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Gail Neufeld
USTA January 2010
Captain of the Month



See website for more information

Time to renew your membership



Champion of Champions Tournament

The PCTC team are the Champions. Thirty-one men and women from Palm Coast Tennis Center competed for the 6th annual Champions of Champions trophy over the weekend of January 23-24 and came up winners. We won the big trophy, now resting at the Palm Coast Tennis Center, by two and a half points. Last year, PCTC tied with Florida Tennis Center for the honor.

Here's how the matches went. The ladies started off with a bang. Barbara Brown and Lisa

Wisniewski won the 2.5 division. Froukje Mochel and Marti Garziglia took their opponents to a third set tiebreak but lost in the consolation round final of the 3.0 division. In 3.5, Becky Carter and Sharon Cook lost in the main draw semi-finals. Debs Hugill and Doreen Davis won the 4.0 consolation round. Partners Jan Sisko and Kathy Ohmen wrapped things up nicely by winning the 4.5 doubles.

In the open divisions, the over-

50 team of Jeanette Butler and Carol Ogden ran into some stiff competition and lost. In the over-60, Gail Neufeld and Sue Ammerman won while Inge Ipolye and Sharon Hepburn lost in a consolation round super tiebreak in the over-70 division.

On the men's side, Ralph Brown and Dal Moore played hard in the 2.5 division but lost as did Jeff Davis and Jake Scully in a very entertaining match at 3.0 level. Jim King and Bill Sweeney bested Daytona Beach Shores in a super tiebreak to come out on top.

Jimmie Eppes and John Hirsch won the 4.0 consolation match. Partners Bob Heartt and Erik

Vierra lost a tight 4.5 match.

Open division singles player, Greg Heartt beat Hammock Beach pro, Gene Lascano.

In the over-60, Curt McCauley and Mike McCauley came out on top of a 10-8 tiebreak.



The over-70 team of John Duffy and Vince Thompson won their division.

The Champion of Champions Tournament is more than just a great weekend of competitive tennis, it raises money for United Ways Charities, The ARC and the Literacy Council. Congratulations to everyone who played. The win was a great team effort and another first trophy for Palm Coast Tennis Center.

Thank you to the Captains! Gail Neufeld for the women and Jim King for the men.



Vouchers for Tennis Team Candidates

In response to a request from a concerned tennis parent, Friends of Tennis set up a voucher system that allowed coaches to schedule clinics or lessons with approved tennis pros. The High School Tennis Team coaches were each given a credit of 250 dollars to be used at

their discretion. Coaches have been using their vouchers for clinics and lessons. Four sets of vouchers were approved. The girls' and boys' teams at both high schools have participated in the program

The voucher plan started in the summer and has continued through the fall. The Friends of Tennis Program Committee will evaluate the success of the project and decide whether to continue it as administered this year or try to improve on it.

Calendar

Local Junior Championship
March 20th-22nd at PCTC
For details see Page 4

[Tuesday, March 30 at noon](#)
Outback Luncheon. This fund raiser for children's programs will cost \$20.

May 22 Scholarship Tournament. Four Scholarships are funded for graduating seniors who have been on the Tennis Team. One for each High School, girls team and boys team.



Alena Dvornikova



Ken Obermeier

Tennis Open Play in Flagler—Just Show up

PCTC

Mondays at 6:00 PM

The evenings are much cooler for tennis play! This coolness is good for tennis in Florida in the summer. However, in January, it can result in Michelin Man look-alikes trying to hit a tennis ball that is too cold to bounce.

This inconvenience has not stopped Dave Felix who has been there every Monday night, except the Thunderstorm Nights. He plays with whoever shows up. Dan Broderick, Dave's sidekick, is back from his snowbird stint up north and brings Peg Kalush with him to round out the group.

The level of play for this group is between 3.0 and 3.5, but we have not turned away any heavy hitters or beginners.

If the weather looks iffy, call the

PCTC desk at 986-2550

Tuesdays at Eleven

At 11 o'clock on Tuesdays, everyone is welcome to join the group playing tennis. Tom Mitchell and Ursula Wagner will give advice to help players assess their games and give suggestions on how to improve their strokes, how to move to the ball, how to keep score, how to wipe off sweat and keep yourself cooler in our humid weather!

Saturdays at 10 am

Join the kick-off Lucky Leprechaun Round Robin on March 13, 10-12. The cost will be \$5 for non-members. Starting March 27 open play will begin at 10. Members just show up, non-members bring \$6.

Belle Terre Swim & Racquet

Monday, Wednesday and Friday. at 8 and 10 am, players are welcome to join other tennis players for a Round Robin game. Men's games and women's

games welcome players.

If you are looking for instruction visit the Adult Ed Website or call the center at 446-7676.

Wadsworth Park

Tennis players looking for a game on Tuesday and Thursday mornings can appear at Wadsworth Park on Roberts Road in Flagler Beach at 8 am. "Everyone is welcome and level of play is not an issue."

Belle Terre Park

(Frieda Zamba)

Men meet at Belle Terre Park on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 for pick up games.

A1A Courts—Hammock

No open play has been established as yet, but the courts are getting busy. Lessons are offered on Thursday and Friday mornings.

High School Team Tennis

The High Schools have started the 2010 season games. Flagler Palm Coast Girls and Matanzas Boys teams have made a strong start playing their matches. The Girls Matanzas team and the Boys FPCHS team are working hard to improve their tennis skills.

The public is welcome to watch these young tennis players as they compete against other schools. Some of the points are awesome.

For a copy of the Tennis Team Games Schedules please go the Friends of Tennis website under Events.

Put [April 5th at 3:45](#) on your calendar for the Palm Coast rivalry as the two high schools play each other at Matanzas.

Friends of Tennis is sponsoring Junior Varsity Intramural games for the newer players. The students will play 4 weeks, on Tues-

days after school on the FPCHS courts with scores kept and prizes to be awarded.

A tennis statistic so far this year is that Sam Mkrtychev and Henry Lao are undefeated in singles and as a doubles team. Annika Bousse is undefeated as well. With Emily Acerno as her partner, their doubles play has been undefeated.

Good luck to all players.

Palm Coast Tennis Center hosts USTA Futures Tournament

Young men from all over the world swarmed around the Palm Coast Tennis Center for two weeks starting January 23. They had a common goal—win the Futures Championship. Local players were given the opportunity to compete for a Wild Card.

Palm Coast Tennis Center staff set up a tent for the Players and one for the Officials. Each tent had a heater for the comfort of the participants and many times there was a crowd around the heater.

Spectators viewed the games wearing earmuffs, mukluks, scarves, hats and mittens.



High quality tennis rewarded those who braved the cold. Marco Mirnegg from Austria was the winner, with Victor Estrella from The Dominican Republic in second place. The doubles winners, Taylor Fogelman (UNC) and Benjamin Rogers (U-Tenn) are

from the United States. They were happy to have won their first professional doubles title.

Volunteers responded to appeals for help from Ken Obermeier and Alena Dvornikova, the tennis professionals working at the Center. A key volunteer was Doreen Davis, the coordinator of the assignments. Her computer spread sheet showed various jobs and matching volunteers. The assignments included monitoring the Players Lounge, Officials Lounge and VIP viewing section as well as offering housing to players and/or officials. Grooming the courts between matches was another chore for willing helpers.

Not only did adults volunteer, but the children got to help as “Ball

Kids”. Nancy Gardner recruited kids from the Junior tennis players. Emily Acierno, Madison Gibbs, Morgan Gardner, Devin Johnson and Vadam Belinskiy are members of the Flagler Palm Coast High School Tennis Team. Allie Gardner, Collin West and Marlon Akbar are from Flagler County. From Volusia County, Wade Booth, Mira and Paul Gladstone, and Lindsay and Kristina Ziegler joined the “Ball Kid” volunteers.

The excitement at the training session run by PCTC Pro Alena Dvornikova, overflowed. Each young volunteer knew exactly where to stand, when to run to get a ball, when to switch places and how to hold their arms and hands. Good job all volunteers!



Chamber of Commerce Membership and Brochures

Friends of Tennis has become a non-profit member of the Chamber of Commerce. Tourism is a major focus of many of Flagler’s businesses and tennis can become a major attraction for Flagler County and Palm Coast in the future.

In keeping with our mission which is to promote and grow tennis in Flagler County, a brochure has been designed and distributed to the Chamber of Commerce. These brochures are also being given to the various motels

and Real Estate offices. The process of visiting all of the tourist locations is underway. Anyone interested in helping with this distribution would be gratefully put to work.



Marco Mirnegg



Victor Estrella



Collin West

Proud Member of the





Phone: 386 - 446-1597
Website: www.friendsoftennis.org
Check out our newly updated website

Volunteering

Do you enjoy working with kids while practicing some tennis strokes?

Friends of Tennis volunteers work with Elementary through High School students. We encourage children to play tennis as a life time sport. We also work with adults at PCTC. FPCS and Matanzas High have asked for help for the students on the Tennis Team.

For more information on how to get involved, please call Sharon Hepburn at 446-1597.

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Junior Championship

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Boys and Girls in the under 12, 14 and 16 age groups are invited to participate in the PCTC local junior championship. Entries will be open to all USTA members on Wednesday, February 17th through the USTA website. You can find the tournament by entering the tournament identification number: 153412610 from the searchable schedule home-

page: <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=85967>

The Inner Game of Tennis

By W. Timothy Gallwey

Bottom Line: There is no substitute for learning from experience.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Palm Coast / Flagler



You are invited to become a member of the Friends of Tennis to participate in the growth and enrichment of tennis in our community

An Adult Membership is \$10 / A Junior Membership (under 19) is \$5
Mail to: Friends of Tennis / 26 Westlee Lane / Palm Coast, Florida 32164

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