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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

300 Club Members:

It has been a fun summer around the 300 Club, though a little hotter than I would have liked. It was a fairly normal summer with our typical 3-month summer memberships and pool rental groups keeping the pool business and steady tennis play on the courts in spite of the heat. The only little hiccup this summer has been the pool filter springing a leak, which is temporarily patched (sort of) until we can get it replaced this Fall.

The Fall is always a great time around our Club with cooling temperatures, USTA league play kicking in, and the normal buzz about Gator football. This Fall will even be more exciting around the club with Abdoulaye Toure now providing tennis lessons and multiple junior and adult tennis clinics. Abdoulaye activities are in addition to Ken's existing tennis programs and free clinics, and are being done as an independent contractor, i.e. he is simply renting courts and therefore is not an employee of the club. Ken is still our club's Tennis Director and will continue to be directing our club's tennis programs.

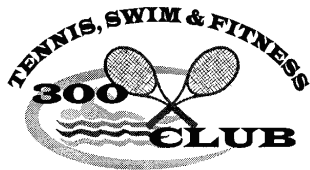
I believe we have finally turned the corner on membership with several new members recently joining and there several more talking about coming. The board is currently reviewing some potentially new membership categories, such as a junior member, that will also help with increasing membership. Things are looking good for the club, but each of us still need to do our job in recruiting new members.

There is little news to report on the Cell Tower. The latest is that TowerCom is waiting on some technical details from the city on some additional requests the City has made regarding the roads. Once these issues are ironed out they will make a formal request to the City's Plan Board for the special use permits that will be needed for the tower. Therefore, there is currently no scheduled meetings on the Tower, but please stay tuned because when TowerCom decides they have resolved all of the technical issues, they will want to move fast. I will put out an announcement of any meetings as soon as I learn of them.

Starting this newsletter I would like to highlight the great work that our staff does and to encourage each of us to take the time and let them know how much we appreciate their efforts around the club. This quarter I would like to highlight the great job our grounds keeper, Amancio, is doing. We have him to thank for the great shape the courts are in and general upkeep of the grounds. He was patching potholes in the driveway today. When you see him, please stop and tell him how much we appreciate all the great work he does around the club.

Looking forward to a great Fall.

Del Bottcher



GENERAL CLUB NEWS

WHAT IS A FAMILY?

A family membership as defined by the 300 Club includes two co-resident adults and their dependents (26 years of age or younger.)

WEBSITE



Our web site www.300ClubSwimAndTennis.org is up and running. If you have not already done so, please go to the "Members" page and set up your user name and password and then click "register". Once this is approved, you will have access to pages that are only visible to members. (Hover over the "Member" page and the titles will drop down.) The membership roster is now in this section as well as the by-laws.

MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN STILL AVAILABLE

The 300 Club Board of Directors approved the Automatic Debit program for those members wishing to pay their dues, assessment fee, lesson fee, guest fee and ball machine rental on a monthly basis. In order to pay monthly the member must sign up for the ACH. There will be no extra charge for this service. If you wish to participate in this program, please complete authorization form on the web and get it back to Pam. The first payment will be taken out approximately October 15; after that the payments will be withdrawn between the 10th & 15th of each month. Those signing up will be notified by email as to the exact date each month the money will be transferred.

Dues are due by October 31; there is a \$20 late fee for payments not received in the office by that date and another \$40 late fee for dues not received by August 31.

Below are the membership rates and the amount of the monthly deduction if you sign up for Automatic Debit.

	Quarterly rate with tax	Monthly rate
Family	\$323.20	\$107.74
Single	\$276.82	\$ 92.27

NEW MEMBERS

Albert & Meredith Bacharach (returning equity members)
Michael & Susan Gardner (has been 3 months for several years)
Lewis Garrish
Glenn Hall & Karen Kilgore (returning equity members)
Christine Hamilothoris (returning single)
Steven & Anna Mench (was 3 months)
MaryAnn Ross Neill (returning as single)
Eileen McCarthy Smith (returning as equity single)

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

If you introduce a new equity member to the Club, you will receive a free quarters dues after they have been here for six months.

Please give the enclosed coupon to a friend and encourage them to try the Club for week. Tell them "try it you will like it." If you need additional coupons, please let Pam know.

300 CLUB POOL NEWS

The pool was very active this past summer with Swim America swim lessons and the Makos Novice swim program. Our Snorkeling Class and Introduction to Junior Lifeguard Training classes went very well. Jay Trama, one of our guards, conducted the classes. Jay is a seasoned and excellent instructor. Each student received a 300 Club Certificate of Completion. Congratulations to members **Jake Thosteson** and **Meg McDermott** for their accomplishments.

I recommend that all children take the Basic Water Safety class that we also offer. We may be able to add an **Introduction To Synchronized Swimming** class next summer – or earlier, if anyone is interested.



The Gainesville Cycling Club had a successful picnic at our Club on July 14. A special thanks to **Norm Hommen** who acted as our club liaison during the picnic. Please remember to contact the Aquatic Director before you have a pool party and please find the pool party rules on our website. <http://www.300clubswimandtennis.org/Portals/0/Swim%20Events/rules-pool-parties.pdf>

Just an update on our sand filter. While I was able to do other important pool maintenance, our attempt to fix the sand filter this past August did not work. Our sand filter is 20 years old and we are in immediate need of replacing it. We are doing research and hope to schedule this as soon as possible. We will let you know when this will occur.

Fall Pool Hours – Currently

Mon–Fri 7– 9 am; 11am –8:30 pm
Sat-Sun 8:30 am – 7 pm.

Starting October 15

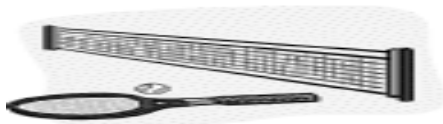
Mon-Fri 7-9 am 11 am - 7 pm
Sat-Sun 8:30 am - 6 pm

Starting December 1 - May 19, 2013

Mon-Fri 7-9 am 11 am - 7 pm
Sat-Sun 9 am - 6 pm
(The pool is closed to members from 9-11 am M-F)

Enjoy the water!

Meegan Wilson, Aquatic Director



TENNIS NEWS

Welcome back to all of our traveling members. It's nice to see everyone back at the club! Tennis is alive and well at the 300 Club! There are lots of opportunities to play, learn to play, or be involved in club programs, teams and clinics.

ADULT AND SENIOR COMBO LEAGUES!

Last year we had two teams playing in the Adult and Senior Combo Leagues. This year we have four teams playing. We have a 6.5 Ladies Team, captained by Holly Schackow, a 7.5 Men's Team, captained by Jon Uman, a 7.5 Senior Men's Team, captained by Tim White and a 8.5 Adult team. captained by Jonathan Smith.

Combo, both adult and senior, plays a 3-court format with a combination of ratings. An example is a 6.5 team would be a combination of 3.0 and 3.5 or two 3.0 players playing together. An individual doubles pair may not exceed a 0.5 rating difference.

TUESDAY NIGHT ROUND ROBIN SOCIAL

The **Tuesday Night Round Robin Social** continues to be a member favorite. Players start showing up around 6:30 and play begins at 7:00. The first Tuesday of each month, there is a Free Clinic starting at 6:45. It's very informal and everyone from all levels of play are invited to join in the fun.

GOWTL

The Gainesville/Ocala Women's Tennis League begins for us on September 12th. **Holly Schackow is the captain of the 3.0 team.** Holly has been a great team captain and please be sure to thank her for the effort. Remember that she is working with me and I will be deciding the lineups. I am looking forward to a great season winning lots of matches. If you would like to play on a team, please contact me at the club, by e-mail or call the pro shop.

THE 300 CLUB AFTERSCHOOL JUNIOR PROGRAMS

Afterschool Junior Tennis Programs have begun at The 300 Club. Junior Programs are available to all levels and ages of play.

The **"Hot Shot Program"** meets on Monday and Wednesday from 3:00/3:45. The "Hot Shot" program uses low compression red balls with smaller nets, racquets and courts. The group is for children 3 to 7 years of age.

The **"All Star Program"** also meets on Monday and Wednesday and I have added Friday - from 4:00 5:30. The "All Star Program" is for junior players that can rally and serve full court. Players in this program will work on match play skills and developing proper technique. This is also a great group for getting involved in USA Team Tennis.

We also have a 12 and under team playing for The 300 Club for the Fall Junior Team Tennis season. There is also a 10 and under team program and I'm trying to find a few more players to play on a 14 and under USTA Team. If you have a child that would be interested, please contact the pro shop to sign up

Cost for Junior Programs

Hot Shots.....\$12.00 per/class or \$90.00 per/month

All-Stars.....\$15.00 per/class or 160.00 per/month

STROKE OF THE WEEK CLINIC

Last Fall, the "Stroke of the Week Clinic was very popular. Each Friday from 9:00/10:00 we will focus on one particular stroke that we will refine for you to use in your game. A minimum of 3 players is required for this class.

COMING EVENTS

USTA Adult Combo
and Senior Combo Leagues.....Season begins – September 15th

GOWTL (Gainesville/Ocala
Women's Tennis League.....Season begins – September 12th

Hot Shot Junior Program.....Meets on Monday/Wednesday 3:00/3:45

All-Star Junior Program.....Meets on Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4:00/5:30

Stroke of the Week Clinic.....Friday morning – 9:00/10:00