

Manager's Message



I want to start by saying thank you to Marian Yu for all her great pictures which are posted on our PRC Facebook page.

JTT State went well with 4 out of 8 teams either winning their division or progressing to Southern. I wish to thank Cheri Hain and the Captains for all their hard work and a big thank you to all the parents who travelled to Macon to support the teams.

For those who have been asking for the Wilson contour grip, we now have them in stock. We are also discounting some racquets for the month of August. Please see details below.

We had our best ever Ladies night on July 23rd with over 30 ladies participating. At this rate I will need to put more Ladies nights on in 2014!

We are a satellite site for USTA Mixed State event on the 9th, 10th and 11th of August. There will be no hard courts or clay courts available for members during this event.

August Events:

9th – 11th USTA mixed State

13th Men's Night

16th Ladies Night

20th Poker Night

31st Mixed event and Chili Cook Off

Adult clinics

Shot of the week

Shot of the week has been a huge success. We have one last session on August 7th at 9am to 10am, which will concentrate on the serve. The cost for this session is \$12. Sign up in the Pro Shop.

USTA evening clinics (Beginning August 6th and 8th)

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 (August)

A-Team clinics will be taught by Vu beginning August 19th; Gary will teach B-Team starting August 13th and C-Team by Cheri starting August 15th. Sign up online or at the Pro Shop. The times will be 9:30am to 11am and the cost will be \$18.

Adult Quick Start (Beginning September 19th and 21st)

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 it just \$75! This includes the tuition, PRC tennis only membership while taking the course and a free racket.

SIGN UP AT THE PRO SHOP OF THE NEW MEN'S DOUBLES LADDER STARTING SOON!!!!!!

Tip of the Month by Vu Nguyen

In doubles, there are many variations on positioning and formations. All have distinct advantages and disadvantages. In this issue of Tip of the Month, we will discuss advantages and disadvantages to playing 2 back when returning serve!

When to play 2 back on the return: If the serving team has a player who poaches and plays the net very aggressively or has a player with a very strong serve, it can be extremely effective to play 2 back on the return. This will put less pressure on the player returning because even if they hit a shot that allows the net players to play a volley, there is no target for them since both returning players are on the baseline.

The weakness of this position comes if the serving team has players with a solid net game and move and hit overheads extremely well. This is the case at the 4.5 level and above.

Tactics while playing 2 back: The most common strategy with playing 2 back is the defensive strategy. Wearing down your opponents by making them hit a lot of volleys and overheads can be very effective. At the higher levels of doubles it can be used as an initial setup before going on the offensive. Once the return is in play, both players may charge the net either off a groundstroke or a well-placed lob. This sudden change in positioning may elicit a weak return from the serving team or cause an unforced error!

July events



Pictures are from Ladies night and the Junior Mark Brown tournament. 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 July:

- Anneliese Leahy - Mark Brown Junior Tournament: Singles Winner Girls 18's
- Sara Hess - Mark Brown Junior Tournament: Singles Runner Up Girls 18's
- Regan Harrison - Mark Brown Junior Tournament: Runner Up Girls 16's
- Marielle Leahy - Mark Brown Junior Tournament: Singles Winner Girls 14's
- Colby Gandy - Mark Brown Junior Tournament: Singles Winner Boys 18's
- Lex Bailey - Mark Brown Junior Tournament: Singles Runner Up Boys 18's
- Elliot Bull - Mark Brown Junior Tournament: Singles Winner Boys 16's
- Jake Bailey - Mark Brown Junior Tournament: Singles Runner Up Boys 10's

PRC recently had 8 teams compete in the annual Junior Team Tennis State Tournament! The following teams finished 1st Place in their division: PRC 10 and Under Intermediate, PRC 14 and Under Intermediate, and PRC 14 and Under Advanced. The 12 and Under Advanced team finished second place in their division. The 14 and Under Advanced and 12 and Under Advanced teams will go on to compete at the JTT Southern Tournament in Auburn, Alabama on August 16-18!

Junior Fall Season

Session Dates

- **Session I**
 - Monday, August 12 - Friday, September 20
- **Session II**
 - September 23 - Friday, November 1
- **Session III**
 - Monday November 4 - Friday December 20
 - No clinic during the week of Thanksgiving
- **Pee Wees (4-5 years old)**
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - 4:00pm-4:45pm
 - Session cost for 1 day per week is \$54

- Session cost for 2 days per week is \$92
- **Quickstart (6-10 years old)**
 - Mondays and Wednesdays
 - 4:30pm-5:30pm
 - Session cost for 1 day per week is \$60
 - Session cost for 2 days per week is \$106
- **Team (11-18 years old)**
 - Mondays and Wednesdays
 - 5:30pm-6:30pm
 - Session cost for 1 day per week is \$60
 - Session cost for 2 days per week is \$106
- **Performance (11-14 years old tournament players)**
 - Mondays and Wednesdays
 - 6:30pm-8:00pm
 - Session cost is \$178 as a member
 - Daily cost as a non-member is \$25 per day

Prices above are member prices only.

Poker Night

Poker night is back. Sign up at the Pro Shop. We are starting earlier at 7:30pm on the 20th of August. The cost is \$10 and this goes towards prizes at the end. The evening lasts about 2 hours and whether you know how to play or not it is great fun. Rules are explained at the beginning for those who have little or NO experience of poker.

1st Annual Chili Cook Off

Join us on Saturday, August 31st as we kick-off PRC's First Annual Tailgate Chili Cook-Off! We are in search of the multi-talented member that's not only a SMASH on the court, but that can SMASH our taste buds off the court! A fun day will be had by all with mixed tennis play starting at 4:00 and the cook-off beginning at 6:00. For those of you that just can't get enough of your fellow PRC Family, the party will expand into the clubhouse as GA Football kicks off their season at 8:00 against the Clemson Tigers! But wait...that's not all! Enjoy LIVE music on the deck by our very own Mac Harrison and Greg Jennings! So dig out your crock pot and grandma's secret family recipe and see if you have what it takes to be PRC's First Annual Tailgate Chili Cook-Off Champion! We guarantee you'll have a smashin' good time!

*Rules and guidelines for the cook-off will be available for pickup in the clubhouse or via email by August 15.

Kelly Preston

Wilson Racquets discounted!

BLX 3	Was \$249	NOW	\$187
BLX 2	Was \$219	NOW	\$165
Blade 98	Was \$219	NOW	\$165
Steam 99	Was \$185	NOW	\$139

Sunday Tennis Social

Each week we run Sunday Tennis Social for members and their guests. It is open to players of all levels. It starts at 6:30 and finishes around 8:30 each week and sign up is via the Pro Shop. NO CHARGE



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