



July - August 2015

## Save The Dates

*Saturday, July 4th.....Pleasant Hill Parade*

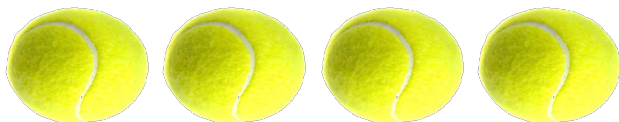
*Sunday, July 5th.....4th of July Tourney*

*Tuesday, July 7th.....Board Meeting*

Saturday, July 11th.....Mixer

Sunday, July 19th .....Mixer

Saturday, July 25th.....Mixer



*Sunday, August 2nd.....Mixer / Picnic*

*Tuesday, August 4th.....Board Meeting*

Saturday, August 8th.....Mixer

Sunday, August 16th.....Mixer

Saturday, August 22nd.....Mixer

Sunday, August 30th.....Mixer

## President's Message

Work began June 15th on what will become the Brand New tennis courts of the Pleasant Hill Tennis Club. The first phase is the removal and replacement of the fences. Net posts come down and they haven't told me what the order is after that. I'll just let them work it out on their own. In addition to all of the good people who gave money for the fix, some of our dedicated members gave of themselves, in time, emotional effort and hard work. Thanks to everybody who gave in any manner and in any amount. You people made this really big thing happen. The most optimistic schedule for our return to the courts will be six weeks from the beginning of work. While the courts are under construction, the club will be holding Mixers and Independence Day celebration at the courts of College Park High School. Send an email to [bstommy@comcast.net](mailto:bstommy@comcast.net) or use the entry form in this newsletter to join us for the big celebration. The first Tournament that should happen at the newly refurbished courts should be Labor Day. An entry form for that event is to be included in this newsletter. The reason for having the Tournament on the 5th of July is so the Pleasant Hill Tennis Club can have an entry in the City of Pleasant Hill's annual parade, on the 4th. Come join us in the parade, a spot of honor will be yours if you have a convertible automobile to carry members of our club who will be passing out good stuff to the admiring throngs. Walk or ride, all are welcome. Until Next Time, The Prez, Tom



### Did You Know?

Every year, 24 tons of Kent strawberries are ordered for the Championships at Wimbledon

## Tennis Court Construction

We will be bypassing the annual PHTC picnic this year since we will be celebrating our Grand Opening for our new courts probably in August. This will be such an exciting event! We hope to have lots of activities and good food to celebrate the hard work by all. Keep an eye on the Racqueteer message for more details.

Our courts at PHTC are officially under construction. We will be holding all of our mixers, tournaments, special Father's Day drop-in and USTA leagues at College Park High School for the month of June, July and maybe part of August until construction is complete. The Racqueteer will be reminding us of the change in venue and when we can return to PHTC courts at Pleasant Hill Middle School.

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# Pleasant Hill Tennis Club

Pleasant Hill Tennis Club is an organization sponsored by the Pleasant hill recreation and Park District (PHR&PD). It was formed in the early 1970's by a small group of tennis enthusiasts and currently boasts about 160 Individual and family memberships. The Club is incorporated, non-profit and fully member-supported. Club members volunteer their time to serve on the Board, maintain the courts, lead tournaments and Fun Mixers and captain USTA league teams. For members, the club offers weekly fun mixers, monthly tournaments, this bi-monthly newsletter, a website and competitive USTA League teams. Dues are \$55 per year for individual memberships and \$75 for family memberships. Tournament Fees are generally \$10 per player if pre-paid (\$12 if not).

The six courts we currently use are located on the campus of Pleasant Hill Middle School, at 1 Santa Barbara Road (off Oak Park Blvd). Over the years, the Club has provided maintenance, nets and windscreens, and we share the costs of resurfacing with the school district and PHR&PD.

We currently hold all of our USTA league matches at College Park High School, 201 Viking Drive. Pleasant Hill, California.

## USTA League

Members only. Men's, Women's, mixed, seniors and super-senior leagues form and play throughout the year. Watch for announcements in this newsletter and contact the captain for information and procedures. To volunteer to captain a team, contact the League Coordinator, Chris Rascle at [chrisrascle@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisrascle@yahoo.com)

## Tournaments

Members only. To enter submit the applications in the newsletter with the fee (usually \$10) to the tournament director, Donna Carnahan ([carnahan70@gmail.com](mailto:carnahan70@gmail.com)) by the deadline. The fee includes tennis balls, prizes, refreshments & lunch.

## Mixers

Mixed doubles Fun Mixers are held on Saturdays or Sunday each week except weekends when there is a tournament. Start time is 9:00 a.m. in the winter and 8:30 a.m. in the summer.

No RSVP or partner required—just bring your racket, a smile and \$1 for balls.

Guests are welcome for their first time. Family members not living with a current member pay a \$5.00 fee if they wish to play at the mixers. We always need volunteers to lead the Fun mixers. It is easy and everything is provided. To schedule your turn, e-mail the Fun Mixer Coordinator, Roger LeBlanc at [rogerleblanc@att.net](mailto:rogerleblanc@att.net)



## Did you know?

John Isner served 113 aces in his historic win over Nicolas Mahut at the 2010 Wimbledon Championships.

# RENOVATION: THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD

## **The beginning:**

The Renovation, the Big Fix, the Big Deal, was just a glint in the eyes of a few stalwarts who first met in May 2014 and formed the Big Fix Funding Committee, (or BFFC). Initial Club members included Kelly Williams, Donna Carnahan, Lynne Vuskovic, Chris Rascle and Jim Utz. With the possibility that a very generous donation would be forthcoming from the Harbor Point Charitable Foundation whose Board of Directors Chair is a lifetime PHTC club member Bob Kaliski, the Committee began the pursuit of additional funding. Soon the Committee was completed with the addition of Larry McEwen, Monica Ruiz, Cherryl Silva, Greg Kalustian and Tommy Butler.



## **First came the fine print:**

To make all this happen required constant vigilance and interaction with potential partners in this renovation. Jim Utz and Larry McEwen provided the heavy lifting in first identifying and then coordinating all the pieces of the puzzle. For example, the Committee learned that first it would be necessary to conclude a Joint Use Agreement between the Pleasant Hill Recreation District and the Mt. Diablo Unified School District. This was finally approved in January, 2015, and enabled the Committee to secure the support of the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation's tax exempt status in writing grant applications. Eligibility for the foundation grants also required a Memorandum of Understanding between the Pleasant Hill Community Foundation and the tennis club which was approved in February 2015.

## **Pursuit of funding**

As club members are well aware, a number of fundraising efforts were launched by the Committee, the most recent of which featured matching contributions by generous members thereby multiplying the amounts donated by members under these programs. Sincere appreciation to all those who participated; we couldn't have even applied for grants and done this without your generosity! Responsibility for writing the grant applications was assigned to Monica Ruiz, (NorCal), Larry McEwen (Valley Foundation) and Jim Utz (Leshar Foundation). During the months required to await the results of our grant applications innumerable meetings were held with our partners, tennis court contractors, school district personnel and several tennis club directors in the area. Periodic reports were made to the Club's Board and club members. An Honor Roll of Club member donors was created.



# RENOVATION: THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD CONTINUED

## Construction

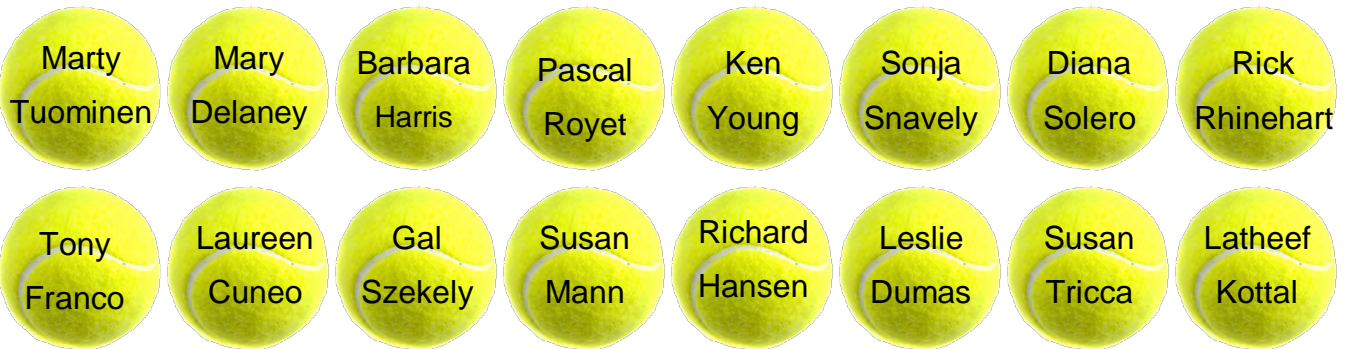
In May the Mount Diablo School District, serving as our construction manager, prepared and mailed bid packages to various contractors and in June selected Vintage Contractors of San Francisco as the winning bidder. Construction began in mid-June with a target for completion in early August. During the construction period it will be necessary to move club activities to alternate locations noted elsewhere in this newsletter. We apologize to club members for any inconvenience this entails, but we are confident that our new courts will be worth it. We are approaching the finish line, the end of a long and winding road...let the Renovation begin!



HELLO

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Pleasant Hill Tennis Club! We are happy to inform you that your application for membership has been accepted. The Pleasant Hill Tennis Club has been an important part of the Pleasant Hill Community since the 1970's, providing many social and charitable opportunities for its members. **Below are new PHTC USTA League Only members.**



## Membership Dues

Please all remember to get your membership dues paid for 2015!! In order to participate in weekend Mixers, Tournaments and League tennis, you must be a full member in good standing for \$55 a year per individual or \$75 a year for family. For League only membership, become a league only member for \$20 per season. You have several options to pay your membership dues. Go to [phtennisclub.com](http://phtennisclub.com) and either pay online or use the downloadable version and submit your check with application to Larry Malin. Remember, you MUST submit the application form as well as the payment for your membership to be in effect.

## USTA PLAYOFFS

Kelly Williams' and Kris Hunter's 40 and Up 3.5 Women's Team Goes to Districts!!! The girls fought hard to get to Districts. They had to win two playoffs against Clubsport and Oakhurst to get there. Districts was held up in the Sacramento area for three days during June, and the girls fought hard. They gave the other teams a run for their money. The regular season consisted of one line of singles and two lines of doubles, but at Districts they were required to play two lines of singles and three lines of doubles. Most matches PHTC won 2 out of 5. They were just one match away with many matches going to the third set tiebreak. Thanks to all the fine players that got us to Districts: Gloria, Donna, Asa, Florence, Kris Hunter, Linda Kansteiner, Imarie, Moto, Chris Rasclé, Sonia Santiago, Inna, Dawn, Kelly and Pip."



PHTC Women's 18 and Up 3.5 team fighting for playoffs! Our 3.5 women are phenomenal!!! They have worked so hard to get to playoff position. Saturday, June 20 is their last match to determine if they make it to playoffs or not. We are confident that we will!!!! The team consists of Kelly, Captain, Donna, co-captain, Meredith Blain, Gloria, Asa, Florence, Kris Hunter, Linda Kansteiner, Imarie, Moto, Sonja Snavelly, Chris Rasclé, Sonia Santiago, Thea, Inna and Teri Vaziri.



## USTA UPDATE

We currently have 5 teams playing for PHTC:

Regular Season will run until the end of August with Playoffs in September.

Mixed 18 and over 6.0, captain David Wax

Mixed 18 and over 7.0a captain Olga Regal

Mixed 18 and over 7.0b captain David Wax

Women 55 and over 7.0 captain Meredith Young

Mixed 18 and over 9.0 captain Joey Martinez

**4th of July parade.** Lets do it again! Come and join us in marching in our wonderful 4th of July parade. Our tennis club will again this year participate in the city festivities and we want you to join us! Contact Chris Rascle at [chrisrascle@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisrascle@yahoo.com) if you would like to march with us!



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

## Fun Mixer Volunteers!

It's Fun! It's Easy! And an opportunity to mingle and get to know fellow members. PHTC has Fun Mixers once a week all year round. We need YOU! To volunteer to run one. You can be scheduled to run a Fun Mixer by contacting Roger LeBlanc by:

E-mail : [Rogerleblanc@att.net](mailto:Rogerleblanc@att.net)

Phone : (925) 361-7325.



# Pleasant Hill Tennis Club

Presents



## Tournament 2015

**Tommy Butler will be hosting with help from friends**

**Where:** The tennis courts at Pleasant Hill Middle School

**When:** Sunday, July 5, 2015.

**Deadline for entry:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015

**Fee:** \$10.00 per person, \$20.00 per couple in advance, \$12.00 person day of the tournament

**Format:** To be decided. Team tennis or keep your partner.

Enter as a couple if you choose. Tommy and his committee will make the final assignments.

Come early and join Tommy Butler and assorted friends in the morning ritual of setting up. Morning treats will almost certainly be probably be provided. Lunch will follow the tournament play.

Bringing a friend for lunch? Notify Tom by email or on the entry form and send or bring \$5.00 for each guest. Please: use email as the preferred means of communication.

Tommy Butler

755 Glenside Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549

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Entry #1 \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ rating \_\_\_\_\_

Entry #2 \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_ rating \_\_\_\_\_

Total of check enclosed /players \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_





## Tournament

Format will be **Team Tennis**

Date: Monday, **September 7<sup>th</sup> 8:45- 12ish**

**\$10 in advance- \$12 on the day of**

**Player 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rating:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rating** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of players:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch only \$6:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to Donna Carnahan 1212 Stafford Ave Concord CA 94521**

**Please plan on staying for the entire Tournament**

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