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Courtside



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SUMMER TENNIS CAMP IS STILL SWINGING!



RCI's summer camp is still going strong and as summer come to a close why not get your children in for one more week of great tennis instruction and fun. The camp runs every week through August 26th and if you can't make an entire week why not drop in for a day. Flyers are available at the front desk or you can always call Eric Quade at 949-786-3000 for more information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/4-8 Pro Futures Wildcard
- 8/14 One Day Mixed Member Guest Tournament
- 9/4-6 & Queen of Hearts Tennis
- 9/11-12 Tournament

- 9/17-19 RCI Club Doubles Tournament
- 9/25 RCI Poker Tournament
- 9/23- Pro Futures Tournament
- 10/3

Women Wanted

RCI's ladies day time Pac Sun league is being finalized for the season, starting in September. If you are interested in playing this competitive brand of tennis, please contact Eric Quade. We are looking for players at most levels and being a part of a team is a great way to improve your tennis, meet new players and support the club.



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MIXED MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT



RCI's One Day Mixed Member Guest Tournament is scheduled for August 14th from 10am - 1pm. We will be playing some round robin doubles, followed by lunch, drinks and great company. Sign up with or without a partner in the activity book and plan on enjoying a great day of tennis at RCI. The cost of the event is \$30 per team.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Alexey and Elena Korotich
Mel Schantz family
James Marvick
Derrick Willits
Wayne Church
Edward Kim family
Nurlan Suragulov
Erlan Kozhesbal
Charlie Hwang family
Bryan Quan
Colby Trinh
Mike Hammer
Jamie Soliz

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Cell Phones

I think almost everyone agrees that cell phone use in public places can be annoying. The funny thing is, most of us forget this as soon as our phone rings. In an attempt to make your time at RCI as enjoyable as possible, we are asking everyone to refrain from using cell phones for conversations while inside club buildings. Texting is allowed, but conversations should be taken outside. Please help us make RCI a bit more relaxing by keeping your conversations private. Thanks for your help.



RCI CHALLENGE COURTS



Just a reminder that courts 7 and 8 are designated 4.5 and above and courts 9 and 10 are 4.5 and below. It is important that players respect these levels when players are waiting to play. I understand that everyone wants to play with the best players possible, but if the higher level players are forced to play with lower rated players due to a challenge from a lower ranked player when the courts are full, these players tend to simply stop playing on the challenge courts. This lowers the level of play for everyone and makes the challenge courts less fun for everyone.

ONE MAN'S OPINION

We are about to see the end of a major change to the Laguna Niguel entry and lounge and that will allow us to start to work on RCI. I hope most of you agree that the new covered patio has been a great improvement to your social space. Next, we want to add more fitness space in the form of Group Exercise and Spin. The plan is to use PART of the hitting wall space and cover the space with temporary covering and add a new floor and ALL utilities, and then start Spin and Group Exercise, such as yoga, Pilates, aerobics, Zumba (hottest workout around right now) and several other fitness group workouts. I suspect Spin will be the most popular, but there will be something for many of you. We might try to offer Zumba NOW, as it is really popular. The primary activity at RCI is tennis and we have the best tennis of any club---clay courts, great teams and many tennis events. Clearly, we will not forget that tennis is very important—BUT you need to be fit to play great tennis and some people cannot remain fit—JUST PLAYING TENNIS. Thus, we want to offer several new fitness activities so that everyone can get fit and play better tennis. Plus, a major key to our business plan is to spread the over head cost of operating a great tennis club over a larger base of fitness members so that we can keep our dues lower than other clubs in the area. When we have a large fitness membership, we can cover the VERY large cost of doing business in Irvine, with fitness members helping cover the fixed over head. Thus, having a large fitness area and a great swimming pool indirectly HELPS tennis members—not only by helping the tennis players remain FIT—but also by helping cover the over head, which keeps our dues lower than other clubs in Southern California. We have continued to improve the condition of your club in spite of the recession and now we will start to expand the fitness area later this fall, as we complete the renovation at Laguna Niguel. We feel sure you will enjoy the new fitness we are planning and this is only a “HEADS UP” for some exciting plans we have for RCI, as it relates to fitness and renovation in general.

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