



February 2015 Newsletter

Manager's Message

Dear Members,

Hang in there; we are not far away from that Augusta warmth we all appreciate. In the meantime we will create our own warmth as I want to invite you of our second annual Chili Cook Off mixer on Saturday, Feb. 21st. We are looking for any members who want to share their chili specialty to enter with others in the chili cook off contest. There will be a mixed doubles event that will precede the Chili contest. Registration is currently open.

Also save the date for the restart of our Men's and Ladies Nights beginning in March

Lastly look forward to the Petersburg Member Appreciation Day on Friday, Mar. 6th. We as a staff would like to show our appreciation for all of you with hosting an event that includes tennis, food and drinks.



Save the Date

Sat. Feb. 21st	Second Annual Chili Cook Off
Tues. Mar. 3rd	Men's Night
Fri. Mar. 6th	Petersburg Member Appreciation Day
Sun. Mar. 15th	Ladies Night

Vu's Tip of the Month

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The slice is a very versatile shot that can be used in a variety of ways. It is effective as an approach shot, drop shot, lob, or even as a change of pace.

Grip

The grip is fundamental to the backhand slice. Ideally, it should be a **Continental grip**. This grip allows the racket face to be slightly open.

Preparation

Take the racket back **slightly higher** than the intended contact with the ball. The racket **face should be slightly open** to generate a bit of backspin. If the racket face is too open the flight of the ball will be too high above the net. If the racket face is too closed, the ball may go into the net.

Swing

The swing speed should be very smooth. Do not try and generate pace by using lots of arm speed. Swinging too fast can lead to loss of control over the ball.

Follow Through

The follow through is **abbreviated** compared to a full groundstroke. Upon contact, control the racket head through for an extra 1-2 feet of follow through. A very short follow through will result in a drop shot. A longer follow through will result in a low driving ball. Opening up the racket face a bit more and extending towards the sky will result in a lob.

Practice the slice to add another dimension to your game!

Pro Shop

Court Reservation reminder

When reserving court please continue to give all the names of the players participating on your court. With the pending court conditions during the winter months this will help us be able to have more than one contact if there is a court issue. Thanks for your consideration.

Make sure to check in with the desk for any court changes from your originally scheduled court for confirmation and alleviate any confusion. Thanks.

PRC League News

The USTA Adult Combo Mini Season Feb. 23- Mar. 1st

- Player registration begins Feb. 5th
- Initial Deadline is Feb. 12th

Tuesday Trivia

- Make sure to friend the CSRATA Facebook and look for the Tuesday Trivia questions and answer them correctly to possible win a prize.

A Big Congratulation to CSRATA for receiving the Dr. Robert Bunden Community Tennis Assoc. CTA of the Year award. This award is for the organization showing outstanding achievement in member service, increased participation, and promoting tennis in the community. Great Job!

PRC Junior Highlights

Junior Successes

Connor Evenson: Boys 12's Singles 1st Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Finley Hain: Boys 12's Singles 2nd Place: Fleming Winter Blast
JT Earwood: Boys 12's Singles 3rd Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Connor Bowles: Boys 14's Singles 1st Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Gabriel Delavaissiere: Boys 14's Singles 2nd Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Erik Fulton: Boys 14's Singles 4th Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Caleb Arrington: Boys 14's Singles 5th Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Marshall Magruder: Boys 14's Singles 6th Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Thomas Karle: Boys 16's Singles 2nd Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Ashraar Dua: Boys 16's Singles 3rd Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Menger Morgan: Boys 16's Singles 4th Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Justin Horne: Boys 18's Singles 2nd Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Elliot Bull: Boys 18's Singles 3rd Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Micah Jeffcoat: Boys 18's Singles 5th Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Justin Smith: Boys 18's Singles 6th Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Amelia Dresser: Girls 10's Singles 2nd Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Madeline Dresser: Girls 12's Singles 4th Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Chloe Zhang: Girls 12's Singles 4th Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Tara Dzin: Girls 12's Singles 5th Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Rachel White: Girls 14's Singles 1st Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Faith Van Rengen: Girls 14's Singles 2nd Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Kathleen Sprow: Girls 14's Singles 3rd Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Tallulah Schaumann: Girls 14's Singles 5th Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Raluca Velcu: Girls 16's Singles 1st Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Ajla Dzin: Girls 16's Singles 4th Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Regan Harrison: Girls 16's Singles 5th Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Katharine Sherman: Girls 18's Singles 1st Place: Fleming Winter Blast
Girls 16's Singles Top 4: Dasani Mayor's Cup
Kylie Duckworth: Girls 16's Singles Top 4: Dasani Mayor's Cup

For Reflection in photos of Petersburg people and events 2014, please go to our PRC Facebook page. Photographer Marion Yu. Thank you Marion for all of your work!

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