



Thanks, from Chip

I would like to thank everyone for the grand welcome! The Meet and Greet for myself, my wife Jodi, and our son Elijah was very generous. We could not have asked for a more welcoming and friendly environment in a tennis club. We are looking forward to many years of being a part of the club and the community. I hope to see everyone on the courts!!

HEY, IT'S CHIP'S FIRST

SOCIAL/MIXER!!!!

Friday, August 25, 6-8pm

Bring your "A" game! (and your favorite dish/beverage)

Potluck dinner and tennis mixer!!

Be there or be square!!!!!! Let's

support Chip AND have some fun!

Sign up at tennisdir.atfc@mind.net or 541/482-4073



Tennis Tip of the Month—Service Toss

When your toss is off, more than likely so will be your serve... Here are a few tips that will help keep your toss in the correct position. **Firstly:** hold the ball in your fingertips; begin the toss in front of your legs; toss the ball up and forward toward where your imagined point of contact. **Secondly:** when tossing, keep your arm straight and do not "flick" the ball with your wrist as you release; and, remember to release the ball with your hand at as high a spot as is comfortable—at least eye high. The shorter the distance between the release point and the contact point, the less chance that the ball will go off course. **Thirdly:** Make certain to toss the ball only as far as the height at which you'll make contact—or a few inches higher. Higher tosses are more likely to stray, and even when they don't, they're more difficult to strike. **Finally,** reach after the ball with the arm with which you tossed it.



Use these tips to help you keep your toss on target.

Fall USTA

The **Mixed 18 & Over** and **Adult 55 & Over** League seasons begin September 9; if you will form a team and be a captain, it is now time to confirm your teams for this season. Captain's Team Confirmation is open **NOW through August 14.**

League Season of Matches: **September 9– November 19.**

Junior Clinics

Hummingbirds (ages 4-6): Mondays and Wednesdays, 4-4:30 \$9/class member/\$14 non-member

Sparrows (ages 7-10) Beginner: Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 \$15/class member/\$20 non-mem.

U14 Intermediate (pro approval): Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-5 \$15/class member/\$20 non-mem.

U18 High School & Tournament Players (pro approval): Tues. & Thurs. 5-6:30 \$21 class mem/\$25/non-mem.

Adult Clinics

Mondays:	5:30-6:30 pm	Singles Open Drill
	6:30-7:30 pm	Cardio Tennis
Tuesdays:	9:30-11 am	Ladies 3.5 Drill
Wednesdays:	9:30-11 am	Ladies 3.0 Drill
Thursdays:	12-1 pm	4.0 Drill
Fridays:	9:30-10:30 am	Cardio Tennis
	10:30-11:30 am	Beginner Clinic
Saturdays:	8-9:30 am	3.0/3.5 Open Drills
	9:30-11 am	4.0-5.0 Open Drills

Ms. Martina Mannerstilova

Dearest MMM: This is the coolest club on the planet. The facilities are super-duper, the dues are very reasonable, the staff is fabulous, **AND** you get free towels to take home!!! **Signed, You Should Join!**

My Dear Doofus: If you really love your club, do **NOT** take any more towels. In fact, dig into your gym bag, your locker, your home laundry room, your car and retrieve ATFC towels; return them pronto. Lexi is doing wonderful things to improve your home-away-from-home; buying towels to replace those gone missing is just not part of a good business plan. **Signed, MMM**

Facility Improvement Update

Thanks for your patience as work has been/is taking place at ATFC. Our tired structure and grounds have undergone quite a transformation!



Completed projects include:

reconstruction of the parking lot; new irrigation system; complete landscape redo, including new trees and plants; pool repairs; new skylights on all four tennis courts; patio

In progress: reconfiguration of the Fitness Room.

In the works: pool decks to be refurbished and walls/ceilings painted; lobby, gym, and upstairs viewing/class room to be painted and to have new carpeting, deep cleaning of tennis courts; new curtains on tennis courts; a couple of new machines in the gym; updating of bathrooms.

Thanks to Hunter Park Volunteers

Hunter Park is ATFC's adopted Ashland Parks & Rec site. Several times a year ATFC members join others to spruce up one of Ashland's most-used recreational sites. On July 8, many club members spent a couple of hours weeding and trimming in preparation for Big Al's. **Gail Patton** was the ATFC leader and her posse included: **Cassandra, Lutie, Pat, Ben & Sally, Su, Chip, and Jo**. The improvement was substantial and Hunter looked great for our big tournament weekend.

Big Al's #42

Ashland got to show off to a lot of tennis aficionados in mid-July as the 42nd annual Big Al's tournament was held. Hunter Park was tournament headquarters; other tennis sites used included ATFC, Lithia Park, Helman Elementary School, and Ashland Hills Hotel. More than 160 participants hailed from as far away as Texas; large contingents arrived from Chico and Redding.

Tournament Director Gail Patton led a strong volunteer committee consisting of **Victoria Sheadel, Steve Sacks, Eric Danson, Alex Knecht, and Ed Laskos**. **Chip Blackmon** put in a lot of hours and took many notes in preparation for being next year's tournament director. **Alan & Jo** coordinated a wonderful group of ATFC volunteers who sold t-shirts, worked at ATFC & Ashland Hills, worked the Tournament Desk and generally helped out.



Thanks to **Vika, Vicky, Cheryl B., Carolyn, Pat, Dale, Kelly, Sharon, Barb V., Linda, Gary, Janet, Tilly, Ted, and Katherine**. Special thanks to **Ed Laskos** who retired at the end of the tournament after having spent **MANY** years setting up and closing each day of Big Al's!!

Our community shone during this three-day tennis event—so much positive energy and so much fabulous tennis!!! Congrats to all who were involved and, especially, to ATFC members and ATFC-affiliated players who won or were finalists:

Men's Open Singles: Rox Rogers, winner

Men's 4.5 Doubles: Alan Peterson/Adam Stamper, winners

Michael Gooding/Doug Neuman, finalists

Men's 4.0 Doubles: Mauro Oliviera/Darin Souza, finalists

Men's 3.5 Doubles: Doug Elam, Kai Elam, finalists

Women's 4.0 Doubles: Victoria Sheadel & Dana Smith, winners

Mixed 7.0 Doubles: Jody Hodges & Doug Elam, winners

Yoga

Hatha Yoga with Susan will be cancelled Sunday August 6th.