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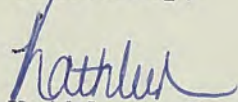
Dear Mr. Bartnick,

Our warmest thanks goes out to you for the tennis clinic and awards luncheon you recently held for some of our clients. We appreciate your thinking of us.

Ridge Area Association for Retarded Citizens assists in providing the best possible care for the handicapped individuals of Highlands County.

Great strides have been made by our agency over the past year and you now have assisted in our future. Your continued support enables us to reach our goals and set new ones.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Cowan
Executive Director

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HIGHLANDS COUNTY TENNIS ASSOCIATION

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Newsletter

BARTNICK WINS, CHALLENGES IRAQUI!!

Not content with his highly popular election as President of the H.C.T.A., Bill "Make a Lotta Racket" Bartnick, has issued a tennis challenge to Saddam "Cocky Iraqi" Hussein. Our hero has wagered his personalized toilet seat cover against the Iraqi's life-sized poster of he and Yasser Arafat doing the Lambada together while attired in saran wrap. One must marvel at the game face our man has achieved; ever threatening, this pit-bull-on crack has accused the mustachioed dork of setting a church on fire just to see if nuns could really fly! Should the match take place in the desert, Bill has included in his luggage, very fertile love bugs (*squashus copulitus*) to relieve the hunger problems of the anti-American camel jockeys. "SHELLACK IRAQ!" says Bill, as he continues to nip at the ever-present cough medicine, and eats plastic sandwiches to keep his cholesterol down. His marksmanship is legendary from years of shooting flounder in Lake Jackson. In his only other political encounter, Bartnick was also elected homecoming queen ---- for a very special kind of home. Bill knows about sports ---- he watches lots of basketball; gets excited checking out the armpits. He thinks his adversary may not be too bright, Hussein writes anonymous letters and puts them on personalized stationery. He also thinks Fruit of the Loom is a breakfast cereal, and tried to get a new racquet for his wife, but nobody wanted her.

The H.C.T.A. meeting of August 20, provided our organization with a completely new set of officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

- Vice -President - RUSS WARD Has been known to drink shooters till his hair hurt, loves live lobsters but they give him diarrhea. When he sleeps he creeps.
- Treasurer - MIKE EASTMAN Thinks a semi colon is a medical operation. Idea of a big date is spending an evening describing what oysters taste like. Loaned his chapstick to a bag lady with gum disease.
- Secretary - BETTY HURLBUT Asked husband to electrify a fence the dogs were raising their legs on. (Dana laughed so hard he passed a stone) Wanted a black guy in Publix to pick out a good watermelon. Puts a whole lime in her mouth and smiles
- Assistant Sec - WYNETTE WARD Favorite sport is shopping. Goes down grocery aisle punching holes in milk cartons. Stopped wearing glasses when her prescription ran out. Thinks menopause is to stop for guys.

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EXECUTIVE PROFILE ... Meet Bill Bartnick



Bill is that happy-go-lucky social butterfly flitting about the HCTA for the past 3 years. But we are sure that it was more than just his electrifying smile that got him voted in as our new president. He has a keen sense of order and organization, as anyone who has ever visited his

home can attest to - not a speck of dust or item out of place! Under Bill's meticulous eye, the HCTA should be whipped into shape in no time! Beneath this "Mommie Dearest" exterior, however, lies a deeply sensitive nature. Bill has a love of God, science and nature. He acquired his botany degree from the University of Maryland in 1981 and has been working since then in various areas of the produce business. He is currently working for Lykes Brothers as an environmental technician. The son of a navy man, Bill was born in Bethesda,

Maryland. He has 2 brothers and a sister. Bill has a special feeling toward the HCTA since his first contact upon moving to Sebring was a member of the association. He has been playing ever since. Last year, he served as fundraising chairperson until his charming smile won him the top place as our president! "I feel honored to serve the HCTA in this way," said Bill. "I hope you find me a suitable representative. The HCTA has a lot of good people in it and I am honored to be counted among you." When Bill's not on the courts, he's courting! His fiancée, that is. Bill and Kim Pepper are engaged to be married on May 8. Bill's hobbies include sailing, motorcycling, gardening, fine arts and dating Kim. We're behind you, Bill!

Next
Meet Russ Ward, VP

"The HCTA has a lot of good people in it and I am honored to be counted among you."

Bill Bartnick
President

FROM THE PRES...

Our board meets regularly on the third Monday of each month at McMargarita's on Ridgewood Drive at 7 PM promptly. All HCTA members are welcome to attend.

October's board meeting will be pivotal to our next year. We will be hammering out our yearly goals.

I invite you to call me at 382-4247, write me a letter, or propose your ideas at the meeting.

I want to emphasize the importance of respect for the rules of order that are designed to keep our meetings flowing smoothly and quickly.

The HCTA is your organization and I will do my best to represent the majority views. -Bill

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CALENDAR

- Nov. 15-18...The 10th Annual Grand Prix Tennis Circuit, Grenelefe, Florida
- Nov. 10-11....Shearson/Fred Reiss Memorial Tournament at The Country Club of Sebring (please see insert)
- October 15.....Board Meeting at McMargarita's Restaurant; S. Ridgewood Dr. at 7 PM

- AGENDA _____
- 1.HCTA Goal Formulation for '90-91
 - 2.Appointment of SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR
 - 3.Committee Head Organization

NEWS



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.

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TENNIS TIPS

For C players, the most important thing is positioning. If you're approaching to your opponent's backhand, as is most often the case, position yourself 1 1/2 to 2 feet to the right of of the service line. If your opponent goes down the line, automatically think about going crosscourt with your volley. Conversely, if your opponent hits his passing shot crosscourt, place your volley down the line.) Remember: C players who make the fewest errors will generally win the match.

(Taken from World Tennis October, 1990).

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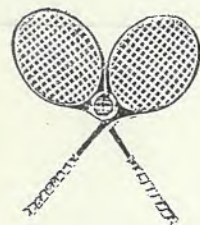
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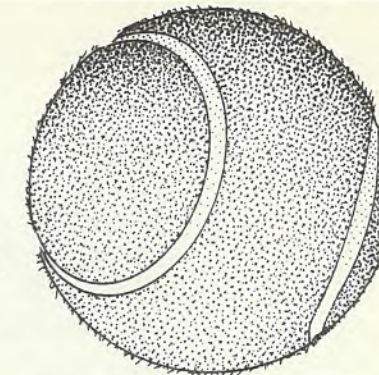
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THE WILSON PROFILE HAMMER SYSTEM

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A RACKET REVOLUTION

In 1987, Wilson developed the Profile racket, with the largest sweet spot to date and dual tapered beam for more power and control. It was the first breakthrough in racket technology in 10 years.

But Wilson researchers didn't rest on their laurels. They set out to develop another racket revolution--a racket with the sweet spot extending into the upper part of the frame--where most balls are hit and where rackets are the least efficient.

After three years of research and development, Wilson is pleased to introduce the Wilson Profile Hammer System with the largest sweet spot ever.

According to its developers, the new racket also promises greater power, control, mobility, lower shock and lighter weight.

"The key to its success is in its weighting system," says Frank Garrett, racket sports technologist. Garrett said the sweet spot is maximized by removing mass from the handle and maintaining weight on the upper rim of the head, creating a hammer effect. This also leads to increased power capabilities and less shock and vibration.

The developers took two ounces of mass away from the handle, making The Hammer 20% lighter than most conventional frames. It maintains the dual tapered beam feature of the 1987 Profile.

Wilson anticipates The Hammer System will be available in November of this year. It can be ordered locally by the HCTA members through Mike Rafferty, 382-6115.

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MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Betty Hurlbut

The HCTA wishes to recognize and thank Betty for her many contributions of late. Thanks, Betty, for your painstaking efforts in sending out those scads of membership renewal forms as Membership Committee Chairperson, and also pulling double duty as Secretary to the Board. The minutes have been expertly prepared. Betty receives a complimentary dinner for two at McMargarita's Restaurant. WE APPRECIATE YOU, BETTY!

EXECUTIVE PROFILE ... 135



Russ Ward
Vice President

Ward wants to provide opportunities to play tennis, socialize and initiate the repair of local tennis courts

Russ Ward is no stranger to Highlands County. He spent his teenage years here, graduating from Sebring High School in 1978 and then from South Florida Community College in 1980. While at SFCC, he developed his tennis interest under the direction of Al Morrow, playing for the college tennis team (and losing too much weight!). He then left the area to pursue studies at university in Oklahoma (where he met his wonderful wife). He received his undergraduate degree in Biblical Literature and then a Masters of Divinity. Russ is an ordained minister and pastors the Vineyard Church of Sebring.

Russ and his wife, Sandra, married in her home city of Calgary, Alberta and they moved to Sebring in 1988. Russ became an active member of the HCTA in 1989.

Some of Russ' goals during his term as vice president are to provide opportunities to play tennis, socialize, and initiate the repair of local tennis courts for regular use.

When Russ is off the courts, he is usually trying to find an interested player to get on them! Sometimes you'll find him reading or spending time with his family. If he had his way, he'd also be playing more racquetball. Oh, well.

Next Month
Meet Betty Hurlbut

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3. returns to net play, move back and toward the center to give time to react and to cut off the opening in the middle of the court.
 4. You may play back at the baseline if:
 - a) server's partner is consistently effective on poaching on return.
 - b) your partner has difficulty with return.

- c) server is consistently beating receiver to the net and winning on the first volley.
- d) the serving team is in a groove and you need to change the momentum.
- e) to exploit weak overheads by serving team.
- f) be patient and play most balls down the middle to avoid giving opponents the angle.

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CALENDAR

November 10-11 Shearson Lehman Brothers Fred Reiss Memorial Tournament of Champions. All entries must be in by Nov. 7. Call Jo Anier at 385-6772 after 5 pm on Thursday Nov. 8 for start times.

November 15-18 The 10th Annual Grand Prix Tennis Circuit, Grenelefe, Florida.

November 19 HCTA Board Meeting. All members are invited to attend. McMargarita's Restaurant on South Ridgewood Drive in Sebring at 7 p.m.
AGENDA:
1. completion of goal formulation
2. new members/beginners play

NEWS

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.



TENNIS TIPS

Doubles is won at the net - position yourself, anticipate, be alert.

In good doubles, your game must be slowed down as compared to singles play. Control is the key, not power!

Ninety percent of your first serves must be in.

Communication is the key to success. Achieve unity by "huddling up" periodically before a point.

A basic tenet in doubles play is to go down the middle. But also remember that the court is an extra 4 1/2 feet wide in each alley. By using controlled shots to the wider alleys, you can split your opponents, and then go between them for the winner.



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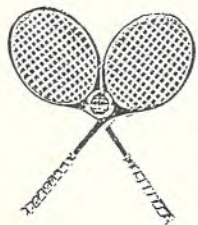
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- TEAM TENNIS - C level or beginning players interested in playing team tennis, call Jo Anier at 385-6772.

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- HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? Remember to send in your HCTA membership fee for the '90-'91 year. You'll experience a great "return" on your investment, by having a "ball" and meeting your "match" in tennis play.
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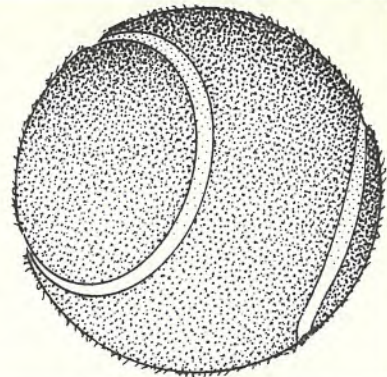


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DYNAMIC DOUBLES

The game of doubles tennis is unlike singles. In light of the upcoming doubles tournament in November, the editor thought it would be valuable to highlight the basics of doubles play. This is the first in a two-part series about doubles play. This month we will highlight pointers from the receiving team's point of view. Many thanks to Ken Haysley for providing the information.

RECEIVING TEAM

A. Line-up of partners

1. Right side - situate the person with the best cross-court forehand return of serve and the best back-hand volley.

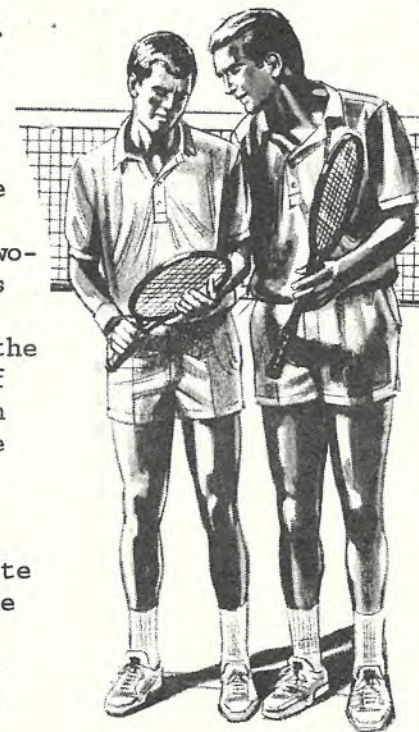
2. Left side - situate the person with the strong back-hand, good forehand volley, strong overhead (this person will handle the majority of the lobs).

B. Service Return - 3 things to consider:

1. You can't win the point without returning the serve.
2. Try to make a return that will give the receiving team the offensive.
3. The receiver must get to the net as soon as possible.

C. The Receiver

1. should move in as close as possible to return the serve, a foot or more inside the baseline.



2. return the serve as quickly as possible, hitting the ball on the rise.
3. move in one or two steps to receive the second serve.
4. study the servers; they will give away their type of serve by their toss, stance or backswing.
5. Remember, every step forward provides the receiver with more advantage.
6. Return placements - the two kinds are the cross-court or at the feet of the server moving in; and the angled chip low and wide to bother the

incoming server. No matter where you return serve, keep your shot as low as possible.

7. Try lobbing the return over the server's partner's head or give him the "wake up call" by going straight down the line to keep him honest.
8. Finally, if you get a second serve, cover your weakness by running around to crack a forehand. This is an ideal time for you to apply pressure to the server.

D. The Receiver's Partner

1. primary responsibility is to call out serves and watch your partner's return.
2. returns low and past net man allow you to move forward off service line to net position.

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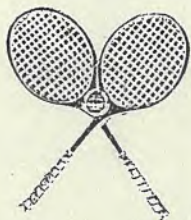
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CALENDAR

- The 10th Annual Grand Prix Tennis Circuit Third Leg - Dec. 13-16 Grenelefe, Florida
- Intermediate Ladies Clinic meets Saturday mornings commencing Nov. 24. Call Jo Anier at 385-6772 for more information.
- CHRISTMAS SOCIAL!!! Monday, Dec. 17 (see page three for details)
- HCTA Board Meeting - Board members will meet at Harder Hall Saturday Dec. 15 for a meeting and a few rounds of tennis.
- Jan. 12 & 13 - Blue Streaks Annual Fund Raising Tournament. Call Brad Smith at 385-6176 (W) or 471-2415 (H)



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TENNIS TIPS

Some final words about doubles (honest)...

The ball hit in the center, should be taken by the player with the forehand toward center.

Any cross-court hit between players at net should be taken by the player on the opposite side of court from which the shot was made.

Lobs hit down the center should be returned by the partner in the backhand court, since his forehand is toward center. Otherwise, play lobs on your side of the court.



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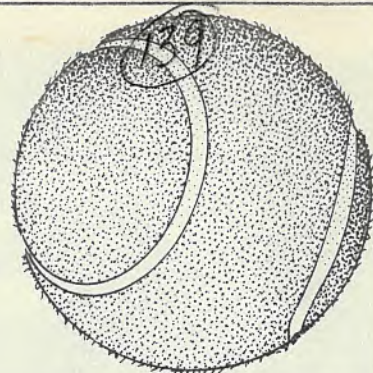
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DYNAMIC DOUBLES

This is the second in a two-part series about doubles play. This month we will highlight some pointers from the serving team's point of view.

Once again, thank you to Ken Haysley for his knowledge and expertise.

SERVING TEAM

I. Server

- a) halfway between center of baseline and singles line
- b) The serve must be well placed and controlled to force a defensive return. The best serve is twist or spin serve deep to backhand. The faster the serve, the less time the server has to get to net.
- BIGGEST SIN OF DOUBLES IS TO DOUBLE FAULT!**
- c) From time to time use big serve or different spin to keep the receiver off balance.
- d) If you serve the receiver's forehand, it gives the receiver more options and wider angles for returns.
- d) Serves must be deep i) if not, the receiver can run around the backhand, ii) short serves place the net man in an impossible situation.
- e) Server charges the net (long strides) and should make direction decision to meet the situation (change of direction should be made just short of the service line). Server should come in on every serve. Don't halt if you think the serve might be out. If it isn't, you're dead!



- f) Eighty-five percent of serve returns in good doubles are hit at the incoming server. The server must quickly notice the bounce point of his serve and then concentrate on anticipating the receiver's type of return and then move to the proper point to intercept the return (as close to the net as possible).

- g) Server's position after serve will also depend on position of net man, which will depend on the serve itself.

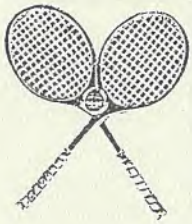
II. Net Man

- a) Position is six to nine feet from net, about one foot right of center of line that divides singles court and sideline.
- b) Watch serve pass over net, determine where it will land, shift attention to receiver to anticipate return, look for stance, or manner in which he prepares to make return, which will give away type of return such as: flat drive, top spin drive, chop, angles spin shot, or lob.
- c) No move other than a fake, should be made until the receiver is fully committed to his shot. Remember, half the art of anticipation is to conceal the fact that you have anticipated.
- d) Learn to use signals and communicate with your partner as to what you are planning.



CALENDAR

- Jan. 5 - Beginners and Low C level clinic continues. Call Jo Anier 385-6772.
- Jan. 12&13 - Second Annual Blue Streaks Fund Raising Tournament at Harder Hall. Men's and Women's A and B Divisions to compete. Bring your own balls. Cost is \$10 per person to enter. All proceeds go toward Sebring High School Tennis Teams. Call Brad Smith at 385-6176 or 471-2415 to register or call Bobby Fulcher at 471-3261. **Register by Thursday Jan. 10.**
- Jan. 14 - HCTA Board Meeting at 7 pm at McMargarita's. All HCTA members invited.



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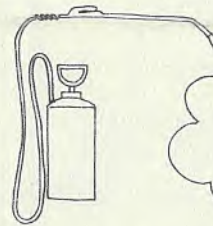
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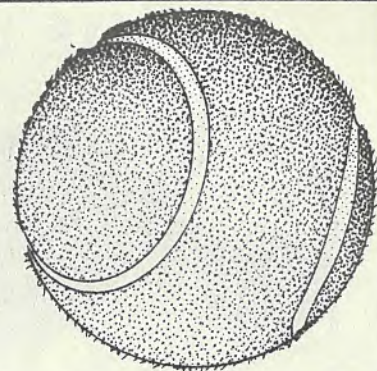
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NewsLetter



JANUARY

1991

FROM THE PRES...

Greetings, fellow tennis enthusiasts! Wow, we're already into the new year and I'd like to start the year off by expressing my sincere thanks and good fortune for the privilege of serving you, the members of the HCTA.

The events of 1990 will soon be logged in the tennis annals (namely, Lowell's scrapbook). This year's events should be equally exciting.

Many of you are aware that the board and officers have been laboring - and I do mean laboring - over the formulation of organizational goals for this fiscal year. Included in this issue, is the fruit of our labors. I hope that you will support us in these endeavors. We have tried to put together a program that a) benefits our membership, b) benefits the youth of this county who are pursuing tennis and c) benefits our community.

One of my goals for the HCTA is to see us presented with the FTA Member Organization of the Year in November. I believe that we are worthy recipients of this honor and can be a help to other tennis organizations. Although we have a lot of good people and programs in place, we still need more volunteers to step forward and "pitch in" to support our programs. WE NEED YOU and THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU. In retrospect, I want to say that I am very pleased with all of our events last year. Many thanks to all who helped make them such - you know who you are!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU.

See ya courtside,

Bill

GOALS OF THE HCTA 1990-91

(see pg. 3 for calendar)

A. Clinics - conduct two kids clinics, a seniors clinic, beginning ladies clinic, low C level clinic, and ARC clinic.

B. Tournaments - Shearson Fred Reiss Memorial, Valentine's, Doctors', 4th of July, Blue Streak, and Beginners & Ranking players mixed tournaments.

C. Socials - Beach party, Christmas party, Valentine's Ball, picnic and socials at the end of each team tennis session

D. Team Tennis and Ladders - Team tennis in February and April with ladders to be held at coordinator's judgment.

E. Membership Development - Member of the month recognition with a complimentary dinner for two; use clinics as a recruitment tool; t-shirt giveaways, institute a ratings system on membership list.

F. Scholarship - presented to a high school senior (\$250) going to college who shows tennis ability, GPA of at least 2.5, and financial situation considered.

G. Donations - of \$400 to each high school in the county to go toward the men's and ladies' tennis teams.

H. COMMUNITY SERVICE - "Adopt a Highway" participation; initiate the repair of local courts in cooperation with local governments to ensure that HCTA members and the public have adequate playing areas.

For more info call Bill at 382-4247.



The News-Sun, Sunday, February 24, 1991

HCTA members enjoy Grenelefe Tennis Tourney

The Highlands County Tennis Association (HCTA) members had a good showing at the Grenelefe Tennis Tournament Feb., 16-17.

Rodney Hollinger and Ted Roberts were the men's A division winners. Larry Johnson and Jean Senkarik, mixed B Winners. Larry Johnson and Bruce Wyse, men's B semifinalists. Jane Hollinger and Elsin, women's B semifinalists. Marcia Huguley and Mike Eastman, mixed C semifinalists. Bob McGuire, men's C semifinalists (singles). Janet Magee and Peggy Sismore, women's B consolation winners. Jo Anier and Bob McGuire, mixed C consolation winners.

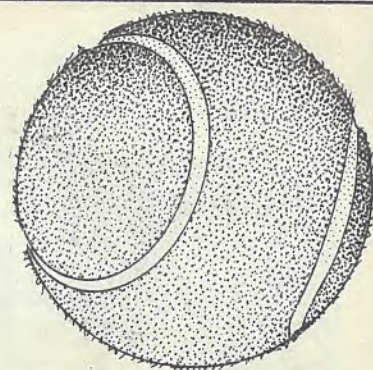
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NewsLetter



MARCH

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LOOK MA-TWO HANDS!

Hey, tennis fans, this one will really blow your mind! The latest in tennis rackets is the Avatar racket designed by California sports scientist Lionel Burt.

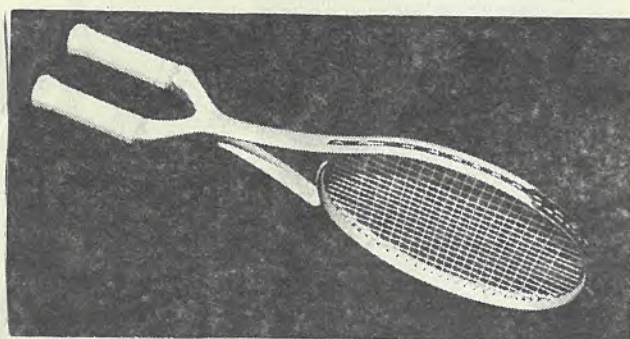
What is so unique about this racket is that it is made with two grips so that a player can easily hit the ball with two hands from the forehand and backhand sides. What next!?

"The racket is completely playable with one hand from both sides until you learn to use two hands," says Avatar co-owner Peter Mackie.

This racket was introduced into the market late last year and has been patented and approved for tournament play by the International Tennis Federation. This two-handed trend is represented professionally by Monica Seles, the number 3-ranked women's player.

The Avatar is designed to provide more control and is theoretically an antidote for tennis elbow. There are only 200 such rackets currently available on the market and cost \$200 each (plus tax). Plans for mass production are underway.

For more information, write to: Avatar Inc. 730 1/2 Superba, Venice, California 90291.



FROM THE PRES...

GREETINGS, FELLOW TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS! The HCTA board has been in the forefront (cutting edge!) of your organization's evolution by addressing the following agendas during the past few months:

- 1) the adoption of a USTA-sponsored combined liability insurance plan, 2) application for membership for USTA/NJTL (National Junior Tennis League) Highlands County Chapter, 3) lobbying for downtown city court improvements, 4) once again selling ads for our billboard and 5) networking with TMC telephone service as further explained in this March issue of our newsletter.

The executive board is extremely excited and anxious to see the above reach full fruition. That's where YOU come in. I'm not talking to

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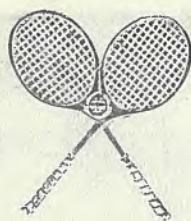
CALENDAR

Team tennis continues each Wednesday evening.

March 18 HCTA Board Meeting

Bill Bartnick recently met with Barbara Braunstein of the Florida Tennis Association to discuss the creation of the HCTA as a chapter of the National Junior Tennis League and ways to obtain grant monies to fund promoting tennis in the schools.

Bill Bartnick is meeting with George Fox of the City of Sebring to discuss upgrading and repairs of local tennis courts. Please direct any concerns you may have in this area to Bill at 382-4247.



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March 14-17, 6th leg of Grenelefe

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April 18-19, 7th leg of Grenelefe

ATTENTION BOBBY BAKER - Thanks for helping us put up the billboard. Contact Mike Rafferty to receive a token of our gratitude.



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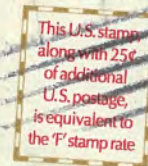
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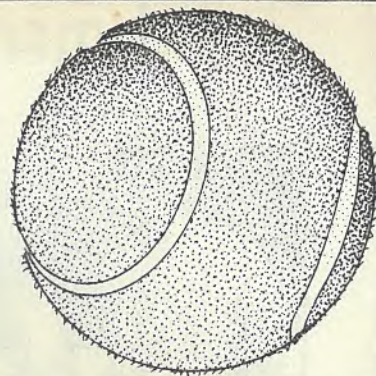


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APRIL

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GETTING A GRIP

The racquet handle is a key factor in how well you play tennis. Using the right grip size, therefore, greatly determines how effectively you control the ball, especially on off-center hits. For example, a grip that is too small is not only harder to hold on off-center hits, but also causes more stress and strain on your arm because you have to squeeze harder to hold the racquet properly.

Conversely, a larger racquet handle makes it easier to control racquet-head twisting on off-center hits. The less the racquet twists on impact, the more control and power you'll have with less shock on your arm. Your grip size should be the largest you can hold comfortably.

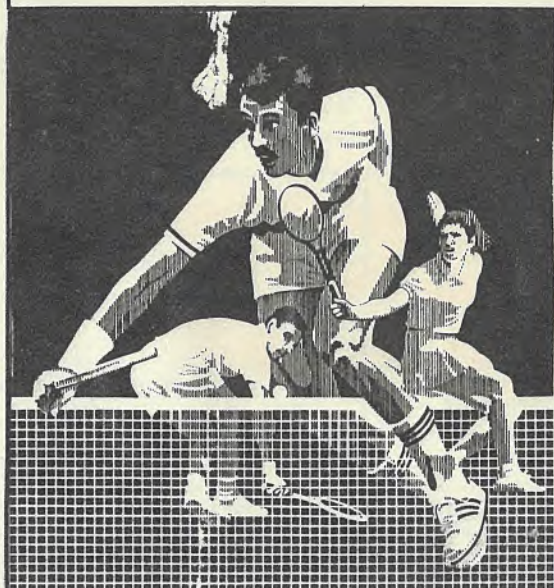
How do you determine grip size? Perhaps the easiest way is to place a ruler or tape measure between your ring and middle fingers and measure the distance from the tip of your ring finger to the long line that crosses the center of your palm. Measure your dominant hand, the one you use to hold the racquet. This measurement will correspond to the size of the racquet grip that best fits your hand.

When buying a racquet, keep in mind that a grip that is too small always can be built up. If a grip is too big, however, it is difficult to reduce its size without altering the racquet handle's shape, which could affect your playing comfort.

Taken from Tennis Magazine, Oct. 1990



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Watch for a special mailing
to register
and local newspapers
for more information

CALENDAR

April 15 - HCTA Board Meeting 7 pm
at McMargarita's Restaurant on
South Ridgewood Drive, Sebring.
Board members will hear a proposal
from Ken Haysley, outlining a pro-
gram to continue Kids' Clinics.
All HCTA members invited to attend.

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April 18-19 7th Leg of Grenelefe



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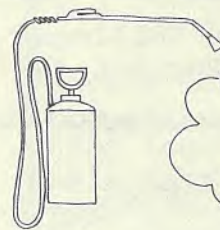
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April 27 and 28 The Dr. V. Thakker
and Dr. T. Thakker "What's Up Doc?"
Tourney at The Country Club of
Sebring. Watch for special mailing
for more information and to register.

May 11 - HCTA Family Fun Day at
Highlands Hammock State Park. See
page 3 for details.

May 16-19 Grenelefe Championships

May - Scholarship Presentation to a
local high school student. See page
3 for details.



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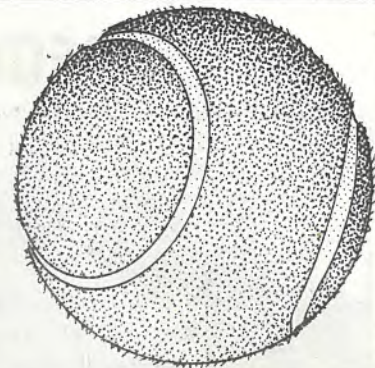


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MAY

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"WHAT'S UP DOC?" A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

Tournament organizers were very pleased with the inaugural "What's Up Doc?" Tennis Classic sponsored by Drs. Vinod and Tarlika Thakkar. Held April 27 and 28 at The Country Club of Sebring, it attracted 51 participants including seven pros from south and central Florida.

"Everything went perfectly and very smoothly," said tourney director Jo Anier, "it was really amazing and highly unusual. I'm hoping for a repeat performance next year."

Winners were presented with glass engraved mugs by Anier and tournament referee Ken Haysley.

We thank Drs. Vinod and Tarlika Thakkar for their sponsorship of this event.

We want to thank all the pros who took the time to come and join us at this event. It was a treat to watch you all in action and we hope you will join us again next year!

Thank you to: Joe Hignight of the Lake Wales Country Club, David Cabel of Ocala, Shane Johnson of Winter Haven, and David Maloof of Mountain Lake in Lake Wales.

We also recognize our local pros Ken Haysley, Rodney Hollinger and Bobby Fulcher. Jason Heacock, a local high school student and very talented player also participated.

See page three for tournament results



PRO AM WINNERS: Jo Anier, center presents prize mugs to Bruce Wyse (left) and Joe Hignight (right). Joe is the resident pro at the Lake Wales Country Club.



PRO AM CONSOLATION WINNERS: Larry Johnson (left) and Ken Haysley (right) toast one another on their victory. Haysley was also tournament referee and assisted in planning.



PURE VISUAL SATISFACTION: (Left to right) Russ Ward, Gary Simonson, and sponsor Dr. Vinod Thakkar, enjoy tournament play.



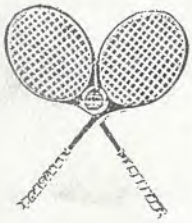
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CALENDAR

May 11 - HCTA Family Day Cookout!
Saturday at Highlands Hammock
State Park from noon to 4 pm.
See page 2 for details.

May 16-19 Grenelefe Championships

May 18 -"M-Day" for Bill Bartnick,
our president and Kim Pepper. We
extend our congratulations and best
wishes for a long and healthy rela-
tionship blessed with little Bills
and Kims along the way!



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May 20 - HCTA Board Meeting 7 pm
at McMargaritas Restaurant

Congratulations to Rod Hollinger
on his recent appointment as the
new principal of Avon Park High
School.

Congratulations to Larry Johnson.
We hear he completed a jog along
the 140-mile Cracker Trail.

June - KIDS CLINIC will commence
under the direction of Ken Haysley.
We are happy to have Ken on board
with us to help provide a quality
kids program.



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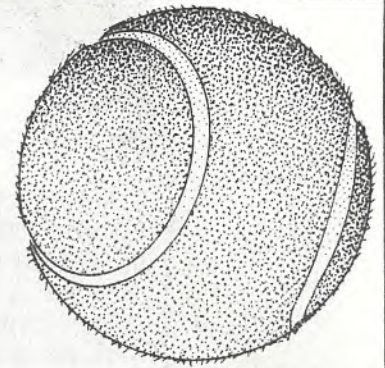
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NewsLetter



JUNE

1991

HCTA SHINES AT GRENELEFE

by Jo Anier

After playing a monthly tournament for seven months, all Highlands County tennis players that participated at Grenelefe qualified for the Top Eight Grand Prix this May 16-19th at the Grenelefe Golf and Tennis Resort.

Participants who won in their event were:

Rodney Hollinger and Ted Roberts
both of Sebring - Men's A Doubles.

Jean Anier Senkarik and Larry Johnson - Mixed B Doubles.

Other players who made the semi-finals were:

Larry Johnson and Bruce Wyse
Men's B.

Janet Magee and Peggy Sisemore,
Women's B.

Jane Hollinger and Bruce Wyse,
Mixed B.

Marcia Huguley and Mike Eastman,
Mixed C.

Jo Anier and Bob McGuire,
Mixed C.

Quarter finalists in the Women's B were:

Jane Hollinger and Elsin Baker. Bob McGuire reached the semi-finals in the Men's C singles Division.

Some of our players were rained out in the middle of their matches on Saturday the 18th and went on to continue tournament play on Sunday. We congratulate you all on your efforts and accomplishments!

KIDS CLINIC

Saturday June 8 marks the first week of our summer Kids' Clinic. This term we are proud to announce that the HCTA is now an official chapter of the National Junior Tennis League and will receive a grant to hold the summer clinic. We are also happy to have Ken Haysley, a local pro, as our coordinator.

The clinic is open to all school-aged children. It will be held at Harder Hall on Sat. June 8; Friday, June 14; and the following Saturdays of June 29- Aug. 3 for a total of eight sessions.

Since we had such wonderful response last term, we will be offering two sessions per day, 9 am and 10 am. Participants will be asked to select one of those time frames.

The cost is \$15 per child plus one new can of tennis balls. If you would like to sign up your child, please mail your registration fee to: KIDS CLINIC, HIGHLANDS COUNTY TENNIS ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 268, SEBRING, FL 33871. Please make checks payable to the HCTA.

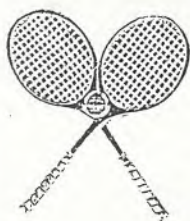


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NO HCTA BOARD MEETING IN JUNE. THE ASSOCIATION IS CURRENTLY SEEKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NOMINATION TO SERVE AS AN OFFICER OR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. PLEASE CALL JO ANIER AT 385-6772 EVENINGS WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION. THE NEW TERM WILL COMMENCE SEPT, 1991.

June 8 - First Saturday of Kids' Clinic held at Harder Hall. See page one for details.



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June 8-9 Mixed Doubles Tournament at Bartow Civic Center Tennis Courts. Sponsored by Citrus and Chemical Bank and the Bartow Recreation Department

JULY - HCTA Board will put forth nominations for next year's officers and board of directors

AUGUST - HCTA Elections for next year's officers and board of directors

Next newsletter - September! Have a wonderful summer



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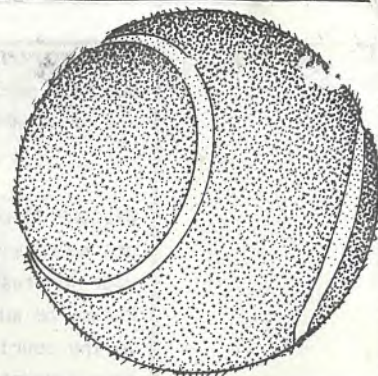
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HIGHLANDS COUNTY TENNIS ASSOCIATION

NewsLetter



OCTOBER

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**RUSS WARD
PRESIDENT**

Greetings fellow tennis enthusiasts! I am pleased to be able to serve you this fiscal year as president of the HCTA and thank you for your vote of confidence.

I welcome and look forward to working with fellow officers Lynda Fulcher, Betty Hurlbut and Jo Anier. The HCTA thanks each of them for their willingness to serve.

This year we look forward to another quality schedule of events. In evaluating the current wishes of the HCTA, it seems apparent that the majority of members wish a lighter schedule of

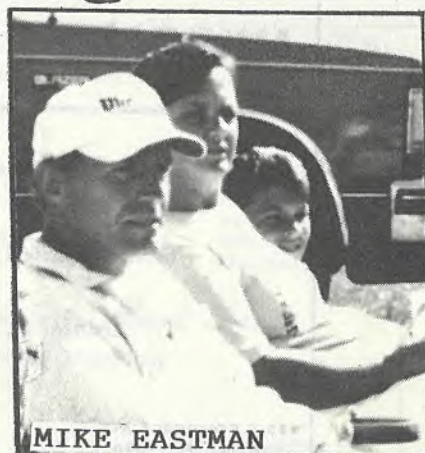
events and less formal board meetings, which I and my fellow officers will attempt to do. We will continue with our tennis tournament schedule as set in the past, for the most part. We will continue holding our popular team tennis events and socials. In fact, look for our upcoming annual Shearson Tournament and also our next membership meeting, which will be held under the canopy at The Country Club of Sebring. We will conduct a short business meeting and then play tennis. Jo and JW Anderson have graciously volunteered to organize tennis play that will accommodate all levels of ability and give equal time to all. We hope to see many of you there!

Finally, I want to take time to thank all those who served as officers and board members last year, especially to our outgoing members Bill Bartnick and Mike Eastman for their sacrificial gifts of time and energy in leading this association. We all appreciate your efforts and look forward to a match on the courts with you guys real soon!

Russ ☺



Heartfelt THANKS



MIKE EASTMAN

THANK YOU to Mike Eastman (left) past treasurer and Bill Bartnick past president (right) for your service to us last year. We appreciate your efforts!



BILL BARTNICK

CALENDAR

Nov. 2-3 Grenelefe
Nov. 13 HCTA Membership Meeting
The Country Club of
Sebring (see page two)
Nov. 23-24 Shearson Lehman/Fred
Reiss Memorial Tourna-
ment of Champions
(see page three)
December HCTA Christmas Social
Date to be announced.
January Team Tennis commences
at the end of the month.
Dates to be announced.

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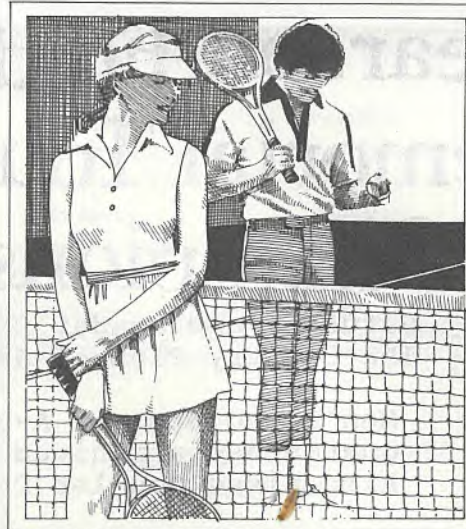
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