

# The Crosscourt Report



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## Meet the President



**O**ur President, Jim Marchisio, graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in Physics and followed with a Masters in Education from the University of Washington

His tennis background began at age 8 and he played throughout his school years, winning the Washington State doubles title his senior high school year. He also played on the U of O freshman team.

During his working years, he was with Boeing, where he worked on the Minuteman Missile, the U of W, Seattle Public Schools and eventually had his own Company selling office products and equipment.

He retired early which allowed him to become the parent volunteer high school handyman/coach/assistant. He drove the tennis team to matches, the golf team to meets, and some of the track team to events. In the meantime, he continued playing golf and tennis and also worked on his three major hobbies — astronomy, gardening and cooking.

After the kids went off to college, he and his wife Steph began snowbirding between here and Seattle. She was a frequent observer of his matches and was well known by Jim's tennis mates.

Now that he lives the dream in Saddlebrooke, he still travels to Seattle to visit family and fits in a bit of world traveling. Jim tends a garden, loves tennis and cooking, is frustrated by golf and observes that astronomy is much better here than Seattle.

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# Tech Talk

By Liam Flynn

This month's article is on the first three things to look at when buying or demoing a new racquet – no, not the color.

*The string weight of the racquet* -- You want a racquet you can swing for 2 hours without your arm falling off. You also don't want a racquet that is too light where you feel no plow through the ball.

*Grip size* -- Make sure it's correct. I get tons of people who want to know if I can adjust the grip size. I can make it bigger, but it's tough to downsize.

*String pattern* -- This has everything to do with how much spin you put on a ball. The more open, the more spin. It's whatever you want.

Good luck



## The Court Reporter

By Bob Stocks, Maintenance Committee Chair

We approached the HOA 2 Board a couple of months ago by submitting a request to fast-track simple repairs for court 12 which would allow immediate play. We have also requested fast-tracking the approval of post-tension slabs for court 12 (the same as the HOA 1 design) which is the long term solution.

There has been no response to date.

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## Updated Documentation

It seems as if no STC meeting of two or more of us (including your board) is complete without a discussion of club rules and Organized Play management. To verify and update those, Joan Martin, Director At Large, worked through our processes and confirmed them with the club cognoscenti to come up with current documentation.

Riley Jackson has posted documentation on How to Reserve a Court, Reservation Priorities and Organized Play. You can find them on the right side of our home page under **STC Procedures and Other Important Info**.



## Katrin Spinetta

While an obituary relates in words a person's accomplishments, nothing captures Katrin's essence—the spirit of her life—better than the musical *The Sound of Music* and especially its songs *I Have Confidence (In Me)* and *Climb Ev'ry Mountain*. Tennis was the one thing Katrin looked forward to most at Saddlebrooke. Katrin and Peter were married 55 years and were together even longer, from the time he was 19 and she was “16 going on 17.” After such a tragic loss, Peter is appreciative of the support from family and friends.

<https://www.dalyleachchapel.com/obituary/Katrin-Spinetta>

## September 7 Labor Day Social

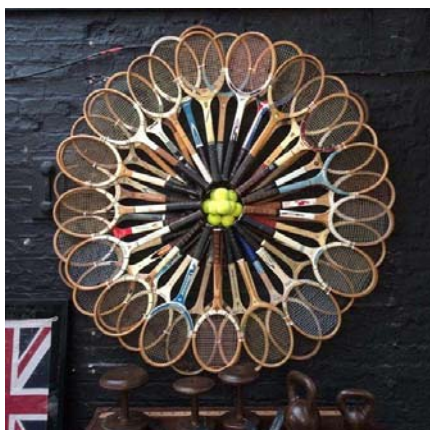
We will not be holding the proposed Tennis Social next month. Of the 77 responses, we had a 2:1 split not to have the event. The general feeling of the group was that there would be too many people too close on the patio. We'll check the club's pulse again once the environment changes.

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## Court Monitoring

This is a reminder that we still require a court monitor (the person who reserves the court or the first person listed in OP) to emphasize with fellow players the need to distance when walking on and off the court, when on the patio and during changeovers as well as to use hand sanitizer.

You might recall that pickleball was shut down because of confirmed Covid-19 and we want to remain safe.



## Injured and Recovery List

- Jill Duckett
- Marie Kahng
- Debbie McGeehan
- Ron Hunter
- Johanna Pawelczyk
- John Zipp

## Other Updates

ζ The backboard at the Preserve will remain on court 21 for now. Because the use of the courts for pickleball is temporary, the HOA2 Board decided not to pay \$1800 to have it moved to court 22.

ζ From the HOA1 Board Meeting:

Patio furniture has been approved by the HOA Board

RFID for the courts is partially installed

ζ The board has tabled any action on how to proceed with Karen MacPhail's work on providing members the ability to schedule non-prime time courts on their own.

We could adopt a product like Club Express as the vehicle for reserving courts which would be a comprehensive solution providing many features, but would entail a special assessment to members.

There is also the do nothing option leaving members dependent on Coordinators to make their reservations.

We expect to engage on this again once we can turn our focus away from virus related issues.

ζ Our Coordinator Jon Chase has retired.

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# POP Update

*By Joan Ebbeson*

POP Tennis is still going strong this summer. We've played during the smoke from the Bighorn Fire with masks on and have been practicing social distancing, neither of which has kept us from having fun together on and off the courts. In July a group got together for breakfast after playing and we celebrate all holidays. Our Fourth of July matches were FUN and patriotic! Still having fun, all summer long!

If you're interested in playing Pop Tennis, please check with the STC coordinators for more information.



In no particular order — Susan Southworth, Loretta Edgerton, Joan Ebbeson, Cynthia Pierson, Karen Pachis, Judy Gerba, Christine Reding, Donna Oshea, Fran Meckler, Sarah Smith, Jennifer Stephens, Carey Ricard, Carol Kula

## **Now Competing for Court Time — Welcome Our New STC Members**

*Photos by Jay Wilson*

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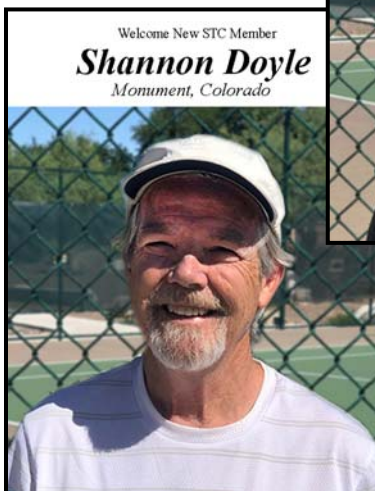
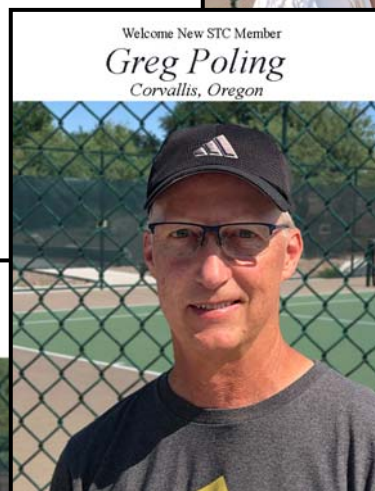
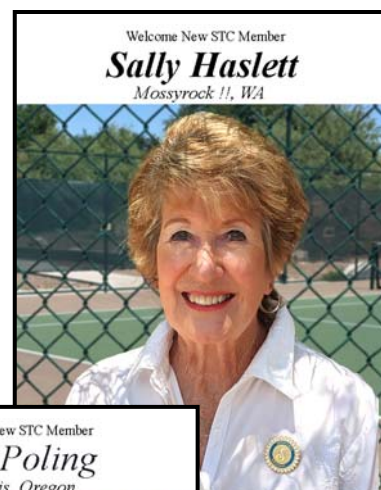
I am the new STC Membership Chair. My goals for helping new members for both Tennis and POP is to welcome them to the club, organize games for them as well as assist them on joining OP (Organized Play) and become familiar with the website.

There is a flyer on the bulletin board for all those interested in our club with the proper information to contact me. Please direct all new members to the tennis office when it's open and to the bulletin board for my contact information

If a new member has interest in league play, an email will be sent to all the USTA and InterClub captains with their contact information. If there is no interest in league play, an email will still be sent to all the group leaders to see whether they might be a group fit or a sub. The names of the new members and their rating will be on the website for anyone who may need a sub.

With your help, we can make our club inviting and enjoyable for everyone and perhaps increase our membership! Some of you have already volunteered to help me by playing with new members. I so appreciate all your help!

Thanks for your support!



These are our new members for 2020 to date and their contact information is on our website under Member List. Why not welcome someone by inviting them to play?

Joan Bruxvoort	POP
Roe Callahan	POP
Sheila Clarkin	POP B
Keith Coleman	Tennis 4.5
Carol Corsetti	Tennis-4.5
Giovanna D'Arco	POP
Ken Decaria	POP/Tennis
Hugh Donahue	Tennis 4.0
Lynne Donovan	Tennis-3.0
Shannon Doyle	Tennis 4.0

Michael Dunbar	Tennis-4.5
Shirley Dunbar	Tennis-3.0
Diane Foster	Tennis-3.0
Ellen Freeman	POP
Raymond Goettsch	POP/Tennis 3.0
Sally Haslett	Tennis 2.5
Bob Hill	Tennis 2.5
Mel Ingold	POP
George Kalman	Tennis 3.5
Judi Knapp	POP
Sid Lanier	Tennis-3.0
David Loendorf	POP
Connell McGill	Tennis-3.0

Deb McGill	Tennis 3.5
Donna McPherson	POP
Tim Metcalf	Tennis-3.0
Greg Poling	Tennis 4.0
Randi Roberts	Tennis 3.0
Holly Rose	Tennis 4.0
Bruce Sabulsky	Tennis-3.0
Carie Scalzo	POP
Carol Sherby	Tennis 3.5
Roger Simmons	POP

Joel Soburn	POP
Ruthie Thoren	POP/Tennis 3.0
Debi Truesdale	Tennis 2.5
Steve Truesdale	Tennis 3.0
Jacques VanPeppen	Tennis 3.5
Craig Walsh	Tennis 4.0
Maureen Walsh	Tennis 4.5
Kay White	Tennis 3.5
Anne Williams	Tennis 3.5
Jeff Williams	Tennis 3.5
Dee Zellinger	POP B
Gary Zellinger	POP B

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<b>STC PAID MEMBERS</b>	<b>465</b>
Female	222
Male	243
<b>Tennis Members</b>	
Female	189
Male	223
<b>POP Tennis Members</b>	
Female	67
Male	53
<b>Dual Memberships</b>	67

*Note that we had 349 paid members in May 2019*