



October Newsletter 2015

Dear Members,

What a great start to the fall. We are off and running with a full schedule of league play. In one division alone we have nine 55+ USTA teams representing PRC along with several 18+ and 40+ teams. Our CSRA Ladies League also have 5 teams, with one C Team, two B Teams, and two A Teams. Well done everyone who are participating in competitive play. We are definitely a "players" club.

We would like to congratulate the C.A.T. committee for another very successful Cancer Awareness Tournament here at PRC the beginning of September. Thank you everyone from Petersburg who participated in the event as well as your contribution to this cause throughout the weekend.

Mark on your calendars the CRATA / GRU Fundraiser October 17th & 18th as well as our Annual Petersburg Oktoberfest Oct 23rd.

Save The Date

Sat. & Sun. Oct. 17th & 18th CRATA Senior Fund Raiser

Friday, October 23rd Petersburg's Annual Oktoberfest

[PRC October Calendar](#)



Petersburg Racquet Club



2015

When: Friday, October 23rd, 6:00.

Event: Mixed Doubles

Fee: \$8 player / \$16 team

Other: German food, beer, music, and decor.



Shop News

Court Reservations

1. Thank you for your consideration with our new 1 court per reservation policy.
2. We also appreciate all of you with giving all 4 names for each court reservation.
3. Remember to sign your guest in. There is a \$10 guest fee that will be charged to account. You may pay for your guest at the time of registration and the charge on your account will show paid.
4. All weekday morning court reservation play begins at 9:00 am.
5. Saturday early bird start time of 8 am. We are going to open up early start reservations on Saturday mornings for those early riser / football fans who travel.

****Phone Lines will continue to be open for reservations at 8:30 am.**

Make sure to check in with the desk staff before going on court for your reservation confirmation to alleviate any confusion and so we know that you are here.

Updating Member Info.

To better help better service you with the ability to communicate when necessary please stop by the shop if you have any updated contact info we can input into our system.

Business Office

IF you have any questions about your account please contact

Gail Jones @ gailjjones@comcast.net or
Brian Hodge @ bhodge@pretennis.com

Pool Members

Post Season Pool- Pool is officially closed for the season. See you next May 2016!

Tennis Tip of The Month

Strategy: Mixing Up The Pace

Strategy Question; "We have trouble in doubles when a team is mixing up the pace of the ball. Sometimes they hit it hard, sometimes a floater, then a dink - we can't react to the pace and we hate it. What do we do?"

Answer: There are three major solutions.

1. Keep a consistent point of contact

The first solution is to maintain your stroking fundamentals by maintaining a consistent point of contact. When playing the type of opponents who hit hard, then soft, your game is often thrown off because you're hitting the ball too early on soft shots and too late on hard shots. Meet the ball the at same spot every time.

2. Act as though each ball were coming to you

A team that mixes up the pace can lull you and your partner to sleep. In doubles you want to be thinking every ball is going to come to you, not to your partner. So you must react as though every ball is going to come to you. To do that, take a small hop to unweight yourself the instant BEFORE your opponent strikes the ball. It does not matter where you are on the court, do a small hop so you can react quicker and get setup quicker.

3. Don't play at the speed of the ball

The third solution is don't play at the speed of the ball (this is a lot like the baseball prohibition of not allowing the ball to play you). When the speed of the ball is medium or slow, players fall into the bad habit of setting up s-l-o-w and m-o-v-i-n-g s-l-o-w. Always move faster than the ball to set up early. This way you are ready for anything and everything that they throw at you.

PRC League News

Captains:

1) Continue to contact myself for any league reschedules. The front desk will not take any requests for these.

Mini Mixed League

Oct. 5th Play Begins

Oct. 12th Play Ends

PRC Junior Highlights

Junior Successes

Kathrine Sherman- Finalist PAPA JOHN'S GEORGIALINA Championships- GA

CHICK FIL A JR Championships- GA LEVEL 4

Cali Hain- Champion Coed 8's**Emme Bull-Champion Girls 10's****Amelia Dresser-Finalist Girls 10's****Jake Bailey-Champion Boys 10's****Tommy Eremito- 3rd place boys 10's****Tara Dzin-Champion Girls 12's****Chloe Zhang- finalist girls 12's****Madeline Dresser- 3rd place girls 12's****Karel Dusek-Champion Boys 12's****Finely Hain-Finalist Boys 12's****Rachel White-Champion Girls 14's****Kaleigh Bakeman- 3rd place Girls 14's****Connor Bowles- Champion Boys 14's****Marielle Leahy- Champion Girls 16's****Ajla Dzin -3rd place girls 16's****Tallulah Schauman- Semi Finalist girls 16's****Jack Lawrence- Champion Boys 16's****Erik Fulton Semi Finalist Boys 16's****Sage Havrilla- Finalist Girls 18's****Alexander Kirov-Champion Boys 18's****Will Barksdale- 3rd place Boys 18's****Member of The Month- Jeff Annis**

We are pleased to select Jeff Annis as Member of The Month for October.

If you know Jeff you are aware of his infinite enthusiasm for all things he is involved with, especially the game of tennis.

Jeff is always looking out for the club in particular the physical aspects of the club. Jeff has been seen replacing score cards, stocking the baskets on each court with player products (sunscreen, bug spray, hand sanitizer...) donating ball hoppers, and even a ball machine. Jeff has often been observed sweeping his clay court after he has played to give the next member a freshly groomed court.

Thank you Jeff for being instrumental and generous with your time and resources to help maintain the standard of PRC's facility we all enjoy.

PRC Monthly Events

Men's Night



What a great turn out for Men's Night. We had 36 gentleman, great fun with tennis, beverages, and food supplied by El Alazon.

CAT Tournament 2015



Another very successful CAT Tournament 2015. Thanks to all who participated in support of this years Cancer Awareness Tournament!!

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