# **Manager's Message**



The clay courts are complete. It will take about 4 weeks for them to "bed in" properly, but I hope you are enjoying playing on them. Please no trash in the ball recycle bin. Thank you for your suggestions from our suggestion boxes in the restrooms (see below). We are now selling Wilson's new clay court ball with its new hydro guard. Please let me know what you think of them. Well done to the 13 players from PRC who qualified and competed in the Southerns in June. PRC has 8 teams going to JTT State-over 50 adults and 64 juniors will be traveling to Macon on July 25<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to Linda Reich for doing such a great job in organizing the Tuesday morning Ladies Summer round robin.

Please sign up for all events either online, contacting the Pro Shop, or calling me directly at 706 814 2768.

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**July Events:** 

4<sup>th</sup> Tennis and Pool party 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Mark Brown Junior tournament 9<sup>th</sup> Men's night

23<sup>rd</sup> Ladies night 25<sup>th</sup> JTT State (Macon)

### Adult clinics

#### Shot of the week (Beginning Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup>)

Shot of the week will be a 4 week session focusing on the forehand groundstroke, backhand groundstroke, volleys and serves. The member cost is \$12 per week or \$40 for the entire session. Shot of the week will be taught by Gary and Vu. 9:00am-10:00am

#### USTA evening clinics (Beginning August 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>)

Tuesday nights will be ladies 3.5 clinic and Thursday will be men's 3.5 clinic run by Vu. 6 week session cost is \$60 or \$12 per week. Focus will be on doubles strategy and tactics. To sign up please contact the Pro shop. 6:30pm-7:30pm.

#### **CSRA** daytime clinics (Beginning in August)

A-Team clinics will be taught by Vu, B-Team by Gary and C-Team by Courtney. The captains will liaise with the coaches to discuss the best times and days to train their team. Please contact your captain about attend the correct clinic.

#### Adult Quick Start (Beginning September 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>)

A 6 week beginner's course for player with limited or no tennis experience. The cost is \$150 with a 50% early booking discount which makes its just \$75! This includes the tuition, PRC tennis only membership while taking the course and a free racket.

LOOK OUT FOR THE SIGN UP AT THE PRO SHOP OF THE NEW MEN'S DOUBLES LADDER STARTING END OF JULY!!!!!!

### Tip of the Month by Vu Nguyen

#### How to decide which side of the court to play in doubles

There are many ways to decide which player plays which side of the court in doubles. Here are some of the common ways teams decide this.

- The stronger or more reliable player should play the ad side. The most important, pressure points (break points and game points) are played on the ad side so you will usually want the stronger player returning from that side.
- Play with the forehands in the middle when one partner is right-handed and the other is left-handed. It used to be conventional
  to play the right-handed player on the deuce side and the left-handed player on the ad side. These days it is preferable to play
  opposite of that so that both players will be poaching towards the middle of the court using their forehand volleys.
- When two players are of relatively equal level, if there is a player with a slightly stronger return of serve, that player should play the ad side for the same reason listed in the first section.
- Similarly, if one player is slightly stronger at the net, that player should play the deuce side of the court so that you have that person at the net on the most important points.
- Does one of the players poach better off the backhand volley or the forehand volley, this may influence your decision?

### June events









Pictures are from the wounded warrior senior tournament and Men's night. Ladies night got rescheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup> due to heavy rain on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to **Sig Cox Heating and Air and Taylor's Auto Group** for all their support.

### **Juniors**

Well done to the following players who performed well in June.

Sam Dromsky: Doubles Finalist: GA State Qualifier: Macon, GA Kayla Hergott: Singles Campion: GA State Challenger: Rome, GA

Falkner Hain: Singles Finalist and Doubles Champion: Ga State Challenger: Rome, GA Thomas Huff: Singles 5th Place and Doubles Champion: GA State Challenger: Rome, GA Katharine Sherman: Singles 3rd Place: GA State Jr. Clay Court Championships: Columbus, GA

Sage Havrilla: Singles Finalist: Oconee County Jr. Satellite: Watkinsville, GA Reagan Harrison: Singles 5th Place: Oconee County Jr. Satellite: Watkinsville, GA

And the following for qualifying for the Southerns: Kayla Hergott, Braxton Hain, Anneliese Leahy, Sam Dromsky, Liam wiggins, Taylor Richards, Faulkner Hain, Thomas Huff, Kyle Duckworth, Katharine Sherman, Caitlin Pintavorn, Alex Kirov and Connor Bowles.

# **Sunday Tennis Social**

Each week we run Sunday Tennis Social for members and their guests and it has been for players 2.5 to 3.5. We are now opening it up for players of all levels. It starts at 6:30 and finishes around 8:30 each week and sign up is via the Pro Shop.

# **Suggestion Boxes**

From the suggestion boxes in the restrooms you said: (Not all suggestions listed below)

- S: Can we have a Junior Academy yearbook?
- A: Vu is going to put something together.
- S: Restrooms open when club is closed, especially Sunday morning?
- A: Please consider playing at times the Pro Shop is open.

- S: Change water regularly in foot cleaner?
- A: The maintenance guys will change the water regularly, but please let the shop worker know if it needs changing.
- S: Make sure ice buckets on clay courts are full for evening players?
- A: Ice will be changed on the clay at 4pm each day.
- S: We need a slide at the pool?
- A: Sorry it's a no. We try to strike a balance where kids can swim and play and where adults can relax, work and read. A slide would increase the number of kids using the pool while driving the adults away.
- S: One Friday a month HP does something fun?
- A: We are going to do 1 fun evening each session.
- S: Please can you fix the men's bathroom?
- A: Sorry for the delay, we were waiting for a part. It is now fixed.

## **Taylor Auto Group**

