

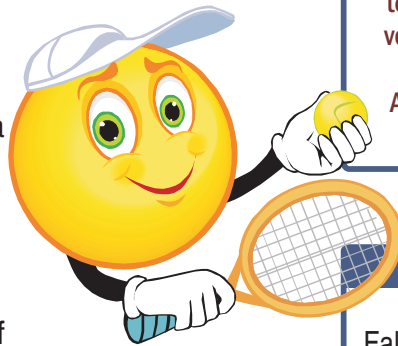
## Spring Junior Team Tennis League Starts April 4th

*Beginners Welcome - Registration Deadline March 6th*

Building on four successful previous seasons, Amador Tennis Club is pleased to announce its Spring Junior Team Tennis League. This co-ed league for kids 7-15 allows children of all ability levels to learn tennis while playing doubles matches in a fun, team environment. We will offer three "flight" levels for different abilities: youngest beginners play with high-bouncing foam balls on a short court, older beginners and intermediates play with low compression balls on a full court, and more advanced kids play regular doubles. New league participants who want to play above the beginning level, and returning participants who want to move up a level must be evaluated at Player Assessment Day on March 7th. Please see the flyer on page 3 for all the details, and use the registration form on page 4 to sign up by March 6th.

Here is a recap of the Fall 2008 season from parent/coach and Spring League Director Derek Madden: "It was a winning season for everyone involved. We had fun, made great friendships, and got in shape. We learned to hit, scoot, and dash for that ball. We won or lost, and still found friends on the other side of the net. Regardless of our scores, by the end of the season we had each earned cool visors and colorful tennis shirts (with names like "Smashers" and "Aces" on the back). We are ready for more action this Spring!"

Turn the page to see the Fall team photos, and check out the match results and all the league details on our Junior Team Tennis web site at [www.amadortennisclub.org/jtt.html](http://www.amadortennisclub.org/jtt.html)



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### Mission Statement

To promote tennis as an enriching, healthy, lifelong sport to all people without discrimination.

The Amador Tennis Club (ATC) is a public nonprofit corporation recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Membership is open to all, free of charge.

Donations enable us to continue promoting tennis in Amador County. Your tax-deductible, voluntary annual dues and court improvement donations can be sent to:

ATC, 11180 Ranchette Dr., Jackson CA 95642  
 We appreciate your support!

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# Fall 2008 Junior Team Tennis Photos



**ACES**



**NET NUTS**



**LOBSTERS**



**SMASHERS**



**RACQUETEERS**



**ALLEY CATS**

See the team photos in color online at [www.amadortennisclub.org/jtt.html](http://www.amadortennisclub.org/jtt.html)

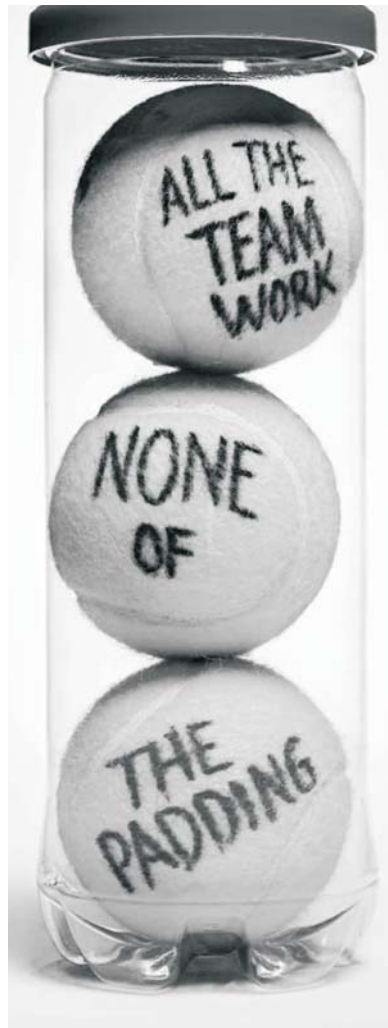
# JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

## Beginners Welcome!

Who says you have to play a contact sport to build character? Join us for Junior Team Tennis from the USTA. Boys and girls compete on teams, learning tennis by playing the game and having fun with friends. No tennis experience is necessary to participate!



Children new to the league who want to play above beginner level, and returning players who want to move up a level must be evaluated at **ASSESSMENT DAY** March 7th at 9am at Argonaut High School



### WHAT

Learn tennis with your friends & play against other local teams. No experience is necessary!

### WHEN

6-week season runs  
April 4 - May 16 (no match April 11)  
Each team will have one practice per week after school & one match each Saturday at 4pm. Practices start week of March 23.

### WHO

Boys and Girls Ages 7-15

### WHERE

Practices locations will be announced. Matches will be played at Argonaut High School Tennis Courts in Jackson.

### HOW MUCH

Fee is \$65\* for one child  
\$40 for second child  
(max \$110 per household)  
Fee includes t-shirt, awards, Jr. USTA membership & end-of-season party on May 16th.  
\*No child will be denied participation if unable to pay. Contact ATC for information on grant assistance.

## EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!

**one FREE youth tennis racquet to the first 30 new participants to register!\***

\*each participant needs his/her own youth racquet (contact us for info)

**SIGN UPS**

**Thursday Feb. 19 3pm-5pm  
and Saturday Feb. 21 11am-1pm  
at Play It Again Sports (Hwy 49 in Jackson)  
OR mail in the registration form on reverse by March 6th**

For more information contact:

Amador Tennis Club, 11180 Ranchette Dr. Jackson CA 95642  
www.amadortennisclub.org ☎ 575-6292 ☎ email: info@amadortennisclub.org

# Junior Team Tennis League Player Registration Form - SPRING 09

## Participant Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (circle): Youth M L Adult S M L



Additional Notes (preferred teammates, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact if parent cannot be reached: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in volunteering? No tennis experience is necessary – training will be provided by the league.

(Circle all that apply) Coach Help at Practice After-match snacks Uniforms/Awards End-of-season Party/Photos

Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Information

Family Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Plan and Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Medical Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Previous Tennis Experience

Has played Jr. Team Tennis before? Y N What level? Beginner Intermediate Advanced Has Racquet: Y N

(Returning players who want to move up to a higher flight level, or new players who want to play above beginner level MUST be evaluated on March 7th)

## Release of Liability and Coach/Player/Parent Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to show good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, parents, coaches and officials at all times.

I, my child, friends and guests will demonstrate respect toward others. We will place the emotional well-being of others ahead of our own desire to win. We will be aware of all Amador Tennis Club and USTA Junior Team Tennis rules and regulations and will adhere to them at all times.

I understand that this is a "timed" sporting event and that my child may not receive the exact playing time in every game.

I understand that participation in athletic programs may result in serious injury and that it is impossible to totally eliminate such occurrences. Players, parents and guardians can reduce the risk of injury by obeying all safety rules, follow a proper conditioning program and wearing proper attire.

I absolve and hold harmless the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and the Amador Tennis Club (ATC), its employees, officers or agents from any liability that may result from the participation of the above named minor in my legal custody in the above activity. I also give my permission for his/her participation in the above activity, and for any necessary medical treatment. I understand that the USTA and ATC have no obligation to supervise my child(ren) at the close of the above activity, and I release the USTA and ATC, its officers, employees and agents from any liability resulting from any lack of supervision of my child(ren) at the close of the above activity. I understand that those involved in the above activity may be photographed and such photography may be used to publicize future programs and activities.

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return form and payment by March 6th to: Amador Tennis Club, 11180 Ranchette Dr., Jackson CA 95642  
Questions? Call 575-6292 or email [info@amadortennisclub.org](mailto:info@amadortennisclub.org)

For ATC Use Only: Payment Type - Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark Your Calendars for**  
Kids can win a FREE trip to Nationals!



This year, the Amador Tennis Club will once again host USTA's Rapid Rally Tennis competition. As part of the Junior Olympic Skills competition, this event offers children a chance to advance to regional and national competitions by serving a low compression ball against a backboard, then continuing to rally for 30 seconds to achieve a maximum number of hits above the net line. **This FREE local competition will be held May 9th at 1pm at Detert Park in**

**Jackson.** It is one of dozens of Junior Olympic Skills events across the country involving some 1.5 million 8-13 year olds in four different sports.

Our local tennis youth have had great results in Rapid Rally, dominating the regional competitions in Sacramento for the past several

years. And in 2006, Jackson fourth-grader Sarah Daly earned an all-expenses paid trip to the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado, where she earned a silver medal in the national Rapid Rally competition.

So kids, start practicing! For complete rules and more info, see [www.amadortennisclub.org/rapidrally.html](http://www.amadortennisclub.org/rapidrally.html)



Last year's local Rapid Rally champs show off their ribbons!



**This Could Be Your Last Newsletter...**



ATC is converting to the digital age! All future newsletters will go out via email only. However, our email list is incomplete. If you have not already been receiving periodic emails from ATC, and would like to, please send us an email at

[info@amadortennisclub.org](mailto:info@amadortennisclub.org). Include your full name and email address in the body of the email. This will allow us to stay in touch more frequently with tennis news! Remember that you can always check on the latest events and download registration forms on our web site at: **[www.amadortennisclub.org](http://www.amadortennisclub.org)**

**Annual Dues Now Due!**

Your tax-deductible contributions allow ATC, an all-volunteer organization, to continue growing tennis in Amador County and to pursue capital improvement projects at our local tennis facilities.

Any amount you can afford to donate will be gladly accepted. Please designate the amount of your donation below and how you would like your donation applied:

Annual Dues: \_\_\_\$10 or other \$\_\_\_\_\_

Court repairs/resurfacing: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Bathrooms/Water fountain: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing  
Addr: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Your email address allows us to save money on postage by sending tennis-related news electronically!)**

**Please make checks payable to ATC and mail to 11180 Ranchette Dr. Jackson CA 95642.**

## Jr. Team Tennis Coaches Needed No Tennis or Coaching Experience Required

Not quite young enough to make the Junior Team Tennis cutoff, but still want to get in on the fun? We need enthusiastic volunteers to coach beginning teams – no tennis experience is necessary! We will train you in the latest USTA methods of “Quickstart Tennis”. The commitment is just one practice per week for one hour, plus one team match per week on Saturdays.

Coach training will be held on March 14th 9am-12pm at Argonaut and will include info on how to run practices and encourage your team. We welcome high school team players, retirees, parents and others who want to make a difference. If you are interested in helping out with the league, please call Derek at 575-6292.

## COURTS IN NEED OF TLC

You may have noticed the courts at Argonaut High are cracking and wearing thin in places. We have a couple of options for repairs, depending on how much funding support we can get from the community. Other improvements on our “wish list” include bathrooms and a water fountain at Argonaut. We may organize a volunteer “Work Day” to do some general maintenance and cleanup work on the courts this Spring. If you would like to be involved in a capital improvement fundraising effort, or are willing to donate time or money, please contact Rosalie at 304-0004.



to Jim DuCray's men's poker group for a generous contribution to Amador County Junior Tennis!!



## IN MEMORIAM...

We are sad to report the passing of Verlyn O'Neil, an ATC member and enthusiastic tennis player who recently lost a long battle with cancer. Donations can be made to Komen for the Cure ([www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org)). You can read more about Verlyn at <http://mokehill.com/node/verlyn-oneil>

## ATC's 2009 Calendar at a Glance

Here is just some of what we've got cooking for 2009. We welcome your suggestions & involvement. Call 304-0004 to donate your time to local tennis activities! (All events at Argonaut High courts in Jackson unless otherwise indicated.)



<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHAT</u>
3/6	Registration Deadline for Jr. Team Tennis League
3/7 9am	Jr. Team Tennis Evaluation
3/14 9am-12pm	Jr. Team Tennis Coach Training
3/23	Jr. Team Tennis practices start this week
4/4-5/16 Saturdays 4pm	Jr. Team Tennis matches (no match 4/11)
5/9 1pm	Rapid Rally at Detert Park
5/16	Jr. Team Tennis End-of-Season Party (after matches)
Summer (TBD)	Tennis Block Party - fun, food & games (everyone welcome)
Summer (TBD)	Jr. Tournament
10/10	Columbus Day Tournament
Ongoing Wed. & Fri. 5:30pm	Intermediate Drop-In Doubles (partner helpful, but not mandatory)

## New Year's Brunch on the Courts

With our recent beautiful weather, it is hard to remember that 8 out of 10 days at the start of the new year found us locked in cold, damp fog here in Jackson. Nevertheless, the turn-out for our 4th annual New Year's Day Brunch on the Courts was better than ever. OK, so we never played tennis because the court surface was too wet. Correction: Kim, Dave R, Dave H, Dale and Leonard all headed up to Pioneer court where the sun was shining. But not until AFTER indulging in the fun, food and festive beverages at Argonaut.

Don't miss out on this great annual event next year. Mark your calendar now for January 1, 2010. Hint: It will fall on a holiday. Hope to see you there.



**Brave & bundled ATC Players on New Year's Day (left to right):**  
**Tall guys in back row: Mike Daly & Todd Sargent**  
**Middle-sized folks in middle row: Jerry Beeman, David Ferguson, Sandi Beeman, Sarah Daly, Linda Daly, Steve Doss, Steve Elias, Chris Witte, David Romero**  
**Shorties in the front: Vera Ferguson, Sierra Madden, Erin Madden, Meghan Daly, John Escamilla, Derek Madden and Leonard**  
**Behind camera (not pictured): Rosalie Pryor Escamilla**



## High School Tennis Kicks Off in Feb.

This month marks the start of the high school tennis season. Both Argonaut and Amador are fielding strong teams, with returning coaches Dave Harris and Chris Fuller respectively. Complete team schedules are available on [highschoolsports.net](http://highschoolsports.net), but mark your calendars for the two crosstown matchups: April 16th at Amador and May 5th at Argonaut (both matches start at 4pm). Come out and show your support for our local high school athletes!

**AMADOR**  
**VS.**  
**ARGONAUT**

**4/16 at Amador**  
**5/5 at Argonaut**  
**both matches**  
**start at 4pm**

## ATC Board Plans '09 Schedule

ATC hosted a board and general membership planning meeting in January to map out events and capital improvement projects for 2009. USTA staffers were on hand to answer questions and to provide generous equipment contributions for junior tennis. Complete meeting minutes are available at [www.amadortennisclub.org](http://www.amadortennisclub.org) (under Latest News).

### 2009 ATC Board

Rosalie Escamilla - President  
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# JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS SPRING LEAGUE... DETAILS INSIDE!!!

## Flash Points and Slime Balls

Dizzying is the best word I can come up with for the end of 2008 which saw the return of "Big Dave Hunt"-- back from the Midwest and looking like he'd not missed a shot since the turn of the century. (Which century? You might ask...) JohnERocket's old hitting partner. Shadows of the days when I first picked up a racquet (1998) and headed out to "play to learn" tennis, Backboard Bennie in tow. "No girls allowed on the front courts," were the cries we heard from those guys back then. Obviously, this sentiment did not prevail and we now often have a whole group of "girls" on all courts. Margie, Emily, Vera, Sandi, Nancy, Gloria, and Diane are weekday regulars (as soon as the sun is out in force and the ice is off the courts). "Retired guys" Gene, John(s), Jerry(s), David(s) and Dale occupy Argonaut courts on M-W-F mornings, but they're not sensible and often start when it is still WAY cold out and nearly dark. Juniors are climbing up the ranks, thanks to Derek Madden who kept up hitting practices in between Junior Team Tennis seasons. Amador truly has a "farm league" for growing tennis players that will make our high school teams formidable forces in the future. My alliterative prediction. You read it here first. Returning players (or beginners): How do you knock the rust off and/or get your game up? Play! Need someone to play with? Contact us and we'll try to connect you. ATC started in just this way when I could hardly keep the balls on the court (I know there are some reading this who want to say, "she still can't..." but we're not giving

them any air time.) I'm more jazzed than ever about the power of community when it comes to tennis. ATC will sponsor the 5th season of Junior Team Tennis starting in March 2009. A great way to get kids AND THEIR PARENTS into the game. Feel like you could give just a little time to a good cause? We need coaches and you do NOT need to be a professional or even a particularly HOT tennis player. Just a little willingness to help the kids have fun. Our kids know that if any part of the ball touches or appears to touch any part of the line, it is GOOD. For the rule on how to make a line call, contact Big Dave H. (LOL) and speaking of fun, try to remember we are recreational players: Rule #57 applies--don't take yourself too damn seriously. For 2009 we have lots of great activities slated (read more in the newsletter). Most importantly, we hope to raise funds for court improvements. If you have a particular interest in helping with this effort (or you just want to donate a heap of money), stay in touch with our website and read your ATC E-News for dates and details. And remember, Rosanna Hammer is going to be taking names this year... ur, that is notes... about what happens out there. I have my spies. Your secrets are not safe. Which reminds me: a certain mixed doubles couple who have gotten along well for years "sans matrimony" recently "eloped" and tied the knot without the ATC host of witnesses. We are expecting the usual marital squabbles that result from playing tennis together. Congratulations to Bill and Benita Condrashoff-Asher! Yes, fellow players, tennis is a game of love. Keep playing!

Rosanna Hammer