



Cincinnati Tennis Club

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Dear Fellow CTC Members,

As the 2011 tennis season draws to a close at CTC, let me thank you for your suggestions and patience during a somewhat challenging year.

The weather fluctuated wildly, from an unusually rainy first month (some of us felt we would never get to play) to an extremely torrid July and August to finally a cooler and wetter than usual autumn.

During the year, we had two unexpected resignations from the professional staff: Sofia Melikishvilli and John Peckskamp. I can't recall this ever happening during any tennis season. But, in spite of these uncommon occurrences, we had a full complement of activities at the Club that were enthusiastically shared by our members.

Let's take a look at a brief recap of some of the highlights and events for and about our members:

April – Opening Day

Tony Trabert, one of our honorary lifetime members, stopped by to help launch the new season with reminiscences about his youthful experiences at CTC and some tales about his tennis career. It is always a privilege and pleasure to have Mr. Trabert visit his tennis alma mater.

May – President's Reception

A chilly day was warmed up by honoring J. Howard "Bumpy" Frazer with the Founders and Guardians Award. Bumpy related how he migrated from tennis player to tennis management: First locally, then regionally and finally nationally by becoming president of the United States Tennis Association (USTA).

Memorial Day

An enthusiastic group of 40 members kicked off the first of our annual summer holiday events. All ten courts were occupied by old and many new members.

June

This month witnessed a lot of tennis playing and activities at the Club. The junior program began its traditional summer season with a gaggle of young future stars. The Jean Drew Ladies Invitational, held on June 2, was a successful event and a great opportunity for our women members to entertain their friends.

July

The rainy weather on July 4th did not spoil this holiday event or dampen the spirits of an eager group of members who had a rocking good time.

The National Father & Son Clay Court Championship was held at the Club for the 38th consecutive year! The oppressive heat during the four day tournament did not seem to affect the participants' play. Many of you who witnessed this year's finals said it was the best tennis match you had ever seen played at the tournament. Our thanks to Richard and Teddie Curry for chairing this iconic event and making it the number one Father & Son Tournament in the country.

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August

The Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame inducted two of our longtime members into its Hall of Fame on August 13. Jim and Bobbie Farley (Jim is our most recent past-president) were honored at a luncheon at the Lindner Family Tennis Center. CTC was represented by a number of members who showed their support for the Farleys and the other inductees.

CTC hosted a social/tennis afternoon for the USTA board members who were holding their summer board meeting in Cincinnati. Our tennis facility impressed them, and not only did we receive their praise, but we increased our membership as well. We are proud to welcome the president of the USTA, Jonathan Vegosen, as our newest member!

Family Day was a new event this year for members, kids and grandkids who filled the courts on an August Sunday and had a blast. We need your thoughts on how you feel about making this a regular scheduled annual event.

The Bunis Tournament was held for the 19th time at the Camargo Club. The CTC Team, captained by Phil Dickinson, Cathy Schubert and Cindy Conway, vigorously defended our title and retained the Bunis Trophy for the nineteenth consecutive year.

September

At our final holiday event on Labor Day, more than three dozen members played terrific tennis for three hours and capped off the competition with an excellent lunch.

The Club championship matches began in September. This year's winners are: John Williams, Kelly Donson and Bill Baumann.

Thanks to all the competitors and congratulations to the champions.

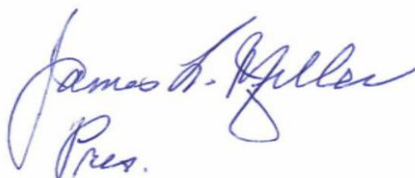
Throughout our season, the Club's Friday Nighters gathered to participate in some spirited tennis as well as enjoying the camaraderie at the start of the weekend. If you did not make it out this year, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year in bold letters. It's the perfect way to enjoy a casual Friday evening and to introduce prospective members to the Club. Thanks to Bertie Hertz who again organized and shepherded the Friday Nighters.

A special thank you is due to each and every one of the hosts and volunteers who make possible all of the activities and events the Club sponsors each year. You tell us that you have a lot of fun doing it. We want to tell you that we couldn't do it without your help.

To our wonderful and dedicated staff, we greatly appreciate your expertise in keeping the Club beautiful and the courts in professional condition.

I sincerely hope that all of you enjoyed the 2011 tennis season and we look forward to seeing everyone in April 2012 for another wonderful year of tennis.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James L. Miller" with "Pres." written below it.

James L. Miller
President

2011 Father and Son Tournament

By: Greg Rhodes

Top-seeded Jerry and Brett Morse-Karzen (Wilmette, IL) captured their seventh National Father and Son Clay Court title by defeating Peter and Tanner Smith (Los Alamitos, CA) in three sets in the finals on July 24th at the Cincinnati Tennis Club.

The finals capped off the annual four-day tournament. Despite heat index readings well over 100, the club hosted the annual Friday night picnic, and hundreds of members attended the matches.

Tournament chairman Richard Curry thanked the members, the board of Cincinnati Tennis Club and his tournament committee for their support and hours of help on the 2011 event. Richard also thanked the sponsors and the many contributors to the tournament. "The surplus we earn over expenses is returned to CTC for improvements such as the overhead fans on the porch that were purchased last year. This year's surplus will likely contribute to a new air conditioning system for the lounge. However, when it is all said and done, it's about the players. We love to have teams from all over the country come to Cincinnati. The doubles play is as good as it gets."

The 2011 victory tied the Morse-Karzens with Peter and Van Van Lingen for most wins in the Clay Court championships. The Van Lingen's won their seven titles between 1991 and 2002. The Morse-Karzens first win came in 2001.

The defending champions, from 2009 and 2010, Jimmy and Jay Weinacker (Birmingham, AL), did not participate as a team this year. Jimmy did attend, with a different son, Jacob, who was the youngest player in the tournament.

The Smiths were the number eight seed. Peter was making his second Cincinnati appearance. He and his son Riley finished sixth in 2010. Tanner, age 16, is one of the youngest, if not the youngest, finalist in the Cincinnati tournament.

The Smiths won the first set, 6-4, and were up a break, 4-1, in the second before the Morse-Karzens rallied to win, 6-4. The Smiths had two match points in the third set, with Brett serving at 4-5. But Brett held, the Morse-Karzens then broke Tanner's serve, and Jerry held to give the Morse-Karzens their first win since 2008.

Jerry credited Brett with the victory. "There was a time I carried him, but not any longer," said Jerry. And what about young Tanner? "Tanner was very good. If he was nervous he didn't show it. He didn't make any mistakes."

Chris and Shaun Bussert of Decatur, GA, won the battle for third place, defeating Mark and Austin Woldmoe (of Fishers and Fortville, IN). Fifth place went to Peter and John Doohan (Ft. Smith, AR), who defeated John and Andrew Herring (Lexington, KY). Long-time participants Jeff and Chad True (Bowling Green, KY) won the backdraw,

defeating first-year players Derrick and Austin Racine (Pensacola, FL). The Talbert-Trabert Sportsmanship Award, presented annually since 1996, was awarded to David and Alex Rudd (Nashville, TN).



Summer Team Results

Northeastern/Division 1:

Captains Joan Clippinger/Joan Ireton

- 5th place

Northeastern/Division 2:

Captains: Liz Glassmeyer/Sally Connelly

- Tied for 2nd place

Queen City/Division 1:

Captain: Mary Kay Leibreich

- 1st place

Queen City/Division 3

Captain: Cynthia Cole

- 4th place

A special thank you to all the captains and participants of the teams for making it a successful 2011 season!

CTC vs Hyde Park Tennis Club

On Saturday, September 10, the second of this year's Senior Men's (60+) Doubles competition, took place between CTC and Hyde Park Tennis Club. As CTC won all six courts the previous month as the visitors, we were "gracious" enough to allow Hyde Park to win all six courts at CTC this month! How nice of us?

Special thanks go to Brent Cable for organizing the CTC side of the event. The matches did not take place without a lot of attention and coordination and it proved to be a fun event for everyone who participated.



Phil Dickinson (2nd from left), Brent Cable (4th from left)

BUNIS CUP 2011

By: Ann Williams

CTC was again invited by The Camargo Club to participate in the Bunis Cup. Participating clubs were The Camargo Club, Cincinnati Country Club and new this year, Hyde Park Country Club.

Missing this year was the founder and force behind the tournament, **Al Bunis**. Mr. Bunis passed away the morning before the tournament. In his spirit, the tournament went on and included a lovely memorial to him at lunchtime. Al's wife Ann, son Al and daughter Kitty attended.

The competition was tough, but CTC prevailed as the winner. Congratulations to our team: Maggie Wuellner, Arli Eiseman, Christine Meyer, Cindy Conway, Bruce Whitman, Dick Kuhn, Moira Weir, Joe Gromada, Chris Vigran, Kelly Donson, Robert Horne, Dan Mott, Brad Pierce and John Williams.

Our sincere thanks go out to The Camargo Club for inviting us, and our captains, Cathy Schubert, Phil Dickinson and Cindy Conway.



*Jim Miller, Ann Williams,
Ann Bunis, Phil Dickinson*



Phil Dickinson



Closing Day (October 16, 2011)



*Jack Tucker closed out Closing Day
Marilyn Richey, Donna Shapleigh
and Bertie Hertz*



Labor Day Mixed Doubles

By: Colleen Dwight

The Labor Day Mixed Doubles Tournament was a success as we combined terrific tennis, delightful company and delicious food on an unseasonably cool day. It was a great way to bid farewell to summer and welcome fall. Forty members played the mixed doubles format under direction of Rusty Schubert and his staff. It was a beautiful sight to behold – all ten courts were full all morning!

A few people were not able to play tennis but joined us for the luncheon catered by Donna Ziv.

The results of the friendly competition were as follows:

1st Group

1st place: Phil Hinkle and Suzanna Hinkle-Schwartz

2nd place: Fran Barrett and Jenny Mottier

2nd Group

1st place: William Shively and Linda Musekamp

2nd place: Jim Miller and Mady Gordon

3rd Group:

1st place: Dean and Ann Reber

2nd place: Steve and Susan Black



Phil Hinkle, Suzanna Hinkle-Schwartz



Linda Musekamp, William Shively



Ann Reber, Dean Reber

Men's Member/Guest

By: Brian Gibson

The Men's Member/Guest event, hosted by Brian Gibson, was held on Saturday, September 17 (the best weather of the season).

Ten doubles teams played round robins in two divisions. The winners of Group "A" were the hybrid team of Dick Kuhn, Tom Cocagne and Jeff Jacobs. The runner-ups were Andy Heldman and Bob Weinberg.

The winners of Group "B" were Fran Barrett and Peter Koenig and the runner-ups were Andy Berman and Chris Compton

A good time was had by all as there was plenty of tennis, food and beverages!



Dick Kuhn, Jeff Jacobs



Peter Koenig, Fran Barrett



Andy Berman, Chris Compton



Joe Lacey, Brian Gibson

Club Championships

Women's "A" Singles

Winner: Kelly Donson
Runner-up: Christine Meyer



Kelly Donson

Men's "A" Singles

Winner: John Williams
Runner-up: Brock MacKay



John Williams

Men's "B" Singles

Winner: Bill Baumann
Runner-up: Bob Greiwe



Bill Baumann

Friday Night Socials

By: Bertie Hertz

Friday Nights at CTC on Dexter: Whether we have 4 or 40, our Friday Night Socials continue to be a terrific time. *The secret ... each and every person* who shows up!!!! Great fun, excellent tennis, delicious food and drink and amazing camaraderie. It's clearly the best way to end the week and start the weekend. Many thanks to everyone that participates!

Message from the Membership Chairman

Welcome to our 2011 CTC Class of New Members. And thank you very much to your proposers. It was great to meet you and to play with many of you at Friday Night Socials and/or during the week. We trust that your first year at CTC was a good one. Your questions, comments, and suggestions on how to improve the Club are most welcome. Come Club opening next April, please don't hesitate to ask for Rusty's help in organizing some games. We also look forward to meeting your tennis playing friends, some of whom could be new 2012 CTC members.

Keep your eye on the ball!

Ted Mack
Membership Chairman

The following people have joined CTC this season.

Welcome to all of you!

Troy and Katie Blackburn Family
Perry and Becky Bush
Jack and Kelly Donson
Tim and Lisa Glock
Andrew and Kristian Scarpitti
Nancy Brun
Charles Mincer
Fred Abel
Patty Ghory
H.A. Link
Randy Newland
Chris Vigran
Lisa McSwain
Linda Musekamp
Paul Recker
Olivier Rixe
Rob Rothfuss
KC Stagaman
Wendy Wilson
Janet Self
John Vegosen
Richard Wiseman
Elizabeth Peckskamp
Mike Piergalski

Message from our Manager and Head Pro

By: Rusty Schubert

The Cincinnati Tennis Club is clearly one of the most unique clubs in the country. Obviously in our minds we clearly feel strongly about our Club and what we stand for. In this day and age, "tennis only" summer clubs are few and far between; we are constantly being challenged by the big year-round fitness clubs that offer multiple exercise options and/or the Country Clubs. Obviously, the reason we play tennis is because we love the exercise but we also love the camaraderie and competition. We are some of the biggest tennis fanatics in the United States! What I believe that separates Cincinnati Tennis Club from the rest are the VOLUNTEERS that support our mission. The members of the Board of Trustees are the ultimate backbone to our operation but, I want to also thank our countless volunteers.

Board of Trustees – *Jim Miller, Richard Curry, Karen Wendel, Craig Decker, Bertie Hertz, Robert Horne, Mary Kay Leibreich, Brian Leshner, Ted Mack, Ken Rinehart, John Williams*

National Father and Son - *Richard Curry & Teddie Curry*

Social Events - *Bertie Hertz*

Friday Night Socials- *Bertie Hertz*

Flower Committee - *Cathy Schubert*

Ladies "Jean Drew" Invitational – *Jackie Alferts, Mary Jo Byrnes, Suzanne Lakamp*

Memorial Day - *Anne Elmore*

July 4th – *Joe and Michele Drennen*

Labor Day - *Colleen Dwight*

Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame - *Margi Hardigg*

Men's Invitational - *Brian Gibson & Tom Flottman*

Website & Technical Support - *Ann Williams*

Ladies Team Captains

Spring

Division I - *Cathy Schubert and Gail Bagnoli*

Division II – *Karen Wendel, Noreen Daniel*

Division III – *Liz Glassmeyer, Mary Jo Byrnes*

Division IV – *Marilyn Richey*

Summer

Queen City League

Division 1: *Mary Kay Leibreich*

Division 3: *Cynthia Cole*

Northeastern

Division 1: *Joan Clippinger, Joan Ireton*

Division 2: *Liz Glassmeyer, Sally Connelly*

Men's Team (CTC vs Hyde Park TC): Brent Cable

Bunis Cup

Men -*Phil Dickinson*

Women - *Cathy Schubert, Cindy Conway*

Father/Son Tournament Committee

Chairman: *Richard Curry*

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Tournament Referee: *Jim Brockhoff*

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Program Advertising: *Ken Rinehart*

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Trophies: *Wally White*

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Program Advertising Chair: *John Williams*

Program Advertising: *Marty Wilz*

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Reception Desk: *Cynthia Cole, Donna Shapleigh*

Speaker System: *Howard McGurty*

Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame

By: Jim Farley

On August 13, 2011, the opening Saturday of the 2011 Western & Southern Open, four individuals were enshrined into the Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame on Center Court at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio.

CTC members, Jim and Bobbie Farley, were inducted into the Hall under the "Contributory Category" as having dedicated a great portion of their lives as volunteers to the sport and promotion of tennis. Dan Kronauge was inducted in the Recent Player Category (50 Years or less), and John Rauh in the Master Player Category (50 Years and Beyond.)

Bobbie has served as a volunteer for many years as the Chair of both the United States Tennis Association's Constitution and Rules Committee, and the National Membership Committee. She was the first woman President of the Ohio Valley Tennis Association. Bobbie has served in leadership positions with the Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association and the USTA/Midwest Section.

Jim is the Founder and immediate Past Chair for nine years of the Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame; four-years as President of the Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association; immediate past President of the Cincinnati Tennis Club; Member, Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Greater Cincinnati Tennis Association; has served in leadership roles with the USTA/Midwest Section and the Ohio Valley Tennis Association. In 2010, Jim was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Tennis Hall of Fame and serves on its Finance Committee.

Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame Chairman, Bill Lofgren, stated the "the Farleys and their family have contributed so much to tennis in Cincinnati, It's nearly impossible to calculate."

J. Howard "Bumpy" Frazer, a former President of the United States Tennis Association and a former President of the Cincinnati Tennis Club, presented Bobbie for induction into the Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame. Tony Trabert, President and Member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame and Honorary Lifetime Member of the Cincinnati Tennis Club, presented Jim for induction into the Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame.

Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame Class of 2005 member and member of the Cincinnati Tennis Club, Jim Brockhoff presented John Rauh for induction into the Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame, and Marty Wolf, Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame Class of 2004 member presented Dan Kronauge for induction into the Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame.

CTC members who have been inducted into the Cincinnati Tennis Hall of Fame include, Jim Brockhoff, Alvin Bunis, Henry Bunis, Paul Flory, J. Howard "Bumpy" Frazer, Andrea Farley, Kathy Graeter, Jack Guggenheim, Joe Leytze, Carl Lindner, Jim Meakin, Lynn Nabors, John Peckskamp, Bill Pendl, Thomas W. Price, Bill Talbert, Tony Trabert and Angela Farley Wilson.

Congratulations on this well deserved honor!



Dan Kronauge, Jim Farley, Bobbie Farley, John Rauh

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The mission of the Cincinnati Tennis Club is to provide for its membership as superior an outdoor tennis facility as is available in the United States in an atmosphere of congeniality, continuing in the tradition of a by-gone era, combining sportsmanship, spirited competition at all levels of play and fun for young and old alike.