

What's the Racquet?!

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

G'DAY MATES!

Well, here we are again roaring at full speed into the month of March. We survived our one week of winter and I think we are good to go for our two weeks of spring before the summer heat!

It is officially the “busy” season. We have the quintuple threat going; High School Tennis, Ladies League, USTA matches, Quads, and Under the Hill. It is amazing to see everyone out and having a blast with their tennis. We are one of the busiest tennis centers in the country, and it's a testament to the wonderful people we have in our community. It would be nice if people would stop blocking the overflow parking lot behind the hard courts, but that's for another day :). We will blame that on the “away” teams.

GOOD NEWS! All of the damage we suffered from Hurricane Sally has gone out to bid. Very excited to be back at full strength soon. A huge thank you to everyone for their patience. I know a lot of you have had to play on hard courts, switch clinic times, and our pros have had to roll their carts through that “desert” multiple times a day!

TENNIS NEWS

Tournaments

It's March, and time again for one of our favorite tournaments—“SAKE” Patty's Day! IF you don't like fun, music, drinks, food, and high-level tennis—don't bother signing up. The tournament will take place March 13-14. It is “flighted” doubles in a round robin format. Wear your green, grab a friend, and come have an amazing weekend.

Catholic High is hosting the “Battle of the Belts” March 5th and 6th. I'm so proud of not only our juniors on Catholic High, but all schools in the area. These kids work sooo hard and continue to represent Pensacola tennis with the utmost skill, integrity, and class. For the size of our town, it is absolutely unheard of to produce the tennis talent we do. Brings a smile to my face to see our juniors achieving their goals!

Pensacola Sports is also hosting a national Junior College tournament March 19-21st. These are very high-level teams who have many of their players transfer to Division I schools after completing their AA. Maybe we visual learners can pick up on a thing or two! We have had several tournaments, mixers, and fundraisers the last three months. All have been incredible and once again show that our tennis community is second to none. Being able to give back is one of the greatest gifts we all possess! It's always better to give than to receive!

New Faces

I'm very excited to announce we have added Henry Gordon to our staff. Henry was a standout junior player who played his college tennis for Texas A&M and Penn State (UCF beat them in football last time we played them in State College for the record). Henry was previously living in Philadelphia and was the Head Pro at University of Pennsylvania. He is mostly teaching nights and weekends; We are very lucky to have him on board. He has a dog named “Hank” who is stronger than our own Jordan Mead and Terry Thrash—the muscle of our staff. He's a great player, coach, and person.



SIDENOTE: Henry's dad has a food truck...not why he was hired of course...but be on the lookout soon!

USTA Congrats!

Congrats to our 50 and over 6.5 ladies team for winning sectionals in February. The players were Jacquie Wallace, captain, Kelly Dempsey, Selma Horne, Jeannette Fabbro, Sue Nast and Tanya Hughes. And it was really great to see the Escambia 7.5 ladies team cheering them on in the finals and celebrating their win with them.

COURT MANNERS

We seem to be developing a bit of an issue up here at RSTC....People just storming onto the court before their court time has started. If you have a 6 p.m. reservation—please don't come on the court at 5:50 p.m. Some people want their privacy, space, and don't want to worry about people on their courts during lessons, clinics, match play, or whatever the circumstance may be. If the court is empty, by all means, get on there and start slapping the tennis ball. We are a busy facility, and that is great, but please try and respect people's space and court time.

CLINICS

We have our usual clinics going plus a few new ones, and participation is through the roof.

I have to give a shout out to Rita and Sierra. They have been doing a magnificent job with our kids' clinics. The juniors are having an outstanding time and learning a lot in the process.

Our **Junior Clinic** schedule is as follows:

RED BALL (Ages 5-8) Tu/Th 3:30-4:30pm

ORANGE/GREEN BALL (Ages 8-13) Tu/Th 4:30-6pm

YELLOW BALL (Ages 12+) Mon/Wed 4:30-6pm

ADULT CLINICS

TENNIS 101: Not complete beginners. Learning the strokes and the game. Mondays 6-7:30pm

Ladies Clinics: Mondays 6-7:30pm and Saturdays 9-10:30am and 10:30-12pm

Men's Clinics: Tuesdays 6-7:30pm and Saturdays 9-10:30am and 10:30-12pm

Beginner Clinics: Thursdays 6-7pm

There is also a new USTA program, “Love to Learn,” that runs in six-week sessions. Great way to get friends introduced to the game. Contact the front desk to learn more.

Well, my brain and fingers hurt. So, hopefully you are getting tired of reading. Thanks everyone and look forward to seeing you all on the courts soon.

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