



ATC Court Reporter

September 2010

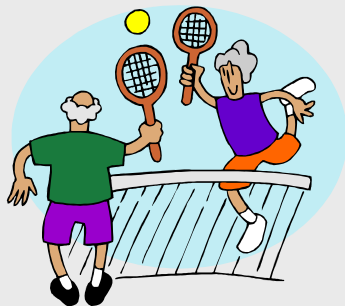
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From the Club President – Terry Wood

Every time I step onto the courts at Albany Tennis Club I reflect upon how fortunate the membership is to have such a conveniently located and well-run facility. Watching youngsters taking swim and tennis lessons, adults socializing and competing in their weekly doubles groups, and our teaching pros helping members improve their skills reminds me just how lucky we are. Such reflections, however, keep me grounded in the knowledge that luck has little to do with how well ATC is run. Rather, a hardworking tennis director/manager and his staff plus a progressive

Coming Up...



September 24th - 26 Albany Tennis Club will be hosting an Adult Men's Senior Tournament. This is a prize money tournament. The events are 35 - 80's. Players from all around the northwest will be playing. Come and watch or sign up and see if you can win a little money.

and responsible Board of Directors and a myriad of volunteers keep ATC moving forward. When the Club is running smoothly, it is easy to become complacent and forget that ATC is a member-owned club that depends on the participation of its members to ensure that the Club maintains financial stability and a safe and up-to-date family-friendly facility. Without member involvement ATC will be challenged to meet the needs of a growing membership and an aging facility. While there are many opportunities to volunteer at ATC, two opportunities are currently available—membership on the ATC Board and assistance with the annual evaluation of Len Spencer our Manager/Tennis Director. This year three Board positions need to be filled as Directors rotate off the Board. Each position has a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2011. A Nominations Committee consisting of Mike Wilson, Angie Klampe, and Dean Elliott has been struck with the charge of soliciting nominations for these Board positions. If you are an equity member, please consider placing your name in nomination. As for Len's annual evaluation, Board members will be soliciting written and oral evaluations from Club members during September. Let your voice be heard so that we can conduct a fair and well-rounded evaluation.

Quick Notes

1. The court reservation book at the front desk has the inside courts and the outside courts sign up sheets (the outside court sign up sheet is new for this year). Please sign up before using the courts.

2. Here is something to remember when using the outside court later into the evening: The inside alarm is automatically armed at 11:00 PM, which means that you need to be out of the club by then.

3. At the front desk there is a new box for guests. When you have a guest please have them fill out a card.

Len's Update

It was a great summer and I want to say thank you to all the members for making my first summer a lot of fun. We had a record number in several areas; summer memberships, swim lessons and tennis lessons. I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

For those at the club that haven't heard yet, Arron Spencer will be leaving us mid-September. Arron and his wife Lauren will be moving to South Africa. (Yes, you read that right... South Africa.) Lauren's family lives there and they will be going to help them run the family farm which includes a vineyard, safari adventures and missionary work with the local tribes. Arron and Lauren are also starting up a non-profit organization called "Positive Change Project" to help underprivileged children in all areas of need. We will all miss Arron and have had a great year while he was here. We wish him well on his next adventure.

We would also like to welcome Hannah Holister to the tennis staff as our new Head Pro. Hannah played for the University of Oregon during college. It is a great pleasure to have Hannah on the staff!

Friday Nights will Never be the Same!

Albany Tennis Club will be hosting a monthly Friday night Drop-in for Juniors (ages 8 and up). This is a great opportunity to drop your child off on Friday and have a night out. In addition to tennis games, light snacks and drinks will be provided.

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Cost: \$ 5.00 per child (members only)

October 8th
November 12th
December 3rd



It is reported that Egil Johnsen, above, ate cotton candy for the first time while attending this year's Water Carnival. Have you tried something new lately?



ATC Water Carnival 2010. So many smiles, you would think a dentist sponsored it.

Thank-you!

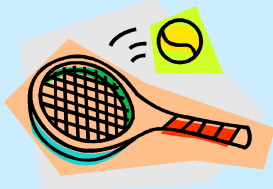
We would like to thank Andrew Koll, Terry Wood, Greg Fortier and Glen Soltau for working to install the additional security cameras around the club. With the additional coverage, Len will be able to spot poor tennis form anywhere on the premises. So, to those who run around their backhands and think it is not noticed – you have been warned!

ATC Website

While it is inconceivable that there might be members who do not check the ATC website for upcoming events, lesson times, dates, and similar information, it is certainly a waste of time and space to mention the website here. But on the outside chance that someone out there can use a reminder – check out www.albanytennisclub.org. If you have an addition for the website (info, suggestions, pictures) please send them to Len or the webmaster.



Albany Tennis club hosted two Quiksilver Tennis camps this summer. It was a great experience for all attendees. In addition to tennis basics, advanced skills including tennis ball levitation were introduced. Len???



Upcoming Tournaments

Albany Tennis Club will be hosting a pair of Endorsement Tournaments this Fall. The dates for the tournaments are November 6th and 7th, & November 13th and 14th. At these tournaments we will see the top 16 kids in the Northwest playing a compass tournament to qualify for Nationals. This will be a great time to come and watch some quality and exciting junior tennis!

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The last page... We leave you with some pictures to look at when it is cold and rainy outside. Hoping for next summer...



Thank-you to Len and all those that worked to get the pool refinished, the outside courts resurfaced, and landscaping updated. Everything looked great! And just look at that water! A special thanks to Candice Elliott for all the work she put in to keep the chemicals right and the water in super shape!

Alex, one of our great lifeguards, keeps a watchful eye over the proceedings at the pool.



Our head lifeguard Brianna (far left) checks the crowd to see who thinks they know more about pool chemistry than she does. Brianna helped make the 2010 pool program a success. Our lifeguards and swim instructors did a great job. The new snack bar was a welcome addition to the pool experience. Gee - I'm gonna miss Summer!