



BASELINE BULLETIN

June 2018

Schedule of Events Summer 2018

Saturday Drop-in Tennis from 9 a.m. to noon at Davis Community Courts. All are welcome.

1st Wednesdays —DTC Board Meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Clubhouse.

June 20—Daffodil registration deadline.

June 23—Davis and Woodland Tennis Clubs' Daffodil Tournament. See details in newsletter.

June—Summer League Interclub begins

COURTSIDE COMMENTARY

Message from the President

As most of you are aware, the first seven courts at Davis High School are badly in need of replacement or repair. The cracks are getting bigger and the weeds are growing higher through them.

There are mounds on some of the courts that pitchers can use. Things are only going to get worse if not addressed soon. I have talked to Sally Hosley and Dale Hersch who I think most of you know are the girl's and boy's high school coaches. They both tell me it's getting harder and more treacherous for their students and visiting school teams to use these courts.



Some tennis courts also double as an herb garden

The DTC board has been discussing options to bring much needed attention to the dilapidated courts and give the students a better and safer surface to play on. The club had a local and very reputable court contractor come out and assess what is needed. He concluded that courts 1-3, those closest to the parking lot, need the cracks filled, mounds grinded down and resurfaced at a cost of about \$30,000. He also advised tearing out the four middle courts and putting in new ones at an estimated cost of \$180,000 to \$200,000. While the redo of the middle courts is beyond our reach, I believe the club and our membership can raise the money necessary to repair the first three courts. We already have \$10,000 to put toward the project. We currently have about 100 members. If each member donated \$200 our club could really make a difference to the students of Davis High School and to our tennis community. We realize that a donation of this amount may not fit everyone's budget. Even a donation of \$50 would be an incredible help and, for those who have the ability and desire, a donation of \$500 or more will go a long way to help us reach our fundraising goal. Please give what you can.

This is just one part of the overall proposal that DTC is working on to enhance the high school/Community Park court complex. In the proposal, the club would work with the school district to replace the middle courts and install bleachers outside of court 4. The club would also work with the City to install a shade structure over the bleachers outside of court 12.

You can donate through our website – www.davistennisclub.org. Just scroll down past the pictures to the "Donations" link where you can use your PayPal account or credit card. You can also send a check made payable to the Davis Tennis Club and send it to: DTC, P.O. Box 376, Davis, CA 95617. Please note on the check that it is to fund the "DHS Court Fixit Project". Thank you club members for being you. Stay cool on the courts this summer. **-Kelli O'Neill**



Wet, Wild and Winning Teams

DTC Members Rule Indian Wells

DTC and Sacramento regional players were among the big winners at the 25th Annual BNP Paribas Open Senior Cup in March. The team doubles tournament brought more than 850 senior tennis players from all over the world to the Coachella Valley where they played at Indian Wells and 12 other private clubs. Locally, winners included Matthew Pirtle and Dave Cone on Team Balls R Us which topped the Senior (50+) division.

That is one beautiful trophy

DTC's Chris Dewees was one of eight players from the NorCal Hawks, from Vacaville, Napa, Berkeley, and Davis, who captured the Super Senior (65+) championship at the Senior Cup in Indian Wells. After taking in the Indian Wells Masters finals on Sunday, they spent the next three days playing round robin matches against 9 other teams from around the country. The scoring format ensured that every game of each match counted. In the end, they made the final by one game over the third place team. The final, held on the practice courts at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden on Day 4, pitted them against many-time champion Sacramento Senors (that team was made up primarily of Palm Springs area players with a Sacramento captain). The Hawks won the intense final match 2-1 to claim the trophy.

The event was a lot of fun and they got to play at Indian Wells Tennis Garden twice. Their captain, Tony Mras, was described as a super captain who made all the right decisions. Each team member played at least two pro set matches per day. Many wives and others came along and they partied each night as a team. He hopes to be invited back next year.



Now For Our Super SATA Teams

Double the Fun-

Our **Men's 50 7.5 doubles** team won the Spring 2018 SATA league with everyone playing and everyone contributing to the 8-1 winning season. The addition of two new teams to the league made for many close competitive matches throughout the spring. No one was undefeated but a number of players had solid win/loss records and it seemed that each week a different doubles team came through with a hard fought win that was essential to the team score that Saturday. The best part of this league for many of us, said team captain Dale Russell, was the competitive but very collegial relationships they enjoyed with each team in the league.



Singular Double Shots-

Double Shots, Monday's 6.5 Women's Doubles team, came off their best season with a record of 6-3, and a first place finish. Two new players - Sharon Polis-Opfell and Mary Holmes provided the team with extra ammunition and winning ways, according to co-captain Mary Davis. Unfortunately, captain Donna Reed and Cora Sturgess were unable to participate due to injury and illness. Both will be back on the courts this summer. A big shout-out goes to Diana Fong for going 3-0 for the season. All seventeen players contributed to the success of the team, as well as having exemplified good sportsmanship, enthusiasm and competitive play. It's a great time to be a Double Shot.

Second Place Finishes and First Rate Fun

Sunday's Mixed Doubles team finished second this spring. In fact, it was the team's third consecutive second place finish which means the other teams in the league should be looking in the rear view mirror come fall. However, DTC's mixed doubles team should win first place for age range with 20 somethings and, er, mature somethings on the roster. Elaine Snow, the captain, says they have loads of fun and more than occasionally win. The season's end was celebrated with a barbecue and team tennis that included on-court instruction by Woodland's assistant coach.

Wegulars were anything but...The Wednesday 7.0 women's regulars team had a great season, finishing second with a 6-2 record and with two players, Maria Nansen 6-0 and Monique Garcia Gunther 4-0, earning undefeated pins. Christy Knutson was 3-0. In a topsy turvy finish, Wegulars beat the first place team, RDO, 5-0 in their first matchup and then had the score flipped in their second meeting 0-5. The team also dominated Gold River 5-0. Captain Carolyn Teragawa and co-cap Joanne Brennan are charged up for next fall.



Placques Line DTC's Wall of Fame.

The **Davis Racquettes** 6.0 women's doubles finished the spring season in second place with a warning to the first-place champs: Look out Rio Del Oro...we are coming for you this fall! In their second season of league play the team is still working out pre-match jitters, executing the closing points, and manipulating a winning line up for tough opponents. But beyond that, captains Lisa and Betsy said team members strengthened double partnerships and served some delicious only in Davis lunches to their competitors. Their season ended with round robin tennis play and a celebratory lunch at El Macero.



Thursday Night Acers Women's 7.0 Doubles had a great season and ended in second place for the division. The season started off with crazy weather and multiple rainouts. Team captains Anne Marie Zurborg and Christy Knutson described the team as a talented group of women who played hard and had fun. They especially appreciated the willingness to drive in rush hour traffic to the away matches. Their last match of the season ended with fireworks (literally) as it was the same night as Celebrate Davis. What a way to end the season!

Party at the Net, Friday's 7.5 Women's Doubles team, was within grasp of a repeat first place finish but a tough loss at Broadstone for their final match dropped them from contention and they finished the season in third place with a 6-3 record. The season's start was pretty rough with lots of rainouts and Captain Peggy Leander out with a hand injury for the season. Captain Margo Roeckl then stepped in to lead the team. Congratulations to teammates Joanne Brennan and Maria Nansen for earning their undefeated pins, both finished at 6-0. We had a fun end of the season celebration with tennis followed by lunch at Village Pizza and Grill.

Deucedays captain Joanne Brennan thanks her Tuesday 4.0 women's doubles team for a great season. While they didn't bring home many wins, they did earn some and had great matches in a very competitive league. Congratulations go to Kelli O'Neill on her undefeated season and to both Margo Roeckl and Hyunok Lee for their stellar 4-1 season against some highly rated players. Joanne B also thanks her co-cap, Carolyn Teragawa! They are looking forward to more "Deucedays" in the Fall.

Aces Wild, Thursday's 6.0 Regular Women's team, weathered some terrible weather with four consecutive rainouts in March but then rolled with three consecutive wins before being hit by head winds of the injury kind. Rain makeups, a makeup for a cancelled rain makeup, a match played partly in the rain, a full team default (not our team), and last minute cancellations would have dampened the spirits of some teams but not Aces Wild. Captain Joanne Crosta said she appreciates the supportive and good-natured attitude of every player on the team, and co-captain Peggy's comeback from injury. A bocce tournament and potluck celebrated the crazy season, and captain's gifts included a customized and very appropriate Aces Wild umbrella.



Love, Snoopy and Zin in the USTA



The USTA Women's 6.5 **Love All Combo** team finished tops in the division and had home court advantage through the playoffs beating both Rio Del Oro and Twin Oaks to make it to the District Championships. Districts were held Feb. 23-25 at the Natomas Racquet Club. The team swept their opponents the first day but were unable to continue their winning ways losing 1-2 the second day to the District Champs out of San Francisco and ending up third overall. Janine Carlson and Monique Garcia Gunther continued their winning streak – the pair was undefeated through the regular season, the post season and the District Championships. Maria Nansen and Sue McConnell also maintained their undefeated status through the playoffs. Congrats to all the Love All players on a fabulous season!

In its 3rd year, the USTA Women's 40+ 3.5 **Snoopy Slammers** returned with some new blood (oops, I mean players). Although we didn't get to play offs or the Districts championships as in years past, we forged some new partnerships and made a respectable 5th place out of 8 in our flight, just out of reach of a playoff berth. Joanne Brennan, our #1 singles, had an undefeated season (5-0) and Sue McConnell was our MVP, playing 9 out of 10 matches.





Zin Fun Gals, the USTA Women's 18+ team ended the season in fifth place, just shy of a post season berth. The team added three new Davis Tennis Club members – Cori Ritter, Carmen Melara Del Cid and Candance Peacock to the roster and it was great to have new players on the team! The format was two lines of singles and three lines of doubles and Joanne Brennan, Leanne Villa, Margo Roeckl, Candance, Carmen and Monique Garcia Gunther held down the singles lines with Joanne playing 6 of 10 matches at Line 1. Monique was the sole team member to go undefeated 3-0 with wins in both singles and doubles and Sue McConnell was the workhorse of the team with 8 matches played! Despite having a 4-6 record the team had a lot of very close matches and a lot of fun on the courts together. Tennis caps tipped to Captain Janine Carlson for getting all the matches played despite rain, wind and the occasional uncooperative opposing captain!

And Now a Word From On High (as in “Davis High” coaches)

DHS Girls Tennis--Sally Hosley reports that the DHS Girls' Tennis Team came in second in the Delta League and made it to the semis in the section. The highlight of the season was the annual San Luis Obispo trip and playing high schools in the Central Coast area. It was a great season with lots of fun had by all.

TEAM Davis--our Special Olympics tennis team, practiced hard all spring getting ready for competition. Sally felt lucky to have enthusiastic players from both the boys' and girls' DHS teams, helping at the practices. Eight athletes medaled in the regional games in Roseville and they are looking forward to competing at the Summer Games at UCD on June 23. She thanks DTC for sharing courts for their practices.

DHS Boys Tennis--The DHS Boys Varsity team had another great year, according to Dale Hersch, going 15-3 and sharing the Delta League title with Jesuit. Though the team did not reach the section finals for the first time since 2002, the young Blue Devils squad managed to get to the semi-finals before losing to eventual champion Granite Bay. All League honors went to Eddie Zhu, Lingan Benin, Connor Hersch, Danny Honeychurch, and Brian Liu.

Davis Tennis Academy--The future of DHS boys and girls tennis teams looks promising. DTA clinics had large enrollments with youngsters as young as 5 throughout the school year. Also, summer camps began last week with 45 students. Tennis is alive and well!

When the Heat Is On, Check Out Volleys Ah, summer tennis! If it's too hot for you on the courts, bring your racquet in to **Volleys Tennis Shop**, 231 G Street, Davis, during your down time and get a fresh set of strings installed so you're ready to go during the amazing fall season we have here in Davis. Scot and Dave said to look for the return of the discount stringing card, due soon. To find out when, sign up for Volley's newsletter at www.volleystennisshop.weebly.com or like them on Facebook. And they also remind you that you can get 30 days to try every new racquet in their store with a \$25 deposit when you sign up for the demo program, and the deposit is returned with the purchase of a racquet with them.



Summer Camp 2018



Everything's Coming Up Daffodils



Tournament time is near! Don't forget to sign up for the Daffodil Tennis Tournament taking place Saturday, June 23, at Davis High School. Men's, Women's and Mixed doubles will start play at 8:30 a.m. in a round robin pro set format. A pro set is the first to eight games by a margin of two games, instead of the usual six. A 10-point tie break is played when the score is 8-8.

At least one team player must belong to either the Davis or Woodland Tennis Clubs. Deadline is June 20, and registration is \$20 and a can of tennis balls. To register, go to the Davis Tennis Club home page, <http://davistennisclub.org>.

