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Fair Oaks Racquet Club
Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Valentine's Day Social:
Feb. 12th at 9:30 a.m.

SATA Spring League Starts:
Feb. 13th

Next Board Meeting
Feb. 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

March Social: We NEED
hosts call Naomi at 214-
7696 NOW

SATA Summer League
Team Registration Opens:
April 1st

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President's Message – Clairen Peeters

Looking back, looking ahead

My family moved to Citrus Heights in 1959. Greenback Lane was a two-lane road with a canopy of oak trees, fast food was non-existent and Sunrise Mall was nowhere. My sister and I used to ride her horses from here to Granite Bay and swim. I didn't even think except to watch Wimbledon and see Boris Becker diving and swooping to the trophy. It wasn't until 1999 when I read about free tennis lessons at Miller Park that I considered swinging a racket. I met Molly Lewis and she suggested I join the tennis club.

Flash-forward and I am now a 12 year member of this club. 2012 will be the 50th anniversary of the club and I am thankful for all the people who contributed to the longevity and the legacy of the Club. I find myself feeling like I want to know more about the past so that I can use that story to talk about the future. If the club is 50 years old, then so are the courts. That must be why they look tired and worn out. The game is fun and exciting but the environment needs a make over. I want to assure that the tennis players of the next decades will get to have as much fun as the previous players. I feel a great commitment to helping improve the courts.

Next year I would like to celebrate the Club's 50 year history by hosting some celebrations to honor our past. I would like to spend both this year and next year raising money to improve Miller Park. While I would love to say we will have new lights and new surface I don't know if that is possible. I have asked the FO Recreation and Parks District if we can partner with their non-profit Foundation to undertake tax deductible fund raising. The answer was yes. The Club Board has agreed to explore fund raising, grants and other means to raise funds to improve our environment. I will need help if we have any chance of making a difference. If you would like to help gather our history, plan a picnic, or a dinner, a dance, a silent auction, a bake sale, whatever, please let me know. Maybe you want to volunteer time, help collect old pictures, or participate in any way please let me know. I just can't sit around and do nothing. I plan to be here playing for a long time.

Clairen Peeters

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SATA SPRING LEAGUE TEAMS and Captains as presented by Foster
Pelton on behalf of the Club Coordinators

1. Women's Weekday Doubles 7.0 Monday Morning (Terrie O'Donnell)
2. Women's Weeknight Rotating Doubles 4.0 Monday Evening (Marty Holmes)
3. Women's Weeknight Rotating Doubles 3.5 Tuesday Evening (Susan Schmidt)
4. Women's Weeknight Doubles 7.5 Wednesday Evening (Luda Hedger)
5. Women's 50+ Doubles 7.5 Thursday Morning (Shiomi Wilson)
6. Women's Weeknight Doubles 7.0 Thursday Evening (Nancy Buss)
7. Men's Weeknight Doubles 8.0 Thursday Evening (Manny Gamboa)
8. Men's Weeknight Doubles 7.0 Thursday Evening (Mike Mote)
9. Team Tennis 4.0 Friday Evening (Naomi Caietti)
10. Women's Saturday Regular 3.5 (Toni Anderson)
11. Men's 50+ Doubles 4.0 Saturday Afternoon (Ed Demongey)
12. Men's Regular 3.5 Sunday Morning (Chin Chen)
13. Mixed Doubles 7.0 Sunday Evening (Nancy Buss)
14. Mixed Doubles 7.0 Sunday Evening (Larry Leach)
15. Mixed Doubles 7.5 Sunday Evening (Luda Hedger)

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Reminder to all Captains and members of the teams

Each one of the above listed teams owe the Fair Oaks Racquet Club \$70 payable
to FORC and to the attention of Foster Pelton, Treasurer.

Each regular member on each team that he/she plays on owes the appropriate
portion of the \$70 *before the very first match is played.*

We had an excellent Fall Season, let's make the Spring Season even better and

don't forget FUN !! 

Our Vice President, Mike Pruss is working with the Park District to make sure that during SATA League games the Miller courts will have reservations for “Drop-in” tennis. He will reserve two courts for the Ladies Saturday drop-in. On days when our Saturday SATA Women’s team plays a home match, the drop-in courts will start at 10 a.m. The courts will be available at 8 a.m. when the Saturday team plays an away game. On Thursday nights, when the men’s team is away, Court 4 will be reserved for their drop-in play.

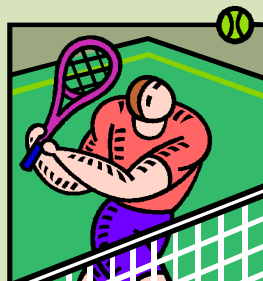
Mike Pruss

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As you know energy costs are high and as an effort to reduce expenses and energy costs, the Park District will be turning off the Miller court lights on rainy days. On our website: www.forctennis.com will be a “weather” indicator that updates when you log on. This will be helpful when working with the SATA guest team as to the availability of the courts during questionable rainy days. The club will ask the Park District to post a sign saying “In inclement weather, the lights will go off.”

Many members know Paul Garron - Tennis Pro for the Fair Oaks Rec. & Park. He has provided many tennis lessons/drills/clinics for our racquet club members. Old and new members who wish to contact Paul for such lessons or drills, can reach him by email: paulgarrontennis@aol.com or by phone 530-613-6385. *We are hoping in future Newsletters, Paul will provide some tennis tips – and boy do we need them.....*



Special Note from our Membership Chair

Nancy Buss

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Nancy reported at the January Board Meeting that the club has over 80 members. The Roster will go to the printer during the third week of February. If you wish to be included send in your membership now. (Attach form is provided for your convenience) Re-created from Board Minutes by Terrie O'Donnell

We also have two New Members:

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Please extend a warm Fair Oaks Racquet Club Welcome to Olivia and Kenny.

NEW MEMBER FEATURE

Mary Hillier-Davidson

Information provided by Clairen Peeters

Mary Hillier-Davidson, a new member to the Fair Oaks Racquet Club, but not new to tennis. Mary likes playing singles, doubles and even mixed doubles carrying a USTA rating of 3.5. Mary came to Sacramento from the Marin area and has one teenage daughter. She loves her job as a Building Manager and has been in this position for over 30 years. She currently works as a Building Manager for a Sacramento downtown high rise.

Not sure what brought Mary to Sacramento from California's beautiful Marin area – whether it was her job or the fact she has relatives in the area.

I'm sure that no matter the reason there are a few coordinators and captains just itching to have her on their teams.

Welcome Mary and enjoy your membership with our Club

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I wish to take a moment and congratulate one of our members on a very special achievement.....Peggy Lucero and her partner (Jane Buffington of Lincoln) have been selected to receive the USTA 75 Women's Doubles Player of the Year award. They received this recognition after winning the National Bronze last September and will receive their official award during the San Mateo Annual Awards and Dinner event February 5th. CONGRATULATIONS !!



by Terrie O'Donnell

***Speaking of the ultimate achievement.....**During the 2009 Ladies Christmas Luncheon it was noted and finalized that the club needed a year-end/new year Tennis Ball. So, Joni Trotter-Leach, Diana Beals, Dar King, Arless Botta along with the assistance of Shirley Smaage organized the successful "January 2010 Kickoff Party." Below, is the write up prepared by Carlene Duran-Costa for the March 2010 Newsletter:*

"By all accounts, this social was a blast."

"The guest tally for the evening peaked at 48 including spouses and significant others."

"The food was varied and there was plenty of it. Five different women brought deviled eggs. What are the odds of that? Even for the die hard deviled egg fan, there was enough to go around."

"We played a wonderful variation of the game "Musical Chairs" called "Musical Laps" (hmmm, who's idea was this, anyway...?) where the men had to find a chair and the women had to find a lap."

"Needless to say, some guys got out of the game because it got too rough. One well-liked woman, who shall remain nameless, toppled gracefully onto her derriere. Two chairs were broken. No causality is implied."

"It was a raucous, fun-filled evening and we all acted like we were in our twenties."

"The DJ played excellent music and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. Judging by the comments from nearly all the partygoers, it was a night that exceeded all expectations."

Thank you, Joni, Diana, Dar, Arless, Shirley and their faithful helpers for such a grand time.....

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FAIR OAKS RACQUET CLUB SOCIALS FOR 2011

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Socials are one of the reasons that make the Fair Oaks Racquet Club so successful. Every year there is a calendar of events and they are only as successful as the members who host them. Listed below are the 2011 socials with host and hostesses noted. Please contact Naomi letting her know which one you and a fellow member would like to stage. The Months in “RED” are in need of a planner.....

January – Happy New Year

February – Valentine’s Day – Patty Blesso/Marty Holmes

March – St. Paddy’s Day -----

April – Spring Time - Carlene Duran-Costa

May – Flowers – Linda Van Cleave/Ed Demongey

June – Summer – Foster Pelton/Toni Anderson

July – International – Janusz Seremak/Luda Hedger

August – Hot August Nights – Karen and Mike Pruss

September – Last Day of Summer -----

October – “Octoberfest” -----

November – Thanksgiving -----

December – Ladies Christmas Luncheon – Naomi Caietti

Hosting a social involves selecting the date and time that coordinates with the month chosen and possibly special event, such as Valentine's Day. The Club provides \$50 towards purchasing items for the social such as paper goods, drinks and/or prizes. The design of the tournament is up to the host. The host can ask participants to bring food items and also charge a small fee to cover any other costs not covered by the initial \$50.

Naomi is available to answer any questions regarding putting on a social so that everyone will have a good time.

