

May Newsletter



Manager's Message

Hello Dear Members,

We have just finished a busy month of April here at Petersburg. We began our Adult Quick Start program with Courtney leading the way having 14 participants, hopefully all future players here at PRC. The Banana Open tournament was a great success, with many Petersburg players participating and competing very well I might add. A big congratulations to all the Petersburg players who were qualifiers from the Banana to move on to the Banana Open Challenge in Hilton Head, SC, Oct.3-5. I'd also like to recognize all of our USTA League teams who are advancing to the Georgia State Championships and would like to wish you good luck. Lastly, if you haven't had a chance to stop by the pro shop since our newly renovated floors have been put in, please do so as I think you will be pleased with the new look.

Save the Date:

May 6th

Men's Night 6:45

May 16th

Ladies Night 6:45

May 17th

Opening Day for Pool (Pool Passes available May 17th at the pool building)

May 27th

Summer Camps Begin

Tip of the Month by Vu Nguyen

Basics of a Drop Shot

A drop shot is a specialty shot that is difficult to execute, but deadly when hit properly. In this edition of Tip of the Month, we will explore the elements of a good drop shot.

1. Spin: A good drop shot is hit with backspin. The best grip to use is a Continental grip. Think of sliding the racket face in a high to level motion with the strings of the racket contacting the back side and then underside of the ball.
2. Trajectory: The drop shot should be hit with a natural lift. One of the common mistakes made when attempting the shot is that players aim very low to the net. Depending on how far into the court you are, the average height of the ball should reach between 6-10 feet. The ball should be descending while it is still on your side of the court in order to make it land as close to the net as possible.
3. Technique: As mentioned before, the swing path is high-level. Begin with the racket head above the contact point and slide the racket downwards toward contact. At this point, the strings should slide towards the bottom of the ball as you extend the racket head forward towards the target. This swing path will ensure that not only you are getting proper spin, but also that the ball propels forward instead of straight up and down.

As always, practice makes perfect!

Pro Shop

Visit the PRC Pro shop and take a look at our new look with beautiful hardwood designed flooring.

PRC League Highlights

May 2-5. 18 + League in Macon, GA.

Men's 4.0: Captain Gary Tom
Women 4.5: Captain Laura Morris

May 16-19. 18 + League in Rome, GA.

Women 4.0: Sandy Ferguson

May 30- June 2. 40+ League in Athens, GA.

In Athens 3.5: Men Jim Spangler

June 6-8. 55 + League in Savannah GA.

Men: 3.5 Jim Spangler
Women: 3.5 Yvonne Harrison
Men: 4.0. Dan Ballard
Women: 4.0. Linda Reich

June 6-8 65 + League in Savannah GA.

Men: 3.5. Jim Spangler

Upcoming Events:

Combo and Mixed Leagues have begun in May!

The CSRA Women's League (WTL) will hold its annual tournament next week May 5-8 @ Augusta Country Club. Good luck to all of the ladies who are participating from the PRC A, B, and C teams. Reminder CSRAWTL members: If you cannot play, plan to come every day for a delicious lunch and a chance to win fabulous door prizes!!

April Events

Banana Open 2014



Finalist 2.5

Women's Singles:

Anne Mallory

(Pictured Left)

Winners 2.5

Women's Doubles:

Anne Mallory and

Carol Davis (Pictured

Right)



**Finalist 3.5 Men's
Doubles:**

Jim Spangler
(Pictured Left)

and

Gary Richard
(pictured right)



**Winners 3.0
Women's
Doubles:**

Shannon Hawk
(Pictured Left)

and

Margie Staples
(Pictured right)



**Winners 6.0
Mixed Doubles:**

Gary Richard

And

Maria Richard





Winners Men's Open Doubles: Viet Nguyen and Wes Davila



**Winners Women's 4.5 Doubles:
Carol Camino and Cheri Hain**
(With a couple of their biggest fans!)



**Winners Mixed Open Doubles:
Wes Davila and Cheri Hain**

Men's Night

Sorry we missed the photo opp. We had 32 guys participate in our April Men's Night! It was a great time and we look forward to another one this month!

***Reminder Men's Night is the first Tuesday of May. Tuesday May 6th 6:45.

PRC Junior Highlights

Kylie Duckworth

***Finalist of Mid Spring Kroc Tournament Knoxville TN.**

Katherine Sherman

*** 3rd Place - GA State Jr. Spring Open Championships**