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# The Racquet Report

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## Welcome New Members

Gina Doyle-Sr Single  
Hannah Yi-Student  
Lana Lansweirdt-Jr Single  
M/M Erik Swanson-Sr  
Family  
Kira Leaman-Jr Single  
Darick Trayford-Student  
M/M Jeff Gill-Sr Family  
M/M Stephen Elder-Sr Fam

## Holiday Hours

November 25-Thanksgiving.  
The club will be open from  
8am-1:15pm.  
November 27-the club will  
open on Friday at 8am and  
close at 10pm.

## Saturday Tennis Clinic!!

### *Drills and More Drills---*

Drills for level 3.0 will be  
held on Saturdays at 9:30am-  
10:45am. Cost is \$15 for this  
drop-in class. Start your  
weekend out right with lots of  
drills with Greg. No class on  
Thanksgiving weekend.

## Thank You Members!

John Arbini and Bill Ludwig  
did a fantastic job on pruning  
the rhodias, magnolia tree  
and other plants around the  
club. Thank you for your  
volunteer work men!!

## Board of Directors Election

Enclosed is your ballot for  
this year's election. The three  
retiring board members are:  
Jeff Allen, Greg Hoover and



Arlene Alexander. Many  
thanks to them for attending  
board meetings and giving  
their expert advice.  
There are six members  
running for the board. Mark  
your ballot for THREE people  
and have your ballot turned in  
by November 20.

## New Member Sponsors

If you have sponsored a new  
member during the annual  
membership drive, your  
sponsor credit will show up  
on the December monthly  
statement.

## Save the Date!

This year the annual Holiday  
Open House will be held on  
Wed, Dec 1 from 5-8:30pm.  
*All club members (except  
students) will be billed \$16  
each for this event, so please  
plan on attending and  
socializing.*

**Your invitation is included  
in this mailing.**

## New Club Directories

New directories for 2011 will  
be available in December.

## The Forming of the USTA and the first National Championship

In 1880 a number of clubs  
had taken up the game of  
tennis. However the clubs  
played with different heights  
of nets and balls of varying  
weight and size.

This condition of affairs  
finally decided three clubs,  
one each in New York,  
Philadelphia, and Boston, to  
send out an invitation to such  
other clubs as they knew were  
playing the game, for a  
meeting in order to form a  
national association to bring  
order to this chaos. Thirty  
three clubs met in New York  
on May 21, 1881, and the  
United States Lawn Tennis  
Association was formed.

A date was set for the first  
championship, August 31, the  
place chosen for this being  
Newport, R. I., and, after  
some discussion, rules were  
adopted and a ball chosen for  
uniformity. The net height  
chosen was 4 feet at the net  
posts and 3 feet at the center-  
as compared to 3 feet in the  
center and 3 feet 6 inches at  
the net post that we use today.  
*(Taken from the first fifty  
years of Lawn Tennis in the  
United States- year 1931)*