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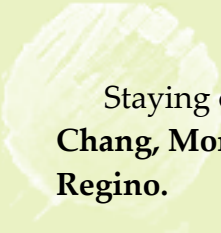
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: ANNUAL MEETING & PARTY – JANUARY 10

I want to extend a hearty invitation to all of you to attend our **Annual Meeting & Party on Saturday, January 10, at 6:30 pm** in the Lagoon Room at the Foster City Community Center. This is the one time each year that we get all of us together to install the Club's 2009 Board of Directors, give away some awards, and, most of all, party.

We keep the business portion of the event brief and to the point. The rest of the time is devoted to dinner, door prizes, dancing, celebrating and general tennis chat. If you are new to the Club this is an excellent time to meet folks and have a great time doing it. **See the flyer in this Newsletter for details.** Scarlett Wood, Regina Spadarella and their Annual Party Team await word of your attendance.

The one piece of business we need to take care of at the Annual Meeting is important. We will ask the Club's Membership to approve the 2009 Board of Directors. At this time let me introduce the new Board members for 2009. **Ben Asaro** has been elected by the Board as Vice President. **Regina Spadarella** has graciously stepped up to serve as the Club's Social Director. **Kacey Karmendy** has agreed to become our new Membership Director, assisted by **Akiko Iida-Klein**. Please congratulate these new Directors and thank them in advance for their service to the Club.





Staying on the Board for 2009 are **Vikki Mion, Dale Russell, Karen Chew, Ken Soohoo, Lisa Chang, Mona Simpson, Gust Zumas, Ken Miskow, Jackie James, Garrett Larsson** and **Reggie Regino**.

I especially need to thank the outgoing Board members, each of whom has served Foster City tennis and the Club well. Past President **Barby Pickett** has succeeded [I think] in keeping me from making too many faux pas. We intend to keep her leadership in the mix, but we've not yet settled on her new role. As Membership Director, **Jim Bjorge** has done an outstanding job of managing the accuracy and necessary privacy of our increasing membership. A largely thankless but time-consuming role, Membership was served with great skill and good humor by Jim. Inter-Club Coordinator **Kathryn Chou** handled that very challenging role with aplomb and we thank her for stepping into this role when we needed her. And finally, thanks to **Scarlett Wood**, our outgoing Social Director, for her organization and wonderfully high spirits in leading the Club's social events this past year.

Please thank Barby, Jim, Kathryn and Scarlett when you see them at the Annual Meeting & Party or on the courts. See you all January 10.

Jake Karmendy, FCTC President

FCTC 7.0 MIXED DOUBLES TEAM

2008 NORCAL CHAMPIONS

PLAYS WELL AT NATIONALS

The long and winding road to USTA's Western Nationals Mixed Doubles Championships ended the weekend before Thanksgiving at Gold River Racquet Club near Sacramento. But it began some 14 months earlier when Barby Pickett's FCTC 7.0 Mixed Doubles team was merely one of some 180 teams in Northern California competing for the right to take the trip.

Along the way the team traversed the tough Upper Peninsula League in Fall 2007 and early 2008, amassing a spectacular 13-1 season record but needed a hard-fought win over Beresford in the March Local Playoffs to make it to the Stanford Districts in May 2008.

Three straight wins at the Stanford Taube Family Tennis Stadium brought the team to Harbor Bay for the NorCal Championships in June. There the team won all four of its matches by identical 2-1 scores, indicating both the highly competitive nature of the tournament and the team's overall strength. No doubt the team's gaudy 22-1 record served notice that FCTC would need to be reckoned with at Nationals at Gold River.

The long road ended on November 22, 2008 when the team fell just short of making it into the National Semi-Finals. As luck would have it, FCTC was placed in a bracket

that included the two teams who would eventually vie for the title. While FCTC beat one of those teams, the team fell just short in tiebreakers to make it into the medal round. All in all, it was quite a trip.

At the end of the season that lasted from September 2007 through November 2008, Foster City's 2008 7.0 Mixed Team became USTA NorCal League Champions. A testimony to the depth of this team is that upon entering Nationals, six players were undefeated and six more players had only one loss.



Please congratulate Captain Barby and her team on this marvelous achievement. Team members included Paul Lin, Sheila Cooper, Henry "Code Violation" Lin, Cathy Lin, Jenille Tan, Jobe Tan, Martin Uiberlacker, Ken Wanzer, Kathryn Chou, Allison Don, Jo Lim, Helen Geer, Stewart Kerr, Glenn Hernandez, Jeremy Pickett, Dale Russell and Co-Captain Jake Karmendy.

*Jake Karmendy
Co-Captain*



SENIOR MEN'S 3.5 LEADS LEAGUE

With just over half the season in the books as of this writing, our FCTC Senior Men's 3.5 team has compiled a perfect record and leads the Upper Peninsula League. The team, captained by Jake Karmendy and co-captain Wil Dang, has been able to manage through debilitating injuries [old guys break easily], surgeries [ditto] and wife-inflicted vacations on the strength of a large and talented roster.

The team has gotten solid play up and down the line-up, which includes past members Ed Cruz, Jin Jue, Alan Hall, Tony Lolong, Mitch Tom, Victor Luscap, Chuck Lumia, Ben Asaro, Paul Ko and Bruce Klafter. New team members have added depth and strength: Alan Ting, Dale Russell, Larry Parish, David Ronce, Jeff Peterson, Larry Trice, David Ping and Mort Newman.

But the toughest part of the regular season still lies ahead. Can this team stay healthy enough and focused enough to be top dog come Playoff time in February? Stay tuned.

*Jake Karmendy
Co-Captain*

SENIOR WOMEN'S 3.5 HEADED TO PLAYOFFS

The 2009 Sr. Women's 3.5 team consisting of Elsa Bader, Galynn Brady, Kathleen Cammarata, Lisa Chang, Karen Chew, Patty Coulson, Sandy Lower, Joyce Madeira, Lynda McAdams, Vikki Mion, Joanne Nino, Barby Pickett, Joanne Pontis, Regina Spadarella, Cathy Urban, Diane Weiss, and Scarlett Wood got off to a great start this season with 16 individual matches won against 5 individual matches losses.

We are in second place in a division where the top four teams go to playoffs. We got a little nervous when the yearend ratings came out for fear that the "up and out rule" would strangle our playoff power but a "modified up and out rule" and not too much damage to our team gives us hope of a playoff victory as the end of the season approaches.

With three more matches to go, we look forward to our playoffs matches in February.

Barby Pickett

FCTC SW3.0 TEAM

Well, we're just a little over half-way through the season, and our team is in first place by a hair! This season is a challenging one for us, as there are only two other teams in our flight (where have all the senior 3.0 ladies gone?), so we will be playing each team FIVE times. Well, at least we'll get to know each other really well!

Some of us played in the SuperSenior 60 7.0 league this summer (don't worry, ladies, I won't reveal your identities), and, while we didn't win many matches (I suppose one match can be considered "not many"), we all gained some valuable experience playing with the "Big Gals".

We have many returning players: Maria Campodonico, Roz Chan, Patti Ellis, Rikko Field, Marji Fujiki, Marcia Furey, Mary Hannigan, Gemma Hon, Marie Horn, Marion Lowrance, Sam Marshall, Maureen Olson, Po Yee Pau, Fumi Wong and Phyllis Wong. We have also welcomed some new players: Helen Geer, Gail Ghose and June Walker. I want to acknowledge my returning co-captain, Marcia, for her support and input into the never-ending guessing game of assembling lineups.

We are looking forward to the rest of this season, and hoping for some post-season play. GO TEAM!!

*Kacey Karmendy
Co-Captain*

FCTC LADDER – FALL EDITION

The ladder has just about completed its first year and so far the results have been great! Numerous ladder matches have been played and we're happy to announce the winners of the summer ladder competition – Lokesh Sisodiya and Carol Taras. They will be receiving their awards for winning the competition at the Annual Meeting.

We'll be sure to run the competition again in the Spring and Summer and make the next competitions even bigger.

If you have not yet signed up for a ladder, go to: <http://www.fostercitytennisclub.org/ladder.html> and follow the simple instructions there.

Please email our ladder coordinator Garrett Larsson at glarsson@gmail.com if you have any questions or feedback on the ladder.

PLAY IN STYLE

WEAR & WIN WITH THE FCTC SHIRT



\$25.00

*includes
Shipping & Handling*

*"Antigua" Polo
Embroidered*

Limited inventory. White w/ green logo.
Specify (men's sizes) M, L or XL.
Send check to: FCTC Shirt, P.O. Box 4024 Foster
City, CA 94404. Allow 10 days for delivery.



USTA *Leagues*

BY VIKKI MION, USTA LEAGUE COORDINATOR

The year 2008 is coming to an end -- but not playing tennis. We, our FCTC Members, are saying goodbye to 2008 and another enjoyable, exciting, and winning year of Tennis League Seasons. Our 2008 Tennis League Seasons would not have been possible if it were not for you, our FCTC members, and particularly those 19 FCTC Members who Captained our Club's 25 (21 USTA & 4 Day League) Teams.

Many thanks to you, our volunteer FCTC Captains: Barby Pickett, Becky Ashley, Caroline Friedman, Craig Quan, David Whitten, Diane Weiss, Jake Karmendy, Jan Buchwald, Jason Yuan, Juan Jimenez, June Walker, Kacey Karmendy, Ken Miskow, Kim Sullivan, Lisa Chang, Mike Sing, Naomi Bigliardi, Patricio Barraza, and Stephanie Alley.

Our 4 FCTC 2009 Senior League Teams, whose regular season actually started in September, 2008 will be finishing February 1, 2009. Kacey Karmendy's SW3.0, Barby Pickett's SW3.5, Stephanie Alley's SW4.0, and Jake Karmendy's SM3.5. Three of our Teams will be heading into Local League playoffs.

What's going on in the world of Tennis?

USTA www.usta.com
NORCAL - our region - www.norcal.usta.com

What's going on within the Foster City Tennis Club? www.fostercitytennisclub.org

We're heading into 2009, so get your 2009 Foster City Tennis Club Memberships in now. Only 2009 Foster City Tennis Club Members can sign up and play on Foster City Tennis Club's 2009 USTA & Day League Teams.....

Our FCTC Membership Dues for 2009 will be the same as our 2008 Membership Dues.

Foster City Tennis Club Membership Application forms can be found under Membership on our website: www.fostercitytennisclub.org

REMINDER..... we can only keep in touch with you if we have your most current information. If your e-mail address or phone numbers change, please notify KACEY KARMENDY, our Membership Director, at: fctcmembership@yahoo.com. We don't want you to be left out of the loop & miss our FCTC Newsletters, Fun Days, Tournament, party, etc.

Foster City Tennis Club Members interested in joining a Foster City Tennis Club USTA League Team -- go to our website: www.fostercitytennisclub.org

Click on USTA League, click word *here* (last word in yellow paragraph) and go to the particular League you are interested in playing on. Find the Team and click on the Captain's name and an e-mail message will pop up addressed to the Captain. Ask the Captain if you can sign up on their Team and wait for a response from the Captain. The Team may already be full, despite the Team Roster may not have many names on it yet.

If additional information or help is needed:

e-mail: fctcleagues@yahoo.com

Before you sign up on a 2009 FCTC Team -- join the FCTC first. If you sign up first -- then immediately send your 2009 FCTC Membership Application form and check to the FCTC P.O. Box. A non 2009 FCTC Member's name appearing on a 2009 FCTC Team Roster is not acceptable and will cause a big problem for the entire Team. In order to correct the problem -- Captains will remove a non 2009 FCTC Member's name from their Team Rosters.

2009 Foster City Tennis Club Teams are for those only who are 2009 Foster City Tennis Club Members -- no exceptions.

EMERGENCY or VANDALISM

Report them immediately to the
Foster City Police Department
(650) 573-3333

Program this number into your cell phone as 911 calls on cell phones do not go directly to the Foster City Police Department.

2009 USTA LEAGUE SEASON

All Leagues are Doubles matches.

Only the Adult League also includes Singles matches.

MIXED DOUBLES - Teams & Captains

(for age 19 and older)

Regular Season: **JANUARY 12 – APRIL 5**

6.0 – Jorge Garcia

7.0 – Patty Coulson

8.0 – Barby Pickett

ADULT

Double Matches and only League that also includes Single Matches

Team Registration opens: January 12

Regular Season: **APRIL 6 – JULY 12**

SUPER SENIOR 65

(for age 65 and older)

Team Registration opens: January 12

Regular Season: **APRIL 6 – JULY 12**

SUPER SENIOR 60

(for age 60 and older)

Team Registration opens: April 20

Regular Season: **JUNE 29 – SEPTEMBER 20**

COMBO DOUBLES

(for age 19 and older)

Partnerships - 0.5 difference in rating maximum and total cannot exceed Team's name.

Example: 3.0 partners with 3.5 = Combo 6.5 Team.

Team Registration opens: May 11

Regular Season: **JULY 6 – OCTOBER 11**

FIFTY MIXED DOUBLES

(for age 50 and older)

Team Registration opens: May 11

Regular Season: **JULY 13 – OCTOBER 4**

SENIOR - (2010)

(for age 50 and older)

Team Registration opens: July

Regular Season: **SEPTEMBER – FEBRUARY**

Senior League starts in 2009 but finishes in 2010 and is referred to as a 2010 Team.

YEAR ROUND – SINGLE & DOUBLE PLAYERS JOIN THE FCTC LADDER.

go to our website: www.fostercitytennisclub.org

or contact: GARRETT LARSSON, our Ladder

Coordinator at: glarsson@gmail.com

SEASONAL – SINGLE PLAYERS

go to: www.norcal.usta.com and under Leagues –

click on Flex League. Must be a USTA Member.

COURT PROBLEMS

Nets, lights, water, etc.....Report them to:

DALE RUSSELL at: russell5237@sbcglobal.net, our

Club's Liaison with the City of Foster City, and he will relay the information onto the City.

PERMITS & INSTRUCTORS

The City of Foster City issues permits for the use of all their public Tennis Courts (Edgewater, Boothbay, Shell, & Catamaran) for Club Matches, Tournaments, Tennis Lessons, etc.

Who they have issued permits to for use of their Tennis Courts are shown on their Calendars posted on the boards at their Courts on a monthly basis – dates, times, and names of who have permits.....

Monthly permits are issued to the following:

We, Foster City Tennis Club - to use Edgewater & sometimes Boothbay, for our USTA & Day League Matches, Fun Days, and Tournaments. Reynaldo Zalles, owner of Zalles Racquet Sports - to use Edgewater & Boothbay for private Tennis lessons and a Tournament. Stanford - to use Leo Ryan Park (aka Shell) for Tennis lessons.

Occasionally, one of our FCTC Matches date & time may have to be changed and the new date & time may not show on the Calendar. Our FCTC Captain will have with them a copy of their new permit.

Foster City Park & Recreation Department has asked we notify them – if we see anyone on any of their public courts giving Private (paid for) Tennis lessons and the party does not have a permit from the City - either showing on the Calendar or permit in hand.

Contact: Todd Badger at: (650) 286-3392 or

e-mail him at: tbadger@fostercity.org.



FCTC 2009 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Foster City Tennis Club membership offers year-round activities.
For more information, check our website at www.fostercitytennisclub.org
For membership information, email: fctcmembership@yahoo.com.

All members must be 18 years of age or older.

2009 Membership Fees: Foster City Resident - \$30.00 Non-Resident - \$45.00
Membership begins January 1, 2009 or date of payment of dues whichever is later, and expires on December 31, 2009
Family Plan: First member pays full rate. Deduct \$5.00 for each additional family member.
Submit ONE application for each family member. Each member must sign his or her form.

Name: _____ Male ___ Female ___ Current NTRP Rating _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: (____) _____ Business Phone: (____) _____
Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email: (print clearly) _____

DISCLAIMER: Intending to be legally bound, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims and damages I may incur against Foster City Tennis Club and all sponsors / producers for any and all injuries that may be suffered by any en route to or from and during events. I am physically fit and sufficiently trained for competition. I acknowledge and understand that I have read and understand all of the above.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

You must be a current FCTC member to participate in any League Activities – no exceptions!

All FCTC Newsletters will be sent via email. If you want a paper version instead, check here: ____
We publish a FCTC Membership Directory annually with names, ratings, phone numbers, and email addresses. We publish all member names; if you do not want something published in the directory besides your name, please specify here what you **do not** want published: _____

Please indicate why you joined the Foster City Tennis Club!

___ Meet other tennis players ___ USTA League Tennis ___ Fun Days
___ Inter-club Tournaments ___ Board of Directors position

MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:
Foster City Tennis Club, Post Office Box 4024, Foster City, CA 94404



FCTC 2009 BOARD CALENDAR

January

Annual Meeting – Jan. 10

February

Board Meeting – Feb 19

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March

April

Board Meeting – Apr 9

King & Queen of the Hill Tournament – TBD

May

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Fun Day – Memorial Day – May 25

June

Board Meeting – Jun 11

Peninsula Challenge Cup Tournament – Jun 19-21

July

Fun Day – Jul 4

Midsummer’s Night Bash – Jul 18

August

Board Meeting – Aug 13

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September

Fun Day – Labor Day – Sep 7

Club Directory published

October

Board Meeting – Oct 8

November

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PAC InterClub – TBD

Zalles Turkey Tournament -- TBD

December

Board Meeting – Dec 10



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