



What's the Racquet?

INFO ON EVENTS, PLAYERS, AND OVERALL FUN STUFF HAPPENING AT ROGER SCOTT

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I'm sure all of us have our goals lined up for the year that we won't abide by.... Lose weight, read more books, less time on the phone, travel more, and most importantly....**MORE TENNIS!** (this one is my personal, unbiased favorite). On a serious note, I hope you all had an amazing holiday season and spent some extra time with family and friends. If you are reading this – you have a lot to be grateful for!

COURTS/MAINTENANCE

The hard courts are chugging right along! They are starting to take shape and really hoping we are hitting balls on them soon. They have NOT given me a completion date, but they are working diligently to get them back to us ASAP. Right now, they have been dealing with rain and temps in the 20's! The second they give us a go; we will open them up to you all.

Clay – we are **ADDING CLAY** and **REPLACING LINES** every chance we get while the weather is cooperating. If the clay seems a little clumpy, just give it a few days and it will settle. Couple things that help with maintaining clay courts - **NO RUNNING SHOES** on the clay courts. Over time they tear up the clay and drag up the lines. If you want to wear them on hard courts, that's on you and your ankles! I know some of you like to sweep your courts before you play, **PLEASE** don't use the brush with metal bristles. That is for the outside edges of the courts to break-up algae and agitate the surface – it will tear up the lines as well.

We bought more regular drag brushes and also added another “sponge-bob” to use and dry the clay courts. Obviously feel free to use those at your convenience.

WINNING

GPLTL – Team Del Gallo was the lone winner for our fall season. Congrats on moving on up team! Now let's see if anybody can join the Del Gallo Party this spring and capture a championship!

UTH – Team Shelley came up clutch on the final night to claim their crown. They were not shy about letting the others know about their victory at the end of the season party at Chow Time.... Also, I'm surprised that Chow Time still agrees to this partnership.....I was a happy contributor to the most General Tso's chicken consumed in one sitting in Pensacola's history.

CLINICS/MEMBERSHIPS/LESSONS

Adult Clinics – We will be going to \$25 for Non-members. Members will continue to get the clinics at \$20 for an hour and a half.

Kids Clinics – The kids are having a **BLAST!** Even if they have never picked up a racquet, bring them on out and teach them the sport of a lifetime! Check schedules on our website.

Lessons – Lessons will be going to \$65/hr; We are just trying to keep up with the times! Also, most clubs charge higher fees and have a sliding scale for the more people that show up for a lesson. It will be \$65 whether it's one of four of you! Hooray ☺ !!

PRO SHOP

We will keep the clothes in the pro shop 40% off for members until February 10th. Wilson gave us the OK to sell balls by the case, so if you need them for league play let us know! **SHOES** will be 20% OFF for members until February 10th.

TOURNAMENTS

We will be hosting our adult **USTA L5** age group based tournament March 1-3.

“Sake” Paddy's will be played March 16-17 – it actually falls on St. Patrick's day, so get your green ready!

THANK YOU

I don't think there is another club in the world that could lose 12 courts (44%) for ten months and have its members and staff handle it as graciously as you all did. Patiently (mostly) waiting for courts, double matches, early mornings, late nights, dust bowl clinics and obnoxious noises. I truly appreciate it and I cannot believe it is almost **FINISHED!** Our staff and membership are **AMAZING** – we are all very blessed to have an incredible tennis family here at Roger Scott.

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