

Albany Tennis Club

Featuring 8 top-notch red clay courts in the middle of Albany



September 2009

From the Manager's desk . . .

So what happened this year? Things have been so hectic it is hard to remember.

The ATC Ambassador program was inaugurated. I tried to match new members up with existing members so that they could welcome them and assimilate them into the Club. By all reports I believe this was a success. It seems like I see most everyone on a regular basis.

We had a QuickStart Tennis workshop and had three - spring, summer and fall - sessions of QST for 5 to 10 year olds. If you haven't seen the pictures on our website you should check them out. In July we had summer camp for juniors as well as adults. These were successful and enjoyed by the participants.

Leagues were created - TMWPITM and Bernice's Ladies League play in the morning. Singles happened every Monday night. Doubles happened every Wednesday night. Friday was Junior night along with Pizza Night. Community Tennis was expanded to four events per week. Things have been happening at the old ATC.

The men's singles ladder had 22 participants and 35 scores reported. The ladies' singles ladder had 8 participants and 11 scores reported. The current leaders are Tony Mustari and Christine Finn. While I wish more members participated these numbers are a significant increase over the previous year and shows that the ladders are improving and growing. Thank you to those who participated.

In July and August we had the member/guest doubles and singles events on Sunday afternoons. Our winners were - Jonathan Carp and Tom McPheeters - men's doubles; Sue Paul and Don Paul - mixed doubles; Betsy Mercogliano and Ava Charne - ladies' doubles; Nancy Kutner - ladies' singles

The Albany Tennis Club has been open this season 111 days out of a possible 122 days. Our busiest day was July 13th when we had 67 players sign in and play tennis. Our busiest week was Monday, August 3rd through Sunday, August 9th when we had 303 players sign in and play tennis. We have had 3,570 players sign in and play tennis this season. Good work.

I very much enjoyed The International Korean - Albany Tennis Club Acts of Kindness, Sportsmanship and Goodwill Awards. The nominations were a pleasure to read. It is nice to see the friendships that grow at the Albany Tennis Club.

I hope you have enjoyed your summer at the Albany Tennis Club. Enjoy the remaining days - they are the sweetest days of all.

Ed Mashmann,
Manager



Fall Club Hours

September 1 - October 12

Weekdays:

8:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Weekends:

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Activities

Masters in the Morning:

Monday, 9 - 10:30 am

Friday, 9 - 10:30 am

Community Tennis:

Tuesday, 5:30 - "till dusk"

Friday, 5:30 - "till dusk"

Sunday, 2 - 4 PM

Group Lessons:

Sunday, 1 - 2 PM

Tuesday, 5 - 6 PM

Singles Ladders:

Scheduled by participants

New for 2009

Singles Leagues:

Mon. & Wed - 5:30

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It is now time to nominate members
to run for the Board of Directors.

Look for an email
on this subject.

Sign up today!
Men's & Ladies
Singles, Doubles & Mixed

Mayor Jennings Round Robin Tournament

September 26-27, 2009

To Benefit the Sudden Infant Death Unit of the
Children's Hospital at the Albany Medical Center

Court Notes

INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL

In August, there was an act of international goodwill that happened at the Albany Tennis Club. The visiting professor from Korea, Young Ki Kim, has reciprocated with presents for our members. He presented our ATC president, Bob Wood, with 10 silk ties and 10 women's silk scarves during Community Tennis. Nominees were voted on via email and the gifts were distributed to members who exemplified sportsmanship, friendliness or kindness. Congratulations to all the winners.

GRILL DONATED

Many thanks to Virginia Acquario for donating her gas grill to the club. We now have the convenience

of having a grill on the premises and everyone can now enjoy their favorite grilled speciality at our events and at their leisure. Next time you see Virginia please give her a big "thank you".

THEN CAME THE RAIN

Weather like we have experienced this year has curtailed activities at the club. The ongoing drainage problems made it impossible for play to continue for hours or days on courts adjoining the ball field after a heavy rain. We are currently in negotiation with the City of Albany to address the problem with additional drainage and will keep you updated.

Thanks to Tom Spagnoletti for tackling the drainage issue between court 7 and the shed by installing a barrier to keep the topping from flowing toward the shed.

NEW BENCH IN MEMORY OF C. Gilbert "Gib" Moore

You may have noticed the new bench between courts one and four. The bench was donated by Bob & Kip Moore in memory of their late father, Gib Moore. Gib was a long time member of the ATC and an avid Ridgefield tennis player well into his 70s. Bob, his son, was also involved with the club, as he worked for several summers at ATC while in college. The bench is made of recycled materials and will soon showcase a plaque in Gib's memory.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . .

It's September (already??) and the end of our tennis season is in sight. But there is still time for a lot of good tennis to be played. Fall has some of the best weather for outdoor tennis with sunny, cool days. Our courts are open from 8:00 in the morning until dusk and pressure for courts has decreased. This means you have no excuse not to get out there. Call a friend or ask our manager, Ed Mashmann, to make a match for you.

I've noticed this summer that the courts have been busier than any time since I joined the ATC in 1997. Individual memberships are up from 111 last year to 140. This has to be the result of Ed's untiring efforts to get all members out on the courts and involved in matches. I've had more than one new member tell me how Ed found matches for them when they didn't know anyone. They also had high praise for how quickly they were accepted by the established members and made to feel welcome. And our tennis pro, Larry Yakubowski, is always there with a friendly greeting or a tip on improving your game. Larry and Ed complement each other very well.

We should also recognize the many members who give their time to the Club. Volunteers come out in mid-April to put up wind-screens and again in late October to put the courts to bed for the winter. Twelve members serve on the Board of Directors and meet year round, overseeing Club operations and managing finances. Darlene Wood created our web site last year and has continued to maintain it this year. I've called on other members for assistance during the year and never been turned down. All these people work behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly during the season.

We still have the Mayor Gerald Jennings Round Robin Tournament on September 26 and 27. This year it will benefit the sudden infant death unit of the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center in memory of Sean Frederick Brennan. Please find time to support this worthy cause.

Thank you all for a great year.

Bob Wood,
President

