



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Driven by the Foster City Tennis Club (FCTC) and supported by the Foster City Parks and Recreation department tennis court usage in Foster City remained at a high level comparing 2019 and 2020 despite the pandemic.**

***The FCTC is committed to helping the community stay active and to safely participate in tennis activities that contribute to the physical and social well-being of our community.***

**January 14, 2021, Foster City, CA** –The Foster City Tennis Club (FCTC) recently introduced several organized tennis leagues for its members. These new leagues include both social and competitive leagues for men and women. The incentive for the development of these leagues was largely driven by the void left by the suspension of play in the USTA NorCal and the San Francisco Peninsula Tennis Leagues. These leagues have provided organized play for decades and were suspended due to the pandemic.

The FCTC Social Tennis League was launched in August 2020. The Social League is open to men and women members of the FCTC. Play includes women's doubles, men's doubles, women's combo, men's combo, mixed doubles, women's single and men's singles.

The Men's and Women's Competitive Tennis Leagues (CTTL) were established in November 2020. The women's CTTL is open to FCTC members at the 3.0-4.0 USTA level. The initial men's CTTL is open to seniors (60+) at the 3.5-4.0 USTA level. These new leagues were developed in order to maximize member participation. On the horizon are social and competitive programs for higher level and younger players as well as opportunities for family tennis for parents and their kids.

The launch of these new leagues has successfully compensated for the absence of the USTA and SFPTL play. A dive into the metrics demonstrates that court usage in Foster City in Q4 of 2020 was 97% of the level of court usage during Q4 2019 (pre pandemic). Special thanks go to Kacey Karmendy, Terry Hunt and Thom Maslow, Chair, League and Court Committee, Chair, Events Committee and President of the FCTC, respectively. The city of Foster City is to be commended for its steady stewardship and the maintenance of public tennis court facilities in our city,

Foster City Tennis Club's 350 members have hosted USTA adult leagues with hundreds of matches and events on the Foster City tennis courts each year, year around. The club's leadership and members enjoy a decades long-partnership with the City of Foster City staff to provide the community a successful tennis experience.

"We are delighted to have been able to provide a platform for our community to get in safe exercise and socialization by maintaining strong usage of public courts in Foster City. These courts are cherished by our members and the envy of the broader community," said Thom Maslow, President of the Foster City Tennis Club. "The club's leadership and members enjoy a long-standing partnership with the Foster City staff who continue to provide outstanding service and dedication to the tennis community."

### **About Foster City**

Foster City is a city located in San Mateo County, California, south of San Francisco on San Francisco Bay. As of the 2010 census, the city had a total population of 30,567. The City has one of the finest Parks and Recreation Departments in the nation with over 20 parks, boat rental and launch ramps, sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding, kiteboarding, tennis courts, pickleball courts, golf range and 9 hole course and skateboard parks The department also encompasses a Teen Center, Bocce ball courts, Event Center, multiple child friendly beaches, bay coastal bike paths, dozens of playgrounds, BBQ areas, picnic areas, soccer, baseball and softball fields, beach volleyball courts and senior facilities . Foster City is often considered to be part of Silicon Valley for its local industry and its proximity to Silicon Valley cities.

### **About Foster City Tennis Club**

Foster City Tennis Club (FCTC) is a United States Tennis Association (USTA) Community Tennis Association (CTA), in the USTA NorCal Section. The Club supports hundreds of members and dozens of USTA teams. FCTC was created in 1974 and works closely with the city of Foster City to promote and help grow the sport of tennis.

Most of the club matches and activities are located at the Edgewater Tennis Complex in Foster City.

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