

The Double Bagel

The Oahu Club Monthly Tennis Newsletter



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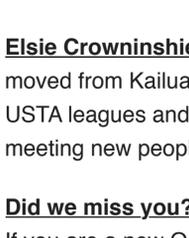
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Oahu Club Hours Of Operation

Monday thru Friday: 7:00am ~ 7:30pm
Saturdays & Sundays: 8:00am ~ 6:00pm

Welcome New Tennis Members

Please welcome the following new members to our Oahu Club tennis community: **Iryna and Elsie**.



Iryna Brock is a returning tennis member who took a year off after having ankle surgery. She is originally from the Ukraine, has lived in New Orleans, and now calls Aina Haina home. She's a physical therapist by trade working at the Palolo nursing home. She is rated at the 3.5 level and is looking to get out and play some tennis and meet new people. Contact Iryna at IrynaBrock@yahoo.com or 504-442-1370.

Elsie Crowninshield

is originally from Southern California but has recently moved from Kailua to Hawaii Kai. She's rated at the 3.5 level, has played in USTA leagues and is interested in playing pickup doubles matches and meeting new people. Contact Elsie at DrElsieC@gmail.com or (818)421-0735.

Did we miss you?

If you are a new Oahu Club tennis member over the past few months and we didn't mention you here we truly apologize. Please send us a short bio and/or picture (OCLeague@TheOahuClub.com) and we'll be sure to include your introduction in the next newsletter.

COVID-19 Restrictions on Tennis

The City & County of Honolulu has been operating under Tier 3 of their Reopening Strategy since February 25th which will stay in effect while the COVID case count is between 20~49/day and the positivity rate is between 1~2.5%. Adult team sports -- such as USTA leagues -- will be moved from Tier 4 to Tier 3 on April 19th although there are other restrictions that may affect USTA league operation.

Winter In-House League Ends

The Winter In-House League wound up on March 28th and by all accounts was a huge success; we kept active, had some fun, and made new friends! There were over ninety individuals entered in eighteen events which is an excellent showing for a tennis community that has about 140 members...and that was during Tier 2/3 COVID restrictions. Thank you again to Sheldon for overseeing the league and to Dan Elies for his work on making the score sheets viewable to everybody during the season.

The league winners and runners-up are shown in the table below; congratulation to all. Because of the ten-person limit associated with Tier 3 restrictions we will not be able to have an in-person awards ceremony; instead we ask the winners in each event to drop by the OC Office to pickup their prizes from Sheldon. Thank you to everybody who came out and played; you made the league a great success!

Event	Winner(s)	Runner(s)-up
3.0 MS	Olivier Jodloman	Mike Connolly
3.0 WS	Sharon Lee	Tanya Hellum
3.0 MD	Dan Elies & Don Joo	Joe Marri & Olivier Jodloman
3.0 WD	Tanya Hellum & Elise Johnson	Susan Weander & Linda Onomoto
6.0 XD	Dan Elies & Seon Joo	Jim Pedone & Sally Kistler
3.5 MS	Dieter Weiss	Danny Leung
3.5 MD	Dieter Weiss & Dan Elies	Ryan Pang & Don Ho
3.5 WD	Beth Lennarz & Shannon Elies	Cynthia Rankin & Nanci Miller
7.0 XD	Dan & Shannon Elies	Dick & Cynthia Rankin
4.0 MS	Ilya Ruchyev	Kurtis Derell
4.0 MD	Ilya Ruchyev & Kurtis Derell	John Schaffer & Eric Chen
4.0 WD	Mineko Endo & Kathleen Connolly	Kaneko Bell & Hideko Kishi
8.0 XD	Dieter Weiss & Miki Haught	Ilya Ruchyev & Hideko Kishi
Open MS	Ilya Ruchyev	Marc Nishida
Open MD	Lee Conching & Hendrik Bode	Ilya Ruchyev & Kurtis Derell
Open XD	Scott Reynolds & Kaneko Bell	Peter Ho & Kathleen Connolly
65+ MD	Dick Rankin & Gary Damaschi	Julian Lipsher & Vatche Martirosian
65+ WD	Susan Weander & Linda Onomoto	Linda Lingle & Martha M./Norma H.

Tennis Spectator Policy

The Oahu Club policy now allows up to a total of ten spectators per hour to watch tennis matches. The requirements are that you must register as a spectator at the Pro Shop, wear a mask, and remain at least six feet from the other spectators.

Challenge Court

The ever-popular Challenge Court resumed on March 6th. Although "challenge" court may sound a bit intimidating to new members we assure you it's a very socially friendly venue. Each Saturday and Sunday Courts 1 & 2 are set aside from 3~5pm where a maximum of ten doubles players are allowed to participate at a time. Players must register at the Pro Shop or online at <https://www.asfint.com/onlinescheduler/login.aspx?c=5014> to reserve one of the ten challenger spots. The original idea was that the winners of a single set would stay on court and a new pair of challengers would step in to play them; in reality all four players will come off after the set and let those that haven't yet played rotate in. Masks must be worn and social distance must be observed while waiting to play. Come on out and give it a try; players of all skill levels are welcome...particularly if they bring beer or wine!

USTA League Information

Adult 18+ League

Sara Yoshinaga at USTA Hawaii Pacific has decided to operate the Adult 18+ leagues that starts on April 24th using a "flex" format - much like our OC In-House league - rather than the traditional team format. We at the OC will not be formally participating in this league at this time. If you want to participate in this USTA "flex" league please contact Sara at yoshinaga@hawaii.usta.com.

Mixed 40+ League

As of April 1st there wasn't an official announcement on whether the Mixed 40+ league will run using the normal USTA team format or a "flex" format. The league starts on Sundays from May 30th thru August 15th and player registration is open on May 1st so we expect an announcement by mid April. We will publish the USTA decision in the May newsletter; stay tuned.

Captains' Meeting Saturday April 17th

Our next Captains' meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 17th, from 11am to 2pm. We're planning to hold a face-to-face meeting at the Oahu Club now that the COVID restrictions have been relaxed. Complimentary coffee, Mimosas, and pastries will be served. All current and past captains will receive an email invitation, agenda, and related documentation during the first week of April.

The agenda will include the creation of the Mixed 40+ teams in case the USTA decides to allow it, a discussion of the default policy to be used in future In-House Leagues, and any new business submitted with your RSVP.

Court Leprechauns

St. Paddy's Day brought out the reclusive Oahu Club leprechaun family: Kathleen, Ilya, Kurtis, Mineko, Debbie, & Allison. There were numerous reports of pinching on the courts which is a serious hinderance; court authorities are looking into this!



In Memory of Sharon Faris

Sharon passed away at home in New York on March 23, 2021. She and her husband, John, have been Oahu Club tennis members for many years spending their winters here in Paradise. Sharon played USTA league as well as social tennis with the OC Ladies.

She was a friend to all and personified the graciousness of character associated with classic tennis. She will be missed.

Contact Us

We welcome all comments and encourage you to contribute to any of the newsletter articles. If you know of any tennis members that have not received this newsletter but would like to receive it please let us know. Contact us at: OCLeague@TheOahuClub.com.

