



# Spins & Slices

FOSTER CITY TENNIS CLUB  
P.O. BOX 4024, FOSTER CITY, CA 94404

[WWW.FOSTERCITYTENNISCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.FOSTERCITYTENNISCLUB.ORG)

JUNE 2011 EDITION  
NEXT ISSUE: AUGUST 2011

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: LESSONS FROM UPSETS AT THE FRENCH OPEN**

Early summer in the professional tennis world means the French Open, and this year's event was full of dramatic upsets! As amateur players we can learn a great deal from these upsets, as they give particularly sharp exclamation points to skills and strategies that can turn the tables for you too...

### **31-year-old qualifier Stephane Robert defeats #6 Tomas Berdych**

Robert hit 62 winners to Berdych's 40.

Lesson: Be aggressive with your shot selection.

### **Vavara Lepchenko defeats #18 Flavia Pennetta**

Lepchenko made 72 percent of first serves to Panetta's 54 percent.

Lesson: Take care of your first serve.

### **Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo defeats #19 Marin Cilic**

Cilic had 67 unforced errors to Ramirez Hidalgo's 34.

Lesson: Play consistent tennis, don't give your opponent free points.

### **Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez defeats #19 Shahar Pe'er**

Martinez Sanchez won 27 / 32 points at the net to Pe'er's 7 / 19.

Lesson: You'll be rewarded by coming to the net.

Next time we all step out on the court against an opponent, even if we're not particularly confident we can win, remember all those upsets at the French Open and that often there's no magic in winning, just play smart!

Sincerely,

**Ken Soohoo, FCTC President**





# 17TH ANNUAL MID-SUMMER NIGHT'S BASH

Foster City Tennis Club proudly presents its  
17th Annual Mid-Summer Night's Bash!!  
A night of food, drinks, and the swapping of  
tennis stories and jokes...

WHEN: Saturday, July 9, 2011  
TIME: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
WHERE: El Torito Mexican Restaurant  
Foster City, CA 94404  
Cost: \$10.00 for FCTC Members  
\$15.00 for each guest  
Free to 2011 PCC Volunteers  
(Volunteers must RSVP)

\*\*Reservations are required as seating is  
limited!!!

RSVP by Wednesday, July 6, 2011.  
RSVP to: Lynn Presley at (415) 730-2770 or  
[lynnpresley8@gmail.com](mailto:lynnpresley8@gmail.com)

*Lynn Presley, Social Director*

---

# 2011 PENINSULA CHALLENGE CUP NTRP TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Have you ever thought about playing in a USTA  
tournament? Come join the fun and competition  
this June in Foster City! You will play against  
players of the same rating, and get a free t-shirt for  
entering! Singles or doubles, see what it's like to  
play to stay!

The Foster City Tennis Club is proud to again host  
the Peninsula Challenge Cup on June 17-19, 2011  
in Foster City. We have expanded the events to  
include 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5 Men's and Women's  
singles and doubles, as well as Mixed doubles.

See the PCC link on the Foster City Tennis Club  
home page or google 'Peninsula Challenge Cup  
NTRP:home'.

We plan make the weekend a grand tournament  
experience! Did we mention the free t-shirt?  
Complimentary fruit and water will be provided.  
The BBQ will be fired up again for players and  
friends, and vendors have been asked to show  
their latest equipment and clothing!

The Foster City Tennis Club has appointed Dale  
Russell (650-823-2363 or  
[russell5237@sbcglobal.net](mailto:russell5237@sbcglobal.net)) as the Tournament  
Director. A committee has been started and  
plans are in the works to make this a memorable  
tournament weekend! So, mark your calendars,  
June 17-19, 2011, and give it a try!

*Dale Russell, Tournament Director*

---

# VOLUNTEER AT THE PCC

The 2011 Peninsula Challenge Cup is once again coming our way. As Volunteer Coordinator, I am asking for a few hours of your time to help make this fun, popular tournament a success. This tournament is the only one on the peninsula that is USTA-sanctioned. Matches begin Friday afternoon, June 17, and run through the finals on Sunday, June 19. The tournament is held at three sites: Edgewater (headquarters), Boothbay and Shell.

We need volunteers for 3 - 4 hour shifts. Take a look at the list of tasks below and see what you can do to assist your Foster City Tennis Club in hosting the 2011 Peninsula Challenge Cup.

- ✓ Pre-tourney advertising and contacts (SCTC)
- ✓ Sort prizes
- ✓ Tournament desk
- ✓ Court monitors
- ✓ Court cleaning/sweeping
- ✓ Early morning set up of tables and tents
- ✓ Hang banners
- ✓ Purchase water and fruit
- ✓ Transport water and fruit to the courts
- ✓ Purchase ice and deliver to the courts
- ✓ Pizza run Friday night
- ✓ Saturday BBQ
- ✓ Lunch run Saturday afternoon / Sunday afternoon
- ✓ Hand out t-shirts
- ✓ Runners between courts sites
- ✓ Photos of winners
- ✓ Clean up each day

Block out some time on your calendar and e-mail me with your cell phone number, what task(s) you can help with and what time works for you.

Volunteers will be treated to pizza on Friday night and a BBQ lunch on Saturday in appreciation of your service.

With your help, we can continue the fine tradition of this successful tournament.

Kacey Karmendy  
PCC Volunteer Coordinator  
H: 650-592-3209  
C: 650-454-5972



# MIXED 8.0 MOVES ON TO 2<sup>ND</sup> ROUND OF LOCAL PLAYOFFS

After starting off the year with a close loss, our team has since rallied to finish the season winning 12 consecutive matches. This is the fourth year Barby and I have captained together with this being the largest of the teams. After all, the more the merrier especially when it comes to pot lucks. With the nucleus of players remaining the same - Cathy, Allison, Elaine, Johnny, Jeremy, and Bob, we were fortunate to add a few more members to the family - welcome and thanks to Anthony, Cheryl, Haruko, Dennis, Elisa, Erin, Peilun, Lorraine, Alicia and Dorian.

*Henry Lin  
Captain*



*(Editor's note- The 8.0 team won their two local playoff matches to qualify for District Playoffs. Congrats!!)*

# SR. 4.0 WOMEN PLAY WITH PRIDE

The Senior 4.0 women had a very exciting season. Our roster of: Lindy Brauner, Linda Burke, Nina Detoth, Linda Difuntorum, Lori Horn, Sherri Keach, Pearl Leung, Marlys Ludlow, Kathy Maruyama, Theresa Musser, Sumie Neuman, Barby Pickett, Linda Smyth, Cathy Urban, Diane Weiss, Maxine Yip and Florence Yuen played their hearts out and successfully got into playoffs with 9 team wins. Our biggest rivals were Menlo Circus and Pacific Athletic Club. We never beat Menlo in the regular season but we did beat PAC the first time around. We knew we could do it again but we also knew we needed our strongest and most perseverant players to get us into the league championships.

On Mar. 2, our Sacramento faithful teammate, Linda Burke, drove into town only to get rained out of our first playoff match. We rescheduled a week later and once again she drove back. Our ladies fought for the win against Menlo and we prevailed with a 2-1 win, moving us on to our second round match against the very strong and very smart PAC team.

On a very wet night (3/18/11,) PAC pulled their home court advantage on us and scheduled our second round playoff match indoors on a FRIDAY night. In addition to the home court advantage of playing indoors they scheduled a split start. After working all week and then fighting the wet weather to get to the courts, Linda Burke and Theresa Musser fought long and hard to bring us our first team win. Sherri and Sumie fought equally hard but came up short of a win. The third line of Barby Pickett and Kathy Maruyama took the indoor courts at 8:15 PM with both teams hanging onto every point trying to cheer their team to Districts. Barby and Kathy took awhile to get used to the crowd and indoor conditions but prevailed in the second set. With the score tied

1-1 in the team tie and the set score at 1-1 at 9:45 PM, they too fought long and hard but came up a few games short of earning a team win.

I had a teammate tell me once: This is what we practice and play hard for. Our team fought when they needed to, and we played to the best of our ability. I know there is always next year but we were so very close this year.

Thanks team, you made me a very proud captain.

*Barby Pickett  
Captain*

---

## MEN'S 4.5 OFF TO A STRONG START

With all the stars aligning last season, we've managed to return the entire group of players that contributed to our Sectionals run (except our star singles player who we lost to 5.0) and are ready to try again this season. Our 4.5 group has been together the past three years with some members going as far back to our 4.0 and 3.5 days. We've also been fortunate to add a few more members, some who were on the opposing teams last year, which has made our team extremely deep. We're now 4 weeks into the season and have squeaked by in few matches to start the season with a perfect 4-0 record. We hope to continue in this direction.

*Henry Lin  
Captain*

---

## 4.0 MEN ROLL INTO THEIR SEASON

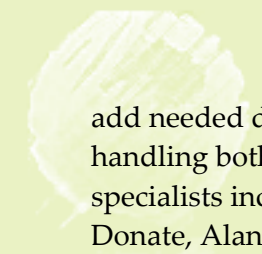
USTA rules demand that all players competing in Adult Leagues must be at least 18 years of age.

Yeah, right ... a quick review of the Club's Men's 4.0 team roster reveals that fully a dozen of its warriors are at least *triple* that age, making the team the grayest in the Upper Peninsula League.

No matter. As of the halfway point in the regular season FCTC's entry into the 16-team / 2-flight league is in solid contention for a playoff berth, including a recent upset of the flight's leader. So far the surprise team has withstood some serious injuries and illnesses, and has found enough young legs to combine with its experience and guile to manufacture nail-biting wins. For captain, Jake Karmendy, and co-captain, Dale Russell, it has been like last year's Giants – torture.



The team's singles players have done well. Mishu Visan and Henry Mok have been joined by Peilun Shan, returning to the team after a 6-year sojourn in SoCal, and Ara Michaelian. Kevin Collins, Derrick Chua, Tony Lolong and Paul Ko



add needed depth and flexibility to the team by handling both singles and doubles. Doubles specialists include Bob Waters, Dave Moore, Frank Donate, Alan Ting, Winney Kuartei, Victor Luscap, Jin Jue, Wil Dang and Al Briones.

Can the old guys keep it up? How far can the long-in-the-tooth dudes extend their winning ways? Tune in next time to find out.

*Jake Karmendy*  
*Captain*

---

## **NEW LEADER FOR THE 3.5 WOMEN**

In her "Captaining" debut, Cathy has inherited a great group of ladies with the FCTC 3.5 women (Lisa, Hanming, Jacqueline, Haruko, Betty, Mieko, Stephanie). This "family" has been with Lisa Chang for more than 10 years, all the way back to the Bowditch and Shell days. In addition, we have been able to add a few new members (Cheryl M, Yvonne, Corinna, Hong, Dora) and bring back a couple of past teammates out of hibernation (Georgianna, Cheryl H). Together, the team is stronger and deeper which is reflected in our amazing start to the season. With many more tough matches ahead, we hope to continue in this direction as we try to make playoffs.

*Cathy Chang*  
*Captain*

---

## **...AND ALSO FOR THE 3.5 MEN**

The FCTC Mens 3.5 season is in full swing with a team that is racking up experience and momentum with every match played. After losing a few veterans to 4.0 at last year's end and a couple off-season injuries, the team saw the return of only half of the previous season's veterans, but there is upside. The 2011 team is now rounded out by a rowdy bunch of new, energetic, and hungry players that are blossoming before everyone's eyes. Of course, along with a fresh roster comes some growing pains, and this team has had its share.

Past halfway in a 14-team flight, the team has a 4-3 record and is in the middle of a very competitive field. All three losses were to teams at the top of the standings and all three were decided in three-set heart-breakers.

After those early-season jitters, this team is now in a groove, notching its first 5-0 victory. With only the top four teams advancing to playoffs, the FCTC Mens 3.5 team is refocused and is poised to break out. The experience of wily vets, (Jeff Burgos, Derek Dai, Jeff Deeney, James Goh, Arjun Iyer, Derrick Joe, Oscar Louie, Skip Prack, Craig Quan, Win Reis, Darrow Wehara) combined with the energy of some new league players (Gene Cherng, Yu Kasagi, Randy Lee, Amit Saini, Andre Zandona) make this a team to watch during the second-half of the season. The goal is still playoffs, and this team definitely has what it takes to get there.

*Derrick Joe*  
*Captain*

# USTA Leagues

By VIKKI MION, USTA LEAGUES COORDINATOR

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

Please go to and check out our “NEW” FCTC Website containing a lot of new information

[www.fostercitytennisclub.org](http://www.fostercitytennisclub.org).

FOSTER CITY TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP can now be done on-line with credit card or PayPal

### **2011 FCTC (USTA & DAY) League Teams are for 2011 FCTC MEMBERS ONLY**

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.

Our USTA LEAGUE TEAM'S standings are on our FCTC website -- **USTA**, then **USTA Standings**.

### “2011” UPDATES

#### **MIXED DOUBLES Team-**

Our: **MX8.0** (Henry Lin) Team- “CONGRATULATIONS” heading into their 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Local League Playoffs.

#### **ADULT Teams-**

Our: **M3.5** (Derrick Joe)....**M4.0** (Jake Karmendy) **M4.5** (Henry Lin)....**W3.5A** (June Walker)....**W3.5B** (Catherine Chang) Team's seasons are underway.

#### **SUPER SENIOR 65 Teams-**

Our: **S65M3.5** (Ed Weiss).... **S65M4.0** (Larry Parish) Team's seasons are underway.

#### **SUPER SENIOR 60 Teams-**

We have following playing out of our Club with their season beginning June 20.

Our: **S60M7.0** (Jeff Jung)....**S60W7.0** (Kacey Karmendy)....**S60M8.0A** (Jake Karmendy)....**S60M8.0B** (Keith Krieg)....**S60W8.0** (Diane Weiss).

#### **FIFTY MIXED DOUBLES Teams-**

“NEED CAPTAINS” to form FCTC Teams - if interested, please contact: [fctcleagues@yahoo.com](mailto:fctcleagues@yahoo.com)

---

#### **INTERESTED in joining or forming a FCTC Team**

##### **JOIN a FCTC Team-**

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

**FORM a FCTC Team-** contact [fctcleagues@yahoo.com](mailto:fctcleagues@yahoo.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

#### **MIXED DOUBLES** – (age 18 and over)

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

#### **ADULT** -- (age 18 and over)

Regular Season: **underway – 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)

Regular Season: **underway -- July 10**

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

No Districts/ Sectionals: Sept.19-21/ No Nationals

#### **SUPER SENIOR 60** – (age 60 and over)

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. 2012

#### **FIFTY MIXED DOUBLES** -- (age 50 and over)

Team Registration: closes - June. 12

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

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

Sectionals: Nov. 4-6/ No Districts/ Nationals: Apr. 2012

#### **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. 2012./ Sectionals: TBA/ No Nationals

### 2012 USTA LEAGUE SEASONS

#### **SENIOR** -- (age 50 and over)

Team Registration: November 21 - December 14, 2011

Regular Season: **January 2 – March 25, 2012**

Local League Playoffs: TBA

Districts: early May 2012 / Sectionals: late May 2012 /

Nationals: Oct. 2012

#### **MIXED DOUBLES** – (age 18 and over)

Team Registration: April 30 – June 3, 2012

Regular Season: **July 2 – September 23, 2012**

Locals League Playoffs: Sep. 28-30 and Oct 5-7, 2012

Districts & Sectionals: (1 week-end) Oct 12-14, 2012

Nationals: Nov. 2012



# 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](http://www.fostercitytennisclub.org)**

For membership information, email: [fctcmembership@att.net](mailto:fctcmembership@att.net) .

*All members must be 18 years of age or older.*



# 2011 BOARD MEMBERS

---

KEN SOOHOO  
*PRESIDENT*  
[KEN.SOOHOO@MONOTYPEIMAGING.COM](mailto:KEN.SOOHOO@MONOTYPEIMAGING.COM)

KACEY KARMENDY  
*VICE PRESIDENT*  
[FCTCVICEPREZ@YAHOO.COM](mailto:FCTCVICEPREZ@YAHOO.COM)

## LISTED ALPHABETICALLY BY LAST NAME

LISA CHANG  
*WEBMASTER*  
[LYCHANG8@YAHOO.COM](mailto:LYCHANG8@YAHOO.COM)

JAKE KARMENDY  
*TREASURER*  
[JCKARMENDY@COMCAST.NET](mailto:JCKARMENDY@COMCAST.NET)

JACKIE JAMES  
*FUN DAYS COORDINATOR*  
[MJ.JAMES@ATT.NET](mailto:MJ.JAMES@ATT.NET)

RON LUDLOW  
*MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR*  
[FCTCMEMBERSHIP@ATT.NET](mailto:FCTCMEMBERSHIP@ATT.NET)

VIKKI MION  
*USTA LEAGUES &  
COURT COORDINATOR*  
[FCTCLEAGUES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FCTCLEAGUES@GMAIL.COM)

VICTOR LUSCAP  
*PHOTOGRAPHER*  
[VALUSCAP@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:VALUSCAP@SBCGLOBAL.NET)

REGGIE REGINO  
*KING & QUEEN TOURNAMENT  
DROPS COORDINATOR*  
[COACHREGGIETENNIS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:COACHREGGIETENNIS@YAHOO.COM)

DALE RUSSELL  
*PENINSULA CHALLENGE CUP DIRECTOR  
PARK AND RECREATION LIAISON*  
[RUSSELL5237@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:RUSSELL5237@SBCGLOBAL.NET)

MONA SIMPSON  
*SECRETARY*  
[MWSLEE@AOL.COM](mailto:MWSLEE@AOL.COM)

MIKE SING  
*ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER*  
[MIKE.SING@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MIKE.SING@GMAIL.COM)

LYNN PRESLEY  
*SOCIAL DIRECTOR*  
[LYNNPRESLEY8@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LYNNPRESLEY8@GMAIL.COM)

GUST ZUMAS  
*BASH COORDINATOR  
LOGISTICS COORDINATOR*  
[GUSTZUMAS@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:GUSTZUMAS@SBCGLOBAL.NET)