

# The Place at Corkscrew | Important Tennis Update

## Doubles Tennis - Social and Competitive

### The Place at Corkscrew (TPAC)

Hello Tennis Players!

Thank you for being a part of our tennis group at TPAC (The Place at Corkscrew).

This is my new: "Occasional Tennis Email" (not every Sunday as I had been doing)....about some of the tennis at TPAC. There is more happening, for sure. This is just a snippet.

IMPORTANT Info this week: Friday, Feb 2nd is "First Friday at 5" for some Social Tennis!!! Come out and play or come to watch and cheer on your fellow players in this Round Robin format. Bring a dish to share and whatever it is that you like to drink! We'll start at 6 and play until 8 or so. The more, the merrier! All ages, all skill level invited!!!

### NEWS ITEMS:

Miami Open - Ted, our Pro, is organizing a bus trip to see some of the matches at the tournament in Miami in March. Are you interested? Let me or Ted know. Details are few at this point, but it seems like the mid-weekend round of play would be best. Let us know what you think - your preferences, ideas, etc.

Party Bus Time!!!!

**Gently Used Tennis balls needed** - Ted, our pro, has requested that we give him our used tennis balls for his clinics and lessons. Just drop them off by the pro shop door (inside, if it is open). Thanks!

Pro Shop in the little building near the courts and is open (part-time - Friday, Saturday and Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), We now have racquet sports' clothing items for sale. So, come in and check out the items for sale - some great shirts, hats, visors, beach towels and more!

**Team Competitions here** - are scheduled throughout the season. Look on Salix for matches scheduled to be played here, then come out and watch your colleagues compete against other clubs in the area! The players playing and representing TPAC appreciate your support!!!!

**Pro League underway** - Ted is competing again this year in the SW Florida Pro League (see the schedule below). Come on out and support Ted! Bring a lounge chair, a sippy cup and your favorite snacks (as well as bug spray)! Call your friends and get a group together to support Ted!

**First Friday at Five** - The next "First Friday" for social tennis and noshing is Friday, February 2nd (5-8 p.m. or so....). You can play or sit and socialize - whatever you want to do. We'll meet on the courts, play a little and nosh a little. Bring whatever you like to drink and bring a snack, hot or cold dish, dessert, fruit, chips...whatever....to share! If you have a

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small folding table, folding chairs, tablecloths and/or a cooler with ice, please bring them. Come out and join in the fun!

**Ted Heiser, Director of Racquet Sports and our Tennis Pro is available for private lessons and clinics during the week. (He also works with Pickleball.) Contact Ted if you want to join in a clinic or book a private or semi-private lesson time with him. Ted Heiser 847-946-6289 or theiser11@cmcast.net**

### TENNIS:

We organize tennis (doubles) every day of the week, with Hosts, who keep things coordinated.

Hosts: Randy Green, Todd van Duyn, Yvonne Andreani, Larry Rumbaugh and me (but I haven't really been recruiting, like I used to as I am playing on three ladies' teams and am a little busy). I know there are others who also organized courts of play. Thanks to all who organize matches and competitive matches against other clubs that are played here, and for all of you who attend clinics, the tennis camps, and take private lessons. Tennis is alive and well here at TPAC!

Our Tennis Pro, TPAC Director of Racquet Sports, Ted Heiser. - Ted does a stellar job at maintaining the courts and also puts on many clinics and camps for various age groups - for both tennis and pickleball. We are lucky to have such a professional, talented, easy-going Pro. Thanks for everything, Ted!

Thank all of you, tennis players who sign up (we are using Salix online reservations) for the appropriate level of play for your game and show up or find a substitute to replace you if you have to drop out 24 hours or less before you are scheduled to play. Let your Host know asap. Sometimes the Host knows of a player who is interested in playing and is waiting in the wings. But not always. Also, when you sign up to play, look for an email from the day's Host the night before play (usually - sometimes this gets delayed; if in doubt, contact your Host) and so, don't remove your name from Salix close to the day of play without talking to the Host.

To PLAY Tennis with our organized groups: go to Salix online reservations and login using your name and email address; find your way to the tennis reservations calendar and add your name to the day(s) you want to play. Please be honest about your level and don't reach for too much. It doesn't work - for anyone. If you don't have a Salix account or if you've forgotten how to login, send me a text or email and I can help you.

**COMPETITIVE Doubles is just that** - hard-fought tennis. If you are not a strong 3.5 player, you won't fit in this level of play because you will face 4.0+ players and you will be expected to be able to move well on the court and return hard shots and serves by putting something on the ball, get to and also give drop shots, chase down lobs and put them back with an aggressive edge. Players who play at this level expect all players who show up to play are at this upper level of ability.

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**SOCIAL Doubles** is more relaxed than the Competitive matches, but still, you are expected to show up and play your best and play at least a solid 3.0 level (most players are solid 3.5s or better).

**NOT SURE of your level?** Talk to Ted or the day's Host. It's probably not a good idea to sign up to try it out without first having a conversation. Somebody could get hurt or three players who are expecting a match will go away very disappointed.

## **THE DAY OF PLAY:**

Show up 10 minutes prior to the start of play, ready to go. Plan to stay the whole time. Bring a new, unopened can of tennis balls. Players spin rackets or draw cards to determine who is to open balls for that round.

We are required to have one Resident per three Guests in keeping with the idea that if a person who lives here wants to play Doubles, they have the right to invite three friends to play.

Your HOSTS:

### **Mondays**

9 - 10:30 a.m.

3.0-3.5 SOCIAL Doubles

Courts 4 & 5

HOST: Sue Rumbaugh 412-592-2347 or sue\_rumbaugh@yahoo.com

### **Tuesdays**

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

3.5-4.0+ COMPETITIVE Doubles

Courts 3, 4 & 5

HOST: Larry Rumbaugh 412-480-0018 or rumbaughlarry@yahoo.com

### **Tuesdays**

6-8 p.m.

Social Doubles

Courts 4 & 5

HOST: Yvonne Andreani 603-986-4656 or yvandreani@gmail.com

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## **Wednesdays**

9 - 10:30 a.m.

3.0-3.5 SOCIAL Doubles

Courts 4 & 5

HOST: Sue Rumbaugh 412-592-2347 or sue\_rumbaugh@yahoo.com

## **Thursdays**

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

3.5-4.0+ COMPETITIVE Doubles

Courts 3, 4 & 5

HOST: Randy Green 586-227-9344 or randy@rdgmedia.net

## **Fridays**

9 - 10:30 a.m.

3.0-3.5 SOCIAL Doubles

Courts 4 & 5

HOST: Sue Rumbaugh 412-592-2347 or sue\_rumbaugh@yahoo.com

## **Saturdays**

9 - 10:30 a.m.

3.5-4.0+ COMPETITIVE Doubles

Courts 4 & 5

HOST: Todd van Duyn 317-727-7905 or tvanduyn@meditechmedcare.com

## **Saturdays**

11 a.m. 12 noon

CLINIC with Ted

Court 1

Fee involved (nominal)

Info: Ted Heiser 847-946-6289 or theiser11@cmcast.net

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## **Sundays**

9 - 11 a.m.

Courts 1, 2, 3

SOCIAL DOUBLES

Yvonne Andreani 603-986-4656 or yvandreani@gmail.com

Other times of organized tennis are also being arranged. Watch Salix for opportunities or contact me.

Thanks for being an active participant in tennis at TPAC. We couldn't do what we do without you!

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