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Hours of Operation  
Monday - Friday 7:00am- 9pm  
Saturday - Sunday 8:00am-5pm

### Weather Reminder



While we've had a balmy few weeks in January, it's likely we will have some wild weather in February. (Fingers crossed for rain here and snow in the mountains!) Please remember that your safety is more important than that lap time in the pool, your favorite match of the week, or your time in the best fitness class ever. Staff safety is also a priority, so be sure to give a call to make sure the club is open before venturing out when conditions are sketchy. Safety first!

### New Staff Member

We are happy to introduce Dayton Mason as our pickleball instructor.



Dayton is a certified instructor with the International Pickleball Teaching Professionals Association (ITPTA). His love of racquet sports began in Northern California where he played squash at a competitive level. When he moved back to Ashland in 2014 he discovered pickleball and quickly became hooked. Now he teaches beginner to advanced levels and competes at high levels in regional events. Dayton is also a Tai Chi instructor which has led to teaching integrative mental/emotion aspects of the sport, as well. His teaching style is both technical and fun, emphasizing how to stay relaxed and focused, but above all how to enjoy playing! If you're looking for a fun, life-long sport which is both social and low-impact, try pickleball!!!

Welcome

To schedule your private or group lessons, call the front desk (541/482-4073) today!

**Note: All pickleball will be "after hours" and won't overlap with tennis.**



## Ronda's Round-Up

### January Pickleball Event

Speaking of pickleball, we had our first pickleball event of 2022 and it was a blast! Thirty-two members and guests spent three hours hoisting paddles and whacking the ball. The club was full of smiling faces and a lot of laughter and fun. (I've heard through the grapevine that there were some sore muscles the next day, too!)



**Remember that all pickleball events and lessons will not overlap any tennis hours at the club.**

### January Tennis Event

The first tennis event of 2022 was also a great success with the round robin format allowing for people to play with many different club members over the course of a couple of hours. We've found that this format works very well during this period of social distancing guidelines - **fun + safety = a great combination!**

**Look for more club social events in the near future!**

### UTR Tournament

Our first UTR tournament of the year will be April 1-3. This will be a singles only event and, weather permitting, will be held outdoors. You can get more information and register online at:

<https://app.universaltennis.com/events/82375>



or by scanning the following QR code.

### Big Al's ---July 8-10

**Big Al's will be held July 8-10 this year.** If anyone is interested in helping organize the event, please contact me - I would love to have your participation and input!

We will be looking for a few sponsors to help cover the cost of t-shirts and goodie bags for every player this year. Our sponsors will have their company logo printed on the shirts, as well as on all marketing materials. If you or anyone you know is interested in sponsorship, please contact me as soon as possible.

And....we will be looking for some great food trucks to have on site for the big event.

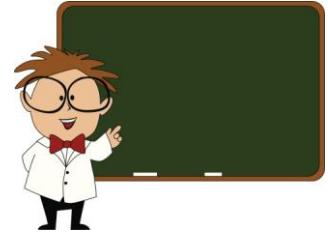


Watch for more detailed information about the tournament and sponsorship in the coming weeks. Registration for the tournament will be available by the end of February. Please contact me with any questions: [Events.ATFC@mind.net](mailto:Events.ATFC@mind.net)

Thanks,  
Ronda



### Len's Lesson



We are so proud of our Junior tennis students - they work very hard at their favorite sport and their hard work pays off!

ATFC Junior player, Sascha Wells, has signed to play tennis at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington in the fall of 2022. Congratulations, Sascha - we're super excited for you and wish you the best! We look forward to following your tennis career over the next four years. Good luck!



### Ms. Martina Mannerstilova

**Dearest MMM:** As always, I enjoyed your commentating on the Australian Open matches. It was very kind of you to give a shout-out to ATFC members and staff for being diligent about wearing masks! We're not used to being mentioned on international television. **Sincerely, Aw Shucks Club Member**

**My Dear ASCM:** As you know, there was a bit of a controversy regarding Omicron over here prior to the beginning of the tournament. I am so proud of "my" Ashland tennis and fitness community's willingness to hang in there with wearing masks as the pandemic has s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d out over the last couple of years. You rock! **Love, MMM**

### Riddle Me This

**Last month's riddle:** What happened when an i-phone and a firecracker were arrested on New Year's Eve?

**Answer:** One was charged and the other was let off....

**This month's riddle:** Can you write down eight eights so they add up to 1000?

