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## Family Night Dinner - April 15th

We regret to announce that our restaurant that was run by Gerald Fisher has closed. But good news! We will offer Family Night Dinner "Italiano" on Wednesday, April 15th from 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

The menu will consist of spaghetti, lasagna, pizza, garlic bread, salad, lemonade, and tea.

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Cost: \$9 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Call 875-0086 to reserve a table.



## Merchants and Marine Bank NTRP Classic

The Merchants and Marine Bank NTRP Classic will be played April 24 to 26 at TOCC. Events offered include: Men & Women's open singles and doubles, men's 3.0 to 5.0 singles and doubles, women's 2.5 to 5.0 singles and doubles, and combo mixed 5.0 to 9.0.

Players are limited to two events only, one of which can be mixed doubles.

The deadline to enter is Monday April 20th at midnight. Enter online at [Tennislink](http://Tennislink) or [tocctourdir@cableone.net](mailto:tocctourdir@cableone.net).

A special thanks to M&M Bank who is the longest continual title sponsor!



## TOCC Summer Day Camp

### TOCC Summer Camp June 15, 16, 17

Our most popular junior event which includes:

Tennis, soccer, gym and arts & crafts.

Time: 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

## Check Out the TOCC Website

When entering the "members only" section the username is "member" and the password is TOCC64 (all in caps).

**If you have address, e-mail or telephone changes, please e-mail Dianne Grimm at [rrgrimm@bellsouth.net](mailto:rrgrimm@bellsouth.net)**





## Tennis Strategy Nadal vs. Murray



Last month's newsletter discussed the strategy most players use against Nadal. This article will discuss how Andy Murray beat Nadal at the US Open.

Here's how Andy Murray played his semi-final match:

1. His first shots in the rally were often directed to Nadal's forehand which slightly surprised Nadal. Once Rafa moved to his forehand side, his backhand side was open. Murray then played to his weaker backhand side which was now really weaker since Nadal had to MOVE and HIT his backhand. Murray also closed in on the net often after the down the line shot to Nadal's backhand to create even more pressure since now Nadal had to MOVE + HIT + PASS. Of course Andy also played some rallies keeping Nadal in his backhand corner which prevents Nadal from attacking. But Nadal is much more used to that and knows how to get out of such situations.

2. Andy positioned himself far behind the baseline for the return of the first serve. That way he had enough time to make a good contact with the ball. He also knew that Nadal won't serve & volley to take his shot out of the air. That way Murray neutralized Nadal's good serve and made it just an average one.

3. Andy did not force many shots and didn't hit that many winners. He was confident in his abilities and calmly rallied with Nadal from the baseline. This often unsettled Rafael since he expects his opponents to eventually make an unforced error. Andy was willing to work hard to stay in the rally long enough to earn a short ball and gain the initiative in the rally.

4. When Nadal started his "lefty forehand against righty backhand" combo, Murray didn't fall into the trap of hitting the ball immediately down the line to Nadal's backhand. He played the ball cross court as is the normal shot in such situation. That way he cut away Nadal's angles of attack and Rafa didn't do much with those deep cross court shots.

These four smart tennis tactics helped Murray eventually beat Rafael Nadal and brought him his first Grand Slam final.

Although far too many American instructors and coaches emphasize stroke production, what can be learned from both Murray and Federer — another player who's great at putting opponents off-balance — is the need for a student to create a playing style, to grasp a principle American legend Bill Tilden articulated more than 50 years ago: "Never give your opponent a chance to make a shot he likes."

Like Murray, you have to study players: their tendencies, patterns, grips, spins, weaknesses and strengths. Having a game plan definitely will make the difference in your next match.

Karem Graeber

Article taken from "Tennis Mind Game"

## Passing Shots

Sidonia Compton won the girls 14 and under singles at The Diamondhead Spring Junior Classic.

Ocean Springs High School Tennis Team scored a huge 4-3 victory over perennial tennis power Gulfport High School.

The following TOCC members represented OSHS in this varsity match:



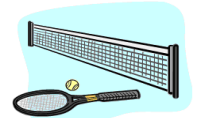
David Bella, Skyler Flowers, Andre & Alex Wawryszczuk, Sadey St. Amant, Madeline Wilburn, Tori Calcote, Julia Ivanova, Kelsey Worch, and Ian Render.



## TOCC Junior Tennis Academy

The TOCC Tennis Academy is doing great! The kids are having fun but at the same time they are working really hard. And their effort is paying off! Their level of tennis is improving every day.

Thank you TOCC members for your cooperation and patience on letting the kids use the courts.



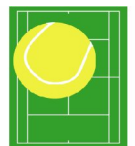
### Academy News!

The Academy had its first outside guest. A graduate student in sports nutrition from Florida State. She held a workshop and gave nutritional guidelines to our players. It was a great opportunity to educate our kids on eating healthy and preparing for competition.

The Tennis Academy is traveling for the first time as a team to play a tournament in Destin, Florida, April 4th.

## Wachovia Bank Junior Classic Success

The Wachovia Bank Junior Classic that was held in March was a smashing success with 60 juniors from a 3 state area. During this difficult financial times, we greatly appreciate Wachovia Banks continued support.



### Results of Interest

Boys 12 singles: Hayden Rumsey 2nd.  
Boys 16 singles: Skyler Flowers 2nd.  
Boys 18 singles: Ian Render 1st.  
Girls 14 singles: Madeline Wilburn 1st.  
Girls 18 doubles: Madeline Wilburn / Sadey St. Amant 1st.  
Tori Calcote / Meredith Olson 2nd.  
Girls 10 doubles: Abby Chapman / Sophie St. Amant 1st.  
Boys 16 doubles: Skyler Flowers / Matthew Martin 1st.  
Boys 14 doubles: Mason Vice / Ali Siddiqui 2nd.

