

February 2012

Olde Providence Racquet Club - Celebrating 50 Years!!



Plans are underway for Olde Providence Racquet Club to celebrate its 50th Anniversary this year with exciting social and tennis events and activities. (For members' inquiring minds, our founding date was July 9, 1962, when we were chartered as a Tennis and Swim Club.) Anniversary festivities will begin in May with an OPRC Member Davis Cup Tournament. Next, a day filled with activities on June 23 beginning in the morning with a Wood & White Round Robin and Exhibition Match, and topped off that evening with the 50th Anniversary Gala. In the Fall we will honor OPRC's past presidents with a Wine Tasting event, and wrap up year with a member/guest Women's Round Robin, Luncheon and Fashion Show. A specially formed Anniversary Committee, chaired by Chris Kennedy, is coordinating these many events and activities with four sub-committees: Barbara Haughey - Chair of the Heritage Committee, Christi Hart - Chair of the Anniversary Social Committee, Leigh Zimmerman /Susan Dunn - Co-Chairs of the Anniversary Tennis Committee and Chris Kennedy - Chair of the Marketing Committee. All members who wish to participate on the Anniversary Committee please

contact Chris Kennedy. Other anniversary-planned activities are a commemorative video presentation about OPRC, a timeline exhibit for display in the clubhouse and limited edition anniversary merchandise that will be sold in the pro shop. In addition, a 50/50 raffle (50% of proceeds will go to a winner and 50% will be donated to a local non-profit tennis-related organization) is also in the hopper. If any member has an interesting tidbit about OPRC, a fun anecdote to share about the club's history or needs additional information, contact Chris Kennedy 704-965-3015 or email her at kennedcpr@att.net.

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that In OPRC's early history; the club required all-white clothing on the courts? Our all-white dress code from the 1960s changed overnight when legendary Arthur Ashe appeared for a tournament here and wore a light blue tennis outfit one day and the next day a yellow outfit. From then on, the all white dress code became relaxed and tennis apparel on our courts became more colorful.

Welcome New Members!!!

Josh & Christina Goldblatt
John & Mary Kay Deering
Jeff & Christine Weiss
Kristen McVitty
Ed Dalton
Lauren & Brandon Lewisohn

Marcia & Richard Shaeffer
Kristen Shaeffer
Herb & Frannie Browne
Gilbert & Jane Browne
Andrew & Cynthia Jacobson
Craig & Carmen Leyton

Art & Natalie Pruett
Hemanth & Prithvi Rao
Sharon & Paul Gehrig
Memhet & Kathryn Karakus
David Roberts

Board Approves Initiation Fee Increases

The OP Board of Directors recently voted to increase the initiation fee for Resident membership by \$250, effective February 1st. Additional increases are scheduled for April 1st and June 1st. Be sure to tell your friends and associates who are considering OP membership to join now to take advantage of the lower rates!

Save the Date!

- 3/24-25 Family Circle Cup Mixed Doubles (USTA Sanctioned)
- 4/13-15 Banana Open Tournament (USTA Sanctioned)
- 4/20 Annual Oyster Roast Party
- 4/30-5/3 National Husband/Wife Mixed Doubles Tournament (USTA Sanctioned)
- 5/19 Swim Team Registration / Fittings / Kick-Off Party
- 6/23 50th Gala Event
- 7/30-31 Jr. Clay Court Championships (USTA Sanctioned)

Let us send your monthly club statement to you electronically!



It's quick and easy to set up.! Please contact Brenda@OPRCtennis.com or Kathy@OPRCtennis.com and provide the email address you would like your statement sent to. We will be glad to make this quick change for you.

You will receive your statement faster, and save printing and postage costs for your club.

OP NOW OFFERS AUTO-DRAFT

Avoid ever paying a late fee on your OP account. Sign up for direct draft and we take responsibility for your account being paid on time. You will receive a statement of your account as usual and have until the 25th of the month to dispute any charge. The amount of the agreed upon balance due will be drafted from your bank account on the 25th of each month.

Contact Brenda@oprctennis.com to sign up for direct draft.

Lockers Now Available!

A limited number of personal lockers are now available in both the men's and women's locker rooms. Please contact Lee Byrd at 704-366-9817 to reserve yours now.

Welcome new Board Member Meredith Tye

Meredith Tye has been chosen to fill the remaining term of Board member Chris Skibinski, who has left the Club. Meredith attended the University of Georgia and earned her BS degree in Biology in 1996. Prior to having children, she practiced clinical research in Oncology at Childrens Healthcare of Atlanta and Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. She and her husband John have two children, Neely Grace (9) and Murphy (6). Meredith has been a member of OP since 2008, and she is actively involved in league play and kid's Quick Start tennis.

Welcome Lisa Pangalos, new childcare director

Lisa brings terrific energy and experience to her new position as Childcare Director at OP. She earned her Bachelors degree in Psychology and Elementary Education, and has over 30 years experience in child care. She also has a passion for children with special needs. OP's childcare will be open Monday through Friday mornings, and designated Saturdays, with Lisa. Please contact her via cell phone at 704- 975 6607 to schedule time for your child.

HOUSE & GROUNDS

Over the past few weeks we have been battling with the freezing and thawing process of the clay courts. This time of year, most of our time is spent on trying to get the courts playable after they freeze. Our staff takes pride in the fact that the members are able to play tennis outside year round. I would like to take this opportunity to try and explain to you what happens to the clay courts once they freeze, and the steps we must take in order to get the courts open and playable again.

The clay courts will usually freeze when the temperature gets around 30 degrees, depending on how much moisture is in the courts; usually from rain. We try not to water too much this time of year, because the more moisture there is in the courts, the more likely they are to freeze. This time of year we tend to try and have the courts a little on the dry side so they are playable, rather than not playable at all. The lower the temperature gets and the more consecutive freezes we encounter, the harder the courts will freeze; which means the courts will take longer to dry out. The courts will usually begin to thaw out once the temperature gets above freezing and the sun begins to hit them. However, the thawing process takes a long time. The courts will stay wet for hours, especially where there are shadows on the courts. After the courts begin to thaw out, the lines on the courts will begin to come up out of the ground. Once we get a chance to begin working on the courts, we must first roll the lines back down into the court. Once this is done, we can then start rolling and brushing the entire court. Rolling the court will help firm it up, while brushing will help in drying it out. This process is repeated over and over again, until the court has firmed up and dried up enough to play on. Some courts will stay wet all day, and we are not able to get on them for days. So, if you see a court that may look playable from a distance; please do not go out onto it. Courts are marked off on the board for your own safety. We will open courts on the board once we feel they are safe and ready to be played on.

Weather permitting, we will also continue with our court resurfacing work. We have recently finished adding 1 ton of new material per court to courts 9-16. We are now in the process of resurfacing courts 1-4 with 1 ton of new material per court. Once complete; we will begin work on courts 5-8. We are continuing with our court detailing work as well.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you.

Jason Sochon, Operations Manager
Jason@oprctennis.com 704-295-6451



InterClub News

The ladies and staff of OP wish to thank Ruth Shaffner for her service as InterClub Chairperson during the past two seasons. Our program continues to grow with new members and designs for strong competition at every level. Interclub play begins the first week of March and continues for seven weeks. If you are interested in participating on a team please contact Tina Hough at enitnom@aol.com or John Meyer at johnmeyer@oprctennis.com

Committee Communication

Dear Members,

I am writing to tell you about many new initiatives the Board of Directors has planned for Olde Providence and to invite you to get involved in one of our Committees. This year we will celebrate our 50th anniversary and we are planning several great events including a Wooden Racquet Tennis Tournament and a 50th Anniversary Gala. We are also planning new initiatives in several areas including tennis programming, membership, junior program, technology, pool improvements, and communications. In short, this is a great time to get more involved at OP! Below is a list of the various Committees, Committee Chairs, contact information, and scheduled meeting dates. If you would like to participate on a Committee please contact the Committee Chair at the email address provided below. Thanks, Jerry Tylman OPRC President

House & Grounds: Billy Drury willeam428@gmail.com

Goals: Pool upgrades and other capital priorities, move Memorial Garden to a new site
Meets: Monthly at 7pm - 2/6, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 9/3, 10/8, 11/5, 12/3

Membership: Kris Evans kriskevans@mac.com

Goals: Increase membership to the point of a waitlist, increase member engagement through mentor program, create new membership categories (e.g. Junior) Meets: Monthly - February 2 at 7 pm and then 1st Thursday of the month

Tennis and Tournaments: Barbara Haughey (Vice President) haugheys@aol.com

Goals: Expand tennis programs and marketing, 50th anniversary tennis events
Meets: Monthly - February 1st at 6:30 and then 1st Wednesday of the month

Finance: David Stern (Treasurer) david@custompolymers.com

Goals: Increase revenues and profitability (pro shop, programming and events), manage costs
Meets: Quarterly - 2nd Tuesday of the first month of the quarter at 7pm - 4/10, 7/10, 10/10

Junior Tennis: Juan Sandoval juan.sandoval@ubs.com

Goals: Expand scope and revenues of Junior Program (e.g. add a Junior Academy)
Meets: As needed, next meeting scheduled early February

Swim: Linda Maloney lmaloney@carolina.rr.com

Goals: Pool Upgrades. Plan for long term pool improvements. Swim team and other pool programming
Meets: Mid February

Indoor and Fitness: Rosemary Hill hillbrothers@bellsouth.net

Goals: Evaluate changes to indoor revenue (e.g. prime time pricing?), Increase utilization of indoor, Reduce breakage of fitness center equipment
Meets: As needed

Personnel: Ted Pearce ted.pearce@meineke.com

Goals: General Manager and staff performance plans, New staffing needs
Meets: As needed. First meeting is scheduled for week of 1/30

Rules and Grievance: TBD

Goal: New By-Law for email abuse
Meets: As needed

Communications: Meredith Tye meredithbtye@gmail.com

Goals: Club, Event and Program promotion. Member recognition. Increase utility of web-site and other technological communication
Meets: TBD

Long Range Planning: Joel Turner joelturner@carolina.rr.com

Goals: Mid and long term pool upgrades, Long term debt option, Squash club support
Meets: As needed

Nominating: Joel Turner joelturner@carolina.rr.com

Goals: Nominate 2013 slate of Directors
Meets: August or September

Social: Christi Hart (Secretary) chhart@carolina.rr.com

Goals: 50th anniversary celebration social events, promote additional micro events (e.g. travel, ping pong nights, etc), Annual social events
Meets: Monthly - February 2 in the morning and then 1st Thursday of the month

Technology: Jerry Tylman (President) jtylman@greenway-solutions.com

Goals: Purchase and implement member database, other technology upgrades, measure member usage of facility and programs
Meets: As needed. First meeting is scheduled for 1/31 at 7pm.

TENNIS TIP: Be Aggressive at the Net!

Most points are won in doubles by winning volleys at the net. I've seen many players diligently protect the alley in doubles and ensure that the ball doesn't go down the alley for the entire match. As a net player, get in the action! Most balls are directed crosscourt away from the net player. Guard more of the middle of the court and cut off as many balls as possible. Dare your opponent to try the more difficult down the line shot that travels over the high part of the net. Be aggressive at the net!
by John Meyer

OP Seniors Win 4.0 Championship

Congratulations to Vern Hebert and his fellow OP members for winning the 4.0 Seniors division (70s) at the recent Southern Championships held in Atlanta. The OP team defeated teams from Louisiana, Arkansas, and Kentucky to advance to the finals, where they topped the team from Alabama. Members of the winning team included Robert Bambauer, Herbert Browne, Rick Warnholtz, and Dan Elks.

STAY IN TOUCH

704 366-9817 MAIN CLUB PHONE

The phone system allows you to call the main club number, then dial the club extensions listed below, or you may dial many of the staff on their direct line.

THIS EXTENSION

2221	Lee Byrd, Club Secretary
6454	Pro Shop
6446	John Meyer, Tennis co-Director
6448	Peter Ayers, Tennis co-Director
6445	Zen Mottershead, Tennis Professional
6449	Sean Snee, Jr. Development Coordinator
6457	Jerry Orr, Tennis Professional
6442	Patti Furr, Member Services Director
6451	Jason Sochon, Operations Manager
6450	Larry Bradshaw, Courts
6441	Kathy Plattner, Member Accounts
6440	Jan Bradshaw, Pro Shop Manager
6443	Brenda Culbertson, Associate Mgr.
6444	Kim Perino, Club Manager

DIRECT PHONE LINE

704 366-9817
704 295-6454
704 295-6446
704 295-6448
704 295-6445
704 295-6449
704 295-6457
704 295-6442
704 295-6451
704 295-6450
704 295-6441
704 295-6440
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2012 Board of Directors

Jerry Tylman , President Chair, Technology	Joel Turner , Immediate Past President
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Juan Sandoval , Director Chair, Junior Tennis	Kris Evans , Director Chair, Membership
Bill Drury , Director Chair, House & Grounds	Meredith Tye , Director Chair, Communications

WINTER 2012 JUNIOR TENNIS ACADEMY



John Meyer



Peter Ayers

SESSION II: Jan 30 – Feb 23 (4 week session)
SESSION III: Feb 27 – March 29 (5 week session)

BEGINNER QUICKSTART

Ages 5-10 | Cost: \$18 per clinic
 Monday and Wednesday 4:00-5:00
For juniors just getting started—USTA QuickStart format

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Ages 15 & under | Cost: \$18 per clinic
 Monday and Wednesday 5:00-6:00
This group is the perfect fit for juniors who are able to effectively serve and keep score. Clinics include drilling, singles and doubles point play.

Competition Groups

TOURNAMENT QUICKSTART

Ages 10 & under | Cost: \$18 per clinic
 Tues. & Thurs. 4:00-5:00
 This group is for the 60ft court QuickStart players
 * Players must be approved by club pro staff

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

Ages 15 & under | Cost: \$40 per clinic
 Mon. & Wed. 4:00-6:00
 * Players must be approved by club pro staff

COMPETITIVE PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

High level tournament training | Cost: \$40 per clinic
 Tues & Thurs. 4:00-6:00
 *Players must be approved by club pro staff



We're Making Room For All The New Arrivals!
 Take Advantage of the Clearance Sale \$5 & up

JOHN MOSS FITNESS FUSION at OPRC

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES AND PERSONAL TRAINING

WINTER PROGRAMS

Contact

John Moss

to form a new Fitness Class
 or for Fitness Class
 DROP IN availability

JohnMoss@OPRCtennis.com

Half Hour

MEMBER

GUEST of MEMBER*

\$35.00

\$39.00

Personal Training Rates:

**GUEST FEE rates and rules apply*

Pro Shop News

Great bargains!!

BLOWOUT RACQUET SALE!!
 ALL DISCONTINUED DEMO
 RACQUETS \$ 75.00 & UP

Remember your Sweetheart this Valentines Day!!

JOIN US LADIES & GENTLEMEN FOR A VALENTINE
 CELEBRATION VEGAS STYLE!!!

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH: 5:30 – 7:30 PM!!

Come & Join us for Refreshments

SPIN THE WHEEL OR ROLL THE DICE FOR YOUR DISCOUNT

We'll make shopping fun!! (Free Gift Wrap \$25.00 & up)

This coupon entitles our members to receive 10% discount in the Pro Shop Throughout the Month of February

(Does not apply to Shoes, Racquets, Accessories & Final Sale Items)

GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES

MONDAY 6 AM: Boot Camp **JOHN**
 MONDAY 7 AM: Yoga Flow **JOHN**
 MONDAY 8:30 AM Fusion Cross Training **JOHN**
 TUESDAY 9:15 AM: Cardio/Core Conditioning **HEIDI**
 TUESDAY 5 PM: Ladies' Fitness **JOHN**
 WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM: Fusion Kick Boxing/Agility **JOHN**
 WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM: Yoga Flow **JOHN**
 THURSDAY 8:30 AM: Total Body Sculpt **JOHN**
 THURSDAY 4:30 PM: Pilates Plus! **AMY**
 FRIDAY 6AM Boot Camp **JOHN**
 SATURDAY 9:00 AM: WIPEOUT! **JOHN**

Gift Certificates Available

*Personal Training, Stretch/Massage
 and Group Exercise Packages*



John Moss,
 Fitness Director



Heidi Pisacano,
 Fitness Instructor

GROUP EXERCISE CLASS PRICE OPTIONS:

10 session package: \$100 20 session couples package: \$180
 1 Drop-in Per Class: \$15 Monthly Unlimited Pass: \$130