

LAGUNA NIGUEL RACQUET CLUB ♦ TENNIS CLUB AT MONARCH BEACH



August 2009

Messenger

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Upcoming Events

August 7	Date Night
August 7	Poker Clinic @ RCI
August 8	Texas Hold 'em Tournament @ RCI
August 14	New Member Happy Hour @ Monarch
August 15, 16	Pre-Satellite Tournament
August 21	Friday Night Mixed Doubles
September 12	Mini One Day Member/Guest Round Robin
September 18	Pre-Satellite Tournament
September 25-October 5	USTA Men's Pro Futures Tournament

KEEPING OUR POOLS & SPAS SAFE

In recent years, there have been many incidents involving serious injury or death due to suction entrapment of swimming pools and spas. This occurs when a swimmer is trapped by the force of the suction created by the water rushing out at the bottom of the pool/spa. The forces can exceed four hundred pounds of force making it often impossible for victims to free themselves. The victims are usually small children. The Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act was enacted by Congress and signed by President Bush on December 19, 2007. Designed to prevent the tragic and hidden hazard of drain entrapments and eviscerations in pools and spas, the law became effective on December 19, 2008. Under the law, all public pools and spas must have ASME/ANSI A112.19.8-2007 compliant drain covers installed and a second anti-entrapment system installed, when there is a single main drain other than an unblockable drain. We at Spearman Clubs put safety first and want our members to know that we are complying with the law, as the pools and spas at LNRC, TCMB and RCI have these drain covers installed.

Activities & Events

DATE NIGHT AUGUST 7 - Grab your best gal/pal and plan to have a date night out Friday, August 7th, without the kiddies. Bring the 1-6 year-olds to the childcare cottage and the 7-12 year olds to the LNRC upstairs lounge, from 5-9 p.m. Sign-up at the front desk or with **Sandy** (sandy@spearmanclubs.com). Enjoy!

TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER NIGHT @ RCI AUGUST 8 - Seventy-five dollars buys you a spot in RCI's Texas Hold'Em Poker Night Saturday, August 8th at 6:30 p.m. Plan to enjoy food, cigars, and a card playing evening of fun. A free poker clinic will be held at RCI on Friday night August 7th, 6:30 p.m. for those want to learn more about playing the game. Sign-up at the front desk or with **Sandy** (sandy@spearmanclubs.com). You'll be glad you did.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER HAPPY HOUR FRIDAY AUGUST 14 @ MONARCH

All members, longtime and new, are invited to our Welcome New Member Happy Hour Friday, August 14th, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Tennis Club at Monarch Beach. Enjoy finger foods, imbibing and mingling with old friends and meeting new. Don't miss this chance to make a connection. No sign-up, just show up. Hope you will be there!

PRE-SATELLITE TOURNAMENT AUGUST 15, 16 - All novice juniors are invited to join in our Pre-Satellite Tournament Sat/Sun, August 15th/16th. This is a great chance for your juniors to experience tennis in a tournament setting and to prepare them for future tournaments. Sign-up at the Front Desk or with **Mark** (mes@spearmanclubs.com).

FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED DOUBLES AUGUST 21 - Don't forget to sign up for our Friday Night Mixed Doubles social round robin tennis, Friday, August 21st. Play tennis 6:30-8:15 p.m. and enjoy a delicious catered dinner 8:15-9:15 p.m. Cost for the evening is \$18 and **CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST ONLY**. Sign-up at the Front Desk or with **Anne** (anneb@spearmanclubs.com).



TWO CLUB MENS/WOMENS DOUBLES CALCUTTA - JULY 18/19

Despite the summer heat the Two Club Men's/Women's Doubles Calcutta hosted by our sister club RCI was a whooping success. We salute our LNRC members who fought the good fight and made us proud. Tournament Finalists **Susan Hopkey/Sarah Lee**; Consolation Round Winners **Vallie Julian/Cindy Searle**; Semi-finalists **Judy Alvord/Bonnie Myers** and **Helene Dang/Lexie Elliott**; and Quarter-Finalists **Alisha Gentry/Dorthe Smith**. Way to go teams!



CALLING ALL JR. TEAM TENNIS PLAYERS!!!

Kate Romm will be fielding Junior Teams at LNRC for the Fall USTA Junior Team Tennis Season, which starts in mid-September. This is a great way for your child no matter what age or level to play competitive tennis against other local teams while being part of a team.

Teams include:

- Saturday Matches (with coach present)
- Team practice (clinic)
- Team uniform

Please call Kate with more information! 949.370.4863 or Kromm24@yahoo.com



US OPEN TICKETS - Anyone interested in purchasing US Open Tennis Tickets can contact member **Cindy Stephan** of Advantage Tennis Tours 661-7331, or cndystephan@yahoo.com.

One Man's Opinion

We are right in the middle of our "summer operations" and things are really booming at all of the Spearman Clubs. I am thrilled at the way the summer is developing into a GREAT season. We all know a recession is going on but I am pleased to tell all of you that things are going quite well for your club. We did have a slight drop-off in performance for the fiscal year that ended May 31st and I never like to be behind prior year in performance but considering the circumstances, I am pleased with the way the year ended. Also, if the summer activities and the nice show of interest in our clubs by tours is any indication of the future we will have a great year in 2009/2010.

We hear that most clubs on the west coast and Southern California are struggling, thus I am especially pleased that we are doing O K even in the middle of a major recession. The logical question to ask is why are we doing well when other clubs are facing challenges??? The major reason is our locations. All of our clubs have great locations. Many people live within a 10-minute drive of our clubs and this is a big help. Also, we have qualified people working for our clubs. Many of them have been here for more than 15 years and this seniority helps us serve our members.

A key to a GREAT club is maintenance and cleaning and we make a concerted effort to keep all clubs "clean, safe and well maintained". It helps to have a registered nurse in charge of this area and trust me Jean Spearman RN stays on top of cleaning and maintenance, and the maintenance crew "jumps" when she gets them going on her cleaning effort.

It also helps that our company is well capitalized and can spend the money on court repairs and all areas of repair that make the club a GREAT CLUB. We try to do what needs to be done to keep the club being great.

Last, but not least --we have great members who tell their friends about Spearman Clubs. We were just voted Number 1 and 2 in Orange County by the Orange County Register and we promise to work hard to "keep things that way".

MARK'S ALLEY

It is very hard to believe that summer is already going into the month of August. Have you crossed off your list of things to do this summer? Go to the beach, go on vacation and mainly do a little relaxing, while the kids are home. We hope that you have come to the Club to enjoy some of our activities, such as the pools or the tennis camp. If not, we have spaces available until the end of the month and we look forward to having all the juniors participate. This month, we have missed one of our key employees, as **Anne** is recuperating from surgery and we hope will be back at LNRC very soon. She was and is the backbone of our leagues and a lot of our tennis. We miss her very much and are very excited to have her back in the next few weeks. WE still have spots on our Pacific Sun teams, so if you're interested in playing, see me so I can get you rated, or place you on a team for the coming year. There is a place for everyone, as we have beginning teams, and senior teams of all levels. This includes our Sr 3 team, which is going to be a great addition to LNRC. Enjoy the rest of the season. And **Harrdog**, if you're reading this, WE can't wait to have you back at LNRC in full force. Want you to know that The **Spearman**s and LNRC family wish you the best during your recovery!



The summer months went by quickly, as many of us are getting our kids ready for "back to school". This includes, school shopping, making sure they've finished their summer reading books, etc. For the grown-ups, many of us are thinking about getting back into the "swing of things" – things we were doing before summer had let out. This includes playing tennis with friends, going to our weekly yoga or Pilates classes, taking a virtual tour in a spin class or simply swimming laps in our saline pool. We loved having the kids at the Club throughout the summer – and will miss them – but we will also be very excited to see many of you continue your regular repertoire. For those of you who have just joined the Club, I promise you – there is so much to do here – you will be glad to have time for yourself again. So enjoy the last days of summer, and let us know if we can help, you fill your new found "free time" with great activities!



◆Our condolences go out to **Jennifer Lyons** on the passing of her mother...

◆Good luck to **Mike Hutchinson** as he is recuperating from his latest setback.

◆Congrats to **Kristina Smith** and to **Cassidy Spearman** as they were honored at the awards Banquet for the SCTA for winning the sportsmanship award for the girls 18 and girls 14 respectively. IT is a yearly award for each division and congrats to both of them.

◆**Alyssa Smith** got the bronze ball in doubles in the 14 National Clay Tournament in Florida.

◆We wish **Harry White** a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

◆Hats off to our 4.0 USTA Spring Team Captain **Renu Sondhu** and co-captain **Carol Donzanti** and teammates **Leah Anderson, Bonnie Abate, Kim Andersen, Josh Nolan, Connie Masciorini, Jennifer Gustafson, Annie Best, Maria Girard, Stacey Mazurek, Christy Clark, Patty Nickolai, Michelle Buron** and **Sandy Vogel** for winning their division flyte. Next step Area Finals. You go girls!

◆LNRC member **Harry White** is at home recovering from a medical challenge. He appreciates the nice words of encouragement that he has received so far from club members. We look forward to Harry's complete recovery.

FITNESS DEPT

We have two **NEW** exercise classes, starting in August. These include a Water Fitness class on Mondays at 10:00 a.m., and a Tai Chi class, which will be held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Try one (or both!) of these great new classes. Both will be taught by **Verna**.

TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT is right around the corner! **DON'T MISS IT!** Sat. Aug 8th at 6:30 p.m. at RCI. \$75.00 buy in will include a cocktail, poker food, poker chips, and FUN!

