



Hillsboro Court Chatter

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Welcome to the email edition of the Tennis News at the Hillsboro Club. The intention of this newsletter is to gather all tennis related news and events that occurred at the Hillsboro Club or at other tennis sites to date this winter season. We hope you enjoy this newsletter, and if you have tennis related news, please make sure you email me your information. We love to hear about it.

EVENT RESULTS

The Mixed Doubles Compass Mixers are a great way to meet new people and play a lot of tennis in a short amount of time. Each winner on select Saturday's (or alternate date) throughout the season will have their name engraved on a plaque in the tennis shop. The winners to date this season are:

Tennis Mixer Weekend (11/25): Ross Read & Marion Read
Ambassador Week Mixer (12/2): Fred Timme & Barbara Safranek
Winter Weekend Mixer (1/6): Russell Boggess & Caroline Rowley

Please check the Winter Season Guide for the remaining schedule for the winter season.

UPCOMING EVENTS (It's not too late to sign up)

1/13	Saturday – Men's & Ladies Doubles Mixer (10-12)
1/14	Sunday – Mixed Doubles Mixer (10-12)
1/20	Saturday – Mixed Up Mixer (10-12)
1/27	Saturday – Ambassador Weekend Men's & Ladies Doubles Mixer (10-12)
1/28	Sunday - Ambassador Weekend Mixed Doubles Mixer (10-12)
2/3	Saturday – Mid- Season Mixer (10-12)
2/8- 2/11	60s Championships & Vintage 80s Tennis Championships
2/11 - 2/14	70s Classic Championships

2/14 – 2/16 50s Championships
2/16-2/19 OPEN Championships (President's weekend)

STAFF UPDATES

I am very happy to announce the return of my two fabulous assistants, Phil Matthews and Armando Vuksanovic to the Club. Phil is returning for his 5th season and Armando for his 2nd season at Hillsboro. Both Phil and Armando join Stefan in the summer months at the Maidstone Club in East Hampton, NY.

Our Pro Shop Manager this year is Arianna Rodriguez. Returning on the weekends are Maureen Morrison and Sandi Pulse.

It is such a great pleasure to have such a fine staff.

LAPORTE CUP UPDATE

We have scheduled Jay Berger as our keynote player and speaker for the Laporte Cup on Friday, February 23rd.

EXHIBITION 3:30 – 5:00 pm
LECTURE 6:00 – 7:00pm

Jay Berger is an American from New Jersey who turned pro in 1986. He has three career singles titles and a career record of 141 wins to 80 losses. His highest ranking was #7 (ATP) in the world in 1990. Unfortunately, Jay retired in 1991 due to a chronic knee injury.

In college, Berger was an All-American at Clemson University in 1985 and 1986. He recorded a 91-22 singles record. During his early tennis career, Berger was 1982 USTA Boys' 18s National Champion. In his professional tennis career, Berger advanced to the quarter finals in the 1989 French Open and US Open. In addition, Berger represented the US in the Davis Cup in 1988 and 1990, undefeated in two singles matches. Some of his signature wins include victories over Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker, Jimmy Connors, Pete Sampras, and Mats Wilander.

Berger was the former Head Men's and Women's tennis coach at the University of Miami and coached the national team. He was the Big East Coach of the Year in 2000 and 2001. In addition, he was also a former National Coach from the USTA Player Development Program. He coached top American, Jack Sock, this past year to a career high #9 in the world. Jay is now the Director of Tennis at Ibis Country Club in North Palm Beach. His son Daniel, who played golf and was an All-American at Florida State, is a PGA Tour Golfer winning twice on the tour in 2016.

CARDIO CLINICS

This past Christmas week was very special as Stefan continued running his ever popular CARDIO tennis clinics. It starts in the early mornings (8:30 – 9:30 am) with the Adults; continues with the early teens from 2:00-3:00 pm; late teens from 4:00 – 4:45 and 20s & 30s from 4:45-5:30 pm (most of the times, there were 24 kids on 2 courts). Music is from a big Bluetooth speaker system with a fantastic mix of classic and new songs (some from Flywheel classes) that will motivate any player. What’s so special is that novices or the best players get together for a FUN workout that will leave you quite exhausted but exhilarated. Even after our teen cardio clinics, juniors continued playing our top games like “Touch The Fence” with 20 kids on the court until it was pitch dark outside. It really brings everyone together and was a delight to see for all. It was truly ‘the spirit of Hillsboro’ at its finest. Some of the families involved in the CARDIO classes were the Ward’s; Berghuis’s; Purse’s; Enkema’s; Hoffman’s; Calderwood’s; Gibbons; Van Dixhoorn’s; Dubay’s; Farkas’s and the Chisholm’s just to name a few. We plan on having a lot more cardio classes throughout the winter season. It’s a wonderful social atmosphere that captures the essence of Hillsboro. If you have a chance, please go to our website to see some great action shots and video’s from the Cardio classes this past Christmas week.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Congratulations to Kitty Flather for being a member of the New England 75s Sectional team that won a Bronze medal at the Championships in November while in South Florida. Kitty took her team over to Hillsboro for some great warm ups before and during the matches.**

(INSERT PHOTO OF KITTY FLATHER)

- **Kudo’s to Chris & Charlotte Calderwood for honing in on their games 6 days a week back home in Connecticut. Charlotte recently achieved a ranking close to the top 10 in New England in the Girls 12s and Chris is practicing his skills for his high school. Congratulations for your dedication to the game.**
- **We wish Susan Cook, our oldest tenured member of the Hillsboro Club, a speedy recovery as she had a fall on Christmas Eve back in England. She was hoping to return to the Club this spring to celebrate an early 100th birthday party (Susan will be 100 in August), so we wish her all our best.**
- **Roger Federer once again visited Stefan twice at the Maidstone Club this past summer as his children attended our clinics. We wish Roger all the best success this season on the tour.**
- **Many thanks to Kristen Williams and Andy Johnson for bringing their tennis groups during the Ambassador weekend in early December. Kristen joined a group of 8 Ladies for the weekend and Andy joined a group of 6 couples and enjoyed doubles matches and cardio clinics throughout the weekend. Many thanks for spreading “the word” about Hillsboro.**

- On January 22nd, we will be hosting a group of 16 Ladies from the Colony Club in New York for four days of 3 hour clinics and doubles play. At the same time, a group of 6 players will be joining us from the Granite Club in Toronto for a full week of clinics, drills, doubles play and FUN. Our club is a great place to bring a small group of your friends for a quick weekend or four day intensive clinics with our superb staff of professionals.

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

Please be aware that tennis caps (hats) must be white (no color caps allowed) and that tennis shoes must be basically white with color trim allowable. Please advise your family and friends.

If you are coming down between February 8th thru April 1st , please call ahead to book private lessons as we are getting very booked during this time period. Lots of Adult clinics and Cardio clinics will be available during these times as well as our ever popular Junior clinics.

Also, the success of any event depends on you participating in the event and also in bringing a new friend to the Club. Think of bringing a new tennis friend for our events in 2018.

If you have any suggestions for future events, please do not hesitate to contact me.

And in closing, I leave you with my tennis blessing – “ May Hillsboro SERVE you well, and may we all have many, happy RETURNS.”

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