

Peninsula Tennis Club -- Fall Newsletter
Oct 8th, 2006

Hi all PTC members and tennis players,

There is so much tennis news that this will be a long newsletter!

First business: The USTA national court grants that we have applied for to complete the funding of our Erickson court project will be announced on Friday, October 13th. I will send out notice as soon as I receive it. Keep your fingers crossed until Friday! We have also made good progress on our local fundraising efforts, which we will announce shortly.

The October PTC monthly business meeting will be held Monday, October 16th at 6:30 pm at the Port Angeles Library. Anyone interested is invited to attend and participate. Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month, except December.

In summer wrap-up, the Sandra Kent Tournament in August was a great success. A huge thank you to Tournament Director Bob Ritchie & all the people who helped with the tournament. The tournament & sponsorships netted about \$2000 which will go to support our high school scholarships and club operating expenses.

It's time to be thinking about Most Improved Male & Female Player awards for 2006. Current nominations are David Godfrey, Roger Goettling, David Baker, Debra Knutson, Tricia Stratton, Beverly Hoffman, Stacia Bibler, & Valli Quaintance. Please think about the people you play with and nominate those who have improved. We would really like to recognize players who are working hard to improve their games. Past winners were Bob Ritchie & Christy Brown in 2005, and Jeff Brown & Debra Knutson in 2004. To nominate players please send email to peninsulatennisclub@olypen.com or call the club phone at (360) 460-2588. The award is based on play from January to November, 2006. Players must be PTC members in December to win the award. We will vote via email in November for the winners.

Speaking of membership, we have 72 paid memberships for the July 2006 – June 2007 time period. If you have paid your membership, you should have a laminated bag tag. If you paid and don't have a tag, please contact Laurel Cripe at 452-9058. If you haven't paid for this year, please send in the attached membership form with your payment. Those players who have been hanging around city council meetings this year know that tennis is gaining recognition and clout in our community. Every PTC membership helps increase our impact.

One welcome tennis change in the community is the planned resurfacing of the Shane Park courts in Port Angeles. Atlas Track & Tennis from Portland will be resurfacing those courts in October if the weather holds. If it doesn't get done this year, it will be done in spring of 2007. This project is being paid for by city maintenance funds, and to the specs written by Atlas when they came up at PTC's request last February to do the Erickson court consultation.

If you receive the USTA PNW newsletters, you know that the PNW Tennis Fest will be held October 19 – 22nd at various locations in Seattle. There are fun, free on court events. To find a schedule go to the PNW website at www.pnw.usta.com and follow Tennis Fest links.

One of the surprises of Tennis Fest is that I, yep your PTC president Laurel Cripe, am receiving an award from the PNW for “Outstanding Contribution to the Community” at the Saturday awards luncheon. I don’t know much about this recognition yet, but I am excited to receive it for PA. And as we know, all tennis publicity is good – so I will shamelessly promote this in the local press after Tennis Fest.

On other publicity topics: PTC was finally able to get a mile of 101 in the “Adopt A Highway” program. This means we get our name on a highway sign for FREE, in exchange for picking up litter 3 times per year. This sign will hopefully be seen by every tennis player and would-be tennis player the first time they drive into PA. (Maybe we can keep inflatable tennis balls tied to our signs?) It will be a mile between PA and Sequim, either east or west of Shore Rd. Come to the October 16th PTC business meeting to hear a presentation from the WA Dept. of Transportation on how to pick up litter.

We are still deciding on the date for our winter meeting/Holiday Dinner. It will be a catered dinner on either Thursday, December 7th, or Saturday, December 9th. If you have a preference, get an email in to us in the next couple days. (And after multiple tries, these ARE the correct date choices...)

In current play, we are halfway through our Fall League schedule of World Team Tennis Play. We have 6 teams competing in the league which will wrap up with a day of tennis on Saturday November 4th at PAHS. Our summer Thursday night league was so popular that we continued it into the fall as Thursday evening Community Tennis, which has also proved very popular. Due to shortening days, we are moving the Thursday 5:30 pm play to the lower courts at PAHS. Because there are only two lighted courts, rotation may be necessary, but come out and join us for recreational doubles.

Keep checking our website www.olympen.com/peninsulatennisclub for developing news & other opportunities to play.

One volunteer opportunity: We could use a knowledgeable web designer to help with a revamp of our website. There are features we would like to add, but we are at the limits of what we know how to do with Front Page software. Or if there are any avid web surfers among our players, we could use some new inspiration for “Link of the Week”, and other content features.

Thanks for your attention, and your support of Peninsula Tennis Club!

Laurel Cripe
President, Peninsula Tennis Club