

From the Editor's Desk:

I am so excited and pleased with the response we have had in the Saturday morning CHILDREN'S CLINIC. We have more kids involved than what we had anticipated and several HCTA members are volunteering hours of their time to this worthwhile and enjoyable project. Lowell Fricker with the help of Bill Bartnick deserve a tremendous THANK YOU for organizing this weekly clinic. We have an average of 35-40 children attending each Saturday at 9am for an hour of fun and instructional drills and teaching games. We have sold close to 30 junior racquets to enthusiastic future tennis players. I join Lowell and Bill in extending a big "Thank You" to the HCTA members who are also devoting much time and effort to this project. The Clinic continues through Saturday February 17th and anyone who would like to help is asked to attend an hours planning session on Friday at 6pm at the 19th Hole Club House.

TENNIS HINTS

Tennis is a game of errors. The more frequently you return the ball, the greater the likelihood your opponent will make a mistake. Don't worry about speed. Get the ball back; this builds confidence. When you have confidence, you gain speed. Eliminate unnecessary movement from your strokes. Make your strokes simple yet efficient. When hitting, look for the seams on the ball; you may not see them, but you will see the ball better anyway. A good ready position is imperative. Keep your racket above the level of the net. The net will take care of all the low balls. If you have a good reliable serve - keep it. Sometimes a slow, unorthodox serve can be equally as effective as a fast, spinning serve. SMILE You're playing tennis; other people are working.

John Gardiner
World Tennis
April 1988

BLUE STREAKS WINNERS

WOMENS DOUBLES:

"A" Div McCormack/Eastman
"B" Div Linsley /Guise
"C" Div Ward /Terrell

MENS DOUBLES:

"A" Div BRANDON /Cable
"B" Div Linsley /Guise
"C" Div McGonegal/Asciutto

Congratulations to Everyone

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS-----

Janet Magee reports Team Tennis is to begin Wednesday evening February 28th. The response has been terrific with 17 guys and 15 gals signed up so far. We need a few more on the list for subs, who last year were called almost every week. The Official Chairperson of this fun event will be our own Sidney Miller. Team Captains so far will be Yours Truly and Jo Anier (what a rip off, I wanted Jo on my team) We're still debating who the male captains will be. Good organized enthusiastic quality male captains are hard to find!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Play will be at Prairie Oaks, continue for either 6 or 8 weeks, same set-up as last year, \$2.50 per night plus a can of balls the first night. Teams will be drafted and members called by their captains with full details closer to the February 28th date. HAVE FUN---

FUND RAISING-----

Bill Bartnick is the new Chairman of this committee, replacing Jean Rosser who moved and is missed by many of us. Bill reports he is working on a new location for the billboard and asked for any ideas. New T-Shirts are in and on sale. Bill is recruiting members for this committee. If you're good at raising money and coming up with great ideas on how to do that and want to help the HCTA, call Bill - 382-4247. We are glad to have Bill back with us. He definitely is an asset to the HCTA. Bill would also like to remind us about the Childrens Clinics Planning Sessions on Fridays at 6pm at the 19th Hole. The Clinic has been successful-keep it up.

Personal Note:

I would like to thank all those who helped make the Christmas Party a great success. There were 40 members attendance and Larry Johnson even dressed up!!! His shirt had sleeves and everything....The Shanghi Restaurant put together a delicious buffet and we all had a good time together. Janie

*****M.O.M.*****

The member of the month is Bobby Fulcher. Congratulations Bobby! We will treat you at our favorite restaurant, McMaragrita's

Again, congratulations, and thanks for your fine efforts this past month.

VALENTINE TENNIS CLASSIC

Its that time again. Everyone is to pick their favorite tennis partner and sign up for the couples only St. Valentines Day Classic. Its enough to warm the cockles of ones heart and you might even win a prize doing it. Entry Forms are enclosed, deadline is Wed 2/7/90. An added request this year is that EVERYONE WHO ENTERS MUST WEAR SOMETHING RED. (even if its just a red bandana around your neck.)

HAVE YOU RATED YOURSELF?????????????

Sorry, Macy, you are not a perfect 10! I'm talking about the NTRP Ratings we printed in last months newsletter. Did everyone rate themselves? It would be interesting to hear where we all felt we should rate. We all know EB is a 2.0; LDE is a 5.0; Dr. P is a perfect 10; MR is somewhere between crazy and crazy; VT may someday be 7.0; A&SM together equal at least 6.0; and BF is striving for the 3.0 level. Macy - the last time I played with you, you were a 4.5.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAMS DONATIONS:

The HCTA unanimously voted to donate \$400 to each High Schools Tennis Teams. What a better way to promote tennis in Highlands County than by helping the high school kids play tennis and by supporting the season schedule. Good Luck to Sebring, Avon Park & Lake Placid.

GRENELEFE RESULTS

We are proud to announce the many HCTA members who have accumulated points so far in the Grenelefe Competition. The Elite Eight in each bracket playin May for VCRs,TVs, TENNIS EQUIPMENT,etc.

Mens A Singles	Bobby Fulcher
Mens B Singles	Darrel Porozynski
Mens A Doubles:	Hollinger/Roberts
	Brandon/Cable
	Fulcher/Pena
Mens B Doubles:	Johnson/Wyse
	Hickman/McGonegal
Womens A Doubles:	Eastman/McCormack
Womens B Doubles:	Hollinger/Miller
	Magee/Sisemore
Womens C Doubles:	Hollinger/Rosser
	Anier/Hollinger
Mixed A Doubles:	McCormack/Smith
	Eastman/Fulcher
Mixed B Doubles:	Senkarik/Johnson
	Hollinger/Wyse
	Magee/Johnson
Mixed C Doubles:	Anier/Senkarik

Keep up the good work

PUBLIC RELATIONS

This committee has a new Chairman and we are pleased that RUSS WARD accepted this responsibility replacing Macy Applebaum who resigned. Look for the news releases and write-ups Russ will be doing for the association in the future.

PRO SHOP

Did you know Wilson has approved our association for the sep up of a pro shop????? Its coming and will be available for members only at cost plus 10%. Another great benefit of joining the HCTA.

AND MORE NEW MEMBERS.....

Betty Hurlbut reports that we now have 133 members. New membership lists with addresses will be provided to the HCTA. Betty is also planning on sending HCTA brochures out to community tennis players who are not presently members with hopes of generating new members. The growth of this organization has been phenomenal this year with the efforts of many and I am proud to be a member of such an aggressive, enthusiastic and community minded association.

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Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all of you who helped out in the kids clinics for the last four Saturday mornings at Harder Hall Tennis Courts. A Special thanks to Bill Bartnick, who took charge and is doing a superb job! Also commendations go to Janet McGee, Lynda Eastman, Jo Anier, Bobby Fulcher, Art Greenwald, Mary Hill, Jane Hollinger, John MacPhail, Darrel Porozynski, Mike Rafferty, Tom Tooke, Herb Saldarini, Betty & Frank Whitaker, and last but not least Mike Zimmerman. All your help has been greatly appreciated and I look forward in seeing you out there at least two more Saturdays. Good job everybody!

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I am again going to ask the question, what better legacy and community service can the HCTA provide to Highlands County than providing programs to promote tennis among kids? I ask this because not everyone in the HCTA agrees that we should be doing this or has supported the program, believe it or not.

I believe the program will have been worthwhile even if we only reach one of the 40 to 50 kids we have each week. We will have gotten them involved in a sport that is not only healthy but fun and one they can play and stay with the rest of their lives. I know I wish I had been involved in tennis at their age. Kids are the future, so lets give them all the help we can.

Lowell

****IMPORTANT DATES****

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| Feb. 5 | HCTA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
7pm - 19th Hole |
| Feb. 3 | CHILDRENS CLINICS |
| 10 | 9 - 10am Harder Hall |
| 17 | \$1 Per Session |
| Feb. 10 | St.VALENTINES CLASSIC
Mixed Doubles |
| Feb. 14 | HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!! |
| Feb. 15-18 | GRENELEFF Week-End |
| Feb. 28 | TEAM TENNIS |
| Mar. 5 | HCTA MEMBERSHIP MEETING |

"BLUE STREAKS" DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

This tournament turned out to be a big success for Ken Haysley and the Sebring High School Tennis Teams. A total of 20 Teams participated in the drop-down competition. The efforts of everyone cleared approximately \$400 towards the Teams Season. Special thanks and applause to Prairie Oaks for use of the courts, Jo Anier for helping with the organization, Mike Rafferty for donated hot dogs and soft drinks, Mr. Kizavath for preparing those hot dogs and doing such a fine job of it, Gary Simonson and Pat Machalski for donated snacks, all the HCTA members who played and Bobby Fulcher who solicited all the donated prizes. Gifts were presented to the winners from: BARNETT BANK, FASHION FORUM, SPECS, T G BAILEYS, TONY'S, WWOJ 106.3, CARDS & GIFTS. We truly appreciate these businesses generosity.

A VERY SPECIAL NOTE TO ONE OF OUR OWN - FRED REISS, WE LOVE YOU AND SEND MANY MANY PRAYERS AND WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RETURN TO SEBRING. YOU ARE IN ALL OF OUR THOUGHTS.

"GET WELL SOON"

From all the HCTA Members

HCTA HAMMOCK PICNIC-----

Its time to pack a picnic and get together for something other than tennis (who said that?..) Janie (party girl) Hollinger is planning a social for April. Volunteers are needed to plan this event and more news will follow at meetings and in this NEWSLETTER!!!!!!!

RATINGS?????????????Where are they??

The goal is to have a NTRP Rating with every members address and phone number. Watch for new membership list with ratings listed. Don't let your name be rated a 0. Speaking of ratings ---- I heard a lot of rumors and comments after last months NEWSLETTER, but not one of those mentioned responded to the editor personally. What does one do to get a LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

NEW MEMBERS ---WELCOME TO THE HCTA

Howard Hanchett	382-6701
Karen Knowles	385-3176
Doug/Jevy Littlewood	385-8746
Robert A McGuire	385-6963
Jan Shoop	471-1288
Richard Stout	471-2826

New Full Membership List will be sent with next NEWSLETTER.

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS TEAMS UNIFORMS LOOK GREAT. Check out the sweat-shirts and t-Shirts of the Lake Placid and Sebring Teams. Donated by the HCTA ----- lookin' good.

CONGRATULATIONS,CONGRATULATIONS

One of our MORE FAMOUS members is planning a WEDDING in June. Good luck to ED LYNCH and his future Bride,Mary Eikenberry. We'll hear more about this event over the radio, maybe.

TENNIS TIPS

Overhead Footwork

Make a platform as your opponent is about to hit, and, as you read the ball, get your racquet back and turn sideways. From a sideways position it's much easier to walk, skip, or run. If your body is open, it's harder to get into a good hitting position. You could also lose your balance when you have to move backwards quickly.

Don't hurry!! You can get to most overheads by turning sideways and walking or skipping to the ball in a collected manner.

If you can't get to the ball by skipping then run back using crossover steps and keep your eyes on the ball.

No matter what your footwork, your last step should always be forward on your hitting foot. Get your front foot down and hit. If you're moving backwards and can't get your front foot down because the ball is getting past you, jump for the ball and throw yourself forward into it.

When the ball is behind you, you're in an unbalanced position when you hit. The pressure of the ball and the lack of leverage in your arm can cause your stroke to stop as the racquet meets the ball and an error occurs. The ball can be kept in the court by completing the stroke. To ensure it, put all your efforts into accelerating the speed of your racquet into the ball.

If you let the aimpoint fade from your mind, the instant that you do, your stroke will collapse. This is a major cause of poor overheads. Don't become so anxious to hit the ball that you forget the aimpoint and miss the shot.....VICTOR TANTALO

CHILDREN'S CLINIC: Saturday, Feb. 17th was the last session of the HCTA Children's Tennis Clinic. Over 50 kids were involved in the six-week program with an average of 35 in attendance each week. The program was a huge success thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated. "THANK YOU" to the HCTA MEMBERS who helped make this clinic a big success.

YEA - Team Tennis

Scores after 1st week:

Team I	32 points
Team II	10 points
Team III	20 points
Team IV	22 points

Team Listing:

Team I	Pat Bentz Betty Hurlbut Mike Rafferty Jo Anier Jerry Linsley Jo Anderson Bobby Baker	Captain
Team II	Jaꝑ Anderson Janet Magee Vipul Thakkar Peggy Sizemore Art Miller Patty Roberts Terry Balfour	Captain
Team III	Ted Roberts Lynda Eastman Darrell Porozyński Peggy Maddox Macy Applebaum Carol Bentz Lowell Fricker	Captain
Team IV	Bobby Fulcher Janie Hollinger Dana Hurlbut Margaret Gleave Russ Ward Nancy Lanier Bob Forrest	Captain

HCTA DOUBLES & SINGLES CHAMPIONS

Janet Magee is working on an exciting one/two day championship competition event for the 1990 Mixed, Men's, and Women's Doubles; and possibly Singles. Anyone interested????? This would be for HCTA Members ONLY. Possibly April or May. Sounds like fun to me.

Last Membership Count ---- 134 Members

DOUBLES TROUBLES

Is your doubles partnership with your significant other creating havoc in your love life? Is your relationship with your partner discombobulating your tennis game? Skip Singleton's book, "Intelligent Doubles," can help.

"Problems arise when one player, usually the stronger of the two, makes the other feel inferior," says Singleton the tennis director at Bluewater Bay Resort. In a chapter called "Divorce Court Doubles," he explains how you can bring out the best, or worst, in your partner.

Singleton, the 1989 Florida tennis pro of the year, bases his theory on a well known tradition. "Doubles teams must be built on mutual trust, understanding, communication and support," he says. Sound familiar? "Doubles is very similar to marriage. There's a lot of give and take."

He also suggests, in communicating, to give your partner as much respect as you would like to receive. "To win your partner over to your way of thinking," he advises, "it's not what you say, it's how you say it."

The book suggests to couples who are having severe problems as a doubles team to "visit a marriage counselor," which in this case is the local tennis pro.

If 1990 resolutions include doubles improvement, you can purchase this book from USTA Publications, 707 Alexander Road, Princeton, N.J.,08540.

PRO SHOP

Mike Rafferty has accepted the position of "PRO SHOP MANAGER". Members may order Wilson equipment, clothes, shoes, etc., at cost plus 10% at each months meeting. Payment is expected with the order. Catalogs are available at the meetings. Another Great Benefit of joining the HCTA!!!!!!!!!!

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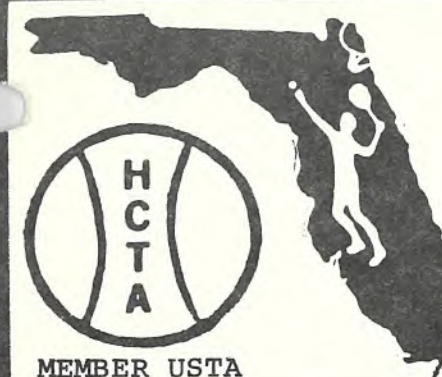
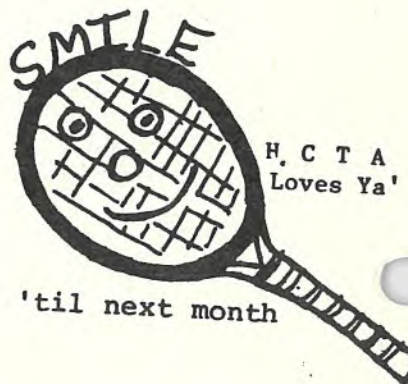
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MARCH
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Newsletter

****PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE****

WELL IT IS TEAM TENNIS TIME. AS OF THIS WRITING, I AM ANXIOUSLY AWAITING MY FIRST EXPERIENCE AT TEAM TENNIS TONIGHT. BY THE WAY IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN AS A SUB, JUST CALL SYDNEY MILLER AT 655-2947.

TEAM TENNIS IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY YOUR TENNIS ASSOCIATION. WE ARE AN ACTIVE, ENTHUSIASTIC ASSOCIATION THANKS TO OUR MANY FINE MEMBERS. WE JUST FINISHED OUR FIRST SIX WEEK SESSION ON KIDS TENNIS (A WARM THANKS TO ALL OF THE MANY VOLUNTEERS) AND IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS, WE WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN TEACHING A SENIOR CITIZEN'S (OVER 50) GROUP AT HARDER HALL. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE OVER 50 WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS OR WHO WOULD LIKE TO START PLAYING AGAIN, PLEASE GIVE BILL BARTNICK A CALL AT 382-4247.

ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE ASSOCIATED WITH OUR VALENTINES TOURNAMENT IN EARLY FEBRUARY. THANKS TO YOUR EFFORTS, THE TOURNAMENT WAS BETTER THAN EVER. A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE NEWS-SUN, INSTA PLAK OF FLORIDA, COKE, JO ANIER JAY & JO ANDERSON, AND MIKE RAFERTY.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR MEMBER OF THE MONTH, BETTY HURBUTT. BETTY YOU HAVE EARNED THIS, ENJOY YOUR DINNER AT MC MARAGRITA'S.

****IMPORTANT DATES****

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| Mar | 5 | HCTA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
7pm - 19th Hole
Members & Public Invited |
| Mar | 7 | TEAM TENNIS - Prairie Oaks |
| | 14 | 6:30pm |
| | 21 | |
| | 28 | |
| Mar | 15-18 | GRENFLEFE Week-End |
| Mar | 17 | HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY |
| APR | 2 | HCTA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
7pm - 19th Hole
Members & Public Invited |

**ST. VALENTINES CLASSIC
RESULTS**

The results of the annual Valentine Tennis Classic, conducted by the HCTA held Feb. 10-11 at the Harder Hall Courts are as follows:

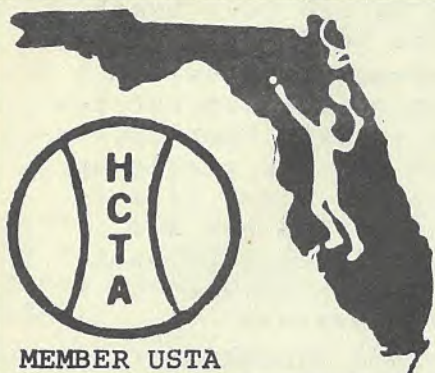
A Division: Jane and Rodney Hollinger
winning by default.
Runner-Up Lynda Eastman and Bobby Fulcher.

A Division Consolation:
Runner-Up Elsin Baker and Luis Pena
Gay and Marty Vaughn

B Division: Mary and Jerry Linsley
Runner-Up Peggy Sisemore and Russ Ward

C Division: Jo and Jay Anderson
Runner-Up Jevy and Doug Littlewood

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** PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **

Would you believe team tennis is almost over? It seems like I was just writing this column for last months Newsletter with great anticipation in playing team tennis. Time sure flies when you are having fun. As high as my expectation was, I certainly wasn't let down. It seems everyone I have talked to feels this way.

If you haven't had a chance to participate in our Wednesday night team tennis program, you still have a chance to get in our next program, mixed doubles, which will probably be starting April 25th if enough of us sign up. For more details see Sydney Miller's article in this newsletter.

Further, my congratulations to Bill Bartnick for being selected member of the month. Bill sure has been a hard working member, conducting the kids clinic, seniors clinic, chairman of the fund raising committee and working hard to find a new location for our sign. Bill enjoy your meal at Mc Maragrita's.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Apr. 2 HCTA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
7pm - 19th Hole
Members and Public Invited
- Apr. 4/11 TEAM TENNIS 6:30pm
- Apr. 18 Team Tennis PIZZA PARTY
- Apr. 19/22 GRENELEFE WEEK-END
- Apr. 25 MIXED-DOUBLES TENNIS
- May. 5 HCTA FAMILY FUN DAY
- May. 7 HCTA MEMBERSHIP MEETING
7pm - 19th Hole
Members and Public Invited

Due to the increase in our membership (we now have a whopping 145 members) it was suggested we have league tennis where we would use more players. Our Team Tennis ends April 11, and if there are enough interested, we can have a 7-week league using as few as 8 players or on up to 16, 24, 32. It would be mixed doubles where each player would stay on one court and play with their partner an 8-game proset and then with their opponent. Play would last for an hour and a half.

If we have enough signed up, we could go to a two-shift program on Wednesday nights - one shift from 6:30-8pm and the next shift 8-9:30pm.

Please call Sydney Miller A.S.A.P. if interested in this league.

Thank YOU Sydney 655-2947



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** PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **

IMPORTANT DATES

I hope you are as pleased with the progress of the HCTA as I am. We have had a very active membership, which can take credit for our progress this year. We are over 150 members for the first time. We have over \$5,000 in the bank. We have done community service projects such as the kids' and senior citizens' clinics. We have initiated a catalog tennis pro shop at top discount prices for members only. We have been recognized in the Heartland Today Magazine and The News-Sun for our accomplishments. We have conducted several tennis tournaments with discounts for members. We have enhanced the appearance of our monthly newsletter. We have provided improved membership lists with member ratings. We have obtained better discounts for members with local businesses. And, last but not least, we have provided social functions for our members, such as our Christmas party, ladder play, team tennis, and pizza party.

Finally, a big thank you to Mike Rafferty for all his recent work in filling all the back orders for our pro shop. Mike keep up the good work.

- May 2 TEAM TENNIS
- May 5 Highlands Hammock Picnic
- May 10 Sponsor Appreciation Day
- May 10-13 Grenelefe Elite Eight
- May 19 Second Kid's Clinic Begins
- May 21 HCTA Membership Meeting
7pm - 19 Hole
Members and public Invited

If any one is interested in tournaments throughout the summer around the state give me a call...I've got a listing of the nearby Singles and Doubles tournaments you might be interested in.

Member-of-the-Month

For such an outstanding job of organization and patience, this honor goes to Sidney Miller for the month of May. Sidney has also been working on the second team tennis event which starts Wednesday, May 2. Play will be on Prairie Oaks and Harder Hall Courts. Sidney has 34 players signed up and ready to go for the six week period. If anyone wants to sub for this event please call Sidney or Janet Magee. Enjoy your complimentary dinner at McMargaritas, Sidney, you deserve a break. Congradulations for a job well done and we're sure, a good job to come.

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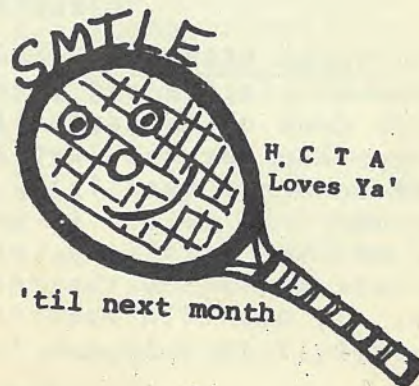
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HEARTLAND CELEBRATION "DOUBLES TENNIS"

This is a county-wide tournament coinciding with the July 4th activities planned by the Heartland Special Events Committee. Play will be:
A B C Women's and Mens' Doubles with CONSULATION BRACKET

Friday - Play after 5:00 pm
Saturday- Play from 8:00 am to 5:00pm
Sunday - Play starts at 1:00pm
Matches will be played at Harder Hall
Registration Deadline is June 25th-6pm
Watch for the registrations in the NEWS-SUN within the next week.
For further information, call Harder Hall 382-0613.

HCTA Membership Update ----- 150

The CHILDRENS CLINIC has completed its second week with four more sessions to go. The first six-week clinic was a success with a great turnout and all the kids excited about playing. We have had an excellent response as far as adults helping with the instruction. We expect to have more kids each week, so if you are interested in sharing your talent with the area youth, come on out to Harder Hall courts at 8am saturday mornings the next four weeks.

Congratulations to all the many HCTA members who qualified for the ELITE Eight GRENELEFFE Week-End. We can be very proud of the number of members who competed in the various levels of play.....Jo Anier, Lynda Eastman, Bobby Fulcher, Jane Hollinger, Rodney Hollinger, Kenny Johnson, Janet Magee, Peggy Sisemore, Karlin McCormick, Ted Roberts, Jean Rosser, Jean Senkarik, and husband Bill Sendarik, Bruce Wyse, and Larry Johnson.

.....QUOTE OF THE MONTH.....

When you go out into the world, hold hands, watch out for traffic, and stick together.

MUCHO THANKS ---- I would like to thank everyone who helped make our 2nd Annual HCTA Family FunDay a great success.
Special Thanks go to our cooking team of Bobby "Burn 'm Up" Fulcher, Mike "Cook first - Eat Later" Rafferty and Darrel "Larry and his other brother, Larry" Porozynski. Also, a big thanks to Karen "Keep those kids moving" Knowles for organizing the childrens games and Betty & Dana "we'll lend you our toys - but won't be there" Hurlbut for the horseshoes and volley ball set. we sent the volley ball set back with a warning:
NOT TO BE USED IN THE PRESENCE OF A RAFFERTY - COULD BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH!!!!!!!!!!

Janie Hollinger

JULY "Friday 13th" HCTA Social.....
Bobby Fulcher has a surprise evening planned for HCTA members only (and invited guests). The plans are for fun tennis only. Fun starts at 6:30. Watch for details in the next HCTA Newsletter.

"SPECIAL AWARD"

Larry Johnson was awarded the honor of "CERTIFIED IDIOT" at the 2nd Annual HCTA Family Fun Day Picnic. He was presented this prestigious label for being crazy enough to run in the CRACKER TRAIL MARATHON and live to tell about it. Congratulations from all of us, Larry.

Special Note: Anyone interested in tickets to "HELLO DOLLY" for June 23rd, please contact Bobby Fulcher at 471-3261 or 382-9259.

GUESS WHO'S DOLLY????????????????

We missed the PRESIDENT'S REPORT!!!!

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Team Tennis is doing well. Everyone seems to be enjoying the play and we have had some really interesting sets. We have had one rainout which will be made up at the end.
So far, everyone has been very cooperative with the exception of our "Pres. Lowell Fricker" who came unprepared to pay for his participation in the team tennis. I might add that all other players were very reluctant to lend Lowell the \$2. But, one good soul finally came through. I explained to Lowell we, the HCTA, did not accept plastic -Ha Ha- Lowell gave us a good reason to smile and have fun even at a "rain out" Thanks Lowell.
I would like to ask all regular players on team tennis to please find a sub by checking with Sydney for names or going down your HCTA member list but please find someone to take your place if for some reason you cannot play. Remember, there are three other people expecting to play and looking forward to an evening of good tennis.
If it looks like rain, contact Sydney or me before you decide not to go. Please, don't disappoint other players. Also, thanks to Bobbie Fulcher for subbing for many of our male players.

Janet Magee

Overheard at the HCTA cookout-----

"Only special people are allowed in the HCTA!"

A NEW TRUCK FOR THE HCTA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Have you seen the new truck Rafferty's driving around? I understand the Pro Shop is doing so well, he had to have the truck to load and deliver all the merchandise members have been ordering. Was this a personal expense or is the HCTA buying the new vehicle???? Pay closer attention to the financial report at next month's meeting.
Which, by the way, is June 18th, and everyone is invited. Come early for a few minutes of relaxation with your fellow HCTA member. Let's Talk.

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Dear Editor:

I would like to say a big "THANKS" to Darrel Porozynski for his very generous contribution of free meals at McMargaritas for our member of the month. Dana and I had a great meal and enjoyed visiting with Darrel while we ate. It is awfully nice of him to provide this "reward" for our HCTA M.O.M.'s!

Thanks so much, Darrel

Betty Hurlbut

(Letter from the Editor: Gee, it was so nice receiving a letter to the Editor).

Tennis Tip of the Month:

Be a Smart Volleyer----
The smart volleyer hits the ball into the open court by aiming at a spot on the court itself. The stupid thing to do is to watch your opponent and respond to him when you volley.
If you watch your opponent try to run for the ball, you have a tendency to overhit your shot. You will hit the ball harder and wider to be sure he can't get to it, and you will increase your chances of making a mistake. The point is that a spot on the court is a stationary target; your opponent is a moving target. What you should do is ignore the moving target and let the chips fall where they may. If you make the shot, you will most likely win the point. Even if your opponent can get to the ball, the chances are he won't be able to do much with it.

Dennis Van Der Meer
Tennis Magazine 5/90

RATINGS: H E R E T H E Y A R E

They have been completed on more than half of our members, and are included with the MEMBERSHIP LIST enclosed in this NEWSLETTER. If you are not rated please call 471-3261. Rate yourself in comparison to others rated.

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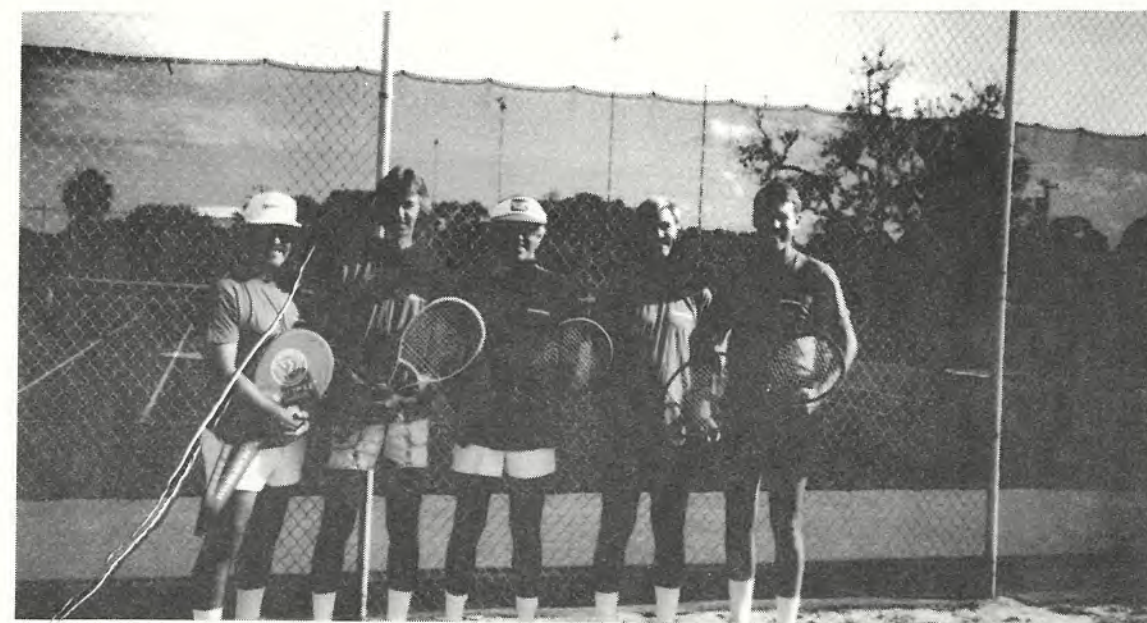
Sebring's own "Volvo 5.0" Tennis Team
Come watch the last home match of the
"Green Machine" tennis team on Monday
June 4th at Harder Hall at 7pm. The
visiting team from Lake Region is stiff
competition which means a good match
to enjoy. Ken Haysley plays #1 Singles,
Brad Smith and Bobby Fulcher play #1
Doubles and Ted Roberts and Rodney
Hollinger play #2 Doubles. The Team
is undefeated in the Volvo District
and has a good chance of competing in
the Volvo Region. A Win Monday Night
will qualify the team for the Regions.
The team is sponsored by BARNETT BANK
Team members send a big Thank You to
Lowell Fricker for the use of the
courts at Harder Hall for Home Matches.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 2-9-16-23 Childrens Clinic
June 4 Volvo 5.0 Team Play
June 18 HCTA Membership Meeting
7pm -19th HOLE
June 29-30 HIGHLANDS CELEBRATION
TENNIS TOURNAMENT
July 13 HCTA Social - Harder Hall

Dear Members:

Remember the change in the meeting
night. It's the 3rd Monday of each
month at 7pm at the 19Hole. Every-
one is encouraged to attend and con-
tribute ideas, suggestions, and yes
even constructive criticism.





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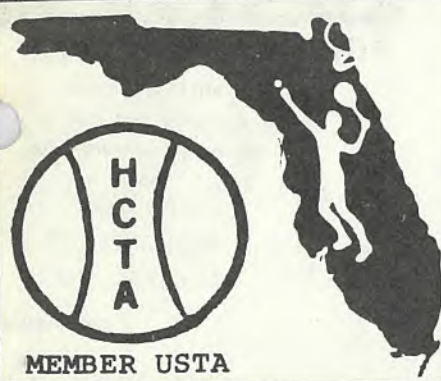
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WE URGE EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE HCTA TO ATTEND
THIS ALL IMPORTANT EVENING, MONDAY, AUGUST 20th.

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PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

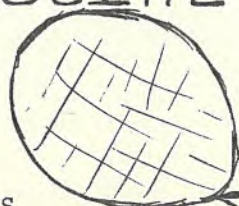
We in the Heartlands of Florida have a quality of life second to none. We have some of the most scenic areas of Florida, and the Nation in Highlands Hammock State Park. We have clean air and beautiful lakes, surrounded by pine and oak trees, on the highest ground in Florida. Not only do we have lower humidity than coastal cities, but a lower cost of living in friendly small towns with lower crime rates. We have an excellent county wide educational system including one of the up and coming community colleges in the State. We are a very health and sports minded community. We have almost every sport imaginable here in Highlands County. And yes, we have tennis courts too!

Actually we have more than just tennis courts, we have a match maker. We all know of instances where there are tennis courts but no tennis players. But in Highlands County we have our HCTA. The HCTA provides the link between people and tennis courts and provides Heartland residents a means to achieve the ultimate in recreation and health in a beautiful surrounding, the quality of life all of us are looking for!

I have been proud to serve as your president this last year, and proud to have helped in match making and hopefully improving the quality of your life. This last year our membership has increased to an all time high of 151 members. We have accomplished many things; some new, such as kids and senior clinics, and some old, such as ladders, team tennis, tournaments and high school tennis donations. However, our job is not done; we have a lot of work ahead of us next year. We need to move our bill board sign, we need to continue and expand all our programs, like the kids clinics. We need to continue the Shearson Tournament, and make it an annual memorial event to Fred Reiss. These and many more tasks need to be done.

That's why it is important that we elect good leaders at our annual meeting, August 20th. As for me, I look forward to turning the reins over to new blood and enjoying more of the quality of life here in the Heartlands. See you at our annual meeting!

SPECIAL INVITATION



HCTA ANNUAL ELECTIONS

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** PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **

As you may or may not know, the HCTA has just finished its second six week kids clinic session which began May 19th. The response and attendance has been fabulous. I would like to thank all instructors for coming and giving their valuable time on Saturday mornings. Volunteers who have instructed at three or more of the six sessions are: Bill Bartnick, Mary Hill, Jane Hollinger, Janet Magee, Robert McQuire, Mike Rafferty and Mike Zimmerman. As a special thanks to you, the HCTA is giving you a free T-Shirt. Please see me to pick up your shirt.

Your efforts were really needed because we had 51 kids, more than ever before, for the first week and 41 showed up the second and third Saturdays. Our previous high was 48 kids in the fourth week of the first session. Five kids attended all six weeks of our last session. They are: Audra Watson, and Angela, Aron, Ben and Chris Ogden.

To date, 128 kids have attended one of our clinics. Most seemed to have almost as much fun as the instructors. I am not sure who has learned more.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 13 HCTA TENNIS SOCIAL
July-Sept: HCTA LADDER PLAY
July 16 HCTA Membership Meeting

Dear HCTA Members:

Well, it's getting close to that time again. The winding down of a full year of activities and planning for the present Board and Officers. I personally feel it has been a very successful and active year with much growth and many worthwhile projects, socials, fund raisers and clinics. The committees have done an outstanding job and our present officers have much to be proud of as far as accomplishments for the past year. Now, it's time for everyone to start thinking about the next year and new blood in the leadership and committee heads. We're always looking for more people to get involved with new ideas and enthusiasm. I for one will be looking for someone to take over the editorship of the NEWSLETTER. As much as I have enjoyed this monthly challenge, I think it's time for a change. Let's keep up the good work and get involved and make a difference. The HCTA needs you.

Lynda

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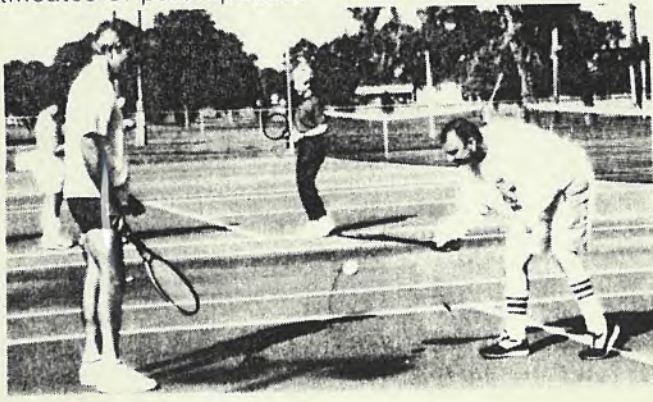
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The HCTA presented plaques to Lowell Fricker (left) and Jo Anier (right), at September's board meeting. We thank Lowell, former president of the association, for his efforts and lasting contributions. Jo is celebrating her 12th year as an active and dedicated member whose contributions are valuable and innumerable. THANKS, GUYS! Bill Bartnick, our current president, made the presentations on behalf of the associaton.

Members of the HCTA took on a challenge on Saturday, October 27 as they shared some tennis skills with some special Highlands County residents.

Nine clients from the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) were treated to a two-hour session of tennis instruction, including drills, orientation and doubles games. After the court action they were taken to a luncheon and awarded certificates of participation.



INTRO TO TENNIS



The News-Sun/Russ Dangeleisen

COORDINATION DRILLS: Kim Pepper, Highlands County Tennis Association member, center, assists Raymond Jackson, left, in a hand and eye coordination drill Saturday at Harder Hall Country Club in Sebring.

Special citizens have first try at tennis

■ By **RUSS DANGELEISEN**
News-Sun Correspondent

SEBRING — Just as the morning chill was chased away by the warm Saturday sunshine, a group of special Highlands County citizens gathered at Harder Hall to try something for the first time.

Smiles marked each face. Tensions they may have felt going into the morning have faded, as each participant concentrated on the task at hand, hit that little fuzzy ball over the net.

The group was comprised of members belonging to the Association of Retarded Citizens, (ARC), and they got their first experience with tennis Saturday, thanks to the efforts of Harder Hall and the Highlands County Tennis Association, (HCTA).

Bill Bartnick, president of HCTA, said he was just as nervous some of the participants and said the event

was a chance to introduce tennis to their guests.

"This is a first for us," Bartnick said shortly before the ARC group arrived. "It's a chance to introduce people to tennis, which is a sport that can last you the rest of your life. You don't have to be a terrific athlete to play. Anyone can."

Bartnick, along with Harder Hall General Manager Lowell Fricker, have been planning the outing for six weeks. Fricker said the goals of the clinic were simple.

"Tennis is a simple sport. We're not here to instruct or teach today, just go over the basics and above all, have fun," he said.

Nine members of ARC from different facilities around Highlands County were given a two-hour regiment of warm up exercises, drills, equipment orientation and a little time to practice their newfound

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skills. After the court action, the members were treated to a luncheon and awarded with certificates of participation by the HCTA.

"All this evolved from our kid's clinics. We've been having them for over a year now and we have upwards of 50 kids from kindergarten through the sixth grade participating. Lowell (Fricker) and I thought this would be a great way to expand on that.

"What we don't want is this to be thought of as using a tennis platform as a handicap outreach. We're trying to challenge some of our members to go out and beyond themselves for the community," Bartnick said.

The members of ARC who took part in the clinic include: Donita McDonald, who is a resident assistant, Sandra Schigelone, Raymond Jackson, Rebecca Rindo, Leslie Hollandy, Luther Biggs, Raymond Smith, Fred Robinson and Timothy Cypress.

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Memorial tennis tournament set

The Shearson Lehman Brothers Fred Reiss Memorial Tournament of Champions will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10-12, at the Country Club of Sebring.

There will be men's and women's doubles (A, B, C) with consolation mixed doubles (A, B, C). The cost is \$15 per person for one event and \$20 per person for two events. Tennis balls will be supplied.

All entries must be in by Wed., Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. The sponsors are Shearson Lehman Brothers, Wilson Sporting Goods and Coca Cola of Sebring.

Trophies will be awarded to winners, runners up and consolation winners.

Call Jo Anier at 385-6772 after 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8. Check in 30 minutes before starting time.

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Thank you for the
tennis clinic. We en-
joyed ourselves very
much.