

January, 2011



Welcome Fair Oaks Racquet Club Board Members for 2011

President – Clairen Peeters  
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Women's League Rep – Linda Rhyme  
Men's League Rep – Jim Wright  
Mixed Doubles League Rep – Mike Mote

The Board meets once a month to discuss club current and future matters. All members of the Fair Oaks Racquet Club are welcome to attend. This is a great way to express your concerns and/or ideas. If you wish to have an item included in the club Newsletter, send an email to: [terywen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terywen@sbcglobal.net) (Terrie O'Donnell)

Mark your calendar for the following January events

Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. -- Clubhouse, 9334 River Oaks Ln  
(Off Main, between Madison & Greenback)

Social: Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. (see Social description within Newsletter)

Spring SATA sign ups: Contact your Coordinator starting January 3, 2011 – *Make sure your membership is current.*

*President's Message from Clairen Peeters*

Welcome to 2011! I am glad to be your President again. Before I share some of our plans for 2011 I want to thank the club volunteers and leaders who help make this club a success. If you do not know who they are read your newsletter, our web pages and our membership roster.

Our club has a long history of supporting tennis in our community and I am proposing that we undertake some activities to improve the tennis “community” at Miller Park. Without the support of the Fair Oaks Recreation Department and their commitment to let these courts “belong” to us we would not enjoy unlimited access to these courts for the little dollars we pay. To that end I am proposing a 2011 fund raising plan to pay for new wind screens for every court at Miller Park. The FORC Board is in the process of developing a plan to raise money. We will keep you informed and we will not divert any of the clubs money unless authorized and/or supported by the membership. To that end we will be collecting fund raising ideas, finding a committee coordinator and reaching out to organizations and groups that can help us find a way to fund some court improvements. If you have any ideas or questions feel free to email me or call me.

Wishing you a healthy, prosperous and successful year.

SPRING SATA Coordinators need to hear from you.

Cutoff is January 16<sup>th</sup> – Play starts February 13<sup>th</sup>

They will submit the teams, note captains and regular players.

Substitutes may be added prior to any match.

Ladies Saturday Coordinator – Crystal Goodwin Ph #988-8406

Ladies Weekday Regular Coordinator – Shiomi Wilson Ph #944-4971

Ladies Weekday Doubles Coordinator – Shiomi Wilson Ph # 944-4971

Ladies Evening Coordinator – Eileen Wright Ph #961-0840/541-1292

Ladies 50+ Doubles Coordinator – Shiomi Wilson Ph # 944-4971

Mix Doubles Coordinator – Mike Mote Ph # 722-1461

Men's 3.5 Sunday Regular Coordinator – Jim Wright Ph # 224-0840

Men's 7.0, 7.5, 8.0 or two 7.0 Weekday Evening Doubles Coordinator – Jim Wright Ph # 224-0840

Men's 50+ (Sat morning) and 60+ (Wed morning) Doubles Coordinator – either Larry Leach Ph # 786-7790 or Jim Wright Ph # 224-0840

Side Note from SATA: “Most players have requested a longer playing season. In order to accommodate this, an Easter week bye and rain makeup week, the Spring Season will begin on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Easter bye is 4/18-4/24. All matches must be played by the drop dead date of 5/14 as ratings are being calculated on 5/13/2011.”

### Fall SATA Recap of the Club's Teams

Women's Weekday Doubles (6.0) captained by Arless Botta made it to the Playoffs. Even though they did not win the playoff match – the team had a great season!

Women's Weekday Doubles (7.0) captained by Sandra Sarro not only came in second place out of 10 teams, but Diana Beals and Sandy Anderson won “undefeated” pins. Congratulations to the two of you and the team!!

Women's Weekday Doubles (7.5) captained by Shiomi Wilson had a final season of 3 wins and 4 losses.

Women's Saturday Regular (3.5) captained by Toni Anderson had a final season of 2 wins and 6 losses.

Women's Evening Doubles (7.0) captained by Eileen Wright had a final season of 3 wins and 5 losses.

Women's Evening Rotation Doubles (3.5) captained by Eileen Wright were declared Champions in their league of 12 teams. Way to go ladies!!

Women's Evening Rotation Doubles (4.0) captained by Clairen Peeters took third place overall among 14 teams in the league. Another successful story....!!

Luda Hedger reported that the Mixed doubles 7.5 team were Champions. Not only did David Blaise receive an undefeated pin but Luda received the SATA Team Captain Award pin. Way to go team !!

Larry Leach reported that the Mixed doubles 7.0 team also won a Championship award!!

And finally, Jim Wright reported that the Men's Thursday Evening 8.0 Doubles team tied for third....



### As a Reminder

Our reserved courts for interclub play are 5-8. Mike Pruss, Vice President, posts the laminated court reservations within the cabinet next to the courts so the public is aware that the courts are reserved. It is often wise for the captain to arrive a few minutes early to warn any person using the courts that the reservation will occur in a few minutes giving them time to finish up their play before giving the courts to the incoming team members. *Our goal here is an easy transition for all.*

### Information and Social Section

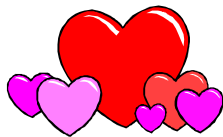
Ladies Christmas Luncheon and Gift Exchange – December 2, 2010 hosted by Clairen Peeters

Despite the rainy day over twenty FORC members gathered at the lovely, decorated home of Clairen Peeters on Thursday, Dec. 2, from 11:30 to 2:00. The noise level soon rose as ladies caught up on the latest tennis and personal news. The potluck lunch had an abundance of fresh salads, main dishes, and a separate dessert table. Then it was on to the fun gift exchange with a limit of two steals per gift before it went home with the possessor. Carlene Duran-Costa exclaimed after it was over, "I can't tell you how many times my gifts were stolen; it was so many!" No gift stayed on Carlene's lap for long before it was snatched whether it were movie tickets, a stuffed dog, or a country Christmas snowman. But Carlene was ever gracious and ended up with a beautiful bracelet. Shiomi lost her Christmas sweater and Marty had to give up her adorable ceramic Santa candleholder. The Christmas Luncheon is a tradition not to be missed! Thank you, Clairen, for opening your home to us.

As a side note, your Social Chair, Naomi Caietti is looking for a hostess for this year's Christmas Luncheon. The luncheon is similar to hosting a tennis social in that the hostess chooses the date and time. The format is traditionally a pot lock with the hostess using club funds to purchase paper goods and drinks. The highlight for many is the gift exchange (as you can see above) with a dollar limit of \$10-15 and the exchange actually involves "stealing" the gift.

*Please call Naomi at 985-7574 (hm) or cell at 214-7696 if you would like to host this event.*

## February Social – Warm up your Racquets...



### Valentine's Day Social

Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> will mark our first social of the New Year. Arrival time will be 9:30 a.m. and there will be “no charge”. However, please bring an appetizer to share and dress in either red, pink or white --- or all Three!! Members should call or email: Marty Holmes 967-6709 or [JWHolmesJR@aol.com](mailto:JWHolmesJR@aol.com) and/or Patty Blesso 988-6915 or [PattyBlesso@hotmail.com](mailto:PattyBlesso@hotmail.com). Sixteen slots are available for the social. A sub list will be created in case someone cannot make it at the last minute. Come one, come all!!

**The Fair Oaks Racquet Club** is all about Old members returning and New members joining. It is important that you renew your membership as soon as possible for many reasons: SATA league play, socials, being included in the Club Roster and basically we “just



want you”....

We do have a New member and please give her a phone call or send a welcome email to:

**Kristen Doyer**

[Krdoyer@gmail.com](mailto:Krdoyer@gmail.com)

Kristen is interested in playing doubles and mixed doubles at the 3.5 and 4.0 levels.

One of our “old” time members, *Rena Kuramoto* would like for you to update your informational file on her as follows:

**She is now: Rena Nikaido,  
Email: [rena.nikaido@gmail.com](mailto:rena.nikaido@gmail.com)**