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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear 300 Club members:

As I finish my term as club president, I'm reflective about the great people with whom I've served as fellow volunteers for your club. All of the members of the Club's Board of Directors and your officers have been dedicated to maintaining and improving the facilities and programs. I'd like to particularly thank those officers and board members who have finished their service this year: Susana Picado, Pam Cenzer, Brenda Chalfin, John Bennett, and Trish Markey.

We leave a strong set of officers and board member for the new year welcoming Del Bottcher as President, Bruce Rogers as treasurer, and new board members: Christian Newman, Ben Dunn, Priscilla Milliman and Tim White.

I ask you to continue to support your officers, members, and committees when called upon to do your part for our Club.

Even though you voted to allow a cell tower lease on the west side of our property the vote was 68 for and 41 against, its permitting is not, at all, a sure thing. The board is working on negotiating a contract with the tower company.

The new board will continue to struggle with bringing in sufficient members to keep our dues low.

Please continue to ask your friends and neighbors to consider joining the 300 Club.

I also encourage you to continue to provide your input of ideas, your volunteer time, and your monetary contributions to our capital fund - all of which are important to sustain the Club.

Sincerely,

Tim Vinson

Note from the Del Bottcher - Incoming President

As incoming president I look forward to this coming year as an opportunity for me to give back to the 300 Club that has given me such enjoyment over the years. My goal is simply to help keep the 300 Club as the best place in Gainesville to play tennis, swim, and workout. To do so we'll all need to work together to keep our fiscal house in order while maintaining excellent facilities and developing exciting fun programs for the young and old. As you know, membership recruitment needs to be our primary focus. I will be asking for your help throughout year for ideas to improve our club and for your participation in club activities, such as serving on committees, supporting tennis/swim/social events, membership recruitment, and bringing yourself and tools to a few workdays. As a member owned club, it is up to each us to make sure the club remains the jewel that it has always been. Email or call me anytime at dbottcher@swet.com or 281-2876.



300 CLUB POOL NEWS

To allow those who want to swim after work enough time, the pool will remain open to members until 7 pm, Monday – Friday starting in January. We feel this will accommodate more members and also make it easier to remember when the pool is open. Also, we are discontinuing our 6:45 am opening in the morning on the weekdays and will revert back to the normal 7 am – 9 am lap swim times, Monday - Friday. We will also open an hour later, at 9 am instead of 8 am, on Saturday and Sunday. These schedule changes will allow us to conserve more energy during the colder months. Please see winter pool hours below.

Pool Hours Starting January 2, 2012

LAP SWIM	Hours	GENERAL SWIM*	Hours
Monday- Friday	7:00-9:00 am	Monday – Friday Saturday & Sunday	11 am – 7 pm 9 am – 6 pm

*Lap swimming is always available during General Swim

Note: The pool is closed for maintenance from 9 am – 11 am Monday – Friday.

Holiday Pool Hours

Pool closes at 4 pm on Christmas Eve; Pool is closed Christmas Day
Pool closes at 4 pm on New Year's Eve; Pool is closed New Year's Day

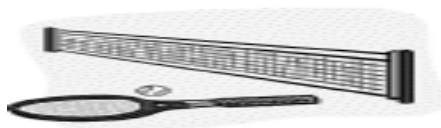
Water Aerobics

The Water Aerobics class is free for members and meets Mondays and Fridays from 11 am – 12 noon year round. Please come and join us. Check out the pictures on our new website.

Don't forget the free stroke clinic between 11 am and 12 noon on Tuesdays. Private lessons can also be arranged.

Have a great Holiday Season!
Meegan Wilson, Aquatic Director





TENNIS NEWS

Lots of great things are going on around your club. We held our 1st annual Toys for Tots Round Robin on December 3rd. 32 members participated in a fun round robin. The entry fee to play in the event was a toy for a boy or a girl to be donated to needy area children. We collected many toys for this needed effort. We also had a wonderful exhibition between Alex LaCroix, University of Florida's all-time wins leader and Spencer Newman. Alex is currently on the ATP tour and ranked 750 in the world. Spencer is a UF Sophomore and was the #1 ranked Florida junior in every division coming up to the college level. They played a great set of tennis for all of the participants. Thank you all for playing for the kids.



USTA LEAGUES!

We have four teams just finishing up play in the current USTA season. Congratulations to Tim White and his 7.5 senior team for winning the local league and moving on the sectional championship in Daytona.

Important Dates: Initial Team rosters are due by December 30th for the upcoming senior adult and senior adult Mixed leagues. The season begins on January 6th and runs until March 11th.

PRO SHOP NEWS

The Tennis Pro Shop is up and running and we can help you with your holiday purchases. Apparel is 30% off for the holidays. When is the last time you had your racquet restrung? The general rule is to string your racquet as many times a year as you play during the week. You can stop in the shop and I can test your tension and let you know if it's time to restring. It really makes a big difference to have strings at the right tension. Look for logo t-shirts and hats coming your way soon in the pro shop.

The 300 CLUB MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DOUBLES LADDER

The 300 Club Men's and Women's Doubles Ladder has begun for the winter season. Matches can be played from November 21st - January 21st. The men have 16 teams competing and I am hopeful that the women will join in! Please contact me via e-mail or stop in the shop for more information.

Congratulations to Jerry Black who won the Men's Singles Fall season ladder and tournament. You can go to the Global Tennis Network Website <http://www.globaltennisnetwork.com/tennis-ladders> and sign up.

ON GOING EVENTS

USTA Senior Adult and Senior Mixed Leagues..... Season begins – January 6th to March 11th
GOWTL (Gainesville/Ocala Women's Tennis League)..... Off for the Holidays – Begins in mid-January
Hot Shot Junior Program.....Meets on Monday/Wednesday 3:00-3:45
All-Star Junior Program..... Meets on Monday/Wednesday 4:00-5:30
Stroke of the Week Clinic.....Friday morning – 9:00-10:00

NO MORE CHARGING FOR LESSONS AND FEES

The Board of Directors voted that effect January 1 tennis lessons, guest fees and ball machine rental fees must be paid for with cash or a check payable to the 300 Club at the time the expense is incurred. However, if you have signed up for the automatic debit plan, you may charge those items and the total for that month will be added to your monthly bill for dues and taken out once a month. Please give your check and cash to the pro shop staff or Pam so they may record the information.

—GENERAL CLUB NEWS—

ATTENTION MEMBERS: *Everyone must sign in to use the tennis courts, fitness center and pool. You must also sign in your guests.*

MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN NOW AVAILABLE

The 300 Club Board of Directors has approved the Automatic Debit program for those members wishing to pay their dues, equity fee, lesson fee, guest fee and ball machine rental on a monthly basis. In order to pay monthly the member must sign up for the ACH. There will be no extra charge for this service. If you wish to participate in this program, please complete the enclosed authorization form and get it back to Pam. The first payment will be taken out approximately January 10; after that the payments will be withdrawn between the 5th & 10th of each month. Those signing up will be notified by email as to the exact date each month the money will be transferred.

2012 OFFICERS

The annual Club elections and annual meeting were held on November 10. The following is the list of officers and Board members for 2012.

President—Del Bottcher
President Elect—Christian Newman
Secretary—to be elected by the Board
Treasurer—Bruce Rogers
Past President—Tim Vinson

Board Members
Jenna Broyles
Liz Bedell
Ben Dunn
Bob Garrigues
Priscilla Milliman
Tim White

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members: John & Khanh-Lien Banko and family, Gerald Black, Christopher & Elizabeth Burt & family, Anna Collins, Dan Dolsberry, Mary Beth Fort, Anne Seraphine & David Miller and family, Ann Pierson, Amy Barton & Robin Politowicz, Karen Ramey, Erica Shannon & family, James & Patricia Shirkey, Jeffrey & Jill Womble, and Peter Zory.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

To date this quarter we have a net of nine (9) new members increasing our membership to 201. This is a good start. We need to keep working to increase this number toward 300. Please use the enclosed free trial week pass to recruit potential new members.

We anticipate that more 8-month members will join us as full equity members by the end of this month. The Club needs you to recruit new members. Encourage all your 8-month member friends to join:

Suzanne Ackermann, Jennifer Anchors, Anthony & Denise Bouton, Tim & Mary Brinkley, Christina Cacchio, Pate & April Cantrell, Matthew & Jane Cetlinski, Cathy Campbell & Ashley Clifton, Jay & Jean Crockett, David & Karen Derrico, Guillermo & Erika Diaz, Bruce & Jody Dolsberry, Yvonne Dumas, Lisa Wolcott & Domenic Durante, Vivian Elliott, Jane Ellis, Silvia Carambula/Marcelo Ferrante, Susie Finfrock, Amanda Garrigues, Gary & Pamela Howell, Jack Hurse, James Konish, Michael & Nancy Clark Kuenstle, Dave & Patti Locascio, Carol & Sol Locascio, Laura & Edmund Loftus, Lavon & Beverly McDaniel, Steve & Charlene Michaels, Sandra Murphy-Pak, Doug Nyland, Fabio & Ylsa Rodriguez, Brad & Christina Ruhfel, Ben & Jennifer Sanders, Jeremiah & Laura Schroder, Melinda Selvidge, Jonathan Smith, Alioune & Renata Serra Sow, Elaine Sponholtz, Holly Stephens, Wells & Meg The Losen, Jim & Gwendolyn Thompson, Walter & Kimberly Ann Tovkach, Gretchen von Mering, Dennis & Makiko Waldrop, Mike & Lisa Winn

WEBSITE

Our new web site www.300ClubSwimAndTennis.org is up and running. If you have not already done so, please go to the "Members" page and set up your user name and password and then click "register". Once this is approved, you will have access to pages that are only visible to members. (Hover over the "Member" page and the titles will drop down.)