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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: **ELECTRONIC MEMBERSHIP IS HERE!**

Foster City Tennis Club has been on the forefront of Internet usage for a very long time. Today we introduce to you the next generation of the FCTC Web Site and the completely new Online Membership capabilities. Any current-year club member can immediately go to the Foster City Tennis Club web site:

www.fostercitytennisclub.org, create a password, and log-in to view up-to-the

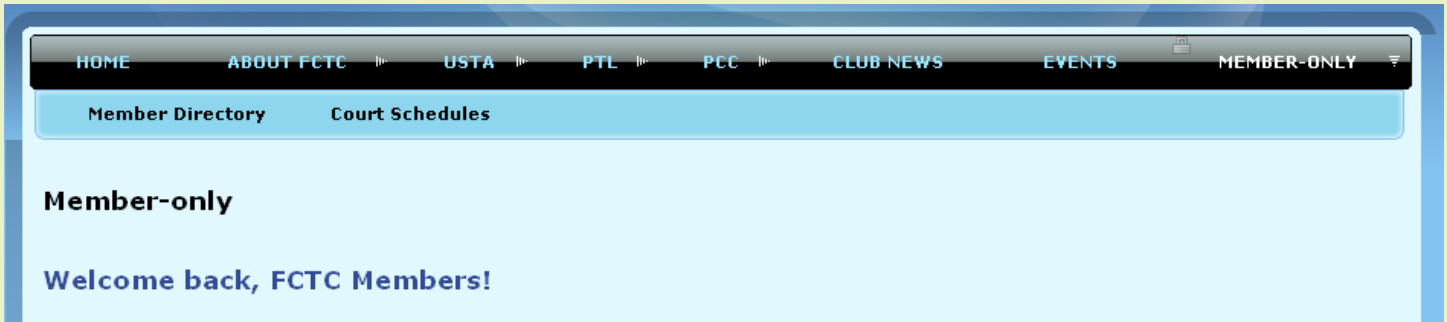
moment membership information. The new web site has a members-only section that includes a full directory, including contact information for other members. New and renewing members will now be able to pay for their FCTC annual dues electronically, by credit card or PayPal, streamlining the process of membership as well as saving stamps. Of course all the usual wealth of information that appeared on the original Foster City Tennis Club web site is available in the new version, in a modern wrapper that's much easier for us to maintain.

How do you sign-up you ask? Well, every current member of the Foster City Tennis Club already has an account. Go to www.fostercitytennisclub.org and click on the link in the upper right corner that reads "Forgot Password", and you'll see the Reset Password page:

Type in your email address (the one that you gave us when you signed-up) and instructions will be emailed to you that tell you how to set a password on your account. Then return to the original home page and enter your email and password to log-in.



Once you've logged-in you'll see the members-only area where you can access the Member Directory (click on the link above the Member-only phrase). In the Member Directory you can search for contact information for other members and see membership status. Please do take a moment to click on the "View Profile" link in the upper right corner of the page and then review your personal information and configure your privacy preferences.



Finally, we all owe a tremendous thanks to the club's Webmaster Lisa Chang, who has used her considerable technical skills for the better part of the last decade to develop, update, and maintain the Foster City Tennis Club's web site presence.

Sincerely,

Ken Soohoo, FCTC President



2011 ANNUAL MEETING & PARTY

FOOD, FUN, PRIZES AND MORE!

On January 14th, 2011 at 7pm the Foster City Tennis Club held our Annual Meeting in the Lagoon Room at the Foster City Recreation Center (next to the lake and tennis courts). In 2010 we had 399 members of the Foster City Tennis Club, about a 20% increase from 2009, with 93% of our members playing in USTA Leagues. For the business side of the meeting, we voted for the new Board of Directors, which now includes Ron Ludlow as the Membership Director, replacing Kacey Karmendy who moves to the Vice President position. We received a treasurer's report from Karen Chew, who informed us that the club is in good financial shape.



During the evening of good food, drink and conversation, we heard talks from Kevin Miller, Foster City's Parks and Recreation Director, and USTA Official Shaun Lennihan. Kevin told us that the City of Foster City continues to fund the maintenance of courts throughout the city, and has a plan this year for resurfacing the Boothbay and Leo J. Ryan Park courts. Shaun informed us of two important rules changes:



- For all USTA (including USTA Junior) matches, correcting an "out" ball to "good" results in the opponent's point. Only exception is if a let serve is called "out" and then called "good" – it is treated as a let, and the serve is replayed.
- In Junior tournaments only, if a match 10-point tiebreak is played in lieu of a third set, then there is a mandatory 3 minute break, and coaching is permitted at the fence.



This year we thanked our twenty team Captains with small gifts and ended the evening with the traditional raffle of some great prizes, including many supplied by Reynaldo Zalles of the Zalles Tennis shop.



Thanks to Lynn Presley, our Social Director, for all the effort that went into making our Annual Meeting a well-organized and enjoyable event! This year we had over 100 members and guests attend the Foster City Tennis Club 2011 Annual Meeting -- we had a great time and look forward to seeing you again next year.

Ken Soohoo, President

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

At the February 2011 Foster City Tennis Club Board of Directors Meeting, Karen Chew resigned her position as Treasurer after many years of service to the Foster City Tennis Club. Thank you very much Karen!

Jake Karmendy was appointed by the the Board to fill the FCTC Treasurer position for the remainder of 2011.



MEN'S SS60 7.0 MARCHES ONTO SECTIONALS

The FCTC Men's SS60 7.0 team, with David Aitchison, Ben Asaro, Jeffrey Brown, Edward Dizon, George Gipe, Alan Hall, Jeffrey Jung, Wally Katigbak, Chuck Lumia, Earl Prack, Mitch Tom and Mark Wong on the roster, completed Local League play with a 6-2 record. Since there was a wildcard in our league and since Half Moon Bay had beaten us twice during the Local League season, we agreed to have them go to Sectionals as the league champion and us as the wildcard.

The Sectionals in Carmel was postponed for a week due to the threat of rainy weather. After scrambling to change our hotel reservations, we met at our hotel for a team cocktail party on Thursday evening of Sectionals weekend. Everybody brought a little something to share and, fortunately, and under the threat of being removed from the lineups, nobody started a chorus of Kumbaya. The plan was to give everyone a match on Friday and then set Saturday's lineup accordingly. We then went out as a team to the La La Grill for dinner in the Del Monte Shopping Center in Monterey.

We won Friday morning's match 2-1, decided by a 10-point, third-set tiebreaker. Our afternoon match went virtually the same way, winning 2-1, and again by a 10-point, third-set tiebreaker.

Saturday morning started with light rain, which delayed our scheduled match against the Sunnyvale team that was tied with us for first place in our flight. This also forced a change in format to no-add scoring. Unfortunately, we lost this match, 1-2, missing the finals by a third-set, 10-point tiebreaker.



Every team match at these Sectionals was torture for us, with each decided in the third set of the deciding individual match. This was the first Districts/Sectionals that I have been a part of where we had 100% attendance by every team member at every match. Additionally, all five wives/significant friends of team members who joined us down in Carmel also attended every match in support. We were competitive and had our chance to make the finals, which made it a very exciting weekend for everyone associated with our team who was there.

*Jeff Jung
Captain*

FCTC C8.5 MEN'S ROLLS TO DISTRICTS

The Foster City Men's Combo 8.5 team was made up mostly of guys who played on the Foster City 4.5 team this year. With some strong 4.0's coming on to the team, the 8.5 team was born, consisting mostly of players that had previously knew each other and also some new faces as well. There were many battles during the regular season, and playoffs was no easy task. But the true test would be at districts, where players Vatee Pattaropong, Ron Ramos, Fred Lam, Tony Vuong, Ron Pang, Okki Trangganna, Marcos Gallardo, Yasu Chiba and Johnny Liu participated.

The Friday match against Wallenberg was tough, only having two 4.5s available, the FC team did as best as they could. Drawing some strong opponents, Vatee Pattaropong and Ron Ramos gave their best effort but fell short, losing 6-4, 6-2. Ron Pang and Johnny Liu lost the first set 6-0 in less than 20 minutes, but rallied back to win 6-3, then 10-5 in the supertie. Tied at 1-1 in overall match score, it was down to Fred Lam and Tony Vuong. After splitting sets, Fred and Tony were down 6-7 in the supertie, and barely losing 10-8.



The Saturday match was delayed due to rain, so the format was shortened to a 8 game pro set with no ad scoring. Harbor Bay was hungry to win after losing to Benicia on Friday. The match against Harbor Bay was another challenging one, Fred and Tony paired up again and quickly got off the court with a 8-1 win. Johnny Liu and Ron Pang, once again, down 0-6, came back to 2-6 but it was too late for them, losing 8-2. Marcos and Okki paired up, but drawing players with big serves and big forehands, and ended up losing as well.

Saturday night, one of the Foster City players had an emergency, and left the team immediately. On Sunday morning, Johnny received an email from Yasu Chiba saying, "I will be there, regardless if I play or not." All 3 teams were able to play now with 6 men, ready to take on a Benicia team who was 2-0 entering this last day of competition. After waiting 1.5 hours in a rain delay, the match got underway. Fred and Okki drew strong opponents but with Fred serving well and Okki playing strategically, the pair pulled off a 8-6 win. Ron and Tony drew good opponents as well, but they handled them with no problem winning 8-6. Johnny and Yasu were the last to get off the court, after being tied 7-7, they went to a set tiebreaker. Quickly jumping to a 6-3 lead, the duo stayed strong, and Johnny hit a topspin forehand lob over both opponents for the match winning shot, giving Foster City a 3-0 victory over the first place Benicia team.

The Foster City team did not go down with a fight on this day, as it was a great way to end the Districts weekend with a 3-0 sweep.

*Johnny Liu
Co-Captain*



FCTC FIFTY MIXED 7.0 ADVANCES TO SECTIONALS

The 2010 FCTC Fifty Mixed 7.0 team, with David Aitchison, Pamela Bohlmann, Jeffrey Brown, Stanley Chi, Patty Coulson, Olive Ebert, Cindy Jeung, Jeffrey Jung, Cynthia Newton, Earl Prack, Joan Prack, Bill Reynolds and Mark Wong on its roster, completed Local League play with an 8-2 record.

Going into the playoffs as the second-place team, we were successful in defeating a very determined San Carlos/Arguello Park team in the first round, 3-0. We had split matches with this team during Local League play.

In the final-round playoff match to determine which team moves on to Sectionals, we met the first-place Colony Club team on a foggy Friday evening in Half Moon Bay. Anticipating heavy traffic due to the Pumpkin Festival, many of our players took time off from work in order to ensure arrival by the scheduled 6:30 p.m. match time. After meeting at a local deli for a pre-match snack and last minute strategy session, we went on to defeat a very good Colony Club team, 2-1. We were now headed to Sectionals at the Diamond Hills Tennis Club in Oakley.

Unfortunately, Sectionals turned out to be the “perfect storm” for us; we had five players not available for various reasons that weekend. Two had other commitments they could not get out of; another two were also playing for other teams at these Sectionals and their availability for our team was limited; and a fifth player was vacationing in China. We lost both of our Friday matches, and our Saturday match was delayed by morning rain. This gave our players the opportunity to get together for brunch at one of the local restaurants in Brentwood. However, when our first team finally got on the court in the afternoon the skies opened up again and play was suspended for the remainder of the weekend. I would like to acknowledge and thank Joan and Cynthia, who volunteered to play in both matches on Friday due to the unavailability of some of our other players.

While our rained-out Saturday match did not need to be played, Club One brought three teams up from the Santa Cruz area to Foster City to complete our Sectionals match. It turned out to be a fun evening for everyone, with us winning the match, 2-1.

Anyway, it was a very competitive and, to me, a very successful season for this FMX team. I am confident every member on the team enjoyed it as much as I did. Now it is team party time!

Jeff Jung
Captain

USTA *Leagues*

By VIKKI MION, USTA LEAGUES COORDINATOR

Check out what's going on in *TENNIS* at the following:
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NorCal (our Region).....www.norcal.usta.com
Your Foster City Tennis Club.....www.fostercitytennisclub.org

WE HAVE A NEW FACE, A NEW LOOK AND YOU CAN NOW BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FOSTER CITY TENNIS CLUB FAMILY ONLINE.

"2011" UPDATES

Our SENIOR Team-

SW4.0A (Barby Pickett) Team - is heading into Local League playoffs.

Our MIXED DOUBLES Team-

MX8.0 (Henry Lin) Team - season is underway.

Our ADULT Teams-

Season begins March 21-our Teams **M3.5** (Derrick Joe), **M4.0** (Jake Karmendy), **M4.5** (Henry Lin), **W3.5A** (June Walker and **W3.5B** (Catherine Chang)

Our SUPER SENIOR 65 Team-

S65M3.5 (Ed Weiss) - season to begin: April 4.

ONLY 2011 (current year) FCTC MEMBERS

can sign up and play on

2011 FCTC (USTA & DAY) League Teams

FCTC TEAMS - are for FCTC MEMBERS ONLY

"NO EXCEPTIONS TO OUR FCTC POLICY"

A non 2011 FCTC Member's name appearing on a 2011 FCTC Team Roster will cause the FCTC Team to lose their Team's Home Court space.

FCTC Membership Applications forms can now be found online at our FCTC Website:

www.fostercitytennisclub.org under tab: About FCTC

INTERESTED in joining or forming a FCTC Team

To join a FCTC Team-

1st contact the Captain - ask if you can join their Team as they may already be full.

To form a FCTC Team-

please contact: fctcleagues@gmail.com, so we can advise you of our FCTC policy and if we have space to accommodate your Team.

2011 USTA LEAGUE SEASONS

All Leagues are Double Matches.

Single Matches – are only included in Adult League Season

SENIOR -- (age 50 and over)

Team Registration: closed for 2011

Regular Season: closed for 2011

Local League Playoffs: Mar. 4-6 and 18-20

Districts: Apr. 8-10/ Sectionals: May 6-8/ Nationals: Oct.

MIXED DOUBLES -- (age 18 and over)

Team Registration: closed for 2011:

Regular season: **January 10 – April 17**

Local League Playoffs: Apr.1-3 and 15-17 or May 6-8 and 13-15

Districts: May 20-22/ Sectionals: Jun. 4-5/ Nationals: TBA

ADULT -- (age 18 and over)

Team Registration: closed for 2011

Regular Season: **March 21 – July 10**

Local League Playoffs: Jul. 15-17 and 22-24

Districts: Aug.12-14/ Sectionals: Aug. 26-28/ Nationals: Oct.

SUPER SENIOR 65 -- (age 65 and over)

Team Registration: February 6 - : March.13

Regular Season: **April 4 -- July 10**

Local League Playoffs: Jul. 18-22 and 25-29

No Districts/ Sectionals: Sept.19-21

SUPER SENIOR 60 -- (age 60 and over)

Team Registration: April 18 – May 15

Regular Season: **June 20 - September 18**

Local League Playoffs: Sept. 30-Oct.2 and Oct.14-16

No Districts/ Sectionals: Oct. 28-30/ Nationals: Apr. 14-17 or Apr.28-May 1

FIFTY MIXED DOUBLES -- (age 50 and over)

Team Registration: May 8 - June. 12

Regular Season: **July 11 – October 9**

Local League Playoffs: Oct 14-16 and 21-23

No Districts/ Sectionals: Nov. 4-6/ Nationals: Apr 8-10

COMBO DOUBLES -- (age 18 and over)

Team Registration: July 11 – August 7

Regular Season: **September 12 – December 11**

Local League Playoffs: Dec. 16-18 and Jan. 6-8

Districts: Jan./ Sectionals: TBA/ No Nationals



FCTC 2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Foster City Tennis Club membership offers year-round activities.

2011 Membership Fees: Foster City Resident - \$30.00 Non-Resident - \$45.00
Expires at the end of 2011, on December 31, 2011

Family Plan: First member pays full rate. Deduct \$5.00 for each additional family member.

Please sign-up at our website www.fostercitytennisclub.org

For membership information, email: fctcmembership@att.net .

All members must be 18 years of age or older.



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