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Hours of Operation
Monday-Friday 5:45am-9:00pm
Saturday-7:00am - 7:00pm
Sunday 7:00am-6:00pm

It's May and it's a Busy Month at ATFC!

Looking for something to do? There is a LOT going on at the Club this month, so you will find opportunities galore: fun activities, volunteering, and our Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting – May 19 at 5:30 pm

As a non-profit organization ATFC is required to hold an annual meeting. This year's event will be held upstairs on Tuesday, May 19, at 5:30. With the recent managerial structural change, there is a lot to talk about and learn about. Come meet your Board of Directors, vote for new directors, talk with your volunteer management team, and share some food and drink. This meeting is open to all members. In order to get an idea of numbers, please sign up at the Front Desk if you are able to attend.

Hunter Park Volunteering – Sat., May 16 at 10am

Ashland is fortunate to have so many beautiful parks and Hunter Park, ATFC's adopted park, is a jewel. We need some volunteers to do a little weeding on Saturday, May 16 at 10am. Please sign up at the front desk.

Save the Date: September 2nd Club Party/Fundraiser

Last September 150 club members and friends attended a great party at beautiful Grizzly Peak Winery. Al and Virginia Silbowitz, G.P. owners, have generously offered their venue to us again this year. So... save the date: **September 2.** We have secured The East Main Band for our entertainment and dancing pleasure and are working on finding an excellent caterer. We'll have a Silent Auction (already have some super cool items including brunch by Kelly's crepes, a bridge luncheon, Liquid Assets gift certificate, and a lunch on a lovely dock at Lake 'O the Woods). We are looking for gift certificates for restaurants, wineries, services, etc. Please let Tilly Gibbs or Jo Wayles know if you have ideas. Want to have some fun AND help your club? Contact Jo or Tilly and become part of Team Grizzly Peak!!

News from Management Team Tennis Specialist, Dave Hodges

"I've begun an informal audit of the tennis program, trying to get some perspective and beginning to look for natural ways to either cut costs or increase income for the club. The good news is that we already have a tennis program to be proud of, with example of excellence in all directions. How to increase its sustainability and address the full array of tennis members' needs and desires will be addressed soon. "Kelly has moved into the front office, allowing him some breathing room. He and Roan have been busy re-organizing the main lobby area, moving the pro shop to the new cubby near the front door. "I've been welcomed warmly by the staff and have also had a number of members express great ideas and willingness to pitch in. Many thanks to you, our owner-members, and to the whole staff—tennis and otherwise—for handling this time of transition and the associated pressure with grace and cooperation. My sense is that we are moving in a very positive direction toward an even more cooperative and cohesive community atmosphere."

Note from Management Team Facility Specialist, Steve Sacks

"As with any aging building or body, there is a lot of maintenance to keep up with at ATFC. I am concentrating on the pool and spas as the first order of business. We're in the process of prioritizing projects and will be working our way around and through the facility as time and money allow."

Congratulations to Molly and Flip!

We all send warm wishes to Fitness Director Molly Romero and her husband Flip on the birth of their son, Eddie. It will be wonderful to have Molly back at the club, ready to inspire all the fitness members to improve their fitness and health. We've missed you, Molly!

Accolades for Two Juniors

Alyssa Retiz and Karolina Dobiacka have been nominated for intersectional team championships! Held in Tucson, Arizona, the event spotlights the top juniors in each section playing as teams against sectional players from other regions. Our two girls 12-and-under standouts have both cracked the top 40 in PNW champs ratings!! Congratulations!

Junior Summer Camp

Sign-up now for our ATFC summer camp, available for children 7 and up. All levels welcome. Camps begin in June and will run Monday-Friday 2-5pm.

Note from ATFC Board President, Alan Steed

ATFC is at an exciting time what with lots of changes and a tremendous volunteer response to a variety of club needs. First, the new volunteer management team has hit the ground running and they are actively engaged in all manner of club business—coming to speed on tennis and fitness programs, member communication, and maintenance and financial needs. I am incredibly impressed and thankful. One big change for the club will be the departure of Leo after 16+years of service. As you all know he has chosen to pursue other opportunities. Leo has been a wonderful community member for all these years and he deserves much praise for all his many contributions. I join everyone else in wishing him, Jennifer and the kids every happiness going forward. We are fast approaching summer and all the outdoor activities that the Rogue Valley has to offer. I ask all of you to keep connected to the club during the summer months and continue to help us recharge this great place. In that regard there has been a tremendous response to the management team's Call for Patrons Campaign participation—if you haven't already, please consider being part of this vital commitment. The annual meeting is set for **Tuesday, May 19th**. It will be a great opportunity to find out more about all the things happening at ATFC—and to meet both Board members and the volunteer management team. Come ask questions, have a bite to eat, and a bit to drink. See you there.

Memorial Day Weekend Tennis Social

Join the pros on **May 25 from 2-4 pm** for some social doubles with the "fast four" format. All levels are welcome... \$5.

Tennis Tip: "Pet the Chihuahua" for More Topspin

If you desire more topspin in your forehand, dropping the racket head below the ball is essential. So, think about "Petting the Chihuahua" when the racket is behind you as you begin the upward arc of your swing. This will enable you to get under the ball and brush it upward for increased spin!! See ya on the courts!

Cinco de Mayo Tennis Party, May 2, 3-6

Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with some tennis, libations, and camaraderie. All levels welcome. Round robin doubles format. Cost: \$10 per person. Please sign up at the front desk. Arriba!

Big Al's Tournament, July 17-19

It's time to think about playing singles and/or doubles in the greatest outdoor tournament around! It's fun to play and it's great to watch. Sign up on Tennis Link on the USTA website.

Buck a Ball?

You know, lately there have been quite a few balls left on the courts after play. I overheard Ms. Martina Mannerstilova suggesting to the Tennis Committee that people might be more careful about cleaning up the courts if they were charged a buck a ball... Our ATFC tennis gurus chided her, indicating their belief that our members just need a friendly reminder.

Ms. Martina Mannerstilova

Dearest MMM:

For a while your favorite tennis & fitness club was offering free cups for water. Suddenly these goblets have disappeared. What's that all about? What do you suggest? Dehydrated and delirious

My dear D & D:

You might not recall that seven years ago the wise Board of Directors at ATFC made the decision to eliminate water cups in order to help the environment and save money. Please look around you and note that almost all of your club-mates sport water bottles (many of which are creatively decorated). Please be sure to take your favorite water bottle to the Club! Always coifed and quaffed, MMM