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## Family Night Mexican Dinner

**Wednesday, May 13th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Our first family night (Italian) was a great success. Don't miss the Mexican Night. Cost \$8 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under.

## TOCC Team Captain Meeting

**Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m.**

This is a mandatory meeting for captains or their representative for any TOCC Teams (USTA Captains) that are going to compete in mixed doubles.

Notice: Please notify Steve of your intent to have a mixed doubles team so we can try to find a spot for all club members who want to play!



## Margarita Mixer

**Friday, May 22 6:30 p.m.**

Adults, don't miss the ever popular Margarita Mixer Friday, May 22nd.  
Warm up at 6:30 p.m., play at 6:45 p.m.  
Margarita, tennis, snacks and drinks.  
Cost: \$10 per player.



## Dates that Rate

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| Tuesday, May 5th @ 6:30p.m.        | TOCC Team Captains Meeting     |
| Monday, May 11th @ 6:30p.m.        | Coast Captains Meeting         |
| Wednesday, May 13th @ 5:30 p.m.    | Family Night Mexican Dinner    |
| Friday, May 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.       | Margarita Mixer Tennis Social  |
| June 3rd, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.   | Family Night Dinner            |
| June 5th, 9:00 to 11:00            | Free Junior Clinics            |
| June 7th, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.   | Crawfish Boil - Members only   |
| June 15-17, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. | TOCC Annual Day Camp           |
| June 19th                          | Steak Night                    |
| June 23rd                          | JR Tournament Preparation Camp |
| June 26-28                         | Hand Center of MS, JR Classic  |
| June 14-16                         | TOCC Junior Camp               |

## 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)**





## Making the Best of Your Weak Stroke



If you have a weaker groundstroke (typically your backhand) and you're struggling with it, especially during matches, don't give up. There are various ways to make the best of your weaker shot. Almost every top tennis player has, or has had, a weaker shot. For Federer, Nadal and Roddick, this would be the backhand, and for Murray, Djokovic and Gasquet, the forehand.

Note that for these players, their weaker shot is not weak! It's just slightly weaker than their other groundstroke, and is, of course, still an excellent shot. As you can imagine, players with a weak groundstroke find that opponents know exactly where to play and how to make the best of their weaker side. However, most have found a way to win despite their weakness.

Here's how they do it, and what you need to do to start winning more matches if you have a weaker stroke. We will use the backhand as an example.

### ***Accept your weakness and play more conservatively***

The #1 reason for missing with your backhand is because you ask too much from it, and don't want to accept that it's really a weaker shot. You may be afraid that if you start playing more conservatively, your opponent will realize that your backhand is weaker and your secret will be revealed. The truth is that 99% of your opponents already know this. They play to your backhand anyway and you present them with free gifts too often, by making unforced errors.

Your first step towards improving your weaker shot is to use your weaker shot to stay in the rally. Your main goal at this stage is not to win more points, but to LOSE FEWER points!

### ***Use smart offensive tactics, within your capabilities***

Once you decrease the number of unforced errors and lose fewer points, you can start looking to win more points with your backhand. You can do that by using smart tactics. Use your weaker shot mostly to put your opponent into uncomfortable situations, and then look to finish the point with your forehand or volley. You can use your backhand to move your opponent and to surprise him/her with an occasional drop shot. You can also change your rhythm with top spin and slice balls.

All of these tactics can be used quite consistently, without many unforced errors, and can be used to set up a short and weak ball, which can then be attacked with your forehand, approach shot or volley.

The above tactics will help you win more points, but your opponent will still take advantage of your weaker shot. He or she could serve to your backhand and force a mistake or a short return, attack with a big forehand or use other tactics to force you to make weak shots on your backhand. So how do we neutralize our opponent's strength? We will learn the answer on next month's newsletter.

Article taken from 'Tennis Mind Game'

## TOCC Day Camp

**June 15, 16, 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

The ToCC Day Camp, our most popular junior event of the year will take place June 15, 16, and 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Day Camp consists of tennis, soccer, gym and arts & crafts.

The camp is geared to children ages 5 to 15.

The cost is \$85 per child with a \$10 discount for families with additional children.

Please register by Friday, June 12th.

Members may invite a guest.



## TOCC Free Junior Clinic (members only)

Steve and his outstanding staff of Pros will offer a free junior clinic for TOCC members on Friday, June 5th.

9:00 to 10:00, ages 6 to 10.

10:00 to 11:00, ages 11 to 18.

Pizza will be provided by the pool at 11:45.



## Merchants & Marine Bank NTRP Classic

The weather was beautiful and the tennis outstanding as TOCC hosted the Merchants & Marine Bank NTRP Classic April 24-16. We would like to thank M&M Bank for their continued sponsorship of tennis and thank the volunteers who help to run these events smoothly.

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Cynthia Render-Leach, Frank Leach, Cynthia St. Amant, Bubba Newman, Scott Leatherman, Lucia Baublits, Gina Kostal and Mildred Dickson.



### **Results of Interest:**

6.0 MXD Kenneth & Allison Yarrow, 1st

6.0 MXD Nick & Christi Thomas, consolation winners

2.5 W Singles Tania Bayne, 1st

2.5 W DBLS Tracy Kesterson & Christina Del Vescova, 2nd

3.0 W DBLS Allison Yarrow & Carolyn Freeman, 1st

3.0 M Singles Trey Buttler, 1st

3.0 M DBLS Kenneth Yarrow & Ward Wicht, 1st

3.0 M DBLS Tristan Akmer & Logan Freeman, 1st consolation

3.5 M DBLS Sean Blevins & Bud Westbrook, 1st

3.5 M DBLS Greg Wawryszczuk & Lester McMackin, 2nd

4.0 M DBLS Paul Harris & Victor Calcote, 2nd

## Welcome New Members

**New Members:** Ronnie and Connie Goff

**Sponsored by:** Bubba Newman, Helene Ederer, Michael Bayne

**New Members:** Dr and Mrs. Stephen Lipson

**Sponsored by:** Lance St. Amant, Cynthia St. Amant, Lynn Bella

If no objections are raised by the end of the month, these applicants will stand approved and will be placed as openings become available.