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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

300 Club Members:

I am writing this from a hotel room in DC where I am stuck because our Federal government is shut down because of snow... no comment! It makes me think about how good we have it in Gainesville this time of year as well as how lucky we are to have the 300 Club to take refuge.

The fall has been relatively quiet although Aqua Zumba was a success and quite lively on Sunday mornings in September and October. And as always Abdoulaye and his staff are keeping the courts hopping.

In the next month or so we are going to be putting out a survey to our members seeking feedback on what the Club can do better and what type of programs and services we should think about providing. It will be an anonymous online survey. It can also be filled out with pen and paper if needed. There will be some questions about the overall Club and then specific questions about tennis, swimming, and fitness. The results will be summarized and will hopefully be used to identify some new ideas or highlight some issues that the Club needs to work on. It is really important to get a high response rate so that we can see trends and get results that reflect the overall thoughts of the membership. So, if you get multiple emails reminding you to take the survey, please don't be annoyed.

Financially, for 2013 we appear to have stabilized and in 2014 we should break even or be a little in the black, assuming no significant change in membership and/or no major unexpected expenses. The primary reason for this change has to do with new financial/contractual arrangement with Abdoulaye, which reduced labor costs and increased revenue. We are not where we need to be yet and to get there we need to continue to attract new members and retain the ones that we have. It is still all about increasing membership. To do that we need to continue to get out in the community and try to find ways to offer value to our membership and the community.

Have a great Holiday Season.

Christian Newman

NEW MEMBERS

Barbara Revelle & Ron Hoover
Andrea Gabrielli
Mike Edwards & Sharon Rush
Rohit P Patel
Alison Law
Alex & Gabi Sheremet
Boaz Dvir

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN

Members and their guests must sign in not matter which facility they are using. If the proshop is not open, sign in on the court chalkboard beside the gazebo. Swimmers sign in at the small cart beside the lifeguard chair at the foot of the steps. There is a sign in sheet on the desk in the weight room.

WEBSITE

www.300ClubSwimAndTennis.org

Please visit our website and use it on a regular basis. The site contains a lot of information for the general public but even more for the members. Go to the website and then to the member page and log in or register. If you have forgotten your password please let Pam know. While the website itself is public, only members are allowed access to the Club by-laws, board minutes, membership lists and some other items. Announcements of upcoming events will also be posted.

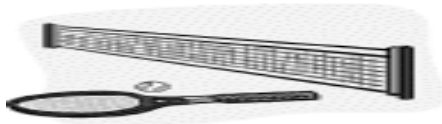
NEWDASH TENNIS



David Hou and Newton Turenne are in business to serve and assist you. They are very passionate about the sport of tennis and their goal is to provide to Gainesville's tennis community.

They provide racquets, apparel, shoes, and accessories as well as services such as racquet stringing, weighing and balancing, and tennis racquet matching.

In collaboration with the 300 Club, all club members will receive a 10 percent discount on all purchases at their Newdash Tennis store— 4401 NW 25 Place, Suite L



TENNIS NEWS

Standing Clinics:

1. *Tennis for over 10 and under 18*, M – W – F 4:30 – 6:30 pm, \$10/hr for members and \$12.50 for non-members
2. *Adult Clinics*
 - Saturdays 9:00am-noon \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members
 - Wednesdays 7:00-9:00pm \$15 for everyone

The 300 CLUB also offers traditional junior tennis lessons with Director of Tennis Abdoulaye Toure and teaching professionals Alexis King and Yann Lucina. Generally junior lessons last either 30, 60 or 90 minutes. Group lessons can be formed based on age and ability. Lessons and sessions will be held throughout the calendar year.

Private Lessons

With Abdoulaye Toure \$50/hr for member or \$55/hr non-member
With tennis assistant \$45/hr for member or \$50/hr non-member
Clinics \$15/hr. for member & \$17/hr. for non-member
Junior Clinics \$10/hr for members and \$12.50/hr. for non-member

Abdoulaye would be more than happy to talk to you about lessons for you or anyone in your family. His contact information is:

Phone: (352) 682-4766
Email: ToureAbdoulaye@hotmail.com

TUESDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

Every Tuesday night (that it doesn't rain) the Club offers a Tuesday Night Social for tennis players. Come and join the fun and play with different members or guests. This event is free to the members and there is a \$5.00 guest fee for non-members.

DAY LEAGUE

The Women's Day League home schedule for the remainder of this season is listed below. All day leagues matches require 5 courts and start at 9:30 (4 courts are reserved beginning at 9) .

Tues. 1/21 4.0 Day League
Tues. 2/4 4.0 Day League
Wed. 2/5 3.0 Day League
Wed. 2/19 3.0 Day League
Tues. 2/25 4.0 Day League
Wed. 2/26 3.0 Day League
Tues. 4/1 4.0 Day League
Wed. 4/2 3.0 Day League
Wed. 4/9 3.0 Day League

USTA LEAGUE TENNIS

USTA teams are forming for the 2014 Alachua Adult 55 & Over and the 2014 Alachua Adult 65 & Over. The teams will consist of 3 doubles positions. Christine Shurtleff (336-7508 cs4tennis@aol.com) is the USTA local coordinator for these teams. The initial roster is due by December 14, and the season is January 4-March 21, 2014.

USTA teams are also forming for the 2014 Alachua Mixed 40 & Over (6.0, 7.0, 8.0 & 9.0). These teams will also consist of 3 doubles positions. Ed Austin (514-6733 eaustin@windstream.net) is the USTA local coordinator for these teams. The initial roster is due by December 20, and the season is January 4-March 20, 2014.

The schedules for these teams will be posted on our website www.300ClubSwimAndTennis.org - Tennis page - calendar of events.

300 CLUB POOL NEWS



The pool motor has been repaired and is working fine now. We appreciate everyone's patience during this period.



I want to give a special thank you to member Polly Porter who donated her time, expertise, and materials to resurface the top of the two round cement picnic tables on the pool deck with an artistic mosaic design. These tables are extremely beautiful now and really improve our facility.

Another special thank you goes to guard Victor Buehler for using his time, supplies and expertise to build a new bench on the pool upper deck next to the building, which replaced the bench that was falling apart. The new bench is extremely nice, very sturdy and matches our new picnic tables.

Besides the Makos age group year round swim program available at the 300 Club for children, the Makos Swim Club have added a **Masters program** from 7-8 pm Monday – Friday. You must register with USMS and can register as 300 Club Masters (registration cost for the year is \$43). This gives you the required insurance to participate in this program. The Makos are offering punch cards that you can purchase. \$25 for 10 swims or \$50 for 24 swims. A coach will be on deck to provide instruction, workouts, and motivation.

Don't forget the year-round **Water Aerobics** classes on Mondays and Fridays (11am-12 noon) and the **Stroke Clinic** on Tuesdays (11 am – 12 noon). These classes are free to members. Private lessons can also be arranged. Also try out the swim workout board which is put up M-F in the morning with a new workout each day. Interval training will help to improve your fitness levels and is more motivating.

Fall/Winter Pool Hours

Started October 21st

Monday – Friday 7 – 9 am; 11 am – 7:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday – 9 am – 6:00 pm

Please Remember: Revised Winter Weather Policy

If by 6 pm the night before, www.weather.com predicts that the morning temperature will be 25 degrees or below, the pool will not open for morning swim for both members and rental groups. The pool will open at 11 am. Please check www.weather.com before coming to morning lap swim.

Holiday Pool Schedule

We will be closed at 4 pm on Christmas Eve, December 24, and reopen at 7 am on December 26. We will close at 4 pm on New Year's Eve and reopen at 7 am on January 2. Happy New Year!

Have a Great Holiday Season,
Meegan Wilson, Aquatic Director