

NEWSLETTER

Happy Holidays

FTC Websites

Our first web site was hosted by a free hosting company called Geocities which started in 1994. You can still access this archived FTC web site at oocities.org/flinttennisclub. The site lists our location and phone number. Most other information is from 2004 and 2005. The site gives Joe Conroy's name and phone number to call for further information.

Our second attempt was an update of the previous site by Dick Berger, who does web sites for several other tennis organizations and groups. Although Dick was given a family membership for his services we usually only saw him when he was helping us. He plays most of his tennis at Genesys where he is also a member. He paid web fees out of his own pocket so the club incurred no expenses.

Our third web site is our current and most impressive looking site. It was developed by Chris Foster from Momentum Enterprises. The board will make a decision after this year to either keep paying for this site or (if he is still willing) return to our free site maintained by Dick Berger.

We need your input. Tell board members what you think of the three sites. What do you want from the web site? What do you think prospective members would be looking for? The 2013 survey of new members told us that half of new members searched the web for information on our club before joining. Most were pleased with the information they found. Most importantly they all joined.

Calendar of Events

April 15th

- Courts Open

May 15th @ 9a

- Memorial Day Round Robin

June 11th (tennis @ 5p)

- First Weekly Potluck @ 6:30p

June 12-14th @ 9a

- Genesys French Open
- Junior Tournament

Mid July (tbd)

- Flint Olympian Games

August (tbd)

- Mixed Doubles Tournament
- Doubles Tournament
- Singles Tournament

September 7th @ 9:30a

- Labor Day Round Robin

September 17th, 2014

- Annual Banquet Dinner

From the President

Dear FTC Members,

Merry Christmas and happy holiday season to you and your loved ones. Although we have not seen the clay of our courts for several weeks, your board members have been meeting and planning for our club's future. Three board meetings have taken place since most of us gathered for our annual meeting / banquet September 18.

In early October your 2014 Board, led by President Ron Krueger, wrapped up business. Ron announced that even though membership had dropped, the club would not finish in the red in 2014. Please be sure to thank Ron for his leadership and for the countless hours of work, not only in 2014 but for the additional years spent serving on the FTC Board. Also be sure to thank Joann Cudd who finished her 3 year commitment and to the 2015 returning board members Dave Newbill, Jim Kerns, Ann Munns, Arnold Fletcher and Don Hailey. PLEASE be sure to let Guy Mullin know how much you appreciate his work! Because of the brutal winter the courts were in terrible shape when the season started but Guy brought them back to life.

The 2015 Board (listed on last page) has already met twice to start laying the foundation for next summer, the Flint Tennis Club's 93rd season. We are working to stabilize membership numbers, maintain facilities and improve our financial reserves. We have already taken steps to reduce 2015 phone costs. The board also approved offering a recruitment incentive. Active Members will receive a 20% reduction for each new Individual, Family and Patron membership they recruit for the 2015 season. The reduction will be applied to their 2016 membership.

Enjoy the winter, but help us increase the Flint Tennis Club membership by starting the recruiting process now. How about a 2015 gift membership for a loved one? Christmas is just around the corner. Applications can be printed from our website, "FlintTennis.com".

Respectfully, Doug Adams

Club Tournaments



In 2013 we had increased participation after going to an "everybody plays everybody" four game set format. Numbers dropped in 2014. What happened? Let the Tournament Committee or any board member know what format you prefer.

This year's top finishers are: Singles Champion for two years running, Rafael Corpuz (pictured) with Bob Chunn in 2nd. Mixed doubles is 1st place Sylvia Bellairs (pictured) / Jim Kearns, 2nd place Carol Wagner (pictured) / Doug Adams (pictured) and 3rd place Joann Cudd (pictured) / Ed Flynn (pictured). Well played to all who participated in the tournaments.





Photos courtesy of Bob Enders



Recruitment Incentive Program



Our membership has steadily dropped from 132 in 2001 to 65 this past year. We need to do more to increase membership. A survey of 2013 new members indicated nearly half joined because they were recruited by current members. Word of mouth is our most powerful recruiting tool. It is the Board's hope that offering a financial incentive might encourage more members to bring in new players to the Flint Tennis Club. Please print up a few 2015 applications from the web site and start promoting your club today.



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Happy Holidays
Dave Newbill

SINCERE wishes FOR
A HAPPY Holiday Season
Arnold Fletcher



Have a Happy, Healthy Holiday
James F. Kerns



Have a safe
and happy holiday
season
Doug Adams



HAVE A SAFE & JOYOUS
Holiday Season

-Rafael Corpuz

Look forward to seeing all
of you next season.
Anne Munns

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