

Information on NWTC Open House (12 – 3 PM) and New Member’s Day Event (to follow) on Saturday, June 10th

Hello everyone – As our season rolls into June, there are a few updates to share as far as upcoming events and polite reminders.

With the amazing weather this month, members have been enjoying the clubhouse and courts for longer stretches and bringing down snacks and beverages to enjoy during play on the courts, and afterwards on the deck. Everything that you bring must be disposed of appropriately - or, take it home with you! We are finding food waste mixed in with spent tennis cans in our court-side blue bins. Fast food wrapping and empty beverage containers have been found blowing around on the courts. Obviously, these unsightly occurrences create extra work for those who are tasked with maintaining and cleaning the clubhouse and courts. Enough said.

There have been some instances where members have been wearing non-athletic/tennis attire while on the courts. Your choice of footwear is extremely important as our courts will mark when shoes that are not deemed to be “non-marking” are worn for tennis. There is a court test-strip inside the gate to the courts. And know that there have been “Croc” (sandal) sightings – not the vicious Aussie-kind – but in the same vein, neither should appear ‘down under’ on the courts. Also, athletic dress has always been required by members when using our courts. You don’t need an Adidas sponsorship, but we simply ask that you refrain from wearing cut-off jeans, tank tops, muscle shirts, bathing suits... anything that would be frowned upon if you were to enter tournament play.

We are having periodic issues with the ball machine. After the last major repair, we instituted a sign-out sheet to better monitor its use. And we also spelled out several scenarios around weather and court conditions etc. that will cause it to have issues and breakdown more frequently. Despite this effort, and ongoing maintenance, it continues to challenge us. With so many different users, some without prior experience in using this piece of equipment, it’s not surprising! There will be a ball-machine DEMO hosted by Don Campbell at the New Member’s Day (information below) in the late afternoon when enough interested members have gathered to attend. But in the meantime, please be patient and know that the Club Executive will continue to deal with this issue. However, it may ultimately be an item that is not maintainable for us as an outdoor Club with a limited budget.

Our Club will be hosting its annual [Open House event on Saturday, June 10th from 12 – 3 pm.](#) This is an opportunity for Club members to assist us with the advertising by

inviting friends to come out to the Club and join in for a set of tennis, as court availability allows. We are reaching out to the community through our local New West "Record" newspaper, as well, so weather permitting, there should be a good turnout. As members, please extend a warm welcome to visitors, incorporate them into your foursome for a set of tennis, and explain how our Club works. Any membership inquiries may be directed to membership@nwtennis.com.

Following the Open House AFTER 3 pm on June 10th, the focus will turn to a New Member's Day BBQ. This is an annual Club social and as in recent years, the Club Exec have decided to combine the two events. While the organization is being driven by the Executive board, it is always incredibly helpful to have members share in the work by bringing appetizers/salads/desserts to accompany the hamburgers coming off the grill. If you're short of time, or cooking isn't your thing, there will also be a need for additional volunteers to assist with set-up and clean-up duties. Please plan to show up and participate in making the event a successful kick-off to the summer season.

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