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Date that Rate

May 6th	TOCC Mixed Doubles Team Captains Meeting
May 12th	Coastwide Team Captains Meeting
June 10-12	TOCC Junior Tennis Camp (age 7 to 16, 9:00 to 11:00)
June 13th	Parent Child Round Robin (Friday 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.)

TOCC Day Camp

Our most popular event of the year, the TOCC Junior Day Camp, will be held July 8-10. The Day Camp is a 3 day event running from 8:30 to 1:30. Activities: Tennis, soccer, gym, and arts & crafts. The Camp is for ages 5 to 16. This is a members event. However, members may invite guests. The cost is \$80 per child with a 10% discount for additional family members. Please register early to reserve your spot.

Passing Shots

Special Thanks from the Tennis Chairperson....

A note of thanks to all who helped out the weekend of the Merchant & Marine NTRP Classic Tournament. We certainly could not have a successful tournament without the cooperation and assistance of so many volunteers!



A big thanks to Pete Mitchell, our Tournament Referee, and Steve Pennington the Tournament Director for another well run tournament.

Thanks to the following folks for stepping up and making our event a pleasant one for all...they include our desk workers, umpires, tournament committee, court rollers, water jug and trash haulers, and facilities maintenance. Thanks to Mildred Dickson, Virginia Williams, Cynthia St. Amant, Candace Atwood, Bubba Newman, Scott Leatherman, Brice Mitchell, the Wawryszczuk family (Greg, Vona, Alex, and Andre), Frank Leach, Ian Render, and Grace Chapel. Treasure Oak has always had a good reputation of hosting well organized events and this one was no exception with a 127 competitors. Lastly, a big thanks to Merchant & Marine Bank and Mike Dickson for stepping up to sponsor this event year after year, along with Rex Distributing and Dan Magruder for quenching our thirst and providing beer for our event.
Cynthia Render-Leach, Tennis Chairperson

Congratulations to Julia!

Julia Ivanova won first place in girls singles at the Bowman's Junior Tennis Smash on April 18th-19th.

Check Out the New & Improved TOCC Website





Hitting On the Rise



Moving Forward

Hitting on the rise means taking the ball farther forward and earlier, as it's coming up off the bounce. This requires precise positioning and timing, but it offers a few major advantages:

- You give your opponent less time to react to your shot.
- You meet the ball before it gets above your comfort and power zone.
- You cut off your opponent's angles earlier so you don't have as far to run.

The better you get at hitting on the rise, the more you'll look for opportunities to move forward to attack the ball.

Backswing Complete

Generally, a shorter backswing simplifies the timing for hitting on the rise because a huge loop would probably make the timing more difficult. There is not much time for a longer swing when hitting on the rise.

Swing Path

Most players hit the ball flatter than usual when hitting on the rise. Right before the point of contact, it is important that the backswing is just slightly below the height of the ball. Too much topspin when hitting on the rise creates very little pace, so the best swing will seem to be almost flat or straight.

Rotational and Linear Energy

Even the classic, linear stroke style has significant rotational energy. From the completed backswing position, where the upper body was roughly facing the sideline, the upper body has now turned 90 degrees so that it's facing the net. This rotational energy combines with the forward, linear energy evidenced by the body weight so fully on the front foot that only the toe of the back foot touches the ground.

Point of Contact

Most balls hit on the rise are above the waist. One might hit on the rise as high as the shoulder if circumstances dictate.

Follow Through

When hitting on the rise, the forward nature of the swing should result in your extending out toward the target at the beginning of the follow-through. With the typical, less rotational type of swing used to hit on the rise, the follow-through will usually not wrap around the body greatly at the end.

Practice

The last phase of learning to hit on the rise is practice. Try to rally with someone and move forward and start your swing earlier than normal. Practice hitting most balls before they reach the peak of their bounce. To do this requires a great deal of footwork and movement, so don't be lazy. There is no substitute for practice, hitting on the rise requires great timing. Your timing of when to swing, how fast to swing, how big a swing, all comes from practice. The more you practice the better your timing becomes. So practice, practice, practice!



Ocean Springs High School Tennis

The 2008 regular season has concluded with a tough 3-4 post season loss to Oak Grove. The team consisting largely of TOCC members swept through the regular season undefeated, winning 61 of 63 courts. The team posted a 6-1 win in the first round of State team Competition.

On April 15th, TOCC hosted the Individual District Championships. Ocean Springs dominated the event. The following won the individual event to qualify for the State Championships in Jackson.

Boys Doubles	David Bella & Alex Drake
Girls Doubles	Sadey St. Amant & Madeline Wilburn
Boys Singles	Skyler Flowers
Girls Singles	Ariel Fisher

The teams of Alex and Andre Wawryszczuk and Andrew Marion and Kelsey Worch just failed to qualify by dropping matches in third set tie-breakers.

The following TOCC members played on this outstanding squad:

Ian Render, David Bella, Alex & Andre Wawryszczuk, Madeline Wilburn, Sadey St. Amant, Andrew & Brooks Marion, Kelsey Worch, Beth Lyons, Andrew Blevens, DJ Langley, Julia Ivanova, Tori Calcote, and Anna Myers.

24 Hour Stringing

The TOCC Proshop now offers 24 hour racquet stringing (except on weekends).

USTA Junior Team Tennis

We currently are in the process of registering players for Junior Team Tennis for this summer. Please register in the Proshop. TOCC Teams will be formed at 10, 12, 14 & 18 and under levels.



Hand Center of South MS Junior Classic

Juniors, do not miss this fast growing tournament. The events offered include boys & girls 10, 12, 14, 16 & 18 and under singles and doubles. Deadline: Monday, June 23rd at midnight.

Welcome New Members

New Members:	Barbara Celarec
Sponsors:	William Descher, Donna Seymour, Mary Ashbaker
New Members:	Kenneth and Allison Yarrow
Sponsors:	Paul & Kim Harris, Bubba & Shari Newman, Frank & Cynthia Leach
New Members:	John and Cindy Geboy
Sponsors:	Bill Descher, Maria Erickson and David Utterback

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