

Manager's Message

April saw us have a quieter month with there being a certain golf event on. This was the perfect time to have our hard courts resurfaced and I hope you agree with me that they look great. We are all looking forward to May 20th when work gets started on the clay. During this time there will be limited court space available, so I thank you in advance for your patience.

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Banana Open

(USTA Sanctioned Tournament)

I wish to thank all the players who participated in our Banana Open tournament. The weather was not kind to us but we managed to get most of the matches in. I hope you all enjoyed the event and your patience during the rain delays was much appreciated. I wish to thank Marian Yu for all the pictures she took of the event. Please check our [Facebook page](#) for all the pictures. The event was a huge success thanks to our main sponsors [Sig Cox Heating and Air](#), [Taylor Auto Group](#) and [Advanced Services](#).

I want to thank the following people for their support before, during and after the Banana Open:

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Braxton/Luke (Maintenance)	Augusta Coca-Cola (Drinks)
Vu (Referee)	Craigâ€™s catering (Food)
Courtney (Referee Assistant)	Somewhere In Augusta (Food)
Kristie (Shop and cleaning)	Crums On Central (Food)
Irene Shephard (Food Monitor)	Cheri Hain (Best prizes and favors ever) her words not mine!
Al Shephard (for being Big Al)	Barbara Hershon (Masseuse â€“ Garden City Massage)

Adult Quick Start (AQS)

We will begin a new Adult Quick Start (AQS) on May 2nd. The first two, on 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 and May 11th the 6 week course will start. The cost for the 6 week course will be \$75 and you'll receive a free tennis racket. AQS participants also receive free membership for PRC for the duration of the course. **Please help us by telling your friends and family. We'd like to see as many newcomers to tennis as possible!**

Tip of the Month - First & Second Serve

by Vu Nguyen

What to do when your opponent has a strong first serve and weak second serve?

In tennis, particularly in mixed doubles, your opponent might have an overpowering first serve and a weaker second serve. In this issue, we will tackle how to handle both!

One way of achieving more success in returning a powerful first serve is to adjust your positioning further away from the baseline. This might allow a fraction of second more time to react to the serve. Another way of handling the serve is to shorten the swing on the return. The goal is to block the serve back deep into the court and begin the point from a neutral position.

On the second serve there are also two adjustments to make. The first is to move forward in the court. Many players forget that they are returning a second serve and will stay on the baseline. This means that they must focus more on movement and positioning rather than shot selection. The second is to play the return intelligently. Many players are looking to be too aggressive on the second serve return and miss an opportunity to put pressure on the serving opponent by simply hitting the ball deep or by moving the opponent.

April Events

Due to the Masters golf we only had a Men's night and the Banana Open during April. Thanks to everyone who participated and a big thank you to Vu who ran Men's night whilst I was away.

May Events

May is going to be a very busy month at PRC. Apart from the tennis we have a golf day and another poker night planned. Sign up for all events are taken in the Pro Shop.

- 2: Free AQS session
- 4: Free AQS session
- 9: AQS program begins
- 11: AQS 2 program begins
- 11: Super Saturday for juniors
- 14: Men's night with food from Somewhere In Augusta
- 16: Members golf day at Jones Creek

- [17](#): Fun Friday for juniors
- 18: Pool opens
- 18: Junior open day for non members to come and try PRC
- [21](#): Poker night
- [27](#): Summer camp begins
- [31](#): Mixed night

Juniors

- Liam Wiggins: Singles Winner Pepsi Jr. Challenge - Florence, SC
- Braxton Hain: 4th Place Pepsi Jr. Challenge - Florence, SC
- Lakeside High School Boys and Girls Tennis Teams - Currently in the quarterfinals of the State Tournament

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