

NOTES:

DECALS

El Con window decals for your vehicles are still available and a must for all our members. Please support our club with your purchase, decals are \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

ANOTHER TOMATO SEASON HAS COME AND GONE WITH MANY WONDERFUL OFFERINGS FROM DAN MCCLURE AND HIS WESTCOAST TOMATOES. THANKS DAN!

GREAT SUPPORT AT JUNE GRILL NIGHT & TENNIS EXHIBITION

Even 100 degree heat cannot dampen the support of El Con members. This was proved on June 25 as we held our monthly Tennis Exhibition & Grill Night. There were over 50 in attendance to view the match between Harvey & Sandra Cacic vs. Olivia & Tony Cacic. They put on a tremendous show while Nick & Frank Grasso worked the cook center. Frank grilled up the burgers, hot dogs, and chicken to the great approval of those in attendance. Fifteen minutes after the conclusion of the match we had one of the biggest lightening & rain storms in memory. It was quite show all around. Look for pictures on the Website "Photo Gallery."

We will do it all over again in July (7/23) with another exhibition and grilling on the deck. Hope to see you there!

FIRST EL CON CRAFT SHOW COMING THIS DECEMBER

Karen Burke and Pat Jirus are working on details for a Craft Show at the club this December. The ladies are looking for interested members, with craft skills, to sell their wares at the event. They would like big participation from our "crafty" members. The date will be the first weekend in December and will provide a great opportunity to pick up some very special and unique Christmas gifts. Tables will be rented by the foot to those interested in selling their crafts.

If you are interested in participating or even just volunteering to help please call Pat (941/756-2447) or (Karen (941/758-4922). This should be FUN!

MEN'S SATURDAY 10:00 AM ROUND ROBIN – SIGN UP WITH KEISHA

Bill Meek is "retiring" as co-founder and director of the Saturday 10:00 "Suds & Tennis Round Robin." The weekly event will continue, but now through the club's organization. There will continue to be a weekly "sign up" on the bulletin board, but all calls relating to cancellation and/or sign up will now go through Keisha. No shows without a 24 hour notice will be dropped to the bottom court on their next attendance.

Bill Meek is to be praised for his yeoman efforts on behalf of this project over the past few years. We are looking for someone to step forward and "carry the flag."



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MANAGER: NICK KISH

EL CON HAS A NEW HEAD PRO / TENNIS DIRECTOR

The Club has a new Head Pro/Tennis Director, Bill Glindmyer. Bill comes to El Con after spending the past 10 plus years at the IMG Academy in various capacities from teaching, to stringing, to managing the pro shop. He will be responsible for teaching lessons, setting up and teaching clinics, organizing leagues and events aimed at attracting new members, recruitment of new members, and more. Bill is a professional stringer and will be taking over the stringing responsibilities at the club. Bill's main focus will be generating new membership from the local tennis community.

Bill is originally from the Schenectady, NY area. He is married (Suzanne) and has two young children. He will be joining us early this month and is available for lessons and clinics. Please give Bill a warm "El Con Welcome!"

NEW TENNIS ACADEMY COMING TO EL CON

Coming this August, newly formed "ALONSO/ARMANDO TENNIS" will begin operation at our club. This academy will be run by Hugo Armando Sr., Hugo Armando Jr., and Julian Alonso. This will be an exclusive enterprise catering to topped ranked junior players from around the world. Hugo Jr. has recently resigned his position as a coach and advisor for the USTA's player development program.

The academy will have a minimal impact on court availability for our members; they will be using just 3 courts a day. This group will bring youth to our club and give El Con some great exposure. It is hoped that many of the players involved will bring in family memberships. Additionally, it will bring El Con some excellent revenue. Please welcome these guys to our great club.

PENDLETON SCHOOL MOVING NEXT DOOR

Construction is well underway at 4400 El Con Parkway (the old clubhouse and office center next to courts 10 & 15) on the new Pendleton School. IMG is moving grades pre-K to fifth from their Academy campus to this new facility. The school is scheduled to open in August with 58 students. We have been told that the maximum number of students is set at 100.

This new school should have little effect on our club. It will close off one of our entrances (behind court 5) and a privacy fence will be constructed along courts 10 & 15. They will also be putting in a "turn-around" area in front of the school for parents and buses to drop students. Again, this will bring exposure to tennis people for our club.

RACQUET CLUB LANDSCAPE PROJECT NEARLY COMPLETE

Our landscaping "Reclamation Project" at the front of the clubhouse is near completion and looks wonderful. Many thanks to our volunteer helpers: Gene Noble, Greg Mutzer, Lorraine Kish, and Bill King. Great job everyone and thanks to all our great donors!

NEWS FROM NICK



First and foremost I want to welcome Bill Glindmyer to our great club. Bill is our new Head Pro and Tennis Director. We have brought Bill in with the hope and expectation

that he can go out into the local tennis community and bring new and particularly younger members to our club. I have done a lot of research on his background and personality and have been very impressed with everything I have learned. I think he will be a good one. I hope all of you will help to welcome him to our club and make him feel comfortable and supported.

Our other good news is the coming introduction of the "Alonso/Armando Tennis" program. I have been working with Hugo Sr. for quite some time in our mutual hope that he could pull this together and have the wonderful opportunity of working together with his son, Hugo Jr. Both of these guys have been around our club for many many years. Hugo went to Bayshore high school with my son and played tennis here with many of us as he grew up. He then moved on to a very successful professional career. Both of these guys are "class acts" and we are privileged to have them working out of our club. They will bring us the opportunity to view many of the world's top junior players. Additionally, they will fill in a financial gap created two years ago when Tony Driscoll down-sized his Hurricane Academy. Tony will retain a presence here with the rental of one court for use of his students.

It has been quite an active summer to date. There is the big news I have mentioned as

well as the outstanding landscaping work. The front entrance of the club looks great. The new coat of stain on the club's decks also brightens up the place. We will be having the clubhouse exterior painted some time before October.

The weather has been the one "downer" so far this summer. We have temperatures in the upper 90s with heat indexes of 100 plus for the last three weeks of June. This is extremely unusual and seems like it can only be a backlash for the freezing cold winter we had. It is nonetheless unusually and uncomfortable. I continue to recommend cutting down your play time, drinking lots of fluids, and resting often.

Fifteen months after my heart procedure (ablation) it seems to finally have taken hold and cured my atrial fibrillation. It has been a struggle, but I have learned a lot from the experience, particularly the value of family and friends. Changes in diet, stress levels, activity, and supplements seem to have been the key ingredients to this success. We all have our health issues and our struggles, there is truly little that deserves more of our attention. Thanks to all of you who have shown concern and support.

See you on the courts....

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Kyla Nuesa

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FROM THE BOARD:

BOARD MEETING NOTES AND UPDATE – MEETING (6/7/10)

1. The club has paid off its \$20,000 line of credit with First Federal Bank and is looking for a new source for this loan
2. IMG requested the removal of our fence supports along courts 5, 10, & 15. Nick had these removed as construction on the Pendleton School begins.
3. Hugo Armando is still on board to open his academy in August and Tony Driscoll has pledged to keep a "presence" at the club for his Hurricane Academy. These will be very helpful revenue producers.
4. Landscaping project is moving ahead with supervision from Greg Mutzer and Gene Noble.
5. Tony Cacic has agreed to paint the exterior of the clubhouse this summer in exchange for membership considerations.
6. Donna Morrison proposed having a group of women assist in "spiffing up" the bar area.
7. A "Medical Leave" policy was passed unanimously by the Board.
8. The Board tentatively approved the hiring of Bill Glindmyer as the club's new Head Pro / Tennis Director. Nick will complete an interview process, perform reference checks, and then set a starting date (7/1) if everything looks good.
9. Ciara Finucane has been informed that her services as head pro are no longer necessary. She was thanked for her efforts.
10. The current "Under 50" membership (\$55 / \$75) was terminated. Members under this program will be able to remain for one year from the start or may convert to a new "Under 50" plan. The new membership plan provides for membership at 75% of the dues rate for full members. The Board unanimously approved the new program. Nick will create a "Dues Schedule."
11. The Board will not meet in July unless a major issue arises. The next scheduled meeting will be in early August.



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