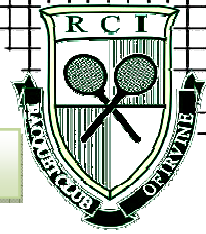


Courtside

January 2010



A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE RACQUET CLUB OF IRVINE

Upcoming Events

1/1	New Years Day Club closes at 6pm
1/16	New Member Clinic 11:30am
1/23	One Day Mixed Member Guest
1/25-27	Club Closed for Staff Training and repairs
1/29	Bingo Night
2/6	Redlands vs. Concordia College Tennis
2/7	Super Bowl Social
2/15	Presidents Day club closes at 6pm
2/12	Date Night- Have fun we have the kids
2/26-28	Mammoth Ski Trip

Men's Clay Courts League Champions

RCI's 5th season of our Thursday Clay Court league came to an end in December and the players can't wait to get started again. We will be taking a few weeks off before we start season six sometime in late January, so be watching for the e-mails about the start date. This season's winners were:

Overall Champion: **Steve Kasner**
70s: **Noel Selby**
60s: **Steve Kasner**
50s: **Mark Newell**
40s: **Mykael Tran**

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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.

Member Guest Events

2010

In 2010, RCI is changing its format for Member Guest events. This year, we will be having more events that run in one day. We have had such great success with this format that we will be giving you what you want, which is *more* tennis and a chance to bring your friends to the club. The first one-day event will be a Mixed Doubles Member Guest on January 23rd. Start looking for a partner or let us know if you need us to find you a ringer, either way - sign up in the activities book ASAP, as space is limited to the first 40 teams to sign up. The other Member Guest events are scheduled for: May 15th - Men's and Ladies Doubles Member Guest, August 14th - Mixed Member Guest, and October 6th - Men's and Ladies Member Guest. We hope you will be able to work a few of these great events into your schedule.



Car washing service comes to RCI!!

AB Auto Detail and Car Wash has expanded from LNRC, to RCI. Now you can play tennis and go home in a sparkling clean car. They will be providing this service, Tuesday through Saturdays, 9-2 pm on weekdays, and noon to 4 pm on Saturdays. Prices start at \$25 for a car wash, to \$200 for a full detail. They are licensed and bonded for your car's protection. For more information call Cosme at 949-307-9233.

Club Closure

The Club will be closed January 25-27th for our annual Club clean-up and staff training. This is a great chance for us to prepare for the new year, and do some maintenance that is best done when we are closed. We hope this will not cause too much of an inconvenience, and that the Club will be better prepared to serve you when we reopen. The Club will be closed all day Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th and we will reopen at 4pm on the 27th.

Bingo Night and Dinner



RCI will be holding our first annual Bingo dinner night on January 29th. We will be serving dinner, followed by Bingo. Sign up in the activity book and join the fun and festivities of Bingo Night before it fills up. The cost is \$15, which includes dinner and the first 3 bingo cards. Additional cards can be purchased that night, with 10% of all proceeds going to charity. Guests are welcome so bring your bingo buddies and who knows, you might just win some cash!!

RCI Match Arranging and E-Club Update

As anyone who uses our match arranging service or reserves courts knows, we are slowly rolling out our new E-club software for your use. We are confident that in the long run, this will be a huge plus for RCI's membership, as it will enable you to:

- *reserve courts for matches you make, without having to call the club.
- *not have to call 3 days in advance
- *request a match for the club to fill online.
- *view the court sheet anytime, day or night to see if you are scheduled,
- *receive e-mail and text confirmation
- *match request information instantly

By doing this, it will free up the court directors to do the main part of their job, which is to match players up and solicit players to play. Currently, we have about 100 people testing the system and we hope to roll it out to the entire membership by month end, so be ready to jump on board with this new advancement at RCI. For those that have been testing the system, thank you for helping us trouble shoot some of the bugs. We are now confident the system will enable us to do our job better than ever. This is not to say that we will not have a few bumps along the way, or make a mistake or two. Any new system requires training, and in this case, members learning the system along with us. For this new system to work as we envision it, it will be up to the members to use it as much as possible for the things they now do over the phone. The phone will always be available, but the idea is to free up the court directors from taking reservations, and match requests so they can spend more time filling matches, which is a much more valuable and productive use of their time. You can expect to be getting all the information you will need to start using the system, and if you run into any questions, feel free to let **Tina** or **Eric** know, as we want to make sure it is a smooth transition and a plus for you, the member.

EARN ONE HUNDRED \$\$!

How? Easy...When you refer a friend or family member to the Club and they end up joining, YOU will receive a **CRISP ONE HUNDRED BILL!** Our way of saying "thank you for your referral".

TWO-CLUB MAMMOTH WEEKEND BASH

FEBRUARY 26, 27, 28

There's still time to sign up for our two-club



Mammoth ski trip, but don't wait too long as space is limited. Cost is \$339 per person (\$359 for non-members) and includes a luxury coach to/from, and two nights lodging with Continental breakfast daily. Reservations must be paid in advance. For more information, contact **Sandy** at (sandy@spearmanclubs.com).

2010 Calendar of Events

RCI has loads of activities planned for the new year, and we hope you will take a minute to look over the new calendar and plan which events you don't want to miss this year. RCI encourages all our members to play as many events as possible, because you are the backbone of the Club and the more people that play, the better the events will be. Join the fun this year and sign up for something new - how about our One-day Mixed Member Guest on January 23rd or Bingo Night on January 29th?

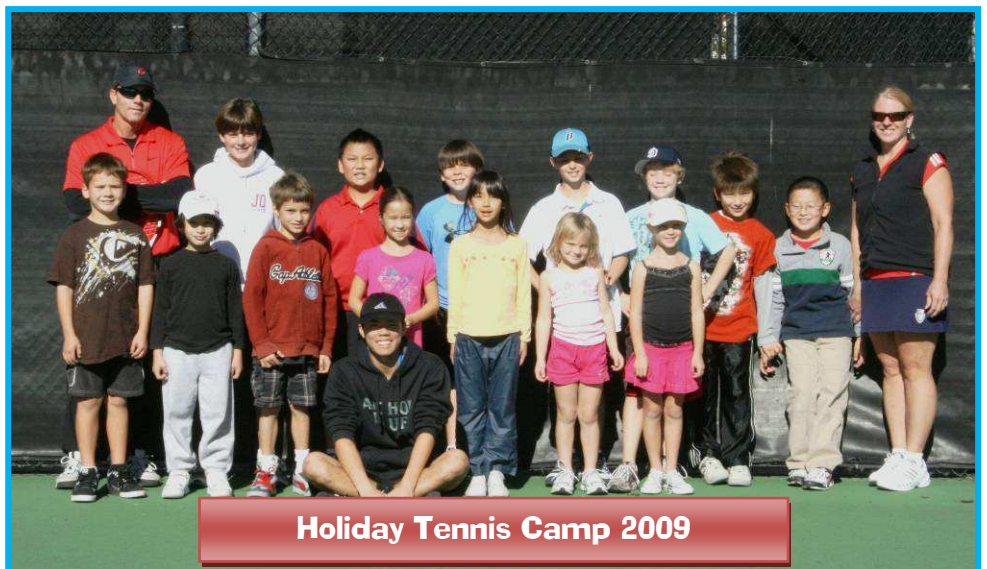
ONE MAN'S OPINION

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope 2010 will be a GREAT year and that everyone will be able "to do what you joined our club to do"

I told our management committee at our year-end meeting that I feel we have the best staff of people working at the clubs, and providing service to our members than we have ever had. We have many senior experienced employees and independent contractors that are ready to help you get fit, lose that holiday weight or improve your tennis game. We have many, many contractors apply for a job with us and we only select the very best, as we want our members to have qualified service-oriented people serving them.

I am proud of the members of our clubs and feel a sense of obligation to hire the best people to serve our members. We do try hard to hire great service-oriented staff, and please let me know if we make a mistake.

**Happy New Year again,
Cecil Spearman**



Holiday Tennis Camp 2009



RCI HOLIDAY PARTY 2010

Members, Staff and Guests gathered together at RCI's end of the year, holiday cocktail party on Dec. 11, 2010. It was a great way to end a wonderful year!



Members enjoying the patio



Bart & Kim Pebbles



Sean, Deidre Wilson, Sherry Harleman, Tony Hanlin, and Katharyn D'eliscu



Dave Wald and Suzanne Hubner



Earl Rudisill, Irving Katz, and Al Hernandez



The Browns enjoy the Holidays