



## What's the Racquet?!

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

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### G'DAY MATES!

Here we go again! It's the second edition of "What's the Racquet!?" Rumor has it that about 14 of you read the last one, so maybe we will hit 15 this go around.

Well a lot has been happening here at Roger Scott as well as around the globe since our last newsletter. We shut down for 24 days in April due to Covid-19, but reopened on May 1<sup>st</sup> with a bang. We have taken extra precautions to make your experience as safe as possible. Tennis has consistently been at the top of "safest" activities during the pandemic, so hopefully you have been able to get out and hit some balls!

We have all seen/felt the effects since the horrific and despicable murder of George Floyd. There is no place for racism in the world, country, or here at Roger Scott Tennis Center. We are blessed to have a diverse staff that represents many nations, ethnicities, and cultures. They are not employees here because of these factors, but because they are amazing people who are exceptional at teaching the game of tennis.

Not all police officers are bad, not all protestors are looters, and not all white people are racist. We all need to be held accountable for our actions and continue to spread happiness and love to ALL people we encounter.

A smile goes a long way; Be the change you wish to see in the world.

On a lighter note....we have two new dads at RSTC!! Huge congrats to Jordan and Patrick. If you see these guys with bags under their eyes or looking a little sluggish on the court – cut them a break. You both will be amazing fathers! Congrats again to Jordan and Laurin on your daughter Summer. Congrats to Patrick and Caisi on your son Cooper.

Paul Einhart also got engaged!! As if you all could not tell by the big smile he has been wearing around the courts. Congrats to you and Morgan Roberts. Nan, when is the party!?! 😊

### TENNIS NEWS

**USTA** will be starting back league play in July. I can sense some of you are chomping at the bit for match play. Jacquie Wallace is already signed up for 17 teams.... I'm sure some of you are ready to have some adult beverages and blame all your losses on your partner. We will definitely be mapping out some mixers and tournaments very soon.

#### Summer Junior Clinics are underway!

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

**Red** Ball (ages 5-8) 9:30-10:30, \$15/day

**Orange/Green** Ball (ages 8-12) 10:30-12:30, \$25/day

**Yellow** Ball (ages 12&up) 10:30-12:30, \$25/day

Call or stop by the desk for more info.

We will now be offering a **FREE ball machine use for our members**. You must call in advance to make sure there is a court and machine available. We do not want Topspin Tommy and Sally Shankalot hitting balls all over while next to match play. If you are a non-member it will be \$15/hr.

### PRO TIP from Josh Koivu

**BE AGGRESSIVE!** As a strategy to start a match I like to think outside the box and keep my opponents on their toes. In the first return game I like to fire one down the line. I feel it keeps net players on their toes and sends a message early on. At the same time, I like to try and poach during my team's first service game. Tennis is about rhythm and timing; By making these moves early, I hope to keep my opponents off balance and guessing right out of the gate. So, during your next doubles match try one, or both, of these pro tips and set the aggressive tone early on! Good luck, and we will see you on the courts!

### NEW FACES

**David Jones** has joined our teaching staff at RSTC and comes to us from Atlanta, GA. David served in the United States Air Force where he played on the service tennis team. He was a Director of Tennis at Concourse Athletic Club. He loves teaching all aspects of the game and looks forward to meeting all of you!

If you made it to the end, Thank you! And Linsley will give you free lessons. Cheers!

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