-10am
First class: January 9th**



HAVE A HAPPY AND FIT NEW YEAR!!

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PRO'S COURT



DO NOT FEAR THE SINGLES COURT

We are now at least half way through our Mixed Doubles season and coming up next is Men's and Women's USTA. This means some of us will be playing singles. Even if you are not one of the people playing singles for your team matches I would encourage you to get out and practice a little singles anyway.

Starting to play singles again was one of the best things I have done for my doubles game. Don't get me wrong, I love doubles but doubles has you abbreviating your strokes for so much of the time that it is too easy to lose your full groundstrokes. Grooving the groundstrokes and working on patterns is important for any player. Start by hitting crosscourt with someone and set a goal for yourself, 50 in a row is a good number. Try hitting mainly your outside shot and work on your recovery step after each ball. Then work on hitting down the line to each others outside shot. After you've worked both directions try having one person hit everything down the line while the other person hits everything crosscourt. Work on your depth by aiming past the service line, the back third of the court. By adding singles into your routine, not only will you be hitting more groundstrokes, but you will serve more and return more. You will find new targets, improve footwork, and use very different muscles.

Kathryn Osborne
Tennis Professional

Singles Night -- Men and Women --
Wednesdays 5:30 pm
Starting February 22

JUNIOR TEAM AWARDS November/December

	Most Improved	Player of the Session
Premier:	Connor Garnett	Vivian Glozdam
Champs:	Connor Ross	Myint-Zu Kyaw
Challengers:	AJ Muenz	Kelly Barnes
Rookies:	Hallie Walker	Katja Wiersholm
Future Stars:	Morgan Walker	Eric Inadomi



2012 Tournament dates to mark your calendar

Northwest Washington
Invitational
January 19-22

Bellevue Club/Central Park
February 10-19

NEW BUILDING continued

Julie Wheadon, our Club Manager, has been living and breathing this project for many, many years. I have no doubt she is happy that it is completed, and she can go back and just be Club Manager. Thank you Julie, from all of us. **Vlad**, our Maintenance Manager, also deserves a medal. He has been enormously patient during this process plus had great ideas that were incorporated into the new building.

Last but not least, I want to thank **John Iwanski**. Technically, John was our committee's liaison to the board. But John has been so much more. John and I spent long hours brain storming our strategy and making sure we had things right before taking it to the board or to the members. John was instrumental in getting the various motions through the board, scrutinizing the financial models and just overall helping the committee figure out how to get the building built. John provided moral support, encouragement and friendship when things looked difficult. John devoted a lot of time to this project - he attended almost every weekly construction meeting that we had.

Others helped too. Some that I'm sure I've forgotten to mention. **Greg Abbott** helped with legal and bylaws issues, **Ross Finke** and **Kent Lundgren** helped while each chaired the Tennis Committee. To everyone a huge thanks.

See you all at the grand opening.

Did you know that if you refer a new member you will receive a gift certificate for a lesson with a Pro?

Tell your friends about the Club—have them contact

Samantha at

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Special News



SASI'S CAFÉ WILL BE OPEN DURING THE NORTHWEST WASHINGTON INVITATIONAL JANUARY 19-22

Thursday, January 19—Lunch and Dinner (6-9 pm)

Friday, January 20—Lunch and Dinner (6-9 pm)

Saturday, January 21—Lunch and Dinner (10-9 pm)

Sunday, Closed—Premade sandwiches available

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
MIX UP FRIDAY NIGHT
CHEESE TORTELLINI WITH SAUCE BOLOGNAISE
SALAD
COOKIES
\$13 PER PERSON**

**Sasi's Café appreciates the opportunity to stay at CPTC
until the end of February**

Manager's Miscellany

How about that? 8 new members starting out our 2012! I have to admit it has been a busy, chaotic, high/low fourth quarter. But what I am most amazed and grateful for is how this membership rallies together and supports one another.



As Jack shared in his last and final New Building Committee report, we have so many talented and dedicated people that have come together to raise a new building, to raise additional funds for the finishing touches and to raise the awareness of the club with the long-term goal of bringing in members that are as excited about being a part of our Club as you are. What a road it has been and will continue to be!

With the announcement of Sasi's leaving comes the announcement that we will be fortunate enough to keep them here for a few more months. We look forward to having them here when we open the new building and helping us host our January and February tournaments.

With the final days of Dan's employment here it reminded me of the initial questions he raised 5 years ago when we talked about him coming to work at CPTC. "Are you sure there is enough business to have me full time?" "Are there kids that work hard and want to work harder?" "How about adults?" And I remember what I told him, "Our membership will support you if they like you and you are good at what you do." And I was right! Dan had a successful 5 years here and you all welcomed him as part of the team. As we look to replace both Dan and Mike, we hope you will allow the "newbie" an opportunity to "wow" your socks off again! As soon as we can make that announcement - the email will be sent.

So again—from myself and all of the staff, thank you for the holiday wishes and goodies, but most of all —thank you for standing beside us and for believing in us as we work to bring you the best that CPTC has to offer.

Julie Wheadon—Club Manager

Welcome to our new members

Mark and Robyn Mattis

Type: Family

Children– Arianna (13)& Rand (10)

Phil and Lea Sorgen

Type: Family

Children– Paige (11)

Scott Daniel and Nancy Stewart

Type: Family

Children– Vin (12)

Douglas Gong and Mingming Zhan

Type: Family

Children– Jiaxin (11) & Emily (9)

Daryl Connell

Type: Single

Mike Costello

Type: Single

Arthe Lee

Type: Single

Randal and Momi Henne

Type: Family

Children– Kate (7), Chris (5) & Kayleigh Black

Sam and Christine Sim

Type: Family

Children— Jessica (11) & Justin (10)

Good luck & well wishes to our resigning members

Jane Meston

Brad and Vicki Billington

Greg and Liz Furman

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Mission:

*To provide an exceptional and comprehensive tennis experience for our members
along with the opportunity for social, fitness and family activities.*

