

HTRC Net News



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HTRC Men's & Women's Doubles: We are developing some new material for our HTRC Website and trying to attract some new members. One of the programs that we want to promote is our excellent M-W-F Doubles format. Our 3 times weekly event brings out 30 to 50 tennis players each day. Partners, opponents, and courts are all provided for you. All you must do is sign up for the event.

A new member and new resident of New Bern, Dan Frey, said: "This doubles format provides great tennis, and is the best system I have seen. This includes playing USTA League Tennis and at several tennis clubs in Milwaukee, Racine, Savannah, Apalachicola, Tampa, and St. Petersburg during the past 10 years."

Another member, Ken Ralph, said: "I used to enjoy playing USTA League Tennis and now our club tennis is just as good without having to travel all over Eastern Carolina to get a good tennis match."

Member Kathy Rioux added: "Our women's doubles provides me as much good tennis as I want without having to reserve a court or call and round up 3 other ladies. It's an outstanding system for great ladies doubles! I am being challenged and improving my tennis game!"

Thursday Evening, 5:30-7:30: Open play mixed doubles organized by Bob Murphy. All are welcome. Contact Bob if you want to be added to his Email list. mgmrob@suddenlink.net

MIKE'S COURT REPORT



Monday Clinic: 4:30 for Juniors, 5:30 for Adults. Cost \$10.00. Call if weather is questionable. *This includes first-rate instruction and drills, for both new and experienced players. Bring a friend out to play and brush up on your tennis strokes and strategies! Win more tennis games!*

Private Lessons: \$40.00 per hour. Call to schedule.

USTA Leagues: USTA Women's Combo Leagues 6.5 and 7.5 are beginning this month. See Carol Hunter or Kathy Rioux if interested. We have a handful of new 3.0 players and this is a great introduction to USTA competition for the Spring 3.0 League! *Play more tennis!* Team Drills are taking place on Mondays and Tuesdays, and Mike's techniques and drills are outstanding!

All players should be familiar with the *ITF Rules* and *The Code*. Follow this Link and click on "Rules of Tennis": <http://www.usta.com/Adult-Tennis/USTA-League/resources/>

TENNIS TIP OF THE MONTH



Develop good range by using the continental grip for low and wide balls plus volleys or chip and charge. Use flatter grips for high balls and back court shots you have time to set up for.



A View from the Courts This Summer, by Dan Frey:

The Men's 3.5/4.0 Doubles Group has been using email for the past 8 months to schedule their matches. The women have been using email for a long time and now the men finally made the move to email coordination. Welcome to the 21st century, men! New member, Dan Frey, started this during his board duty in December 2014, and other members have responded well. Keep up the good work. Thanks, guys, the email process saves many phone calls!

Frank Bruno showed up with a ladder instead of a racket one morning? He climbed above the Court 3 fence and hung a windsock. I guess Frank wants to make sure the breeze is blowing before taking to the court in this sultry summer weather. Either that or he's looking for a spot to land his drone? Thanks, Frank.

Ken Ralph showed up several mornings with his racket and hedge clippers, ready to play. Thankfully the Clippers were used to trim the bushes intruding on Court 6, as well as a few other spots around the clubhouse - looks great! Thanks Ken. We welcome all the help we can get!

Our club pro works tirelessly to provide us great clay courts to play on. Mike See has 40 years experience overseeing maintenance on clay courts throughout the Carolinas. This includes courts on the Emerald Coast, Chapel Hill, and Pinehurst. Our drainage and water, and sprinkler head challenges sometimes require magician type skills to provide us 6 great courts to play on by 9:00 a.m. Mike cares for our courts as much or more than we do! Thanks, Mike.

Mike also gives excellent instruction and drills, for both new and experienced players. Take your level of play up a notch by attending a few Clinics or taking a few private lessons.

After being away for a few weeks, Phil Evancho came out to play and commented, "Wow, Mike sure has the courts looking beautiful, and they are comfortable to play on."

Kathy Rioux was out on the courts last week and it appeared as if Mike and Jed were having a race, with Mike driving the golf cart and Jed driving his small front end loader. This sure got the attention of everyone! Come to find out, we got a shipment of 7 tons of Har-Tru and 1 ton of calcium chloride that needed to be transferred from the parking lot into the storage shed before an approaching thunderstorm! Wonder who won the competition....maybe this is inspiration for a new event?! Mike will gradually disperse this court material onto the courts as needed. Thankfully Mike had a strong crew of men helping him including Jed Kennish, Sherald Sawyer, Billy Cumber, Henry Knox, Paul Kiely, Ken Ralph, Ken Hartley and Tommaso Serra. Very special thanks to Jed for bringing his tractor over.

The ITF Rules of Tennis and The Code, by Kathy Rioux:

We were playing women's doubles one morning and one of the gals was going for an alley shot and her partner got excited and yelled "get it, get it," rather loudly, but her partner missed the shot....and for some reason, I just cracked up and then the rest of us got a case of the giggles. So since we are getting ready to start the Fall USTA League, this got me to thinking, would this be called as a hindrance? I asked my more experienced partner and she said, "maybe".

This was nagging at me, so I decided to check it out by reviewing *The ITF Rules of Tennis* and *The Code*. My interpretation is that this would not be a hindrance since the ball was coming to their side, and the person who yelled was talking to her partner on her side. However, if she had yelled after they hit the ball and it was coming over to our side, we could have called a hindrance and they would have lost the point. Then, I wondered if I was laughing too hard to have returned the shot if they had returned it! To all of us, this was not a source of contention, but just fun tennis! However, in a USTA League match, it truly is hard to say how this would have turned out.

The Code, written by Colonel Nicolas E. Powel, and *The ITF Rules of Tennis* can be found on the USTA website. "*The Code* is a summary of procedures and unwritten rules that custom and tradition dictate all players should follow. No system of rules will cover every specific problem or situation that may arise. If players of good will follow the principles of *The Code*, they should always be able to reach an agreement, while at the same time making tennis more fun and a better game for all. The principles set forth in *The Code* shall apply in cases not specifically covered by *The ITF Rules of Tennis* and USTA Regulations."



Wanted - New Members

New Member Incentives are being offered beginning in August! Any club member that brings in a new member, gets free dues for one month!

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Open Play offer a perfect opportunity to try out our courts and meet our friendly members; more experienced players may try our M-W-F competitive doubles. Talk to Mike See or Ed Hall.

A great place to start is a Clinic with Mike, currently at 5:30 on Monday evenings, or invite a friend to the next Scrambles on September 12.

Share our *HTRC Net News* with friends and other players.

*may all of your birthday wishes
come true!*



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