



## *What's the Racquet?!*

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

### **G'DAY MATES!**

It's summer.....already!?!? You can feel the humidity slap you in the face when you walk out the door in the morning, but we love it, right!? It's really coming down to the wire for which project will be completed first – Courts 19/20 or the “3 Mile” bridge.....But seriously, everyone is doing their best. Also, please continue to check in at the front desk even though the clay gate is open due to the sidewalk repair.

Construction has started on the sidewalk which is a great step in the right direction. They will begin fixing the clay courts at the beginning of June (WOOHOOO)! We will also be getting the canopy replaced outside of court 7. We could definitely use the extra shade for the summer.

### **TENNIS NEWS**

#### **Tournaments**

Our annual “Futures” tournament will begin its Wild Card tournament on May 13th. Including qualifying and main draw, the tournament will run until May 23rd. Clay courts will obviously be very limited/not available during this time. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Unfortunately, no fans will be allowed until the semifinals and finals due to Covid. As of now, May 22nd and May 23rd will be the only days that fans are allowed. This is the first year it is a \$25,000 prize pool and should be the strongest draw we have ever had. Hopefully, we will get a great crowd for the last few matches.

#### **Congrats!**

The PHS and Catholic (Boys and Girls) tennis teams both won their region and made the state championship. This is a huge accomplishment, and we are so proud of all of their players. Florida is the most competitive state in the country for tennis, so if you see these young superstars, give them a pat on the back. Justin Lyons had the most success winning the “Team” singles at the number 1 position. Do not judge him by his slow, lethargic walk – this boy can play!

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Another big win for the gentlemen that are just a littttttle bit older..... Calvin Moore's 55+ 4.0 team won sectionals and will be heading to nationals in October. Huge achievement and best of luck at nationals, play on your front foot!

## **Mixer**

We will have a Summer Kickoff mixer on Friday, May 21st at 6 pm. There will be plenty of food, drinks, and tennis! These are always a great time and the perfect place to meet some new friends/players. If you have a favorite Hawaiian shirt, bring it. But -- I doubt your selection is as big as mine!

We will host a Wimbledon themed mixer in early July, so be on the look out and get your "Wimbledon Whites" ready!

## **Pro Shop**

As some of you have probably seen there have been some big changes in the pro shop. We have a ping pong table and a large screen TV!! That's the most important part... As I write this Patrick is battling with his former teammate at UWF, Nicolos Barrientos (currently ranked 232 in the ATP Doubles rankings.) It is one game a piece and the trash talk is getting pretty serious. Patrick is looking very winded before the third set.....Reminder, this is ping pong.

On a serious note – We hope to provide all of you with an amazing pro shop experience. We will offer grips, racquets, hats, towels, clothes, shoes, socks, and all sorts of tennis goodies! There will be a 15% discount for members on clothing and accessories (Not shoes or racquets – sorry). We are excited about this opportunity and hope to make available everything you need to make you a better tennis player, or at least look the part. Big thanks to Jennie Barrow who held down the fort for close to 20 years! Your hard work and dedication is appreciated – Pensacola thanks you!!

## **Summer Camp**

Camp will begin on June 7th. The camp runs 9am-2pm Monday-Friday. Sierra Nellesen will be leading the charge and we are thrilled to have her as our camp director. She ran amazing camps at her previous employer and has done a tremendous job with our junior program. The kids will play tennis, do arts and crafts, field games, and swim. Lunch is provided in the cost. Call the front desk to sign up for the week, or by the day.

## **Summer Junior Clinics**

Clinics for Orange ball, Green Ball, and Yellow ball will all take place at the same time.

10:30-12:30 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

We have plenty of courts to spread everyone out by level and the best pros in the business to get your kids having fun and take them to the next level.

That is all I have for now folks. I am sure I left someone or something out, but we all make mistakes. Thanks everyone for reading!

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