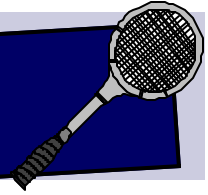




The Racquet



Happy New Year

January 2009

Tennis Club of Albuquerque
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A Few Words from our President

TCA Members,

It has been my privilege to serve as your 2008 President. It has been a successful and productive year for our club. While tennis memberships declined slightly this year, fitness membership significantly increased and summer memberships remained high.

I would like to thank TCA staff and partners, including Cathie, Ocho, Jimmy, Joe and Chip, for their hard work and continued commitment to making TCA a successful and fun club. Thanks to our board members for their leadership and loyalty and TCA members for their efforts and support in achieving this year's numerous accomplishments including:

- Painting of the pool area in fun, bright colors
- Shade covering for the kid's pool
- Outdoor carpeting
- Court repairs and a new color – Go Blue
- Reupholstered club house furniture
- Approval by members to proceed with leasing the Annex
- Membership survey completed
- Most TCA teams to participate in USTA League post season play.

As I conclude my term on the Board, I would like to remind all members to continue to volunteer and contribute to our club and to **always be kind and respectful of members and staff.**

Have fun and see you on the courts.

Sincerely,
Sheri L. Nevins

Profile Of The 2009 Candidates

As our election for the 2009 Board of Directors approaches, a short profile of each candidate has been compiled to help voters get better acquainted with our potential Board Members. Additionally, a picture of each candidate will be posted at the club so you can put a name with a face.

Angie Casias My name is Angie Casias. I am an interview coordinator for the Albuquerque Police Department. In addition to playing tennis, I enjoy other sports and physical activities, traveling, and spending time with my husband and our dog and 2 cats. Although I am not new to tennis, I am relatively new to the club and competitive tennis. Since joining TCA in May, we have felt very welcomed, made many new friends, and have enjoyed the excitement and camaraderie that has come with it. This has made me interested in becoming a part of the Board of Directors, so that I can become more involved in maintaining the club as a place for everyone to continue to enjoy. I believe that joining the Board as a new member will help bring new and different ideas to the club.

Marianne Chiffelle: Marianne was born in 1929 on the island of Borneo, Indonesia, of Dutch parents. Her father, an engineer, worked for Shell Oil. Lived in Indonesia through World War II. Higher education in Leiden University in Holland. This includes medical education and later business training. She married a doctor and immigrated to the US in 1960. Marianne married Thomas Chiffelle M.D. in 1979 and has lived in Albuquerque ever since. She has one son Ricky and Tom has 2 children. Her first tennis lesson was at the age of 7, but did not play through the war and subsequent education years. Renewed her tennis in 1978 and has served on several non-profit boards as President and various other positions.

Patrick Murphy My wife, Pamela, and I were members of the TCA from 1992 through 1997, as two of our older children (Justin and Megan Lemmons) were active tennis players and members of the swim teams. After a 10-year hiatus, our daughter, Megan, who has been working at TCA for the past three years, persuaded us to re-join for ourselves and our youngest son, Sam, who is now 8, and we are very happy to be back. We have also owned the small office building directly across the street since 1993. Both of us have been in the neighborhood for over 20 years.

Aside from an accounting and financial background in both the public and private sectors, I have been an entrepreneur and business owner for most of the past 18 years. In June, I sold the company I was with for the past 12, an insulating concrete form manufacturing and distribution business (American PolySteel). I am currently starting a marketing, communications, and business consulting company in partnership with our former Director of Sales and Marketing, with a specialty in the green and sustainable living industry. This most recent TCA initiative to renovate and lease the annex building piqued my interest in taking a more active role in the development and operation of the club. I believe I can contribute a fresh perspective on how to keep the club responsive to the needs of the members, build on the history that has kept TCA a warm and friendly neighborhood place for family and friends, and strengthen its financial position for long-term stability.

OCHO'S TENNIS SHORTS

TCA Nike Intraclub League Ties to TCA's Doubles Club Championship

Preseason Training - get ready for the USTA tennis season by playing in our Intraclub League.

Start: Saturday, January 31, 2009

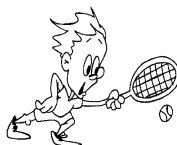
Time: To Be Announced

Duration: Approximately 6-7 weeks

Signup Deadline: Sunday, January 18, 2009

Cost: \$20.00— Balls will be provided

Levels: Women	Men
2.5	3.0
3.0	3.5
3.5	4.0
4.0	4.5+
4.5+	



*Sign up with a partner of equal ability (Same NTRP level).
If you cannot find a partner, contact Ocho or Cathie.

JUNIOR PARENTS MEETING at TCA

Once again parents—DON'T forget our junior tennis players' meeting.

TOPIC: What your junior needs to do to start playing tournaments and continue on to whatever level they want to attain. From beginning tournament players to national levels and everything in between.

WHERE: TCA Adult Lounge

WHEN: Saturday, Jan 10th, 2009

TIME: 12:30 PM

TCA Junior Development

NEW FORMAT for Tournament Group. The Tournament group will be billed on a monthly basis. The classes will be Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for 1.5 hours. Due to the fact that there will be NO make-ups for any reason and the session is pre-billed, there will be extra lesson days on Fridays. Fridays will be free work-out days for one hour with one instructor. If you attend all classes, Fridays are free (4 to 5 - hours per month -free). The monthly fee will be \$175 for members, \$190 non-members (plus tax). *The sessions will continue monthly.*

Classes will be:

Tuesday & Thursday- 4:00-5:30 pm

Saturday Instruction: 2:00-3:30 pm

Friday Instruction: 4:00-5:00 pm

Unsupervised Match Play will follow instruction.

Young Future Stars

***Saturday Group 6-12 Year Olds**

This program will be held on Saturday for a 5-week session, one hour per week, \$44, member, \$49, non-member (plus tax). *Check with staff for starting date.*

Beginners

Saturday: 11:00 am– Noon

Intermediate

Saturday: Noon - 1:00 pm

Young Future Stars *Wednesday Group 6-12 Year Olds

This program will be held in addition to the Saturday class. This program will be held on Wednesdays for a 5-week session, one hour per week, \$44 member, \$49 non-member (plus tax). *Check with staff for starting date.*

Beginner/ Adv. Beginner

Wednesday: 2:30-3:30 pm

Intermediate

Wednesday: 4:00-5:00 pm

Class size is limited to 8, so reserve your slot now!

Annual Membership Meeting

January 21, 2009 7:00 PM

We will select 3 new board members for 3-year terms. Please look inside to read their biographies. At this time we have 3 candidates. Please check the lobby bulletin board for updates. The members leaving the board are Sheri Nevins and Janet Strozier. The meeting will also include reports from our various committee chairpersons reviewing the many improvements made to our facilities and programs over the past year. This will be followed by a discussion on any matters important to you. The evening will conclude with a Happy Hour Social, celebrating another great year at TCA. We sincerely hope you will join us for the Annual Membership Meeting. Your involvement and input are essential to the success of TCA.

PLEASE HANG UP ROLLERS!

In order to preserve our court rollers, please hang them up to dry after you use them.

Resignations

David Craven
Redd Eakin
Eric Gilbert
John & Phyllis Haggard
Mark Laine

TCA SINGLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP **will be held the weekend of JAN 24 & JAN 25**

Condolences to Betty Senescu and Family and David Kelsey and Family for their loss of loved ones recently. Please keep them in your thoughts.

New Arrival at TCA

*Baby Boy Harville
To Proud Parents:
Britt & Purvi Harville*

Board of Directors

Sheri Nevins	President
Kathy Sanchez	Vice President
Bobby John	Secretary
Nora Bizzozero	
Gregg Flynn	
Sarah Hartford	
Arnie Melnikoff	
Janet Strozier	

Sandia Racquet Services

All Shoes 20 - 50% Off!

Effective January 1st, SRS is changing our demo program to a fee based program. This change will not affect TCA members. Demos will be available to members as before without any cost.

Effective January 1, 2009 we will be raising the price of tennis balls to \$3.25. Case lots (24 Cans) will be \$72.



Sandia Racquet Services will resume regular hours Jan 6th!

Happy New Year!