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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Club members:

I am excited to welcome an unprecedented number of new members to The 300 Club this quarter. Many have recently joined because of your commitment to improving the facilities and programs here. Many have come due to our new Director of Tennis, Ken Ouellette, and the great tennis instruction and programs he and Bob Beland are providing our Club. Many singles and families have joined on a trial basis to see if they want to be part owners of this "little patch of paradise". We hope the new trial memberships will convert to full equity members as they see what a great deal our club provides and the advantages of member ownership.

The "not for profit" finance structure and the hundreds of person-hours donated monthly by your board, officers, and committee members multiply the value of your dues- providing a bargain unavailable at corporately owned facilities.

Your board of directors is planning for continued improvement by contracting with Robert Bias' company, "Handmade Landscapes" whose plan for our club will provide a huge change in appearance, atmosphere, and function.

We anticipate implementing this plan as funds become available. If you haven't seen the full set of plans, please stop by the office or ask Pam or me to email you the graphics. Some examples are included in this newsletter.

I want to, again, thank many of you for donating funds above and beyond your regular dues for the Club's capital improvement efforts. These extra dollars will allow for much needed repairs and improvements which have been delayed due to lower membership numbers and income over the past few years.

It might take the club two to three years to complete the new landscape plan. If you are impatient (and wealthy), I invite you to consider a donation to fund the construction of our planned pavilion, or the butterfly garden area near the swing set, or to fund the new improvements in our signage.

Please continue to provide your opinions and input into the governance of the club by phone or email to committee chairs, board members, or officers. If you have time and interest in serving on committees or the board, please let me or other members of the nomination committee know. The nomination committee consists of Bruce and Anne Marie Rogers, Georgia Rolfe, Jon Uman, Susana Picado, and me.

As we head into the busy summer months, I hope you will find time to enjoy our wonderful pool, the fitness center, the tennis courts, and the soon to come a tennis pro shop.

Sincerely,

Tim Vinson, President, Your 300 Club



## **MATCH POINTS WITH KEN OUELLETTE**

I want to thank all of members of The 300 Club and the entire Gainesville Tennis Community for the warm welcome to the Alachua County tennis scene. It has been my pleasure to meet all of you. I have enjoyed working with the Board of Directors, the Tennis Committee, Pam Bourg and each of you to establish our club as the premier facility to play tennis, learn tennis and have fun playing tennis. Each of us has something unique to bring to the club. People join clubs to connect with others that have similar interests such as Tennis, Swimming and the Gym. We all know that we have a state park atmosphere right here in the heart of Gainesville. It is the best place to play tennis, swim year round in a heated pool and enjoy a healthy lifestyle. Tell your friends to come by for a visit. We will be glad to show them around and make them feel welcome and home.

## **MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION**

We had our 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day Celebration to kick off the Memorial Day weekend on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was a good start to many "theme" events. We had 12 members enjoy a fun round robin mixer that was enjoyed by everyone.

## **SUMMER CAMP**

Summer Camp is currently underway. I want to start off by announcing that the USTA is offering a FREE Junior Membership into the USTA for all 10 and under youngsters. It is a \$19.00 value and is completely free to first time registrations. This will allow your children to play junior team tennis, tournaments and a subscription to Bounce Newsletter. Bounce is a newsletter about everything junior tennis. I have coupons in the pro shop that you can pick up and sign your child up online. Don't miss this limited time opportunity at no cost!

This year is going to be very different from other years in the way that the tennis instruction program is going to be taught. The USTA has endorsed and promoted 10 and Under Tennis as the new model for all players 10 and under. 10 and Under Tennis features smaller racquets, courts, nets and low compression balls. This is a great program to get children playing matches and enjoying the sport immediately. We will adjust the program for all players 11 and over to suit their needs, goals and skill level. The cost for the program is \$170.00 per week and classes meet on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call the pro shop at 377-6927 for more details or to sign up.

## **MEN'S SINGLES CHALLENGE LADDER**

We have 20 guys signed up and playing singles matches each week on our challenge ladder. It has been so much fun for the guys to be able to work on their fitness and have a match with equal skill levels. The league goes until July 8<sup>th</sup> with a player tournament and player party on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> for all of the players. Guys, make sure to mark your calendar and let me know if you plan to play on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **STROKE OF THE WEEK CLINIC**

On Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. we will continue offering the "Stroke of the Week" Clinic. Each week we take one specific shot and fine-tune your skills. Come out and work on your game, one shot at a time. Sign up sheets are posted in the tennis pro shop.

## **FIRECRACKER ROUND ROBIN AND POOLSIDE COOKOUT**

Come out and celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with us on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. We will have a fun round robin mixer for the adults and a junior clinic for the kids. After the play, enjoy a delicious courtside/ poolside cookout with hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings' after the tennis. The cost is \$20.00 per/person and includes balls, lunch and prizes. Please sign up in the tennis pro shop or call 377-6927 to register by phone.

## USTA LEAGUE TENNIS SCHEDULE AND COODINATOR CONTACTS

I have listed the USTA Yearly League Schedule (below), in an effort to keep all members more informed about everything USTA. The USTA is a year long season and it has something for everyone! If you are interested in playing on a team, captaining a team or would like assistance in forming a team to represent The 300 Club, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Right now we have three USTA Teams getting ready to crank up the Mixed Doubles Season. We have a 7.0 Combo Team captained by Marla Ambrose, an 8.0 Combo Team captained by Jonathan Smith and a 7.0 Senior Combo Team captained by Lucille Lane.

FYI - Combo Teams are formed with players of equal or similar abilities. An example would be a 4.0 woman and a 3.0 man playing on a 7.0 combo team or a 3.5 man and a 3.5 woman playing on the same team.

There are other seasons (listed below) that are scheduled for Men, Women, Juniors, Seniors and all ability levels in between.

USTA teams are fun to play and players usually form their own teams. This allows friends to get together to play in a local league with a chance to move on to a regional, sectional and if you can get though all of that, to a National Tournament usually held in very cool places like Las Vegas. That is the goal of most USTA teams that win the local league.

The matches are usually played on Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays. If the team wins locally, they will travel to Regional and possibly Sectional events. If this sounds like something you are interested in being a part of, please contact me. If you have a group of member friends you would like to invite to form a team, I will be glad to assist you. We will be announcing when deadlines are coming each season, so we can all be better prepared to form competitive teams.

League Name	Levels	Entry Dead-line	Start Date	Contact
Senior	3.0/3.5/4.0/4.5	12/31/11	1/1/11	Ed Austin, 352-514-6733, <a href="mailto:eaustin@windstream.net">eaustin@windstream.net</a>
Super Senior	3.0/3.5/4.0	12/31/11	1/1/11	Ed Austin, 352-514-6733, <a href="mailto:eaustin@windstream.net">eaustin@windstream.net</a>
Spring Jr. Team Tennis	18-u/14-u/12-u/QST	1/21/11	2/11/11	Linda Green, 352-870-6134, <a href="mailto:jrteamtennis@cox.net">jrteamtennis@cox.net</a>
Adult League	All	2/23/11	3/11/11	Libby Smith, 352-871-5886, <a href="mailto:benandlibby@cox.net">benandlibby@cox.net</a>
Adult Mixed	6.0/7.0/8.0/9.0	5/24/11	6/10/11	Ed Austin, 352-514-6733, <a href="mailto:eaustin@windstream.net">eaustin@windstream.net</a>
Senior Mixed	6.0/7.0/8.0/9.0	5/24/11	6/10/11	Ed Austin, 352-514-6733, <a href="mailto:eaustin@windstream.net">eaustin@windstream.net</a>
Summer Jr. Team Tennis	18-u/14-u/12-u/QST	5/20/11	6/10/11	Linda Green, 352-870-6134, <a href="mailto:jrteamtennis@cox.net">jrteamtennis@cox.net</a>
Adult Combo	5.5/6.5/7.5/8.5/9.5	8/24/11	9/9/11	Jeanette Parker, 386-462-5112, <a href="mailto:joggparker@aol.com">joggparker@aol.com</a>
Senior Combo	5.5/6.5/7.5	8/24/11	9/10/11	Jeanette Parker, 386-462-5112, <a href="mailto:joggparker@aol.com">joggparker@aol.com</a>
Fall Jr. Team Tennis	18-u/14-u/12-u/QST	8/26/11	9/16/11	Linda Green, 352-870-6134, <a href="mailto:jrteamtennis@cox.net">jrteamtennis@cox.net</a>

*Please sign up for all tennis camps, tennis special events, and tennis clinics by the advertised deadline. The same is true for swim classes.*

*Staff needs this information in order to schedule enough personnel or to cancel a class/clinic if it does not have the required minimum number of participants.*



# 300 CLUB POOL NEWS

The summer is already heating up, literally, as well as increased activity at the pool. Here is a synopsis of what is and will be going on this summer.

## On-Going Classes Free To Members:

**Water Aerobics** – Mondays and Fridays from 11 am – 12 noon  
**Stroke Improvement Class** – Tuesdays from 11 am – 12 noon.

## 300 Club Summer Classes:

**Basic Water Safety Class**, 3 sessions available: June 13-17, June 20-24, June 27- July 1. Monday – Friday from 1-2 pm. Cost \$30/members; \$40/non-members  
**Snorkeling Class** – 3 sessions available: June 13-17, June 20-24, June 27- July 1. Monday – Friday from 2-3 pm. Cost \$30/members; \$40/non-members  
**Water Volleyball/Water Polo Program** - meets two days per week, Tuesday and Thursday from 3-4 pm. Program runs one month from June 14 - July 7. Cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.  
**Tennis Camp** – The 300 Club Tennis Camp will be using the pool around noon M-F.

Please visit our website [www.300clubswimandtennis.org](http://www.300clubswimandtennis.org) or ask the Lifeguard on duty for a registration form.

## Other Classes Of Interest:

**Swim America Swim Lessons** 4 sessions – June 13 – 23; June 27-July 7 (no classes on July 4<sup>th</sup>); July 11-21; July 25 – August 4<sup>th</sup>. Eight half hour lessons; Monday – Thursday start times 8-10:30am in half hour intervals. Cost \$90.  
Contact: [www.gatorswimclub.com](http://www.gatorswimclub.com)  
**Makos Novice Program** – June 13 – August 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – Thursday. . 9-10 am and 10 – 11 am. This program is full at the 300 Club, but space is available at the Atrium. Contact: [www.makosaquatics.com](http://www.makosaquatics.com)

**Note: These classes are at the 300 Club from 9-11 am M-Th. The pool is closed to members during this time, M-F.**

## Summer Pool Hours

<u>Lap Swim</u>		<u>General Swim</u>	
Monday - Friday	7-9 am	Monday - Friday	11 am - 7:30 pm
Saturday - Sunday*	8-10 am	Saturday - Sunday	10 am - 6 pm

\*(except the first Sunday of each month) This schedule will run until October 16.

Happy Swimming,  
Meegan Wilson, Aquatic Director

*Please make sure you lock your car when using the facilities. Do not leave valuables in the locker rooms.*