

April Newsletter



Manager's Message

Hello Dear Members,

I think we are all very pleased to finally see the warmth and sunshine Augusta is supposed to produce more regularly. I could not have predicted coming from Michigan an ice storm here in Augusta and of course for all of us an earthquake to follow. I hope a year from now we all can begin the conversation with "do you remember when," with the crazy winter that we all experienced.

I have been here now two months and I wanted to express to all of you that I have been very grateful for the very warm welcome I have received from you here at Petersburg. You have all made the transition here to Augusta from the Midwest very comfortable. I have also been impressed with the dedication and high level commitment of play here at Petersburg. The high participation within every event as well as daily social tennis at the club is very impressive. This speaks highly of your love of the game, but also the significance of the relationships that have been made at PRC through this sport we all love. Thank you again for the fantastic reception.

Save the Date:

April 1 st	Men's Night 6:45
April 5 & 7	Adult Quick Start Free Clinics
April 18 th	Ladies Night 6:45
April 20 th	Easter- Shop Closed
April 26 & 28	First week of 6 week Adult Quick Start Clinics
April 24-27	Banana Open

****Remember to tell a friend about Adult Quick Start. For \$50 they get 6 1.5 hr. clinics, a racket, USTA membership and their first league season paid for. Sign up is at the PRC front desk.**

**** Make sure to register for the Banana Open. We host one of the biggest adult tournaments in the south!
<http://tennislink.usta.com/Tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=146624>**

Tip of the Month by Vu Nguyen

Overheads

The overhead smash is a shot that at times can be hit with such authority that it is a huge confidence booster. On the other hand, it can also be a shot that is misplayed so badly that you just want to pretend it never happened! Below are some basic tips to become more consistent on overheads.

- 1. Preparation:** The first thing that happens is that the shoulders and feet need to turn and the hands need to get the racket into the "up" position. Imagine a football quarterback getting set to throw the ball.
- 2. Movement and Positioning:** One of the most common mistakes is to backpedal when attempting to track down an overhead. Once again, if you imagine a quarterback moving back in the pocket, you will notice that the feet cross over each other. This is the same movement you want to use when moving back for an overhead. As far as positioning, as often as possible, you want to keep the ball above and in front of you. If the ball drops too low or gets behind you, it will be very difficult to make clean contact and control the overhead.
- 3. Striking the Ball:** While it is great to be able to smash the overhead for a winner, it is just as effective to hit the ball to the open space whether in singles or doubles. To this end, simply focus on an upward swing with a high contact point and directing the ball to the right place. This will usually result in either an unreturned ball or a weak reply which can then put away more easily.

Masters Week Shop Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:30-11am; 4-7pm

Friday
8-11:00 am; 2:00-5 pm

Saturday
9:00-12pm

Sunday
12-3pm

March Events



Thanks to **Dippin Dots** for your support.

Family Fun Day

Thanks to everyone who participated in a hugely successful Family Fun Day and Mixed Doubles Event. Thank you Cheri for creating and administrating such a fun event!



Men's Night

There is no mistake that this is a small group. These are the most hard core tennis players PRC has. These guys came out on a 38 degree evening to do battle. Nice effort men.



Spangler Mixer

This was the second month in a row for the Spangler Friday mixer with an amazing turnout. We might have to hire Deana as our Special Events Organizer. Great event and the tennis wasn't too shabby either!



PRC Spring Satellite

The future of tennis at PRC. Just a few of our junior players who played the PRC Spring Satellite Tournament hosted at Petersburg. Great job kids for your great attitudes and effort and of course impressive tennis.

Junior Successes

Top 32 Junior Tournament

Katharine Sherman - 1st Place Girls 14's Singles / 2nd Place Girls 14's Doubles
 Kylie Duckworth - 3rd Place Girls 14's Singles / 1st Place Girls 14's Doubles
 Falkner Hain - 1st Place Boys 14's Singles
 Connor Bowles - 1st Place Boys 12's Singles / 1st Place Boys 12's Doubles

PRC Junior Satellite

Chloe Zhang - 1st Place Girls 10's Singles
 Tara Dzin - 2nd Place Girls 10's Singles
 Ryan Javaheri - 1st Place Boys 10's Singles
 Jake Bailey - 2nd Place Boys 10's Singles
 Connor Evenson - 1st Place Boys 12's Singles Red Group
 Finley Hain - 2nd Place Boys 12's Singles Red Group
 Gabriel De Lavaissiere - 1st Place Boys 12's Singles White Group
 Kaleigh Bakeman - 2nd Place Girls 12's Singles
 Menger Morgan - 2nd Place Boys 14's Singles
 Ajla Dzin - 1st Place Girls 16's Singles

Epic Junior Championships

Connor Bowles - 2nd Place Boys 12's Singles