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DANNY WEINGEIST
Club President



Well, summer is here and it just feels hotter every year to me, but maybe I'm just older. If I play around 6:30am and then go to work, it takes me until about 10:30am to stop sweating; if I play around 6pm after work, then I'm mentally tired before I even start and then exhausted after I play. This leads me to think that it's work that's getting in the way, what else could it be?

Summer is such a fun time as a kid – no school, hang out with friends, family vacations and spend time at the Club. What could be better than that? I encourage you all to spend time with your families at the Club, whether playing tennis, working out at the Fitness Center with new equipment, eating out on the deck, or even playing bingo (I may have the longest non-winning streak at the Club). Summer is okay as an adult since you can wear more casual clothes, but it's just not the same. Maybe what we need to do is be less connected with our phones and see if that works?

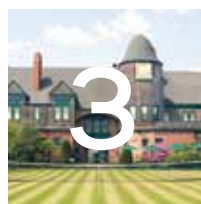
I'm happy to tell you that the Board recently approved an operating and capital budget for fiscal year 2019 and we are in sound financial condition. As always, we aim to improve the quality of our Club and that requires spending money on tennis courts, the Fitness Center and other areas that always need capital.

I hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer!

See you around the Club,

Danny

SNEAK PEEK



FEATURE
PLAY WHILE
YOU'RE AWAY

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OUR MISSION THE CLUB FOR A LIFETIME

To instill, inspire and promote love and enjoyment of the game of tennis; to encourage athletic and social fitness activities in an exceptional family environment, and to satisfy the social, recreational and fitness needs of our members in a congenial atmosphere.

OUR VISION

The Club that aspires to attract and retain an exceptional membership and provide its members the finest in facilities and amenities.



PLAY WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

The International Tennis Hall of Fame has partnered with a select group of prominent clubs to pilot the ITHF Club Affiliate Program. **The group of Founding Clubs include the Houston Racquet Club** and those who have played a significant role in tennis and share a passion for the sport's great history, the champions who shaped it, and its longevity.

The ITHF brings the stories of tennis' greatest champions to life inspiring the next generation of players and fans. The collaboration between the Hall of Fame and the Founding

Clubs serve to ensure these stories are shared with tennis fans so that they do not go untold or forgotten.

As a member of a Founding Club, you will be provided with unique Hall of Fame experiences as we take tennis history beyond the walls of the museum in Newport, RI and connect you with the champions of our sport.

As a member of a Founding Club, you have the opportunity to enjoy reciprocal relationships with these other historic and prestigious clubs across the country.

To start scheduling your visit, we ask that you submit your request at least two weeks prior to your visit. The request form can be found on our website Reciprocal page. Once you complete and submit the request, your home club will contact the host club to verify that you are in good standing. Once confirmed, the host club will contact you to review the details of your visit. This process should take no longer than 72 hours. Contact Cathy Lassetter, Director of Membership the next time you are traveling in the area of one of these Clubs.



THOMAS PREUML, CCM
Chief Operating Officer



Happy fiscal year (FY) 2019! For those of you who may not know, ours starts every July 1st and ends June 30th. As our **Club President, Danny Weingeist** mentions in his column, the Board has approved the FY2019 budget. I want to thank not only the Board, but also our Finance Committee and its **Chair and current Vice President, Kathy Zay** for the many volunteer hours and the extraordinary work that was done over the last 10 months with the disaster recovery efforts. Honorable mention goes to immediate **Past President, Paul Peacock** who had to deal with Harvey related matters during the last two months of his term.

After a two-year delay due to the Clubhouse renovation and then Harvey, **we are resuming our tennis court renovations**. The biggest project this year is post tension construction for **courts 20, 21 and 22**. They are currently under construction. Additional tennis projects will include replacing the **fence and windscreens on courts 3-5, 8-10 and 13-15**. By the way, our capital improvement projects are funded mostly with the initiation fees from New Members. Please **contact Cathy at Ext.121** when your friends are ready to join HRC.

The time has finally come. Over 200 members purchased **commemorative bricks in honor of our 50th anniversary in 2015**. The path was scheduled for installation after the renovation was complete. Then came Harvey! I am happy to report that the engraved bricks are now ready and we will communicate via email when the installation will commence.

We are only weeks away from **Board elections**. This year, we will do things a little different in order to make the process more streamlined and efficient. We are implementing an **electronic voting system** to make the process more convenient for you. The most important part of this new initiative? **We need your correct email address**. Please contact **Executive Assistant, Jean Northey** at jnorthey@houstonracquetclub.com. If you would prefer to vote with a paper ballot, please let Jean know as well. Additional communication on this initiative will follow soon.

We recently experienced a **theft from a car in our parking lot**. A vehicle apparently followed an HRC employee from a local bank to our parking lot without stopping at the front gate. By the time security staff checked, it was too late. The employee's car had a window smashed and the wallet, containing the cash withdrawn from the bank, was stolen. Unfortunately, the camera system by the guard house was not operational at the time and no footage of the suspect vehicle is available. **New cameras and an upgraded recording system have been installed**. It is important to note that all other camera systems are operational. Security is important to all of us, but unfortunately our current system is not foolproof. On average, 700 cars enter and leave the property daily, even more on weekends. **Around 100+ vehicles without HRC**

parking stickers are logged at the front gate every day. Information collected includes license plate, vehicle make, destination and purpose of the visit. But due to the short entry driveway, which causes vehicles to back up onto Memorial Drive every time a vehicle is stopped at the gate with more than four cars in line,

"I LOVE
THE WINNING,
I CAN TAKE
THE LOSING,
BUT MOST
OF ALL
I LOVE
TO PLAY"

- Boris Becker

we are forced to occasionally expedite access. Speeding vehicles and even members (not displaying the HRC tag) refusing to stop represent additional challenges. **Please slow down, be patient and display your HRC sticker**. We are working on improvements; however, even with these improvements, security cannot be guaranteed. **Always remember not to leave valuables in your car. Also report any suspicious activity immediately to any staff member.**

Congratulations to our HRC Summer T-Shirt Contest winners **Sadie Boynton, Sydney Lewis and Stella Phillips**:



As you can see, their designs are very creative! The shirts are now available in the pro shop. More information about this contest, including videos, was posted on our social media pages.

More congratulations and many thanks are in order for service captain **Carlos Chavez for 35 years of service**, and for his sister, **Mabel Chavez for 25 years**. Carlos runs the lunch shift in the Clubhouse and Mabel does the same in the Courtside Café. Behind the scenes in the kitchen, **Reina Guevara recently completed her 10th year** at HRC. **Thank you all for your exemplary service to the Club.**

After 20 years of service to HRC, **Pro Shop Manager and Safety Coordinator, Brenda Pineda** is making a BIG move by relocating to another country. Brenda will be with HRC until August 15th. I believe I will have to hire three people just to do the job Brenda did. I can say with absolute certainty that Brenda is one of the BEST managers I have ever worked with in my 38-year career. **Brenda, THANK YOU!** We will miss you.

As always, please contact me with any questions at tpreuml@houstonracquetclub.com.

Happy Summer!

Thomas

IN MEMORIAM

Philip Taggart

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

LAURA & NED DAVENPORT

His: Electronics Broker, Smith & Associates
Children: Rhett (13), Lucy (10)
Sponsors: Brandi Maxwell, Ty Hoffer



MARJORIE DUNN

Sponsors: Brad Dunn, Danny Weingeist



NICOLE & BRAD EPSTEIN

His: Director, Citigroup Investment Group
Children: Quinn (3)
Sponsors: Lindsay & Grant Amburn, Rusty D'Anna



CHANTAL & BOBBY FERGUSON

His: Commercial Real Estate,
Parkway Lakes Development, Inc.
Sponsors: Kip & Molly Ferguson, Derek Darnell

STEPHANIE & JOE GIBNEY

His: Equity Research Analyst, Capital One Securities
Her: Teacher, SBISD
Children: Owen (12), Will (10), Margaret (7)
Sponsors: Kenneth Verheeck, Chuck Henry

CAROLYN & GREG GIVENS

His: Oil & Gas, Self-Employed
Children: Beau (7), Belle (3)
Sponsors: Forrest Green, Matt Mays



TAPAS & SANGRIA BINGO

Thursday, July 19 • 6:00PM • The Dining Room
\$20++ per person or \$ 35++ a couple • Tapas, sangria & fun prizes
Invite your prospective member to this event.
Contact Cristina with any questions, ctorres@houstonracquetclub.com
RSVP 713.464.4811

SAVE THE DATE! POP UP SHOP EVENT

Thursday, October 18
4:00-7:00PM • Creekside Lounge

Hosted by the Women's Association
Sip & Stroll
Featuring HRC Member Vendors!

For more information,
contact Jenna Jackson, WA Social Chair
jennajackson13@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

AMANDA & DAMON GONZALEZ

His: Partner/Construction, The Gonzalez Group
Children: Jesse (13), Madeleine (10), James (8)
Sponsors: Shelley Masterson, Wendy Spears, Tricia Henry



KANDI & JORDAN HANDEL

His: EVP Business Development, DAVACO
Children: Hudson (6), Olivia (4)
Sponsors: Liz Hancock, Barbara & Jeff Steen



ROSALIND & BARRY JEFFERY

His: VP/HSE & Risk Management, Murphy Oil Corporation
Sponsors: Debra Baker, Bootsie Le Feuvre



DABNEY & MARK JUNELL

His: Owner, The Junell Law Firm
Children: Layne (10), Charlie (7),
Sponsors: Michael Monk, Andrew Clark



PETER & GABBY BOERSNER LOWY

Her: VP/GC E&P, Hess Corporation
His: Attorney/Partner, Chamberlain Hrdlicka
Children: Katerina (11)
Sponsors: Emily & Michael Sperandio, Jenna Jackson



MELISSA & KEVIN MORGAN

His: CEO/Owner, Eskimo Hut
Children: Taylor (6), Brecken (4), Piper (1)
Sponsors: Laura Grau, Ashley & Russ Holmsten

LESLIE & RANDY NEWCOMER

His: President, Riverbend Oil & Gas
Children: Sydney (13), Holton (11), Cannon (6)
Sponsors: Scott Rice, Danny Weingeist

TIFFANY & CHARLIE PATTERSON

His: Sales, Mapei Corporation
Her: Physician, Texas Children's Hospital
Child: Hannah (7)
Sponsors: Tricia & Lee Zieben, Courtney & Rich Moss

JULIE PEACOCK

Her: Retired, CBRE
Sponsors: Paul Peacock, Martha Haverstick

MELISSA & DAN SUGULAS

His: President/Construction, B&D Contractors
Children: Scarlett (5), Scout (2)
Sponsors: Rob Derrick, Ty Hoffer

MEMBERSHIP



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

MIRANDA & STEPHEN TADLOCK

His: VP Corporate Services, Cactus Wellhead
Children: Valentina (6), Quentin (4), Gus (2)
Sponsors: Beth Guinn, Joel Bender



COURTNEY & DAVID TAUBER

His: VP, Tauber Oil Company
Her: Operations, Gunvor Group
Sponsors: Charlie Calderwood, Dan Hardin



KIM & JIM THOM

His: Executive Director of Sales, Palantir Solutions
Her: Owner, Andern Design
Children: Howie (6), Bowen (6)
Sponsors: Nesi Andrews, Beth Hatfield, Olivia Wolcott



EILEEN & MICHAEL WIELAND

His: President & CEO, Laredo Energy
Her: Teacher, St. Francis de Sales Catholic School
Children: Allison (16), Joseph (11)
Sponsors: John Stillwell, Doug Dawson

MICHELLE & PAUL WILLIAMS

His: SVP, Midstream, ARM Energy
Her: Global Human Asset Mgr, Halliburton
Children: George (5), Thomas (3)
Sponsors: Earl & Lesley Correll,
Referral: Kristen & Mark Burney

CAROL & CLINT WOOD

Her: People Operations Director, Homebase
His: Partner, McKinsey & Co.
Child: Dayton (3)
Sponsors: Summer & Jason Craig,
Jen & James Wallis



SAVE THE DATES
OCTOBER 12 & 13

LOVIE
HCCUP

MEMBER/MEMBER OR MEMBER/GUEST
TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Hosted by the Tennis Committee
Men's & Women's Division • Friday Night Family Party
Saturday Night Casual Adult Party
Exhibition Match – Friday, October 12



TENNIS

TENNIS EVENTS

LIVE BALL TENNIS

Tuesdays: 10:30 AM - B1 Level & Above, 4:30pm - B2/B3 Level (both ladies only)
Wednesdays: 9:00AM and 10:30AM - B1 Level & Above (ladies only)
Fridays: 9 AM-B1 Level & Above 10:30 AM -B2/B3 Level (both ladies only)
Saturdays: 10:00AM - B1 Level & Above (Coed) 1:00PM- B1 Level & Above (Coed)
With Randy Druz (rjdruz@aol.com) (*time subject to change)

Check out this link for Live Ball Tennis action and sign up with Randy today: <http://www.tennis.com/your-game/2013/12/live-ball-tennis-done-differently-and-better/50024/#.VVwhlfViko>

TENNIS 101 WITH ROBBY

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30PM
 Beginners Only - learn the fundamentals through fun drills, games & strategy. The cost is \$30. Contact Robby in the Pro Shop.

TENNIS 201 WITH ROBBY

Mondays & Fridays 6:00-7:30PM
 Tennis 101 grads continue to work on fundamentals through fun drills, games & strategy. The cost is \$30. Contact Robby in the Pro Shop.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT WITH MARLON

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30PM
 Join Marlon for fundamental oriented drills for "B" level players and up. Beer is provided. \$25/person.

BOOT CAMP WITH KAI

Fridays 9:00-10:30AM
 Join other B level players (co-ed) for a high intensity workout, doubles tactics and strategy. \$30 for members and \$35 for non members. Sign up in the Pro Shop.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP POWER HOUR

Mondays 6:30PM with Randy Druz

LADIES NIGHT OUT WITH ROBBY

Wednesdays 6:00-7:30PM
 With Robby, All levels are welcome. Enjoy fun, games, and match play. Beer and margaritas will be available. The cost is \$35/Members and \$40 Non-Member. Minimum of 4 ladies must attend. Sign up in the Pro Shop.

JULY 4TH PARENT CHILD TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, July 4 9:00AM-Noon
 \$10 per team. Boys & Girls ages 5-18 years old. Sign Up in the Pro Shop.

KIDS' HIT FOR PRIZES

Saturday, August 11 11:00AM-12:30PM
 5-14 years old. Complimentary. All levels welcome. Sign up in the Pro Shop or text Sarah Flood 713.894.1256.

SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

9:00AM-1:00PM (lunch included)
 Extended Day Camp with Camp F.U.E.L. from 1:00-3:00pm - See Sicily McCambridge in Youth Area

Session 6: July 9 - July 13
 Session 7: July 16 - July 20
 Session 8: July 23 - July 27
 Session 9: July 30 - August 3
 Session 10: August 6 - August 10

Our Summer Tennis Camp is for beginners to intermediate players between the ages of 5 and 17. The camp is taught by USPTA Professionals who provide skills and training for all levels of tennis play. At the end of the tennis training, we will finish the day with a supervised cool down splash in the pool! Registration forms are available in the Pro Shop.

BACK TO LEAGUE WORKOUTS

Mondays, August 6, 13, 20 & 27 9:00-11:00AM

Ladies \$40 per session or \$130 for all four dates. Sign up in the Pro Shop.

HRC LOVIE CUP

Member/Member or Member/Guest Tennis Tournament Friday & Saturday, October 12 & 13

Hosted by the Tennis Committee
 Men's & Women's Division. Friday Night Family Party and Exhibition Match. Saturday Night Casual Adult Party. More details to come!



THOMAS COOK
 Director of Tennis

I'm hoping that all of you are enjoying a wonderful summer! As you read this Raconteur, I imagine that you are beginning to think of your family's activities for the fall. After many fun camps and vacations, we will join together in August to get ready for another school year.

Mom might be thinking about playing on a HRC team, so remember to sign up for our very popular "Get Ready for League" drills. These workouts will take place every Monday morning in August from 9-11.

Our summer junior tennis camps will run weekly through August 10th. Then our regular junior tennis program begins in the middle of August. Sign up for these junior programs in the pro shop.

Right after Labor Day we will host the annual HRC Pro Team Tennis (September 9). This is a very fun event for all levels of adults, so please join in.

Remember to keep guzzling fluids as your family plays tennis this summer. And let's hope for a very, very quiet hurricane season!!!

See you on the courts,

Tom



JULY 4TH PARENT CHILD TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, July 4 • 9:00AM-Noon
 \$10 per team. Boys & Girls ages 5-18 years old. Sign Up in the Pro Shop.

TENNIS



CONGRATULATIONS

HRC WOTT WINNERS

Congratulations to all the HRC Members who won their division in the World Oilman's Tennis Tournament in May. A great time was had by all.

We would like to applaud and thank the entire HRC staff and all volunteers for their extraordinary efforts and hard work that comes with this tournament every year. Thank you.

WOTT Main Doubles - 2018

Championship - James Low
 A-1 Blue - John Leggett & Eddie Perdomo
 A-2 Silver - Runners Up - Brad Elmore & Bob Murphy
 B-1 White - Mike Calhoun
 B-1 White - Rob Sellers
 B-2 Red - Alex Riddle & Gregorie Thirouin

Mixed Doubles - 2018

Championship - Correne Loeffler
 Championship Runners-Up - Nancy Moseley
 B-2 Filipe & Lisa Barbosa

Main Doubles Consolation - 2018

Championship Runners-Up - Graydon Oliver
 A-1 Blue - Jeep Christian
 A-2 Red - Rob Derrick
 B-1 Blue - Greg Reid
 B-1 White - Chip Cowell
 B-1 White - Runners-Up - Scott Johnson
 B-2 Gold - Runners-Up - Dave Ressler

Scrambles - 2018

Championship/A-1 - Runner-Up - John Meredith
 B-1/B-2 - Chip Cowell & Rob Wagner

Scrambles Consolation - 2018

Championship/A-1 - Scott Gilley
 B-1/B-2 - Scott Johnson & John Williams

Mixed Consolation - 2018

Championship - Lars Zeisig
 B-1 Runners-Up - Deborah & Mark Kobelan

CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONS

1. Men's Champion Division - Rafael Herrera
2. Men's A Division - David Cromack
3. Men's B Division - Robert Jacobson
4. Women's A Division - Ann Staley
5. Women's B Division - Summer Craig



SUMMER ALL STARS PROGRAM

The Summer All Stars Program began Monday, June 6. The 22 players drilled and played with a great deal of enthusiasm in spite of the 90 plus heat and the four hour program, which runs 1-5 pm. Many of these kids will have played in the Texas Grand Slam Super Championship event in Abilene by the time this appears in the Raconteur. The All Stars runs all through the summer, Mondays through Fridays. For more information contact Chris Bovett at 713.443.9438 or contact the Pro Shop.





CONGRATULATIONS



2018 SPRING SECTIONALS 14 & UNDER 2.4 JNTRP AND BELOW

Congratulations to the HRC Jedi team! So proud of your achievements! Pictured: Chatham Griffith, Sadie Stock, Virginia Moran, Alexandra Moran, Dominique Moran, Aidan Fulton, Carson Lewis, Matthew Johnston and Wade Richter



HOUSTON CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

So proud of our coaches and members on this Championship team! Back Row left to right: Jackson Carmichael, Kenner Taylor, Colby Cameron, Joe Stovall, Jakob Mosvold, James Wilson, Andrew LeBlanc, Josh Caldwell, Peyton Erck and Ann Hopper. Front Row Left to right: Stina Mosvold, Trent Smith, Graham Taylor and Matthew Caldwell. This team was coached by Ann Hopper, Stina Mosvold, John Hopper and Ted Erck.



HLTA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Here is a picture of the HRC Hookers, the HLTA Open Championship team that recently won the highest division of HLTA for the spring 2018 season. Back row: Claudia Varady, Dayna Erck, Sarah Flood, Mindy Rice, Kappie Boles, Lenora Wright, Ann Heim, Kai Siewrattan and Sue Bramlette. Front row: Mindy Voyles, Tammy Morris and Jennifer Toney. Not pictured: Heidi Gerger, Julie Page and Carla Salazar.



TEXAS CUP

By Sarah Flood

This is the largest 10 and under event in the state, sponsored by HEAD and involves a team of 6 players, 2 of which are chosen to play orange ball, 2 play green dot ball and 2 play regular ball matches as a team. It is a developmental event where we can coach during the matches, and myself, Rob Collins, Chris Zolas and Tony Perez all helped coach the kids. The team was as follows: Regular Ball - Liam Collins & Kenny Simpson, Green Ball - Hannah Holmsten & Jack Zolas, Orange Ball - Charlie Perez & Eric Brown. All are members of HRC and attend the junior programming regularly.

It was HRC's first time being invited to the Texas Cup and we ended up in the playoffs and winning our division. We played against Kingwood, Giammalva, College Station and after accumulating the most points in these matches we played and beat Bay Area Racquet Club in the final playoff. As well as receiving medals and a big trophy, every child was also given a new HEAD racquet. The kids played hard and very well. It was a great Team effort to bring back the Texas Cup to HRC!

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

The HRC Wednesday Championship WHLTA team, The Hustlers, was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for the spring season. Members of the team include: Kappie Boles, Sue Bramlette, Elizabeth Detring, Dayna Erck, Laura Gauss, Heidi Gerger, Ann Heim, Cindy Reeter, Mindy Rice, Carla Salazar, Claudia Varady, Mindy Voyles, Kristin Waring, and Lenora Wright.



#1 IN THE WORLD IN DOUBLES 2017

Congratulations Ross Persons! Ross finished the year end #1 in the world in Doubles 2017!



SOCIAL EVENTS

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Wednesday, July 4

8:30AM - Master Fitness Class
9:00AM - Parent/Child Tennis Tournament
11:00AM-2:00PM - BBQ Lunch

UNCORK'D PRESENTS: BREAKFAST AT WIMBLEDON

Sunday, July 15

Ballroom

Hosted by the Uncork'd Wine Society

Please join us to watch the final matches of Wimbledon beginning at 8am with coffee and mimosas and a breakfast buffet.. Complimentary for Uncork'd Members and \$30 for guests/non-Uncork'd Members. Casual Attire. Childcare available. RSVP 713.464.4811.

TAPAS & SANGRIA BINGO

Thursday, July 19

6:00PM

The Dining Room

Invite your prospective member to this event. Contact Cristina with any questions ctores@houstonracquetclub.com

STAGES REPERTORY THEATRE

Hosted by the Senior Activities Committee

Saturday, July 28

Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash
Matinee Performance. \$23 per person.
RSVP 713.464.4811.

BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO

Wednesday, August 8

5:30PM Doors Open

6:00PM Start

Ballroom

Get your kids excited about the school year with prizes & great family fun!

SENIOR BUS TRIP HOUSTON ASTROS BASEBALL

Thursday, August 9

Hosted by the Senior Activities Committee

Astros vs Mariners. \$58 per person

Field Box seats. Open to all Members aged 50+.

BACK TO SCHOOL POOL BASH

Friday, August 10

5:00pm

Pool games, food, prizes and kids movie night. Look for more details around the Club.

MEN'S POKER NIGHT

Wednesday, August 29

6:30PM

Hosted by the Men's Association

\$35 per person. Heavy appetizers & snacks, two drink tickets, fun prizes.

CLUB SCENE



ASTROS FIRST PITCH

What's on your bucket list? Adventure, travel or meeting famous people? Well, for HRC Member Ron Latta it was throwing out the first pitch at a Houston Astros game! What a fantastic job Ron did getting it right over the plate. Many of his closest friends were there to cheer him on and we are so happy and proud of him!



BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH

Friday, August 10 • 5:00PM

Hosted by the Youth Activities Department

RSVP 713.464.4811

Pool Games, Food, Prizes & Kids Movie Night!



CLUB SCENE

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer for us at the Club. So many families enjoyed the pool, great food and the sunshine! We honor and remember those who served our country.



CRAWFISH BOIL

The weather was perfect for our annual Crawfish Boil at the Pavilion. Over 200 members enjoyed live music provided by LT and the Zydeco Mob, fresh crawfish and the annual visit from "Smash" the HPD Mounted Patrol horse. Many thanks to HRC Member Dominic Mandola for supplying the tasty crawfish year after year!



SENIORS SOCIAL SCENE

UPCOMING EVENTS

We have had a busy spring with Senior events such as Grilling with the Chef, Lone Star Flight Museum, The Painted Churches and Birding and we look forward to the upcoming events in the next few months.

Look for a postcard in your mailbox with more details. If you would like to make a reservation or have questions regarding anything on this list, please give Jean Northey or Theresa Garner a call. 713.464.4811

- Vatican Comes to Houston – Corinthian Downtown
- Stages Repertory Theatre – Johnny Cash – Ring of Fire
- Houston Astros vs Seattle Mariners
- Fitness – The Healthy Life Project
- Hemi Hideout & Brookwood Café Lunch
- Richard Murray, Political Analyst
- Carol Burnett at Jones Hall – Sold Out!
- Senior Holiday Dinner Party



SICILY MCCAMBRIDGE
Director of Youth Activities

CAMP F.U.E.L.

Big things are happening here at the Houston Racquet Club! Our Youth Camps, Tennis and Aquatic Departments are coming together in order to embrace the family atmosphere already present at the Club.

Our mission is to encourage and develop new skills and interests, while effectively increasing the youth's overall health through fitness. Should you have any questions about Camp F.U.E.L., please contact Sicily McCambridge at smccambridge@houstonracquetclub.com or 713.464.4811 Ext. 159. Summer Camp 2018 Brochures are available in the Youth Area, Front Desk or Fitness Center.

Session 5: July 9-13
Camp F.U.E.L. Talent Week

Session 6: July 16-20
All About the Sports

Session 7: July 23-27
Cirque du HRC

Session 8: July 30-August 3
Wilderness Survival Week

Session 9: August 6-10
Through the Decades

Session 10: August 13-17
Games, Games, & more Games

CLUB SCENE



RACONTEUR SPOTTINGS

1. Greetings from Cabilao Island, Philippines - Betsy & Craig Beasley.

2. Denice and Billy Fisher celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at The Greenbrier in West Virginia.

3. Susan and Mark Meyers are at the Barcelona Open in this photo with son Brent and his wife Ellie. They reported back to us they got to see Rafa and had a wonderful time!

4. Here are Mark & Susan Meyers, Michael and Meg Smith standing in front of a summer palace (Kadriorg Palace) built for Peter the Great of Russia in Tallinn, Estonia.

Take a copy of the Raconteur on your next vacation, have yourself photographed with it, and email the photo to jnorthey@houstonracquetclub.com.



NEW FITNESS TRAINERS



LANDI ORZA

Landi is a certified personal trainer through the American Council of Exercise. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Vanderbilt University and a Master's Degree from the University of Central Oklahoma. Landi has worked as a personal trainer for the past 4 years and is certified in Sport Nutrition and has a TRX specialty. In her free time, Landi competes in triathlon, running and cycling races and has completed multiple Ironman triathlons.

Favorite Quote: "Even the greatest was once a beginner. Don't be afraid to take the first step." –Muhammad Ali



ERIC THOMAS

Eric Thomas has worked as a certified personal trainer (I.F.P.A.) for 13 years. Drawing on his extensive experience as an Olympian, Eric works with clients across the fitness spectrum—from those who are looking to achieve their health and fitness goals to professional and student athletes competing at the highest levels.

Eric's career highlights include being a 2000 Olympic Trials runner-up; a 1999 & 2003 Pan American Games silver medalist; and Top 10 400-meter hurdler in the world 8 out of 10 years. Eric's clients run the gamut from school-age children, high school athletes, soccer moms and executives to NBA, NFL, and MLB players, and celebrities.

In 1996, Eric moved to Houston, trained for the 1996 Olympics as an alternate and attended the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games as a member of the U.S. Olympic team and competed in the 400-meter hurdles.

TRIATHLON



Back Row Left to Right: Frank Ruhfus, Meredith Rall, Susan Patt, John Meredith, Alan Chung, Kim Jones, Kristen Jones, Kent Hixson, David Donat, Philip Silberman, Matthew Lau and Christopher Ochs
Front Row Left to Right: Shelly Levy, Unidentified, David Rae, Elizabeth King, Dawn Rubinstein, Janet Ingersoll, April Peavy, Jennifer Tucker, Jenny Leonard, Paula Tosch, Nancy Butler and Kelley Hammon

BLAKE STOVALL
Director of
Fitness & Pools



Whew, the last couple of months have been hot, and we aren't even in the dog days of summer yet. Fun Fact about the dog days of summer: Did you know in order to find out where this phrase originated from, we only need to gaze to the summer sky. The ancient Romans named the hottest, humid days of summer "dog days" because they associated the hottest days of summer with the star Sirius. Sirius was known as the "Dog Star" because it was the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog). The Romans thought that with Sirius being so bright, it radiated extra heat to the Sun's heat. For the ancient Romans, the dog days occurred from around July 24 to around August 24.

Even with the dog days of summer upon us, I hope all of you will come and have fun in the sun at our wonderful pools. Fortunately, for HRC we have a chilled lap pool that maintains a temperature of 83-85 degrees during the summer months.

Let me say a little about Fitness too. I want to say thank you to Kim Jones for another fun and successful Spring Triathlon. I also have to say thank you to all the staff, members and volunteers whose time and hard work made the triathlon a success. Every participant did amazing and we had a blast! Please consider joining us for the next triathlon scheduled in the Fall. A special congratulation to Chris Ochs who was 1st overall and also Jeannie Leonard who was 2nd overall.

I am also very excited to announce that the Fitness Center recently received some new equipment: 2 Matrix Climbmills, 2 Matrix upright stationary bikes, 2 Concept rowers, 27 Keiser indoor cycling bikes, all new HRC logoed weight plates, and a new HRC logoed stretching mat. I hope everyone has a blessed and wonderful rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing all of you enjoying the Club.

Blake



SUMMER FITNESS PHOTO CHALLENGE

Where are you exercising this summer?
July Photo Theme: Where will you plank?
August Photo Theme: Where will you squat?
Email photos to mgandy@houstonracquetclub.com



PRIVATE EVENTS

With a newly renovated Ballroom, couples are drawn to the intimate atmosphere, spacious layout and elegant finishes at HRC. Every couple that comes to HRC has a unique story and we are honored to help them share their story with friends and family. From "yes" to "I do", we tailor every journey to deliver a truly unforgettable experience.

"It was truly the perfect place for our special day"

At a recent summer nuptial, the bride and groom, Ashley and Ryan Goldman, along with friends and family, gathered at HRC to celebrate the newest chapter of their journey together. "It was truly the perfect place for our special day", said Ashley.

We couldn't agree more!

Sincerely,

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