

Friday Night Mixed Doubles Social at the Balboa Tennis Club

When/Where:

1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. Subject to change based on tournaments or other special events held at the club. Co-hosts are Linda Olson and Irena Hukari.

Check-in time is from 5:30-5:45 pm at the picnic table in front of BTC Teaching Court #4. The cut-off time for signups is 5:45 pm when courts are assigned.

The first 24 BTC members are welcome to participate. Guests and non-members may participate if space is available and by paying a \$10.00 guest fee at the Reservation window.

Courts #5-10 are reserved for this event. The BTC Director reserves the courts from 6:00-7:30 pm. Linda and Irena will return any unused courts to the Reservation desk.

Play:

Start time is 6:00 pm (prompt). The event consists of three 8-game pro sets with no-ad scoring. No-ad scoring is when the score is deuce then one deciding point is played to determine the team who wins the game. The receiving team determines who receives the serve. The serve should be gender-to-gender. When this is not possible, then players go with their choice.

Warm-up should be no more than 5 minutes so that all groups start at the same time and rotate courts after each pro set at approximately the same time. Due to the short warmup time players are allowed a First Ball In (FBI) on the first serve of their first service game only.

The first 4 games are played without switching sides of the court. Players switch ends and take a water break after 4 games are played. Each player ends up serving one game on each side of the court.

After the 8-game pro set is completed, the winning team will move up to the higher court number and players pair up with a new partner. The team who did not win moves down to the lower court number and players pair up with a new partner. Each participant will have 3 different partners for the evening. If the pro set ends in a 4-4 tie, then spin the racket to select which team serves one point. Do not change ends of the court. Players do not change positions. This deciding point will determine which team moves up a court and which team moves down a court.

Follow the same 8-game pro set, no-ad scoring and pairing up with a new partner for each round. Play normally finishes around 7:30 pm.

Rules:

You must be a member of the BTC to participate. If you are a guest or wish to bring a guest, then please make sure to pay the \$10.00 guest fee at the Reservation desk after your space is confirmed by one of the co-hosts.

You must play at a 3.0 rating or above. Please ask one of the co-hosts for examples of NTRP ratings if you are unsure. NTRP levels are defined as follows:

- 1.5 - This player has limited tennis experience and is still working primarily on getting the ball into play
- 2.0 – This player needs on-court experience. Has obvious stroke weakness, but is familiar with basic positions for singles and doubles play.
- 2.5 – This player is learning to judge where the ball is going although court coverage is weak. Can sustain a short rally of slow pace with other players of the same ability.
- 3.0 – This player is fairly consistent when hitting medium paced shots but is not comfortable with all strokes and lacks execution when trying for directional control. Most common doubles formation is one-up and one-back.
- 3.5 – This player has achieved improved stroke dependability with directional control on moderate shots, but still lacks depth and variety. Starting to exhibit more aggressive net play, has improved court coverage and is developing teamwork in doubles.
- 4.0 – This player has dependable strokes, including directional control and depth on both forehand and backhand sides on moderate shots, plus the ability to use lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys with some success. Occasionally forces errors when serving and teamwork in doubles is evident. Rallies may be lost due to impatience.

Participants must plan to play all three 8-game pro sets from 6:00-7:30 pm. Part-time is not accepted unless coordinated with the organizers before play starts.

One player from each of the six courts is asked to open a new can of tennis balls. Please leave the balls on the court for the other games. If you are a regular at the mixed doubles event, the expectation is that you are offering to open a new can of tennis balls at least once per month.

Have fun! This event is intended to be a fun, lightly competitive social event for BTC members. Happy players with great attitudes are appreciated. We try our best to assign players to courts with similar playing levels and are open to pairing up players as

requested. Please remember this is a social mixer, so if you are a stronger player on the court, consider it a good opportunity to practice your new shots. If you are one of the weaker players, consider it a good opportunity to play up and get good practice with stronger players. Be courteous at all times.

The social part of this mixer continues after play concludes from 7:30-8:45 pm in the BTC clubhouse or in the area between courts 8-9. Many players bring snacks and beverages to share, although this is not a requirement to stay and socialize.

A dedicated e-mail has been set up for this event. Please let Linda or Irena know if you like to be on this distribution list or send an e-mail to BTCFridayTennisSocial@gmail.com. All e-mails are sent out bcc: and contain information about date changes, cancellation due to weather and special events like holiday potlucks.