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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ANNUAL MEETING & PARTY JANUARY 22, 2010

I know you are all planning for the busy Holiday Season right now, but don't forget to put on your new 2010 calendar this important event: the Club's **Annual Meeting & Party on Friday, January 22**, in the Lagoon Room at the Foster City Community Center. We are trying something a little different this year, a **Friday evening celebration** rather than occupying the middle of the weekend.

We will keep the business portion of the event brief and to the point. The rest of the time is devoted to dinner, door prizes, music/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 below for details.** Regina Spadarella, Lynn Presley and their Annual Party Team await word of your attendance.



FOSTER CITY TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING & PARTY

Join the Board of Directors on January 22, 2010 at 6:00 PM
Dinner, door prizes, dancing, celebrating, and tennis chat!

All 2009 FCTC Members are Cordially Invited, Guests of Members: \$15 per person
Lagoon Room, Foster City Community Center

RSVP Regina Spadarella regina@totos.com or 650 570-5799

The one piece of business we need to take care of at the Annual Meeting is to ask the Club's Membership to approve the 2010 Board of Directors. As my two-year term is complete, **Ken Soohoo** will serve as our new FCTC President for 2010. Ken has an active Agenda for his term and I ask that all of us support him and keep FCTC one of the premier Community Tennis Associations in Norcal.

Others remaining on the Board for 2010 are **Vikki Mion, Dale Russell, Karen Chew, Kacey Karmendy, Lisa Chang, Mona Simpson, Gust Zumas, Jackie James, Garrett Larsson, Reggie Regino** and myself as Past President. New to the Board this year are **Lynn Presley** as Social Director and **Victor Luscap** as Club Photographer. Please congratulate these new Directors and thank them in advance for their service to the Club.



One of our Board Members was seen at the 2009 Bank of the West Classic, calling the lines behind WTA pro Melanie Oudin. Oudin is ranked #3 among US players, immediately behind the Williams sisters.

Let me thank the outgoing Board members, each of whom has served Foster City tennis and the Club well. **Regina Spadarella** is our outgoing Social Director and has dealt with the myriad of planning and execution details our social events require. Thanks, Regina, for your patience with our lunatic suggestions. Special thanks to long-serving **Ken Miskow**, not only for his role as Club Pix-Shooter, but for his team Captaincy and many behind-the-scenes contributions as well. And thanks to **Ben Asaro** as Vice President this past year for all of his support and effort.

Please thank Regina, Ken and Ben when you see them at the Annual Meeting & Party or on the courts. I expect to see you all at the Party!

Jake Karmendy, FCTC President



FCTC MEN'S 8.5 COMBO

UNDEFEATED REGULAR SEASON

The FCTC Men's 8.5 Combo Team made a good run this year. We had a strong start going 10-0 and faced tough opponents throughout the season. The combination of team practices and clutch wins led us to the #1 playoff spot.

This team was comprised of players who all knew each other, some actually played against each other during the adult season. Our family ranged from the powerhouse Jason Santiago to lob and touch play from Jeff Roodman. Steve Wullschleger provided the team with clutch wins while Ron Pang was always reliable and available to play. Simon Hurry, our veteran player, would always supply the team with great beer while Todd Osasa would be the only one drinking it.

Everyone on the team made a great contribution one way or another and was committed to win every match. We fell short of a win in our playoff match but nevertheless, the great camaraderie made the team a fun one. We enjoyed our 3 months of playing matches, practicing and striving to become better players. We hope to form the same team next year, keeping it fun and yet competitive.

*Henry Lin
Captain*

FCTC MEN'S SENIOR 3.5

IN THE HUNT

In the stretch run as of this writing, the Club's Senior Men's 3.5 team is in the hunt for Local League Playoffs. This is quite an accomplishment considering this year's edition is minus 8 key players lost from last year's Championship team due to Early Season Rating movement.

Captained by Jake Karmendy and co-captain Wil Dang, the team has used grit and determination to put itself in the Playoff chase. Returning players include Tony Lolong, Victor Luscap, Chuck Lumia, Paul Ko, Bruce Klafter, Dave Ping, Mitch Tom, Jin Jue and Ben Asaro. And some new additions have contributed to the team's solid play and amazing resiliency: Paul Catalli, Al Briones, Ray Gutierrez, Fons Gonzales and Dino Martins.

But the toughest part of the regular season still lies ahead and things are shaping up for a race that won't be determined until December, or given weather issues, January.

*Jake Karmendy
Captain*

FCTC MEN'S SUPER SENIOR 60 7.0

NO CIGAR FOR MALE SEXAGENARIANS

"Close, but no cigar" is how the old adage goes. And that's how it went for this year's FCTC Men's Super Senior 60 7.0 team.

Winning the regular season in the combined Upper Peninsula / San Francisco League, the local veterans powered their way past San Carlos Highlands in the first round of Local Playoffs and held home court for their duel with nemesis Orange Park. Everyone predicted a close match, and everyone was right on target. All three matches were hotly contested and, as often happens it came down to one or two points making the ultimate difference. But in the end, the visitors from South City prevailed by a whisker.



Larry Parish and David Ronce

For our sexagenarian heroes -- no trip to Carmel, no avenging last year's loss to Orange Park, no cigar. Crying in their beer were Captain Jake Karmendy and Co-Captain Wil Dang [actually Wil was crying in his Pepsi]. Joining them were Larry Trice, Larry Parish, Alan Ting, David Ronce, George Gipe, Jin Jue, Mitch Tom, Victor Luscap, Chuck Lumia, Phil Quan, Tom Pang, Paul Ko and Jeff Jung.

Yes, there's always next year. If we can't make it at 7.0, maybe we have a shot at doing it at 8.0?

Jake Karmendy
Captain

FCTC SENIOR WOMEN'S 3.5A TEAM

Our Sr. Women 3.5A team got off to a little bit of a rocky start. We lost two of our first three matches badly 0-3, and then have had three rain make-up matches to reschedule.

We have an awesome team consisting of: Rosemary Bardi, Chairina Breder, Cheryl Butts, Kathleen Cammarata, Karen Chew, Patty Coulson, Linda Difuntorum, Helen Geer, Lori Horn, Dora Kreidl, Shaun Lenihan, Rosa Lopez, Sandy Lower, Joyce Madeira, Lynda McAdams, Vikki Mion, Barby Pickett, Joan Prack, Natalie Vasiliev and Diane Weiss.

We can't wait for the rains and holidays to scoot over and let us play. As of 11/17, our win/loss record is now 3-2 and we are making our move. The players are developing great partnerships. We are practicing weekly thanks to Dora Kreidl, our practice coordinator's great scheduling ability. The picture below is of Barby, Vikki, Joyce, Rosemary, Helen and Natalie practicing for a match.



Patty Coulson our co-captain has successfully had her cataract replaced. We have determined that Chairina Breder bakes some very delicious cookies, Linda D has the best ice chest on wheels and even when our tennis is taking a siesta, we have the best food spread and the best hospitality on the peninsula. Go team!!

*Barby Pickett
Sr. Women's 3.5 Captain*

FCTC SENIOR WOMEN'S 4.0B TEAM

The Senior Women's 4.0B team stepped up to the challenge of experiencing tennis on a level within their reach, most members are 3.5's. I am very proud of the team for not letting the losses overshadow the possibility of advancing their tennis skills and rating.

Many matches went three sets and one team won their match. Though we finished last in our division we gained valuable insight about ourselves and new skills. Kudos to all the members of FCTC SW 4.0B team, your enthusiasm and positive attitude takes first place.

"Courage is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm"

Winston Churchill

Team members are: Ana Akin, Rosemary Bardi, Kathy Blenko, Patty Coulson, Nina DeToth, Linda Difuntorum, Lori Horn, Sandy lower, Joyce Madeira, Lynn Presley, Barbara Ramo, and Vicki Stern.

*Helen Geer
Captain*

FCTC SUPER SENIOR 60 WOMEN'S 7.0A TEAM

SECTIONALS, TERRIFIC!

Foster City's Women's 7.0A Super Senior 60's Team had three great days in Carmel playing at Pebble Beach and Carmel Valley Ranch after winning the Local League playoffs against Millbrae Racquet Club with an 11-2 record.

Great efforts, sometimes heroic, were made by all members of our team. The team included Mary Ellen Allen, Lori Bledsoe, Cheryl Butts, Patty Coulson, Linda Difuntorum, Debbie Grady, Hiroko Harrison, Jackie James, Mary Jenney, Carol Jue, Margaret Kawai, Jane Kenyon, Joyce Madeira, Vikki Mion, Ria Mulvaney, Yvonne Wong and Captain, Diane Weiss.



Although the team did not win, we made a great showing for Foster City. Some teams won, some went three sets and there were many close two setters. We did ourselves proud and had lots of fun doing it.

We'll be back next year!!!

*Diane Weiss
Captain*

FCTC SUPER SENIOR 60 WOMEN'S 7.0B TEAM

SUPER LADIES HAVING FUN WITH TENNIS

Well, we knew from the beginning that we were in for a tough Super Senior season. While we didn't exactly burn up the courts and overpower our opponents, we did look REALLY GOOD! We had a lot of great matches, and were in most points till the end. Just a few errant shots that could have gone our way, and who knows...

With only three other teams in the flight, we got to know each other pretty well. Like old home week each match! We took our show on the road from Millbrae to San Carlos, having great experiences, eating good food (hey – you've got to have your priorities straight!) and improving our games with each match. Next year, we can only get better – and WE WILL!

Thanks to a classy group of ladies: Roz, Dania, Patti, Jan, Gail, Mary, Marie, Marion, Sam, Sue, Maureen, Po Yee, Fumi and Phyllis. (Notice I didn't give your last names in case you are in denial about your eligibility for this league!) You all helped to make this season a SUPER one.

Kacey Karmendy
Captain

EDGEWATER COURTS REPAIRED

The Edgewater courts #1 and #2 were repaired in late October by Saviano Company with support of the Parks and Recreation Department of Foster City and the Foster City

Tennis Club. The repair went beyond just a new paint job; Saviano repaired all cracks with high-tec epoxy patches and multi-layers of flexible fabric before adding several layers of sealant coverings.



Crack Repair on the Edgewater Courts

Repairs should last 3-4 years before major reconstruction with need to take place to replace the 25-year-old foundation under the tennis courts. The FCTC plans to work with the City to create a capital improvement fund to help defer the court replacement costs. The FCTC is very grateful to the City for their continued support and vision in providing wonderful facilities and maintenance.

Dale Russell



USTA LEAGUE NTRP LEVELS OF PLAY

From: Tom Gray, USTA League Chair
December 7, 2009

The USTA National Oversight Group (NOG) is an experienced combination of observers (former national verifiers), computer data experts and volunteers, as well as Sectional and National staff who have observed players, talked with players and captains at National Championships and reviewed dynamic NTRP results and trends. NOG's charge is to protect the integrity of the NTRP Rating System. NOG is a subcommittee of the League Committee, appointed by the chair, and therefore must get approval from the committee for any changes to the NTRP Computer Methodology which guides their work. The NTRP Computer Methodology is considered to be part of league regulations. Beyond those changes, the committee has representation through the chair and vice chair who attend all of NOG's meetings and conference calls. The experience, understanding and expertise of NTRP and the computer program by the members of NOG would only be questioned if they were to go in a direction not authorized by the NTRP Computer Methodology

Through research, reports and observation, NOG determined there has been a disconnect between what has been observed on court as it compares to the NTRP guidelines over the years and it is necessary to realign actual USTA League play with the NTRP guidelines. The causes of this disconnect or compression were many including appeals, two team leagues, self rate abuses, match manipulation, players playing up, etc. Some of these issues have been addressed over the years and changes are being made to address the other issues.

This subcommittee carefully studied and determined that out of 325,000 (year-end unique players in TennisLink) approximately 94,000 players needed to be moved up. NOG has made adjustments like this since the USTA League went to dynamic ratings in 2003. In 2007, 60,066 players were moved up and in 2008, 49,513 players were promoted to the next level.

The consequence of this action has created concerns and questions as would be expected. In essence the USTA League NTRP levels of play as defined in the NTRP Guidebook are being enforced. Some recommended steps that may be taken by league administrators, managers, captains and players include:

- Be aware that while many players have been promoted into a new level, so too have players been moved up from that level to a higher level as well.
- Look to see how many of your teammates and friends have moved up with you.
- Look to see how many of your previous competitors have moved up as well.
- Select those players who you want on a team, which may be made up of previous players and/or new players
- Select many of your friends from your previous level to join you on a higher level team and stay within Sectional Guidelines.

There are many reasons why people play USTA League and it not just about playing to win but rather the relationships that are built through this wonderful sport. So players may need for a short time to re-define their personal and team goals as they adjust to the new level.

FCTC Members: Please contact Dale Russell (email: russell5237@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding the "USTA League NTRP Levels of Play" article.



USTA *Leagues*

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

2009 RE-CAPS & UPDATES

The **2010 SENIOR** League (Regular) Season is coming to an end for our 2010 Senior Teams. I know it's strange they're called 2010 - since their Regular Season started in September 2009 and practically all the Teams are finishing their seasons in December 2009. Local League Playoffs – we have 1 FCTC Team - our **SW3.0** (June Walker) a shoe-in and 2 other FCTC Teams - our **SW3.5A** (Barby Pickett) and **SM3.5** (Jake Karmendy) turning up the heat to get into Local League Playoffs.

2010 MIXED DOUBLES

We have 3 FCTC Teams:
 MX7.0 (Lokesh Sisodiya)
 MX8.0A (Barby Pickett)
 MX8.0B (Mike Sing)

If you are interested in joining one of these Teams - e-mail the Captain and ask if you can sign up on their Team. **Remember, you must be a 2010 FCTC Member to play on a 2010 FCTC Mixed Doubles Team.**

2009 is coming to an end, but not the memories of an exciting year of Tennis that our FCTC Teams brought to Club. This would not have been possible without our FCTC Members who Captained our **26 FCTC Teams.**

"MANY THANKS"...to our following 19 FCTC Captains of our 2009 Teams: our Mixed Doubles, Adult, Super Senior 65, Super Senior 60, Combo Doubles, San Francisco Peninsula Tennis League and our 2010 Senior Teams.... Barby Pickett, Becky Ashley, Betty Lam, Bruce Klafter, Caroline Friedman, Craig Quan, Diane Weiss, Ed Weiss, Helen Geer, Henry Lin, Jake Karmendy, Jan Buchwald, Jorge Garcia, June Walker, Kacey Karmendy, Kim Sullivan, Naomi Bigliardi, Patty Coulson, and Stephanie Alley.

For our FCTC **SINGLE** and **DOUBLE** Players wanting to play tennis year round join our **FCTC LADDER**
 Go to our Website and click on Ladder

ONLY "CURRENT YEAR" FCTC MEMBERS

can sign up to play on current year FCTC (USTA & DAY) League Teams.
NO EXCEPTIONS

Our 2010 FCTC Membership Application form is enclosed in this newsletter and can also be found on our FCTC Website at www.fostercitytennisclub.org

2010 USTA LEAGUE SEASONS

All Leagues are Double Matches.
 Only the Adult League also includes Single Matches

2010 MIXED DOUBLES -- (for age 19 and over)
 Team Registration – is open / closes: Dec. 13, 2009
 Regular Season: **January 4 – April 12, 2010**
 Player Registration - does not open until after the year end rating are published (usually around the end of November).

ADULT -- (for age 19 and over)
 Only League that includes Singles with Double Matches.
 Team Registration opens: Jan. 11 / closes: Feb. 15
 Regular Season: **March 15 – July 11**

SUPER SENIOR 65 -- (for age 65 and over)
 Team Registration opens: Jan. 11 / closes: Feb. 28
 Regular Season: **April 5 – July 11**

SUPER SENIOR 60 – (for age 60 and over)
 Team Registration opens: Apr. 19 / closes: May 16
 Regular Season: **June 28 – September 19**

COMBO DOUBLES -- (for age 19 and over)
 Team Registration opens: May
 Regular Season: **July – October**

FIFTY MIXED DOUBLES -- (for age 50 and over)
 Team Registration opens: May 9 / closes: Jun. 13
 Regular Season: **July 12 – October 3**

SENIOR -- (for age 50 and over)
 Team Registration opens: July
 Regular Season: **September 2010 – February 2011**



SAVE THE DATE

3RD ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS ROUND ROBIN TENNIS TOURNAMENT MARCH 6 & 7, 2010

TOURNAMENT HELD AT
PCC
3623 JEFFERSON AVE • REDWOOD CITY

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
REGISTER AND PAY BY 12/31/09
AND PAY ONLY
\$50 PER PLAYER

TO RECEIVE A REGISTRATION FORM AND TO BE
ADDED TO THE MAILING LIST,
SEND A REQUEST TO
ERIN STOCKFORD AT:

ESTOCKFORD@SBCGLOBAL.NET

We are looking for friends, families, groups and businesses to sponsor our tournament.
Please consider sponsoring the tournament for \$100, \$250, \$500 or \$1000
Contact us and we will send you our non-profit tax i.d. for your records
and let you know what your sponsorship will include.

*If you are interested please contact Erin at the above e-mail address or
Cheryl Mejia at PCC at cherylM@peninsulacovenant.com*



FCTC 2010 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.

2010 Membership Fees: Foster City Resident - \$30.00 Non-Resident - \$45.00
Expires at the end of 2010, on December 31, 2010

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; please check the following boxes for information you want to WITHHOLD:

Do NOT publish: ___Home Phone ___Cell Phone ___Business Phone ___Email Address ___Rating

Please indicate why you joined the Foster City Tennis Club!

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___ Tennis Ladder ___ Inter-club Tournaments ___ Board of Directors position

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