

Grip N' Rip Jr. News

Player of the Month

Nick Cord



January's player of the month was an easy selection. Nick has shown an unparalleled commitment to his tennis game. Private lessons w/ George Tate, unwavering attendance to the RIPper academy, and intense focus during Grand Prix/as well as other competitive events has forged him into a soon to be force in Junior Tennis.

Helping to lead a JTT team to sectionals, he plans on an encore this Spring. This time around though, we'll see him and his compatriots on the top of the podium!!!!

Parent Seminar February 12th @ 6:45 PM

Attention All Parents!!

Junior Tennis Director Craig Johnson will be offering his knowledge and tennis playing experience in a seminar for parents and children interested in a tennis playing career.

All parents who have kids enrolled in our RIPPER program or who are dedicated to succeeding in junior competition should attend this free of charge seminar. The purpose is to give parents the knowledge and tools necessary so they can help their child become

better prepared and more knowledgeable on what to expect.

Discussion Topics:

- 1) Parent Roles in Tennis Development
- 2) Tournament Play & Scheduling
- 3) Practice Time/Ripper Academy Mission
- 4) Equipment

Thursday Feb 12th, 6:45 PM
NBTC GARDEN ROOM
(light hors d'ourves and refreshments)
RSVP - craig@nbtcjuniortennis.com



Junior **Team Tennis**

Spring Season
February 13th - May 23rd
(end date may vary)

There is still time to sign-up!!!!

Fall Season Replay

We had an amazing Fall 2008 Season of Jr. Team Tennis. Our 10's and 14's teams not only qualified for sectionals that took place at Indian Wells Tennis Garden, but they brought some Tude along for the ride. Through valiant effort and nerves of steel both teams placed!!!!

Leading the 10's and capturing 2nd place, Charlotta's efforts in her first season as a Grip N' Rip coach were remarkable.

Our field general of the NBTC junior team tennis, Greg Hanessian lead a remodeled 14's team to 3rd place at Sectionals. He makes consistent appearances at the top of the food chain. He has lead a team to sectionals every season he has coached for the Grip N' Rip Jr Program here at NBTC.

GRIP N' RIP'S NEW REGISTRATION POLICIES



Due to a heavy increase in demand for our after school programs, the department is making some procedural adjustments for registration. Firstly, there will be a **priority registration** period that will give all NBTC members and active participants the right to guarantee their spots for the following session. Priority registration for Spring '09 session will be from Monday February 16th thru Friday March 6th. Juniors who have not renewed by this date stand a chance to lose their spots as this will be the first date open to non-active participants. Active participants will be e-mailed the new spring registration form and one reminder e-mail as well.

Spring '09 Session begins on March 23rd and continues on for 11 weeks.

Secondly, after the summer camp season, the department will be implementing a **rolling-enrollment option** that will give parents the opportunity to guarantee any Fall '09 participants an automatic spot in Winter '10 & Spring '10 sessions without having to fill out anymore forms. All we will need is authorization by checking the option on your Fall '09 registration form, a valid credit card # (or NBTC account #), and an e-mail address.

With this new system their will be less forms to fill out, automatic and appropriate placement in the next session, and no worries about priority

registration periods. With this rolling enrollment option, each parent will be charged on the last day of priority registration.

In summary, a parent can guarantee a spot for their junior in either our Gripper or Ripper program three sessions in a row: Fall, Winter, Spring. This system will make all of our lives easier and will allow us to work together seamlessly to advance our kids to the next level.



GRAND PRIX STANDOUTS FOR JANUARY...

(For Participation & Effort)

Devon Gunay

Nick Cord

Noah Lawson

Gigi Gill

Joey Catanzarite

Kenny Cantanzarite

Love... Means Nothing In Our New Competitive Ladder ; -)

Competitive goals for our Junior Players are our number one priority. Posted online on our website, www.nbtcjuniortennis.com and on our junior display board is our Jr. Challenge Ladder. This is a

place where juniors will be rewarded for victories in competition and see their wins and hard work pay off.

The rules to our GRIP N' Rip Junior Ladder are simple.

- 1) The ladder will be a sliding one. If you beat the person you take their place and slide everyone else down a spot.
- 2) Grand Prix Results will count. (Matches that don't finish will count with whomever leading as the winner)
- 3) Outside matches verified by a coach and both players will

count if they are 2 out of 3 sets (3 rd set tie-breaker is acceptable)

4) Any matches played during tournament competition may count towards placement.

5) E-mail us at jchamakoon@gmail.com & craig@nbtcjuniortennis.com with any results you obtain in tournament play. We as a staff want to be kept abreast of how kids are fairing in tournaments and can adjust their place on our junior ladder accordingly.



TIP'S YOU CAN WORK WITH...

Every journey begins with a single step, yet often we have no destination in mind. You will never get nearer your goal unless it is clearly defined. I strongly encourage you and your children to discuss what you want from your tennis, school, anything. Then each day or if you are less ambitious each week you can right down 1 thing you did to take you to your goal.



**Congratulations!!!!
FALL
2008**

Junior Team Tennis Rosters
10's Orange County Champions
Emma Butler
Nick Foster
Matt Paulsen
Lily Walkow
Judge Washer
Zach Washer
Danielle Willson

12's
Alex Foster
Cameron Klein
Noah Lawson
Ryan Schmitt
Sallar Khorram-Shahi
Alina Schwenk-Mueller

14's Orange County Champions
Nick Cord
Michael Doering
Blake Fesko
Navid Ghaffari
Ari Iraniha
Michael Karamardian
Kevin Kashanchi
Tyler Moroch
Anna Ziebell



**SOME COMMON
QUESTIONS?**

**How do I sign-up for USTA/
SCTA Tournaments????**

The step into tournament tennis both is an exciting and a scary one. Not only is this a tough time for our players but



for their parents as well. Where do we go? What do we do? How do I sign my child up? There are a million

questions. All good ones. We are here to answer these questions and to make this transition easier and more comfortable for parents and players.

Where and when are these tournaments?

- the answer to this question is most easily found on the internet. I know some of us are not fond of this but it is the most accurate and up-to-date information you will be able to find. Go to the following website: <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/Schedule/Search.aspx>. It is basically a search engine of all available tournaments in the country.

Because this is such an important question and has many many variables. We are having our parent night Feb 12th, it is explained earlier in the newsletter and will help to make this transition smoother.

JR. Calendar

**Parent Seminar
w/ Craig Johnson**
February 12th at 6:45 PM

January 5th - March 20th
GRIPper
Monday - Tuesday - Thursday
3:45 to 5:00 PM
RIPper Programs
Mon./Wed. and/or Tue./Thurs.
5:00 to 6:30 PM

Winter Jr. Grand Prix Dates
Every Sunday between
January 5th and March 20th
Except:
2/15/2009, 3/8/2009

Junior Team Tennis Dates:
Season
2/13 to 5/23
1st Practice February 13th
1st Match February 21st
Match Schedule Available February 16th
Last Match in Late May
Practice every Friday
*** Matches Saturdays***
Sectional Dates TBD

March 23rd - June 5th
Spring '09

Priority Registration
Feb 16th thru Mar 6th
Open Registration Opens
March 7th

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Did You Know????

The average professional athlete or artist has spent 10,000 hours of practice or playing time in order to achieve their status. At 2 hours a day, 365 days a year, that makes for nearly 14 years of dedication.

Where are you at?