

The Double Bagel

The Oahu Club Monthly Tennis Newsletter



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Help Us Help You!

Hopefully at least some of you have noticed the 'Contact Us' section at the bottom of this newsletter. To date, we have had approximately..... dot three, carry the one 5 responses in over nine months of publishing the newsletter. While we would like to think that this means everything is rosy and all members are 100% happy, we know from the number of people that get in our ear at the club that there are many great ideas out there about dates, competitions, formats, entertainment etc etc.....

Please, please, please put your ideas in writing whenever possible to the OCLeague@TheOahuClub.com address so that we can compile them and respond appropriately. We are regularly taking ideas to club management so the more timely your correspondence is the more likely it is to be considered.

READ - once a competition has been set it is difficult to change the details!

To facilitate forward thinking among club members, this month we have started publishing a Tennis League Calendar. This is a rolling calendar that will be updated for each edition and typically cover the upcoming 12-15 months. Please have a look and let us know what you think about the upcoming period - any additional events; different dates; rule and format ideas etc etc.

Thanks, Cam and Greg

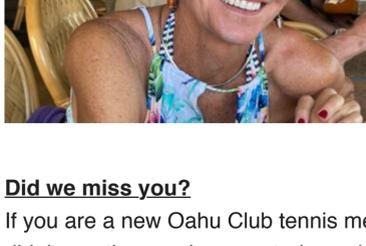
Oahu Club Hours Of Operation

Monday thru Friday: 7:00am ~ 8:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00am ~ 7:00pm

Welcome New Tennis Members

Please welcome the following new member to our Oahu Club tennis community: **Clare Edelen**.



Clare is a returning Oahu Club member; after a couple of years on the mainland she's back in Paradise. She's rated 3.5 and is looking forward to playing tennis in both USTA and Oahu Club leagues as well as social singles or doubles. Contact Clare at (808)383-2868 or at HinanoCats@earthlink.net.

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 1.0~2.5%. On April 19th "adult outdoor team sports," such as USTA leagues, was added to Tier 3 allowable activities. On May 25th the requirement to wear a mask during outdoor activity was cancelled.

Women's Challenge Court

Women's Challenge Court operates on Monday evenings where courts #1 and #2 are reserved for women's doubles from 5:30pm ~ 7:30pm. Only ten participants are allowed and each person must register for a spot using the OC Online Scheduler: <https://www.asfint.com/onlinescheduler/login.aspx?c=5014>.

So come on, ladies, sign up and start the week off right!

Note 1: The Saturday and Sunday Challenge Court remains unchanged and welcomes both men and women from 3pm ~ 5pm on courts #1 and #2.

Tennis League Calendar

Note: Team/Player registration precedes Play dates by a month or more.

2021 Oahu Club Tennis Calendar			
Jun			OC Summer IHL Play: May 31 - Aug 15 Flex schedule 3 doubles: Men, Women, Mixed
Jul			
Aug			
Sep	USTA Ekolu 18+ Play: Aug 14 - Oct 30 Saturdays	USTA Adult 65+ Play: Aug 15 - Oct 17 Sundays	OC Singles IHL Play: Aug 10 - Sep 30 Flex schedule
Oct	3 doubles: Men, Women, Mixed	3 doubles	
Nov			OC Club Championships Sngs: Nov 6, Dbls: Nov 13, Mixed: Nov 20
Dec			
2022			
Jan			
Feb	USTA Adult 40+ Play: Feb 06 - Apr 17 Saturdays	USTA Mixed 18+ Play: Feb 07 - Apr 18 Sundays	OC 65+ Doubles IHL Play: Jan 10 - Feb 28 Flex schedule
Mar	1 singles + 3 doubles	3 mixed doubles	
Apr			USTA Adult 55+ Play: Mar 14 - May 23 Sundays
May	USTA Adult 18+ Play: Apr 24 - Jul 10 Saturdays		3 doubles
Jun	2 singles + 3 doubles	USTA Mixed 40+ Play: May 30 - Aug 15 Sundays	
Jul		3 mixed doubles	
Aug			

USTA League Information

USTA Mixed 40+ League (June ~ August)

With the cancellation of the requirement to wear a mask during outdoor activity USTA Hawaii has decided to run the Mixed 40+ league in the traditional team format. The Oahu Club will not formally participate in this league since our Summer In-House League (IHL) will start on May 31st. If you wish to participate the USTA Mixed 40+ league please contact Sara Yoshinaga at Yoshinaga@hawaii.usta.com.

Ekolu 18+ and Adult 65+ Leagues

With the cancellation of the requirement to wear a mask during outdoor activity USTA Hawaii has announced that the Ekolu 18+ and Adult 65+ leagues will run normally from mid August through the end of October.

Next Captain's Meeting

The next Oahu Club Captain's meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 17th, from 11am ~ 1pm. The agenda will include deciding on teams and captains for the Ekolu 18+ and Adult 65+ leagues that begin in August. If you would like to volunteer to captain (or co-captain) a team please let us know at OCLeague@TheOahuClub.com. All previous OC captains will automatically receive and email invitation to the meeting in early July.

Summer In-House League

The summer IHL started on Monday, May 31st, and will run through Sunday, August 15th. There are three divisions running: 7.0, 8.0, & Open.

Unfortunately there were not enough team entries to field a 6.0 division.

IHL Website:

Thanks to Dan Elies and Ryan Pang volunteering their time and expertise the IHL has its own website. The IHL homepage shows the draws/schedules for each division and has a number of menu options that allows players to "Report Scores," view "IHL Rules," find OC "Players" contact information, and also has a link to the OC Court Booking website. Go the IHL homepage using the following link: OCIHL. We recommend that once you have navigated to the IHL homepage that you save it as a favorite/bookmark in your browser for easy access in the future.

Draw Publication:

The draw/schedule for each of the three divisions is now on the IHL website; while on the homepage scroll down a bit to see the draws. Click on one of the three tabs at the bottom to view the draws for the 7.0, 8.0, & Open divisions.

Match Scheduling:

Captains have a lot of flexibility in scheduling matches. Unlike USTA leagues there is no requirement to exchange lineups; player changes can be made right up to the start of the match without any need to advise the other team captain. Team captains may schedule matches or delegate that responsibility to their players. This flexibility is intended to reduce the number of defaults due to player unavailability.

All matches shall be played at the Oahu Club courts. When scheduling matches the OC requires that four team member names be entered on the booking but any/all of those names can be changed up to the start of the match.

Each doubles match shall be scheduled for one and a half hours of playing time. Teams are expected to play all three matches during the week published in the draw. A one week extension will be allowed to play matches delayed due to scheduling conflicts or rainouts.

Set Scoring:

The first team to win six games by a margin of two wins the set. If teams are tied at six games all (6-6) then a 7-point tie-break will be played to determine the set winner. The first team to win seven points or more by a margin of two wins the tie-break.

Match Scoring:

The best two out of three sets wins the match with a 7-point tie-break played in lieu of a 3rd set. Standard "Ad" scoring will be used at deuce. Both teams are expected to provide a can of new tennis balls; one can will be opened as match balls. The winning team takes home the unopened can of balls; the other team takes home the used match balls.

Team Scoring:

The best two out of three matches each week earns a team point. The team with the most points at the end of the league wins that division. In the event of a two-way team point tie the division winner will be determined by the winner of the head-to-head matches last played by the tied teams. In the event of a three-or-more-way tie the winner will be determined by the most sets won.

Reporting Team Scores:

After all three matches for the week are complete the captain -- or their delegate -- from the winning team will enter the three match scores online at the IHL website using the Report Scores menu option. Scores must be reported no later than the two week time period allotted to play.

IHL Rules:

Please review the IHL Rules document on the IHL homepage prior to playing your first match.

Questions:

Please contact Sheldon Kennell or Cameron Yabsley at OCLeague@TheOahuClub.com with any questions regarding this league.

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.