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Foster City Tennis Club

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Around the Club



Women and Men's Competitive Team Tennis League (WCTTL) Wrap Their First Seasons

Women's Combo 6.5/7.0 Team Tennis League (CTTL)

The Women's Competitive Team Tennis League (WCTTL) wrapped up its first season last week. Cynthia's team finished an undefeated season in first place followed by Rima's team in second. Stay tuned for news about new seasons.

Men's 60+ 7.0 Team Tennis League (CTTL)

Winter League

After weeks of multiple rain-outs, the Men finished their inaugural season. The Flip Side, captained by Rick Albar edged Thom Maslow's Silver Servivors for 1st place honors after a rained-out Championship match.

The Men are launching their Spring League March 31st. San Carlos Tennis Club is joining the league this season. There is still time to register at:

<https://fostercitytennisclub.org/event-4169287>



SOCIAL MATCH TENNIS

Social Match Tennis Series (SMTS) Full Steam Ahead Offering Organized and Reserved Recreational Play

After seven months the Social Match Tennis Series (SMTS) is becoming a mainstay of recreational easy going play at the club.

Players particularly like the no-cost fee, reserved courts and preset list of players. They like 'just showing up and getting to play fun and quality tennis.'

SMTS is organized by newest Board member Rima Khalil with support from Brent McDonald and Board Member David Ping. To date the series has posted over 90 events, 270 matches and over 1000 player opportunities including Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles from 3.0 on up.

The **March** Social Match and Competitive Tennis Series schedules can be viewed below and you can register to play at:
www.fostercitytennisclub.org/events

If you know of any non-club members who want to play, there is a reduced rate in effect now. Go to www.fostercitytennisclub.org and click on the "Membership" tag to find out more information.

March 2021



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FCTC In The News

In its April issue, Racquet Sports Magazine features Foster City Tennis Club in its Grassroots Tennis column highlighting the activities FCTC has offered its members during the Pandemic. [Click here](#) to read the article online:

<https://www.fostercitytennisclub.org/resources/Documents/fctc.png>

GrassrootsTennis

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Play It Forward!

CTAs, along with NJTLs, public parks and schools, are on the front lines when it comes to growing our sport.



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Fostering Tennis in Foster City

As 2020 began, the Foster City Tennis Club, a key civic contributor in this 34,000-person community on the Bay south of San Francisco, was poised to reach out to surrounding towns. FCTC, a USTA Community Tennis Association, was ready to explore junior development programs, bring the game to underserved communities and expand opportunities for social and competitive play for its 350 members (up from the six players who started the club in 1973). Dozens of competitive teams also were set to add to FCTC's legacy in USTA League play, which includes past wins in districts, sectionals and nationals. Then the pandemic hit.

The tightly knit community responded by setting aside the in-person social

aspect that tied together club members and families, while focusing on the tennis that bound them with organized play through multiple, intra-club leagues designed for different levels of competitors.

FCTC began 2021 by renewing its aspirations as well as continuing its commitment to health and well-being (and maybe some competitive edge) by focusing on what they do best: responding to the community. According to Board Member Patrick Merrill, "We've been able to play tennis on public courts since last summer. By introducing these new leagues, and keeping our annual dues low, we've been able to keep a majority of our members. In many ways, tennis has become the only game in town." —Kent Oswald



MIDWEST

Improving Lives Through Tennis in Indiana

Kindness and compassion are the twin themes of the Hamilton County Community Tennis Association in central Indiana, just north of Indianapolis. Founded in 1990 by Helen Moser Petersen, a USTA volunteer who accepted as a personal responsibility the association's burgeoning interest in community tennis, the HCCTA has outdoor and indoor seasons that currently engage 2,000 to 2,500 individuals.

Play and instruction is at the Carmel Racquet Club (membership is not mandatory for HCCTA participants) and at schools in four local districts. Programs range from introduction to tennis for 4-year-olds, to clinics for 2.0 to 4.5 players, to point-play instruction, to Cardio Tennis for all. Of special note are before- and after-school offerings at local elementary schools that combine tennis instruction and a Champion Reads curriculum, and an eight-week summer Special Olympics campaign for junior high through adult athletes.

Heading up the paid staff of two full-timers and two part-timers is Executive Director Maggie Petersen, lawyer turned community tennis impresario, whose working principle is: "Life is always better (mentally and physically healthier) with a passion. Our ultimate goal is to improve the lives of those in our community through tennis." —Kent Oswald

TRAM LINES



Club News

Board of Directors Meet to Plan Return of USTA Adult Leagues

Attending the first of what will be USTA NorCal monthly calls the club leadership learned that the management team at NorCal intends to restart Adult Leagues in the Spring. Since the call, it was officially announced that Adult Leagues will restart May 10. Registration for teams and players will open April 5 and close April 19. Registration is for leagues: Adult 18+, Adult 55+ and Adult 60+. Shortly, the FCTC website will reflect the League news. As always, full FCTC annual membership will be necessary to play on FCTC teams.

Board Meets to Plan Restart of Club Social Events

As more of us receive our Covid-19 vaccinations and upon looking at the vaccination projections for the coming months, the Board is considering planning a slate of social events when the health and safety protocols indicate it is safe to do so.

The BOD is looking at reviving previously successful events as well as creating a number of new events to bring our members together and give them fun and valuable experiences to socialize, play and learn.

If you have any ideas for events you would like to see us present, please let us know by using the Suggestion Box and we'll be sure to follow-up.

Rima Khalil Joins Board of Directors

The FCTC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Rima Khalil has joined the Board as a Director. Many of you already know Rima. She is the Organizer of the Social Match Tennis Series. We feel very lucky to have her as a fellow Board member and look forward to her contribution to the Board and to the Club.



SUGGESTION BOX

The Suggestion Box has been a great way to receive your feedback. Please keep it up by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.fostercitytennisclub.org/Sys/PublicProfile/SendEmail/57193369>

We look forward to your input and suggestions.

IMPROVE YOUR GAME

Topspin Forehand Tip - Stop Missing In The Net!



Click Here for Topspin Forehand Tip:

https://crunchtimecoaching.com/tennis-thrive/forehand-mistake/?inf_contact_key=c79b43daa2152665b7ea8fb9e26d65b64dfbc39d7283b2cb89d5189540b69330



CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Zalles has always been a great supporter of Foster City Tennis Club. As many of you know the store is now under the terrific management of Surina. We'd like to spotlight the store and the new management as our March/April Partner Spotlight



Come and visit your local tennis experts at Zalles Racquet Sports. We specialize in Racquet Stringing and Racquet Selection/Fitting. Check out our demo program and new in-store hitting area as a first step. Visit our website at zallesracquetsports.com for info on our first Tennis Technology Camp March 29 at Boothbay Park. Look out for future camps this summer!



See you on the courts!
Thom Maslow
Editor eNEWS
President, FCTC