



What's the Racquet?!

**A LITTLE INFO ABOUT EVENTS, PLAYERS, PRO TIPS,
AND OVERALL FUN STUFF HAPPENING AT ROGER SCOTT**

G'DAY MATES!

Kids are back in school, it's still blazing hot, football is starting, Under the Hill is around the corner, and Ladies League is back in full swing...Summer is over? Wow. I hope everyone was able to dip their toes in the Gulf or a pool at some point, because it has been HOT!

HOUSEKEEPING

Remember, if you are on a Ladies League team you need to join as a member by the first home match. USTA teams need RSTC members on their team to play home matches out of Roger Scott. You need as many members as the number of courts played. The same holds true for clay teams—if you play three courts, you need three clay members. If you play five courts, you need five clay court members to be a clay team.

Also, when it's raining, we update court conditions on our website. When 28 courts are full at 6 pm—that's 112 people who want to know what the courts are like. If everyone is calling our one phone line you may have trouble getting through. I promise we answer the calls as quickly as possible, but if we don't pick up it's because we are on the other line—we are not ignoring you....NEXT!

We are excited to announce that courts 19 and 20 are back in working order! Just waiting on some windscreens to come in to complete the job. As most of you have heard, we are very, very close to our big goal of getting some new courts. The plan is to reconstruct 12 hard courts with post-tension concrete and convert the top six hard courts to clay. The courts will be more spaced out, have "California Corners," and new lighting. There has been a ton of work behind the scenes by a lot of people, so hopefully we will see it come to fruition soon.

Pro Shop

We hope you all have enjoyed shopping around in the pro shop. We just received a massive shipment of clothing, so stop on by and get your shop on! Linsley insisted on us modeling a few of the dresses, and eventually we caved. Sorry to everyone who had to see that on Facebook. Remember that members receive 15% off on clothing/accessories and we price match on shoes/racquets. We aim to have everything a tennis player would need in the shop and guarantee your game will improve if you shop here..... *****CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY*****

Adult Clinics

Our clinics have been extremely full, so if you want to guarantee a spot make sure you sign up in advance. It's not that fun to show up at 8:58 am on Saturday morning and not get a spot in clinics! You can call ahead or sign up on our website.

Ladies — Monday Night 6-7:30 pm; Saturday 9-10:30 am; 10:30-Noon.

Men — Tuesday night 6-7:30 pm; Saturday 9-10:30 am; 10:30-Noon

Tennis 101 — Monday night 6-7:30 pm; Co-ed clinic for people new to tennis, but not complete beginners.

Beginners — Thursday 6-7 pm; New to tennis, learning the basics and developing skills to rally.

Junior Clinics

Quick shoutout to Sierra who absolutely crushed it with our summer tennis camp. In June, when it rained for a month straight, I thought she might put in her two weeks, but she never blinked! Thank you!

These times will run for the Fall and Spring:

Red Ball: Ages 5-8 — Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 pm

Orange/Green Ball: Ages 8-13 — Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6 pm

Intermediate/Advanced: Ages 12+ — Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-6 pm.

New Faces

We are proud to announce that Diana Vlad has joined our staff part time as a teaching professional. She played college tennis for the Argos, is in grad school at UWF, and is assistant tennis coach for the women's team. We got lucky and snagged her during the pro futures tournament and she saved our butt stringing 170+ racquets during the tournament! She speaks like 17 languages, so if you are talking bad about her in Spanish, Romanian, German, etc; be careful what you say...She is an amazing coach and player—Welcome aboard Diana!



Tournaments/Events

As of now we are not allowed to add any events prior to September 15th. The city is monitoring the number of Covid cases and will continue to adapt for the current health landscape in our community.

Bud Light is ON! October 15-16th. Grab a partner and sign-up on the Pensacola Sports website. This is one of the best events of the year if you enjoy fun and tennis. If that's not your thing, I don't know why you are reading this anyway. If anything changes, we will update the status on our Facebook page and website.

Sad News

Penny Emling, who started "The Club" in Gulf Breeze with her husband Chuck, passed away on July 15th. She was an instrumental part of growing tennis in our community and created a fun-loving, family-friendly tennis center that holds a special place in many of our hearts. She was the kindest lady you could ever meet and had a smile that would light up the room.

It's another reminder that life is short, and our loved ones can be taken from us at any moment. I challenge you all to reach out to someone special in your life and let them know how much they mean to you. Heck, reach out to several people and let them know they are loved and how important they are to you. I promise you won't regret it and it only takes a few minutes! Make someone's day!

Thanks for reading everyone: Keep following through and we will see you on the courts!

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