

# OTC - The Racquet

Winter 2012



It's been a great year for OTC. We have had some fun events, you have fielded bunches of USTA teams, lots of teams going to state championships and one team going to Sectionals! We have brought tennis to lots of new folks. We have also welcomed Millie Hunter and Stan Sherrill to the board.

We will soon be working with the Fairview Community Watch Organization to do some programming at the new courts there and, thanks to a donation from some of our members, we will begin some open family events in the spring to bring new folks to tennis as well as pursue some ideas about middle school tennis teams.

Thanks to all of you for making this a successful year!!

## Upcoming events

Dates are subject to change

- Love All Tournament 2/12
- Membership Drive event 3/24
- Family Day Event 3/25
- Family Day Event 4/29
- May Day Social 5/13
- Stone Age Open 6/23
- Family Day Event 6/24
- Junior Tournament and school supply collection 7/29
- Day of Tennis Summer Social 8/26
- Membership Appreciation Day

Have a tennis story/event you would like to see in our next newsletter or on the website? Or do you have any questions? Send them to [orangetennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:orangetennisclub@gmail.com)

## Tennis News

### Lots of thanks to Elizabeth Dougherty

After two years as Chair of the Board of OTC, and a year before that planning for its conception, Elizabeth has stepped down as Chair of the Board. Elizabeth, we thank you for the untold hours and work you have put into getting OTC off the ground and for helping us keep focused and clear on its vision. Thank you!!

### Why do they keep asking for donations?

Good question. Memberships are our primary source of income. They do not, however, equal what we spend to keep OTC going all year. Salaries, balls, events, equipment, printing, prizes, trophies, insurance...the list goes on. Thanks to your continued support through donations and entry fees for events we are able to continue to offer those fun events and bring tennis to the community. We have been fortunate for the first two years to receive some wonderful donations from club members and from a foundation associated with club members and depend on that to make our budget. So, when you see, attached to lots of our emails, "Donations appreciated", think "Donations Needed" and know that we thank you for all you do to help keep tennis alive with OTC. On a similar note, Angela can provide you with budget information if you are interested.

### New Years Day Social:

We started 2012 off with a New Years Day Social. About 20 tired and groggy players came out to play. There were donuts and bagels and a bowl of ibuprophen for those who needed it. We planned on hot chocolate to keep us warm, but with the temperature in the 70's we chose Orange juice instead.

### Finally, let's not forget our teaching

**pros.** They're the ones on court when it is 95 degrees and when it is 35 degrees. They are the ones who get us good enough to compete and the ones who challenge us to get better. Yes, and the ones who yell at us when we need it. Jason, Crystal, high school cadre, we thank you all for all you have done. A special thanks to Jason as Tennis Director of OTC. Jason works for a meager salary, teaches, maintains our website, promotes memberships, works out class schedules and draws for tournaments, all because he wants to see tennis continue to grow in this area. It is heart warming to hear him talk about his dreams for tennis in northern Orange and we thank him for all that he does for us. So, when you're on court, give him a thanks.

### A message from our Pro

As we kick off 2012, it is time to think about the things that are important in life, like tennis! As funny as that may sound, many of you at OTC are very active tennis players and spend a lot of time out on the courts. I encourage you to continue this through 2012 and look forward to seeing you! I know many of you look forward to getting out to the courts as you patiently wait for a work day to pass. With that being said, I want to make this your best year yet of tennis! I want to hear some feedback about our classes and our programs and know what we have done great, and what we can do better. What you like that we offer, and what else you would like to see us offer? Don't hold back! Let us know how OTC can make this your best year for tennis!!

