

## March Events

- 2: Adult Quick Start begins
- 5: 4.5 Men's Practice
- 12: Men's Night
- 15: Ladies' Night
- 17: 2.5-3.5 Social
- 22: Mixed Night
- 23-24: PRC Jr. Satellite
- 26: Poker Night

## Manager's Message

It has been 6 months since I moved my family from the UK and I hope I am serving you well as the manager of this great club. In this issue, I want to share 2 things with you: the works we have planned for May and my vision for PRC.

In terms of the works, I am delighted to inform you that both our hard and clay courts are going to be resurfaced in May/June with minimum disruption. The clay courts will undergo a major "lift" using not the usual 2 tons of top dressing per court, but a massive 20 tons per court, bringing them back to brand new condition. All the cracks and lumps will be removed from the hard courts. Additionally, all the fencing for both hard and clay is going to be repaired or replaced.

As for my vision for PRC, I see the club as more than just a tennis club; I see it as a community which shares a common interest. As a community I feel there are so many other activities we can do, which would be fun and give people an opportunity to meet others. I would like some assistance in making this happen. So if you have just a couple of hours a month and are full of great ideas, please give me a call as soon as possible. I hope to have a "social committee" up and running by the middle of March. Please feel free to contact [Gary Henderson](mailto:gary.henderson@prc.com) (706-814-2768) if you have any queries, suggestions or advice. Iâ€™d love to hear from you.

## Tip of the Month

The slice is a very versatile shot that can be used in a variety of ways. It is effective as an approach shot, drop shot, lob, or even as a change of pace.

### Preparation

Take the racket back **slightly higher** than the intended contact with the ball. The racket **face should be slightly open** to generate a bit of backspin. If the racket face is too open the flight of the ball will be too high above the net. If the racket face is too closed, the ball may go into the net.

### Grip

The grip is fundamental to the backhand slice. Ideally, it should be a **Continental grip**. This grip allows the racket face to be slightly open.

## Swing

**The swing speed should be very smooth.** Do not try and generate pace by using lots of arm speed. Swinging too fast can lead to loss of control over the ball.

## Follow Through

The follow through is **abbreviated** compared to a full groundstroke. Upon contact, control the racket head through for an extra 1-2 feet of follow through. A very short follow through will result in a drop shot. A longer follow through will result in a low driving ball. Opening up the racket face a bit more and extending towards the sky will result in a lob.

Practice the slice to add another dimension to your game!

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## Adults

Our Mixed doubles event on February 22nd was cancelled due to bad weather and shall be rescheduled for later in the year. Due to rain adult quick start could not begin on February 23rd, but shall start March 2nd.

March is going to be a very busy month with lots of events for our members. Men's night is on the 12th, Ladies night is on the 15th and Mixed on the 22nd. Men's 4.5 practice begins March 5; contact Vu

if you're interested. 2.5-3.5 Social tennis begins March 17; cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for members' guests. Tuesday March 26th shall be our first Poker night. Full details of each of these events shall be emailed nearer the time.

## **Juniors**

### **Junior Team Tennis (JTT)**

PRC is sending 8 teams to the Junior Team Tennis State Championships this summer! We have two 10 and under, two 12s, two 14s, and two 18s teams representing PRC. There are 64 kids and 45 families attending. Special thanks to the PRC captains: Yolanda Leahy, Rick Harris, Brian Bowles, Katie Javaheri, David Arrington, & Viet Nguyen for all their hard work and dedication to the kids and this program. GO PRC!

### **JTT Fund Raiser**

We are hosting a JTT fundraiser on March 30th to help with the cost of 60 kids travelling to JTT state in Macon. The fundraiser consists of a yard sale and a bake sale plus an adult/junior tournament. For more details, please contact [Cheri Hain](#).

## **Junior Successes**

- Kayla Hergott: Main Draw Finalist in Macon
- Brooke Stevens: Main Draw Finalist in Charleston
- Drew Harris: Main Draw Finalist in Athens
- William Marcus: Main Draw Finalist in Athens
- Sage Havrilla: Consolation winner in Athens
- Elliot Bull: Consolation winner in Athens
- Thomas Huff: Main Draw Winner in Dacula

## **Thank You, Members**

We would like to thank some of our members:

- Les Walter and University Hospital - defibrillator
- Charles Young - the picture and plaque in honor of Tom Lanier
- Nate and Nathan, who take such good care of the courts during this unpredictable weather
- Marian Yu for all our photos
- All of our captains!