

# Cypress Tennis and Social Club



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## BIG BASH BRINGS IN CASH, RAISES FUNDS—AND FUN

by Richard

**T**he poet Walt Whitman once wrote, “I hear America singing.” Well, if he could have been in the condo clubhouse arranged for our use by Lynn, on Saturday, the 7th, he might well have written, “I hear the surging, sonorous sounds Of rich CTC voices abound.”

So, as the old saying goes, it’s always fair weather when good friends get together. That was the theme of the occasion as a large number of Clubsters assembled for a day of lively conversation and high-class socializing. And, as they talked things over, they savored delectable, tasty treats provided by LIZ, EVAN, and LEE.

Then, to start the proceedings, BERNIE found a way to draw a very large cheer from the crowd: She announced that the event had raised over six hundred dollars.

### THE MOMENT THEY HAD BEEN WAITING FOR

When the roar of approval had abated, she and her grandson, SOL, set about getting to the high point of the day: the raffle. The smooth and efficient way they managed the drawing of the ducats and the distribution of the donated prizes indicated that she had given much work to organizing and planning.

For a while it seemed as if everyone in the room was named PAPA GINO, as that name was repeatedly called. But charitable gentleman that he is, Papa Gino, with the same sense of courtesy he always displayed on the courts, declined the prizes so that they could go to others.

### QUIPS APLENTY

As the drawings went on, many were the comments, and assorted witticisms that filled the air. “Wait a minute! How can he win three prizes, when he had only two tickets?” a querulous voice called out, with one of life’s persistent questions.

Also accompanying the announced winners were applause and commendations. “Way to go!” was a frequent call. “All r-i-g-h-t.”

And one very nice moment was to see Sol’s look of surprise and delight when he drew his own name.

Throughout the happening, STEVE wore the satisfied smile of someone who had an idea for a venture, got behind the plan to put it in motion, and then was on hand to see it come to successful fruition.

When the last winner had been called out, the party was over. The place emptied quite quickly.

And big thanks go to LAURA and LYNN, who remained to do the unpopular but necessary task of clean up, wielding brooms to sweep out and leave the place in order, thereby preserving the Club’s rep as a stand up act.

Life gives us many pleasures,  
Times of much fun.  
And an afternoon like this  
Is certainly one.



## Indian Wells, A Very Nice Way to Spend A Day

It is not exactly a pilgrimage to a sacred shrine, but a sojourn to Indian Wells, that revered site of super tennis, is certainly a special journey.

Early in a morning in the middle of March, a group of Club members and friends set forth on such a venture with the delightful anticipation of watching some of the best players in the world do their thing. As it turned out, they would not be disappointed.

Getting together for the day were **BERNIE HODOR, LEE DIGREGORIO, KAREN AND DAVID BOURNE, EMILY CRISTOBOL WITH HER FAMILY, AND LINDA ALBERTSON WITH FRIENDS**. Car-pooling provided the opportunity for them to get caught up on news, in addition to being a means of spreading the pain of parking, the cost of which had jumped to \$25.

### COOL, BUT NOT SO COOL

One surprise came from the weather. What they had expected were polo-shirt temps in the soaring 80's to 100 range. What they got was unseasonably cool jacket weather. A chilly wind dropped the temps to the 65 range. Preparing for such an eventuality had not been in their plans.

Though they did some shivering as they watched, the quarter-finals matches lived up to their expectations. They were impressed to watch Naomi Osaka dismantle the highly ranked Simone Halep as she moved on her way to becoming the ladies' champion of the tournament.

### FED DOES HIS THING

Watching Roger Federer move about the court with ballet-like grace and then whomp the ball with power and precision was a joy to see. That day he encountered another young player who seems to have a bright future. Borna Coric played a terrific first set and by the middle of the second set seemed on his way to an upset. But then Federer turned things around and made a typical comeback. As someone (was it Emily?) said, "Fed is like the wise bamboo in the typhoon: he bends but he doesn't break."

What could be better than spending a day with longtime pals and seeing some of the top dogs in the tennis world swinging those rackets? You might need a minute or two to think of an answer to that.



*Cynthia and partner, Barbara, get ready to slam one in a match at Indian Wells*

## It's All in The Numbers

**C**YNTHIA OLP has found that yoga, along with lots of tennis, goes a long way in dealing with the pressures of her job. It clears the mind, just as hitting the courts does. She works at the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier as a coder. That is, she encodes numbers for medical procedures and enters these into official documents and financial reports. As in many jobs, the work can become tedious, but it is demanding and requires great concentration to avoid costly errors. Another part of her very busy schedule is the satisfying endeavor of keeping up with the many activities of her two sons.

### KUDOS FOR CLUB INVOLVEMENT

In being active on the Club's behalf, CYNTHIA--like other board members--gives much time and effort to help plan and then work to bring about activities for the members to enjoy and for the Club to grow. Reading the agenda of the current board meeting gives you a good idea of all that is involved in such participation.

Beyond that, she does a lot of playing with a USTA team, and she feels that this helps her game. If you're in a match with her, you should beware of her powerful strokes—and not bother to question the score. Cynthia knows her numbers.



## WHAT'S GOIN' ON

A news cruise to help us keep up with our colleagues on the courts

-by Richard

### Giving A Voice To The Voiceless

For many years, **LUKE CHOE** has gone to Santa Ana each month with a group from his church to provide meals for homeless people there. These days, however, he goes less frequently, now devoting more of his time to taking part as an ombudsman in the county's Ombudsman Service. Under this program, he and other volunteers are licensed to conduct unannounced visits to assisted- living and nursing facilities.

LUKE and a group of other volunteers are authorized to check the kitchen or other areas of a place for cleanliness and similar matters. They also talk to patients about their treatment and care, and not infrequently receive complaints. They then bring to the attention of the administrator of the facility any deficiencies they've found or complaints they've heard. If, within a certain period of time, that person does not work to remedy the problems, the ombudsmen (and women) will notify authorities.

LUKE finds that it is very rewarding to be involved in this work. He encourages retired CTC members to look into the possibility of joining the program by phoning Patricia Moran-Johnson at 714-479-0107, ext. 216.

Anyone who has ever had a friend or family member in an assisted care facility (and that is probably almost everyone) understands what a great—and badly needed—program this is.

### It All Started With Tennis

Recently **RUTH** and **ERWIN ANISMAN** celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the company of a large group of friends and family. It was an occasion of much love, laughter, and remembrances of the many good times through the years.



#### SET POINT

Their story had a unique start. It began with a date on (where else?) a tennis court, but not just any court. This one happened to be that of a well-known movie star, arranged for them through the courtesy and influence of the periodontist for whom RUTH worked as a nurse and to whom ERWIN went for dental care. From this auspicious beginning, their tennis play grew into a permanent match.

The celebration was a wonderful time, as Erwin's niece DEBBIE, who oversaw the afternoon, called on people to share memories. The stories were moving and often funny as people told of various happenings in times with Ruth and Erwin and their children, JOELLE and TODD.

Then Joelle screened a very touching montage of family photos, from early days to present, which she had put together.

Congratulations to RUTH and ERWIN.

### Who's Responsible For That Anyhow?

If you're talking about the slick layout and classy graphics of the March newsletter, you're talking about **LIZ PARKER**, and that is no surprise. She's a pro.

Some years ago, at a time when she was not working, she returned to school. At Cypress College, she took every computer-graphics class they offered, and soon became so skilled that the college took her out of the student body and put her on the faculty, employed as a teacher of desktop-publishing classes. In time, this stint led to her career as a free-lance graphics artist, creating catalogues, brochures, and even videos—any kind of attractive presentation that various companies and municipalities needed.

In one instance LIZ came up with the logo for La Palma's 50th anniversary—a design which is still to be seen on the city's water tank.

Then, several Parks and Recreation departments hired her to produce a quarterly magazine which would carry city news and schedules of P. and R. classes. Along with this, she occasionally put together graphic treatments of reports of their programs that went to state agencies. In every case, her work was given an award.

Now Liz is semi-retired and works only for the city of La Palma, designing their quarterly brochure, which is sent out to the community. Hence, she has time to get out to the courts in the mornings with the old guys. She reports that the camaraderie is excellent, the tennis is pretty good, but the jokes are in the same category as weak serves: in need of improvement.





# Cypress Tennis and Social Club Tennis Tournament and Pickle Ball Play

**Saturday, June 2**

**8 – 11 a.m.**

**La Mirada Regional Park  
13701 South Adelfa Avenue**

**Lunch and water will be provided**

**\$10 for member**

**\$15 for non-members** (join the club at the event for \$25 and  
tournament fee will be only \$5)

**Prizes: One-year paid membership for each of the  
four winners.**

Players will be selected by their ranking (level of playing  
ability) 3.0 (-/+) and 3.5+

Matches will be as follows: doubles matches of 8 games  
per match with no adds. Scores to be kept individually and  
reported to the captain (Cyntia Olp) at the completion of  
the matches for the next matches to be set up.

No walk on players to the tournament after the start of the  
tournament. There may be additional courts available for  
play while waiting for the pickle ball lesson.

Pickle ball will be played at 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and  
there will be instruction as well as equipment provided by  
the instructor (coach Lance from Whittier College). For  
more pickleball information visit [https://www.usapa.org/  
what-is-pickleball/](https://www.usapa.org/what-is-pickleball/).

**RSVP by May 26**

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