

April Events

- 1: Jr. Session 6 starts
- 2: Men's Night
- 8: Hard Court Re-surfacing
- 20: Clay Court Re-surfacing
- 25-28: Banana Open

Manager's Message

March was a crazy month for PRC. Warm weather, cold weather, storms and frost all kept us on our toes, along with a light pole coming down on Court 5!

I have put together a small group of members who have kindly agreed to help with social events. We have called them our "social committee". Although my door is always open you may feel more comfortable sharing your ideas/comments/complaints/queries with a fellow member. Please feel free to contact the following committee members:

[Bill Ferguson](#)

[Kelly Preston](#)

[Bubba Camino](#)

[Libby Longo](#)

[Kim Frank](#)

[Suzie Stevens](#)

[Ginger Townsend](#)

[Pat Hill](#)

New for April

Many of our members have asked that we use Facebook to do regular or daily updates on court conditions or changes in shop hours etc. So once I return from the UK, I shall be posting information via Facebook on a regular basis. I will be away from March 31st till April 18th. Vu Nyugen will hold down the fort while I'm away, so please contact him via the club if you need anything.

Work on the hard courts re-surfacing will start April 8th. Clay court re-surfacing will start week commencing May 20th. There will be limited court space during this time. I have been informed it will take about a week each time.

Banana Open

(USTA Sanctioned Tournament)

The Banana Open, our biggest Adult tournament of the year is scheduled for April 25 - 28. [Sign up](#) via the USTA website, everything is handled through Tennislink, deadline is Sunday April 21.

If you are going to play just one tournament this year, this is the one you should play. Great food, good times and competitive tennis, what more could you want?

I shall be posting on the USTA website the itinerary for the event nearer to the time. Play begins from 6pm Thursday evening. All courts will be in use for the tournament throughout the event, which ends Sunday afternoon.

March Events

We managed to dodge the bad weather and get in men's, ladies and mixed nights. For the kids we held our Junior Satellite on March 23/24 which suffered due to rain, but we got it done. Super Saturday included a yard and bake sale and an adult/junior tournament to raise money for our JTT state teams. Cheri and her team did an amazing job. Thanks also to Bob Hill for making our Poker night such good fun. Pictures courtesy of Marian Yu.

Juniors

- Sam Dromsky: Singles Winner: Top 32 Augusta, GA
- Taylor Richards: Singles Winner: Top 32 Augusta, GA/ Singles Winner: St. Paddys Championships Macon, GA
- Kayla Hergott: 3rd Place: Top 32 Augusta, GA
- Justin Horne: Singles Winner: Spring Fling Roswell, GA
- Jack Lawrence: 2nd Place: Spring Fling Roswell, GA
- Sara Hess: Singles Winner: Junior Spring Championships Conyers, GA

Junior Satellite

Petersburg hosted a USTA tournament for novice players this previous weekend. Though the weather was uncooperative, many matches were still able to be played! PRC would like to thank the following sponsors for their support in growing junior tennis in Augusta: Advanced Services, Chik-Fil-A, and the CSRA Tennis Association.

Tip of the Month - Lobs

by Vu Nguyen

The lob is an underused shot in tennis, particularly in doubles. It is extremely effective and can be used in many different situations.

Scenario #1

Your opponent has hit a deep groundstroke that has pushed you behind the baseline. This is a good time to throw up a deep defensive lob that will stop the net player from taking advantage of a weak ball.

Scenario #2

The opposing net player is very active at the net and is consistently poaching your crosscourt groundstroke. Rather than risking a down-the-line drive, a great idea is to lob to any area of the court.

This will take the opposing net player out of play and takes some pressure of you!

Scenario #3

You are moving inside the court and are well positioned to hit the next shot. A lob over the net player will force your opponents out of position and allow you and you partner to take over the net and take advantage of any weak return by the opponent!

Find ways to incorporate the lob into your game and you will have opponents wondering what came "over" them!

Master's Week Shop Hours

April 8 - 12: 8:30 - 11am, 5 - 7pm

April 13: 8:30am - 4pm

April 14: 12 - 4pm

Adult Quick Start

We will begin a new Adult Quick Start (AQS) on May 2. May 2nd and May 4th will be free of charge. Sign up for the free session by calling the pro shop on 706 860 9288

Starting May 9th, the 6 week course will start. The cost for the 6 week course will be \$75 and this includes a free tennis racket. AQS participants also receive membership for PRC while taking the course. **Please help us by telling your friends and family. We would greatly appreciate it, and hope to see many newcomers to tennis!**

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