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## RRC: YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

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We are happily weathering the winter storms up here at the club, and are using the time to catch up on work and prepare for yet another whirlwind summer. Our aquatics programs run straight through the winter rains (unless we see lightning, we're open!), allowing our Marlins swimmers as well as our growing lap swimming contingent to keep up their routines through the winter. While our tennis programming must break with the rain, our staff is diligently drying courts and teaching whenever we can! Our facilities are holding up to the weather, and we are happy to report that we have enjoyed no power outages and are thus pleased to hole up in our offices and plug away.

With this in mind, we'd like to invite all of our members to consider - this winter and throughout the year - the RRC facility as your home away from home; a place as unique and special as its members.

Just last week, a power outage in Larkspur caused Rick and Ruth Braun to settle onto the RRC couches with a cup of coffee and the semi-finals of the Australian Open. Enjoying this location as the perfect spot to repose on that stormy day, they were pleased to view the match on the new flat screen TV, and enjoyed a comfortable afternoon of rest.

In the afternoons, club families who are participating in club after-school programs are to be found working on homework, playing foosball or pingpong and (when they're done with their homework) watching cartoons in the clubhouse.

Accompanying last Monday's sunshine was a day off for many of our youngsters, who found themselves playing Marco Polo, not on a hot August day, but in the dead of winter in a crystal clear pool.

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## SUMMER APPROACHES

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RRC is looking forward to big summer fun this year, and are looking to our members to help make it happen. Before you make any plans this summer, check in with what RRC has to offer; right here in your backyard!

### **NEW RRC Summer Camp**

You asked for it, you got it! We're structuring a summer camp at RRC to fit our members needs; a full-service day camp that utilizes our facilities and staff. Our goal is to offer educational and active activities for your children, that will allow working and stay-at-home parents the flexibility of using RRC's existing programs. Campers will partake in many activities throughout the morning, and enjoy snacks at the club. "Full Day" campers will be given lunch and will be enrolled (and shuttled to) our Summer Swim Lessons and Totally Tennis Summer Camp. Look for a flyer to arrive in the mail next month.

### **Totally Tennis Summer Camp**

Open to kids ages 4-15, TTSC is the perfect opportunity for your youngster to become a more experienced and knowledgeable player. Expert instructors will guide kids of all ages to effective swings and a complete knowledge of the game.

Weekly, June 16-August 7 ~ Registration forms will be available March 1.

### **Summer Swim Lessons**

Open to ages 3+, young swimmers will be taught in a comforting, encouraging and focused lesson. Our experienced instructors cater each lesson to the child's ability, needs and comfort level.

Weekly, June 16-August 14 ~ Members may sign up April 1.

## Juniors on the Courts

Families are encouraged to sign their kids up for the Spring Jr. Classes and/or League. These two opportunities afford RRC families the option to learn more about the game while practicing those skills on the competition court.

Jr. Spring League is a county-wide league, with matches held at various clubs; kids are grouped into teams by age/level.

Jr. Classes are held on Mondays or Thursdays, grouped by age (see website for details). The class runs for 7 weeks.

## Spring Tennis Kick-Off

Join us for our annual Spring Tennis Kick-Off for a rousing morning of games, instruction, drills, demos and more. All tennis players (beginners welcome) are welcome to join us and take part in this annual favorite.

We hope that you'll decide to join us on the courts to kick off fair weather tennis, should babysitting be your only obstacle, let us know and we will try to arrange a babysitter.

## Rain, Rain, Rain

Yes, we've been forced off of the courts a few times due to rain, and (while appreciative of the rain) are hoping to have a long break in the weather to allow us to catch up. However, when it does rain... please check your webcam before calling us! The webcam is your best bet for determining whether or not the courts are in use. If you have a lesson, please call your teacher to confirm, but otherwise, check out the webcam to help you make your decisions. (The link is on the top of our homepage.)

## Marlins

Interested in signing your child up for the Marlins Swim Team this summer?

**If you are, we ask that you register early by phoning coach Marc Detraz and filling out a registration form at [www.pacificcoastmarlins.com](http://www.pacificcoastmarlins.com) between February 9-29.**

After that date, non-members will be allowed to pick up the open slots. The summer session begins on April 1 and runs through July 31. Practice schedules will be available soon (all afternoon practices, except the older swimmers will move to morning practice on June 16), please find more information at **[www.pacificcoastmarlins.com](http://www.pacificcoastmarlins.com)**.

## Swim Lessons

Members should look for their summer swim flyer in the March statement. Booking will begin on April 1 for members and May 1 for non-members.

Our lap swimmers have been keeping busy swimming throughout the winter, and you are welcome to join them by lap swimming or through one of our Water Gym classes (Tuesday class begins this week). Please remember that if you are taking your child to the pool on weekdays, that our lap swimmers and swim team have priority.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

EVENT	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
<b>Kids' Nite In/ Parents' Nite Out</b>	<p>Join us for another Kids' Nite In, and know that your children will have fun and be safe with us at your club! We play games, do crafts, eat dinner, read books, watch movies, and play all night long!</p> <p>Please reserve or cancel by the preceding Thursday. Book early, max 20 kids.</p>	<p>Saturday, February 9 Saturday, March 1 5:30 pm-10:00 pm \$20 per child; members only</p>
<b>Spin, Strength and Stretch</b>	<p>Fitness is coming to the RRC clubhouse this week. <b>Begins February 11.</b></p>	<p>Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 9:00am-10:00am</p>
<b>Cioppino &amp; Bingo!</b>	<p>Come join your friends and neighbors at the club for a tasty feast of seafood cioppino (of course we'll provide kid-friendly chicken fingers as well) and a couple games of Bingo.</p> <p>Guests welcome, please RSVP by Friday, February 29.</p>	<p>Saturday, March 8 6:00pm Cioppino 7:00pm Bingo Cost will be for dinner only, bingo free.</p>
<b>Beginning Men's Clinic</b>	<p>Look for details (time, date) soon about this men's clinic, designed for our beginning tennis players. Use the expert instruction and camaraderie to slingshot your swing into shape before summer. Meet fellow players, and pick up a new sport.</p>	TBD
<b>Spring Tennis Kick-Off</b>	<p>Join us for our annual Spring Tennis Kick-Off for a rousing morning of games, instruction, drills, demos and more.</p> <p>All tennis players (beginners welcome) are welcome to join us and take part in this annual favorite.</p>	<p>Saturday, March 15 10:00am-12:00pm FREE</p>
<b>Ladies' Round Robin &amp; Lunch</b>	<p>Our Annual Ladies' Round Robin &amp; Lunch is the perfect opportunity to catch up with friends, mingle with other RRC teams and enjoy some time at your club!</p>	<p>Friday, April 25 9:00am-1:00pm \$20/person</p>
<b>"Drive-In" Movie Night</b>	<p>Round up the kids and join us for a double-feature in the clubhouse on our new big-screen TV. Movie suggestions welcome!</p> <p>We'll be serving up movie fare; hot dogs, nachos, popcorn and sodas.</p>	<p>Saturday, May 10 Exact time TBD Cost will be for dinner only.</p>
<b>Your Event!</b>	<p>If you are interested in renting the clubhouse for your next party, login to the RRC website and click on the events page. All of the information you'll need is there.</p>	

# MANAGER'S CORNER

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### “TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEW PROGRAMS, YOUR WEBSITE AND EMAIL NEWSLETTERS”

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In this newsletter we cover a couple of new programs that we are launching in February. The first is our new facility rental program that spotlights our clubhouse and in house catering. Ariel has worked very hard on the new brochure that outlines what the club can provide for your special occasion. When I first came to RRC, I was struck by the beautiful setting and views from the clubhouse and how spectacular this venue would be to hold an event. As a member looking for a space to hold your party, business meeting or any other happening look no further than your own club. The club has teamed up with Phillip Green from Café 95 to provide an outstanding catering service that can be customized to your event. Ariel can assist you with all your needs from set up to entertainment referrals to flowers and balloons, all this at a very affordable price. Rentals are limited to members only but a member can sponsor a friend or an organization. Take time to check out the links to the new rental brochures located under the event section of the club website at [www.rafaelracquetclub.com](http://www.rafaelracquetclub.com) or in this newsletter. Rentals are available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Secondly, Five Point Fitness will be starting a new group exercise class four mornings a week in the clubhouse. This class will incorporate cardio training using spin bikes, strength, stretching and core work. This workout is tailored to the tennis player, swimmer or even the beginner athlete! Look for more details in the newsletter and the fitness center. If this class is successful, Five Points is willing to add other group exercise classes such as yoga, mat Pilates or even a boot camp class.

The new RRC website is your hotline to club information. In the members only section of the website you can find the club directory along with all the current program information for each department. If you want to know what the Café 95 to go menu is for Monday night go to the Café section. You can customize your member page to reflect the information you would like other members to see in the directory. Go to the board page if you want to read the latest minutes to the board meetings or contact one of your board directors. If you need assistance with your member number and password to get to your member's page, just contact Ariel, [ashakeshaft@rafaelracquetclub.com](mailto:ashakeshaft@rafaelracquetclub.com) or myself [chorne@rafaelracquetclub.com](mailto:chorne@rafaelracquetclub.com). Email communication is the most efficient way to get current information out to our membership. You may receive correspondence from the tennis department or events department or me through email newsletters. If you would rather not receive these communications, feel free to unsubscribe your email address at the bottom of any communication you receive from the club. At anytime you can re-subscribe by contacting Ariel or me.

That's it for now, be good to your special Valentine! I'll see you at the club!

Chris

Please take notice!

Due to increased communications via website and email, we will be focusing the newsletter content into bi-monthly Strokes Newsletter beginning next month. Still not on our email list? Email [info@rafaelracquetclub.com](mailto:info@rafaelracquetclub.com).