

# Courtside

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## Upcoming Events

8/8	Poker Tournament
8/15	One Day Member/Guest Tournament
9/4-7, 11-15	Queen of Hearts Tournament
9/7	Labor Day (Club closes at 1 p.m.)
9/12	Century Tournament
9/18-20	RCI Doubles Championships

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jonathan Weil, Brad Oelschlager, Peter and Kathy Tillotson, Jim Rountree, Renate Martin, Nathan Yu, Ran and Jennifer Yan Family, Steven Orme, Don Woods, Charlie Hardman and Erika Brown, Yvonne Murai, Kathy Miller, Chris and Heidi Blood Family, Karen Files, Rick Fishel, Brian Davis, Samantha Milner, Ruth and Alexandra Eisner, Tom Fasel, Andrew Parker, Mo Rafik, Tom Emtiaz, Mark Wallach and Danielle Ahajot, Barry Gaines and Helen Chang

Therapeutic Massage SPECIAL!!!  
\$15.00 OFF on One Massage

### Other Specials

\*Pre-paid package of Six (60 min.)  
Sessions @ \$50 each - Only \$300  
(Valued @ \$390)  
Present this coupon prior to service.  
Expires August 31, 2009

### NEW MEMBER FREE CLINIC - Sat.,

7/22 at 11:30 a.m. If you have joined since 4/1/09 until now, call Taryn at (949) 786-3000 to reserve your spot.

### RACQUET CLUB OF IRVINE

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### HOURS OF OPERATION

M - F: 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Weekends: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## CALCUTTA CHAMPIONS CROWNED

The Two Club Calcutta combined great weather, fantastic tennis and players from both RCI and LNRC, fighting it out for the big bucks. We kicked off the tournament at Friday night's auction with excited bidders buying the teams for \$7,350, ten percent of which will go to the Boys and Girls Club of Irvine. The remaining prize money was paid to the owners of the winning teams listed below. The finals came down to **Jerry DeAinza** and **Syed Shah** against **Susan Hopkey** and **Sarah Lee** with Jerry and Sued coming out on top 31-26, 26-31, 31-21. I want to congratulate the winners and everyone who played the event for their great sportsmanship and making this event a success. Champions: **Jerry DeAinza/Syed Shah**, Owner **Brill Meyer** \$1852; Finalist: **Susan Hopkey/Sarah Lee**, Owner **Fred Wilgram** \$926; Semi finalists: **Judy Alvard/Bonnie Myers**, Owner **Britt Meyer** \$463; **Helene Dang/Lexie Elliott**, Owner **June McLaughlin** \$463; Quarter Finalists: **Alisa Gentry/Dorthe Smith**, Owner **Ed Blanchard** \$232; **Gerry Villars/Steve Villars**, Owner **Jeff Parker** \$232; **Cathy Eusey/Dodie Nordberg**, Owner **Bruce Whitaker** \$232; **Teresa Caro/Samantha Milner**, Owner **Britt Meyer** \$232; Consolation Champion: **Val Julien/Cindy Searle**, Owner **Don Brown** \$893; Consolation Finalist: **Yumi Nomura/Julie Bacino**, Owner **Dave Alpert** \$496; Consolation Semis: **Treeva Beard/Loree Colon**, Owner **Gemma Snell** \$298; **Mary Bass** and **Kathie McDonald**, Owner **Ed Blanchard** \$298



### Congratulations to RCI's USTA team,

captained by **Gary Leach**. The team finished in 2nd place in the Men's 4.0 division. Team members included, **Alex Capano**, **Don Brown**, **Gary Leach**, **Al Hernandez**, **Mark Langdorf**, **Craig Wright**, **Steve Eperthner**, **Jim Armbrust**, **Bruce Whitaker**, **Peter Muller**, **Jeff Paulson**, **Al Ramirez**, **Barry Jeshurin**, **Mike Russo**, **Tracy Beblie**, **Jared Smith**, **Scott Walker**.

## Texas Hold'em Tournament



RCI is once again holding our Texas Hold'em Tournament, which helps to raise money for the LNRC Pro Futures. RCI and LNRC will be rotating the Pro Futures event, but we still want to help the event be a success and enjoy a great evening of poker. The poker night will be on August 8th at 6:30 p.m. and the initial buy-in is \$75.00. This includes poker, food, a drink, a chance to win \$\$\$\$ and you will be helping to bring professional tennis to LNRC and RCI. Fifty percent of everyone's initial buy-in will go to the prize money. If you don't know how to play Texas Hold'em, **Al Chan** (RCI's resident poker champ) will be holding an "introduction to poker and tournament" class on August 7th at RCI. Come learn to play and maybe win an entry to the main event the following night. Sign-ups for both the tournament and the class are in the activity book at the front desk.



If you have been a member for at least 15 consecutive years, you should have received your special RCI membership discount cards. These membership cards will allow you to receive a 10% discount at The Grill and pro-shop. They will also allow you free guest fees within our current guest fee policy. WOW! what a deal, but there is one catch. To get the discount, you must present the card when making the purchase and make sure to sign your receipt. We will not be giving discounts retroactively, as this is simply too much work for our part-time accounting staff. We want to give you the discounts, but you must make sure you receive them by presenting your card. Thanks for your help and enjoy the discount. If you are not a 15+ years member, the good news is we hope you will be someday, as we would love to give you a discount too.

## 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"

## STEVE CLUSE



Hi, my name is **Steve Cluse**.

The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself as the new Tennis Professional at Racquet Club of Irvine. For the past 21 years, I have been the Director of Tennis/Fitness at Victoria Club in Riverside, as well as competing sectionally and nationally in tournaments.

I'm very much looking forward to bringing my experience and knowledge to the club. My coaching experience includes Adult and Junior private and group lessons, Adult and Junior USTA League Teams, High School and Junior College, as well as training hundreds of sectionally ranked juniors.

In addition to teaching lessons, I also enjoy competing and playing in tournaments when time allows. I have been ranked as high as number one sectionally and as high as number two in the United States. In 2001, I qualified for the Champions Tour in Doubles, which included **Connors, McEnroe, Cash**, etc... I hope to continue competing and look forward to playing at the Club.

Finally, I live in the city of Orange with my wife **Jamie** and our two boys **Matthew** and **Hunter**. In my spare time, I enjoy golf and playing guitar. I'm very excited about the opportunity at Racquet Club of Irvine and look forward to meeting each and every one of you. I will be starting the week of August 10<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

### *Are you doing everything you can to stay healthy and fit?*

Most of you know me by now, as I have been a familiar face for quite a few years, and I have been writing articles in the newsletter for a while. However, to some I may just be known as the personal trainer at RCI. I thought I would take this time to reintroduce myself. Although my focus and goals are now to educate and help members become more fit and lead healthier lifestyles, my background stems from that of a stuntwoman. Prior to moving to Orange County, I worked in LA as a stuntwoman on films such as Spiderman II and the Italian Job, and TV shows such as NCIS and CSI. Taking care of my body and health was my number one priority. Now I help RCI members to lose weight, increase tone and muscle, work tennis specific exercises, and feel better. I am a NESTA certified trainer, NESTA nutrition certified, and most importantly for tennis players, I am certified as a trainer by Pat Etcheberry. Pat Etcheberry has helped professionals like Courier, Henin, and Sampras improve their speed, agility, and quickness. At RCI, I offer one-on-one personal training sessions that are an intense 1/2 hour workout, or I can offer group agility training. I use stability balls, balance beams, and TRX suspension training to work on core strength and add daily challenges to our workouts. For more information or a free orientation to show you what the RCI fitness room has to offer, call me at (310) 210-7052. **Nicola Strother**

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