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# LJTC COURT CLIPS

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The Official Newsletter of La Jolla Tennis Club

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*Charlie Hein, Director*

*Peter Maynard, Director*

*Frank Pedace, Director*

*Join us for a member only event!*

# SUMMER SOCIAL

September 18th, 6 pm -10 pm

It's been a long time since we have all gotten together. Well, the wait is over!

There will be a taco stand, raffles with lots of great prizes and a DJ, so bring your dancing shoes!

The entry fee is \$10 per person & includes five raffle tickets. Members may bring one guest.

Skip the payment line & prepay by clicking [here](#) or scan the QR code below. Pre-payment will get you 5 extra raffle tickets per person.

To help us with tracking, members please pay for your guests.

If you haven't RSVP'd your payment will be your RSVP. Payment or RSVP required by 9/12/21 to attend.

Inquires please  
contact: Charlie Hein  
at (858) 256-5632



# RALLY FOR THE CURE



**Where: La Jolla Tennis Club**

**Date: Sunday, October 24th**

**Time: 3:00-5:00PM**

**Format: Doubles Round Robin**

**Donation: \$25.00 (check made payable to RALLY)**

**RSVP at [mitzimayer1@gmail.com](mailto:mitzimayer1@gmail.com) or 858-230-4494**

**Rally for the Cure raises money to raise awareness of the importance of early breast cancer detection to ensure that NO ONE goes without screening.**

**We all know someone (mother, wife, aunt, daughter, niece or a friend) who has or who had breast cancer.**

**Come on out and wear a little pink!**

**Have some fun and join in a great cause (men, you look great in pink too).**

**Non-members are welcome.**

**We CAN and DO make a difference!**

# Members Only Fall 2021 Tournament

Get your game face ready for the return of the "Members Only" tournament this fall. Grab your doubles partner and join in the tradition with some fun matches against fellow members or enter as a singles player. Sign up and test your skills in this competitive atmosphere.

Registration information coming soon in your Inbox.

Save the Dates:  
October 9th, 10th,  
16th & 17th

## DOUBLES CHALLENGE COURT

Saturdays & Sundays  
12- 9 pm  
Court 3

Due to popular demand, the club began offering a doubles challenge court on Saturdays and Sundays. This is a great opportunity for new members to meet players or for existing members and guests to pick up a game. Show up, sign up and enjoy some fun tennis with fellow members and club guests. Free for members, non-members daily guest fees apply.

Click [here](#) for all rules.



# 105TH LA JOLLA TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The 105th Annual Championship tournament was held over June 18 - July 4th. The tournament offered 44 events including Open divisions for Singles, Doubles and Mixed, plus NTRP, Senior & Family events. Despite COVID-19 restrictions, the tournament met its registration goal and attracted over 450 players. We appreciate all the club members that participated in the event. We thank Ron Marquez, the tournament director, Alex Brown, the board member who chaired the tournament, and the spectators for cheering on their fellow members. Great tennis was played by all.

## Open Results

### Men's

#### Singles

Champion - Ryan Seggerman  
Finalist - Daniel Traxler

#### Doubles

Champions - Seggerman, R/Liu, R  
Finalist - Smith, I/Blando, M

### Women's

#### Singles

Champion - Heromi Sasano  
Finalist - Thelma Sepulveda

#### Doubles

Champions - Leon Chao, S/ Mar, T  
Finalist - Gates, J/Lancaster, L

### Mixed Doubles

#### Champion

Sasano, H/Mensah, E

#### Finalist

Buffington T/Traxler, D



For complete  
tournament results  
click [here](#).

# Member Honorable Mentions

Tatum Buffington Finalist Open Mixed Doubles

Ranga Sundaravadivelu Finalist 40 Men's Singles

Scott Manoogian Champion Men's 50 Singles

Brian Turner Finalist Men's 60 Singles

Donald Thompson Finalist Men's 65 Singles

Logan Jenkins Finalist Men's 70 Singles

Christ Milesis Finalist Men's 80 Singles

Frank Pedace & Brian Turner Finalist Men's 60 Doubles

Tom Gegax & Ron Armbruster Finalist Men's 70 Doubles

Jacques Verstraete Men's 4.5 Finalist Men's Singles

Tatum & Brett Buffington Champion Father - Daughter Doubles

Jennifer Rehns-Keller & Adam Keller Champion - Husband & Wife



Father - Daughter



Men's 65 Singles



Men's 70 Singles



Men's 4.5 Singles



Men's 60 Doubles



Men's 70 Doubles Finalist

# LET THERE BE LIGHT

New lights were installed in August!

Thank you to the members and local businesses that helped make this purchase possible through their donations. We raised nearly \$13,000 in contributions. Additionally, we also negotiated the installation and equipment rental fees to be done for free from the initial installers which resulted in a savings of approximately \$10,000.

We would like to thank the members of the Lighting Committee and the Capital Fund Committee for their tireless efforts in making this happen. In particular, Peter Maynard for his efforts in negotiating with the neighbors, the city, the lighting provider, and the installation contractor, and Terri Bourne for her efforts leading the fund-raising effort.

We are confident the new lights, which are specifically made for tennis, will improve the quality of night time play. They are four times brighter than the old lights and have less light pollution.

Thank you to all our donors past and present for your continued support to help keep our community tennis courts in pristine condition.

If you would like to make a donation please click [here](#).

## Sponsor Levels

Ace - \$2000

Deuce (Banner) - \$1000

Volley (Plaque) - \$1000

Add - \$500 - \$999

Player - \$499 - \$250

Team - \$249 or less

## 2021 Donors

as of 9/1/2021

### Deuce Sponsors

Jo Stretch

La Jolla Village Orthodontics  
Sushi Nekosan

### Volley Sponsors

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### Add Sponsors

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Becky Kuba & Family

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# LEAGUE NEWS

By, Terri Bourne, Vice President of the Board

## Women's USTA 4.0

LJTC is proud to announce that both the Women's USTA 4.0 and 4.5 summer league teams were victorious in their local divisions. Both teams advanced to SoCal sectionals in August, representing San Diego for a chance to advance to Nationals. The 4.0 team had an undefeated local season finishing with a 8-0 winning record. The 4.0 sectionals included 15 teams across 5 flights, each representing an area from Santa Barbara to San Diego. LJTC 4.0 won their flight with a 2-0 record advancing them to the quarterfinals. In a four line format, of one singles and three doubles, they were nudged out by two of the four lines losing the 10-point deciding match tie-breakers.



Janene Christopher, Christie Golemb, Sheila Paguyo, Regan Brown, Becky Kuba (co-captain), Kellie Doyle, Neda Mesri, Terri Bourne (captain), Diane Holnback, Debbie Fitzgerald  
(not pictured: Luisa Bakay, Helen Beren, Gillian Gillies, Jennifer Knock, Barbara Roorda, Dara Stern)

## Women's USTA 4.5



Sophia Richardson, Dorian Sailer, Thanh Huyen (co-captain), Kristen Walker, Anna Palmer, Amy Repetti (captain), Adi Hilsdorf-Smith, Sundi Olson, Joni Gurrola  
(not Pictured: Cindy Bennett, Lourdes Bourne, Catharine Conover, Kristen Fine, Lisa Harrison, Gail Schwartz)

The Women's 4.5 team won their local league with a 4-2 record advancing them to sectionals to represent San Diego with five other top notch teams from all over SoCal. After a successful showing in a round-robin flight action they advanced to the semi-finals. The team fought hard but lost the semi-finals to the eventual SoCal Champion.

The following teams will be participating in leagues this fall.

Women's 3.5

Women's 4.0

Women's 4.5

Tri Level Mixed 7.0,8.0, 9.0

# OTHER NEWS

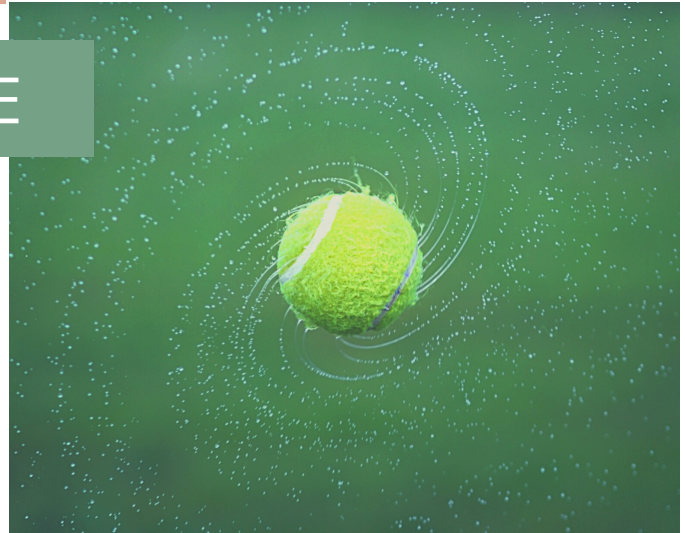


## THE PRO SHOP

The Pro Shop has received a much needed cleaning and sprucing up. Take a break and come in and check it out. Thank you to board member, Charlie Hein, and all the volunteers who dedicated their time over several weekends to make this happen.

## BALL MACHINE

The club upgraded the ball machine to a more reliable model and one that features a remote control and many feed options. It can be reserved 7 days in advance and costs \$15/hr for members and \$35/hr for non-members.



## SHOP FOR SWAG

The Pro Shop now sells an expanded range of LJT Club branded clothing, including hoodies, performance t-shirts, hats & visors. Get your swag while supplies lasts!



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ralph Temple, President of the Board

This year has been a time of uncertainty and difficulty for all of us. The pandemic brought on fear, isolation, and disruption in our lives. We are fortunate that tennis is one of the few activities that was determined to be safe, and the club was able to operate during this period, although with some government imposed restrictions. Tennis has provided all of us with a much needed opportunity for exercise and activity during this period.

The board of directors, with the help of many dedicated volunteers, has been hard at work to improve our club. The following are some highlights of the improvements that have been implemented:

- on-line reservation system
- new website
- pro shop refurbishing
- creation of a budget committee and a budget
- replacement of the lights

In addition, we are about to start repair work on the walls at court 9, and the resurfacing of courts 2 and 7-9.

The pro shop work was accomplished on a small budget by a large group of very dedicated volunteers. The transformation is amazing – if you haven't been in yet go take a look. A big thank you to everyone that helped on this project.

These positive changes have benefited the club in several ways. We have the highest number of members that we have had in years – currently 804, compared to around 450 to 500 for the last several years. We are also experiencing a large increase in income from the pro shop. Collectively, income from shop sales, ball machine rental, and daily fees is up over 376% compared to previous years.

After a hiatus forced upon us by the Covid pandemic, we welcomed the return of spectators at the 105th Annual La Jolla Championships. We are also looking forward to holding the fall club tournament as usual, and to the Summer Social event.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped in so many ways. With this support, the club has a great future ahead.



## UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

September 14th

November 9th

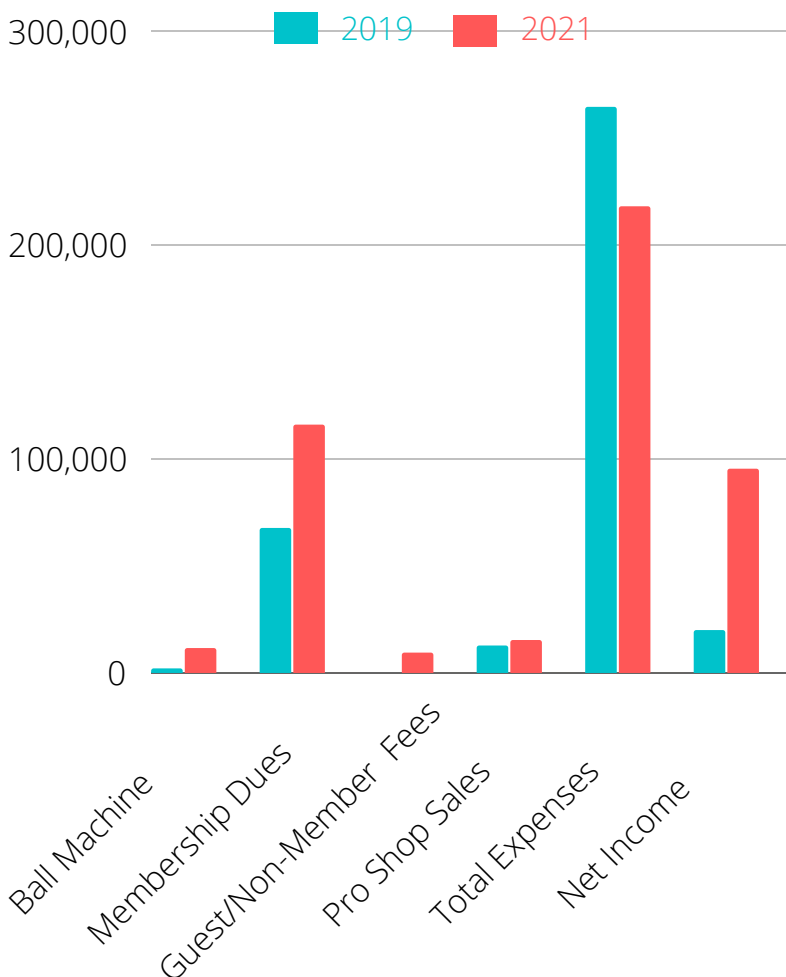
Time : 6 PM

Location: Pro shop lawn

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## HOW ARE WE DOING WITH OUR FINANCES?

The chart below highlights some significant increases comparing 2019 to 2021



By Neda Mesri, Treasurer

Our account balance as of 8/31/21 was \$163,351, \$40,000 of which is held in reserves. Since the restructuring of our club, beginning May 1, 2021, we continue to see a dramatic increase in revenue each month. Even with the added operational costs of our new court reservation system, Quickbooks Online, website, and other subscriptions that allow us to operate more efficiently, our year to date expenses are down 18% and our net income is up 376% from 2019. A comparison from 2020 was not done due to COVID-19 closures/restrictions imposed on the club. Overall, the club is in great financial position to continue to make improvements keeping the club in excellent condition as required by our Special Use Permit. Projecting that our net income stays the course, the Finance Committee (Bob Brobst, Charlie Hein and myself) will propose a 2022 budget that will allow for continued improvements to be made to be enjoyed by all of our members.

# MEET THE STAFF

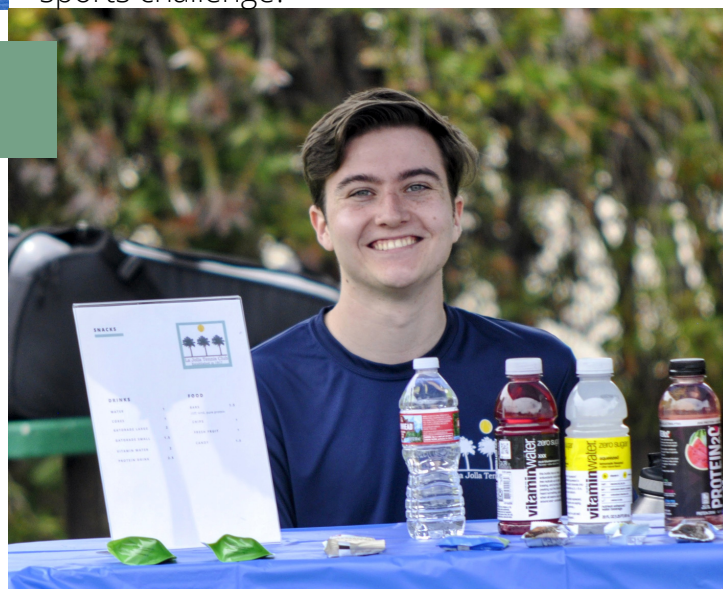


## VIC KRAMITZ

Vic is a NYC native who's also lived in NJ, Illinois, and Texas. He has two grown children who still reside back east. His passions have always been sports, having played football and baseball throughout high school and college. As a golfer, he joined the Callaway staff in 2010. As a prior golf course superintendent and general manager, Vic, brings nearly 20 years experience of sports management along with extensive sales and marketing skills to LJTC. Could tennis be his next sports challenge?

## LUKE BROWN

Luke, a San Diego native, graduated from LJHS in 2021. Luke is in his first year at San Diego Mesa College where he plans to study Computer Science. Luke's smile and good sense of humor are infectious making him a pleasure to work with.



## TATUM BUFFINGTON

Tatum, a junior at LJHS, is the newest member of our staff. Tatum plays Varsity tennis for LJHS & competes Nationally. In her free time she enjoys competitive tennis, coaching tennis, working out, going to the beach, surfing, and learning new things. Keep your on eye this one's tennis career.



# La Jolla Tennis Academy

Year Round Programs

SummerCamps

Private lessons

## Become part of the program

The La Jolla Tennis Academy (LJTA), directed by Michael Bucher, recently concluded a successful summer camp season. The camp worked with over 150 kids ages 6 and up ranging from beginner to advanced tournament level. Twelve female camp participants will play high school tennis on teams across the city. Good luck girls!

The Fall 2021 after school academy starts in September and will continue to work with students ranging from beginner to advanced tournament level. Camp information can be found on the [LJTC website](#) or by contacting Micheal Bucher directly. See contact information below.

On a personal note, Michael and his wife are expecting their second baby due Mid-October!

Congratulations on baby #2 and a successful summer camp!

