

## **The DRC Gazette – May, 2010 edition** **by gossip editor Nils "wolfman" Mikkelsen**

We ended last year with the first joint DRC/PSRC joint Christmas party in a long time, which was held at Anne Marceau's clubouse in The Colony. It was a huge success with lots of food, ping pong, dancing, et ceteras, and enjoyed by all. See our website for some photos of the event, courtesy of Jack Griffeth.

Dallas Racquet Club kicked off 2010 with a great Super bowl social at John Myers house, where there was plenty of good food, ping pong and, of course football, on a nice wide screen HD TV, for all to enjoy. It was very well attended and we were happy to see newly wed Carl Heller and his lovely wife, once again. The ping pong tournament was won Annette Sudhof and Tony?, who beat out a field of professional competitors, such as Mike Sims and Anne Herlitz.

Our thanks to John for putting up his house and the organizing committee: Francy, Vickie, Tim (and if I forgot someone, my apologies.) Please go to the web page photo section for some photos of the event.

During the off season, quite a few members got together and continued playing on Thursdays at Greenhill: a mixed group organized by Suzanne (oo7) Payne, and a men's group, captained by our most reverend Charles Cox. But as everyone knows this last winter put a lid on how much we were able to play. Others were busy with TCD or USTA leagues, that is if it was not raining, snowing, tornado or just plain windy. And yet others gathered now and then for a movie or a dinner and the newest fad, dancing up in Frisco or dancing lessons off I-35....STEP TOGETHER, RIGHT TOGETHER, BACK TOGETHER, LEFT TOGETHER to a foxtrot or a rumba or whatever turns you on.

But thank God, Jehovah, Budha, Confucius, Allah, Krishna or maybe aliens....ITS TENNIS SEASON AGAIN!

Early March, DRC had its annual membership renewal party and also a tennis warm-up tournament at Spring Park, to the background of golden oldies provided by Steve Jensen and yours truly. Again, true to our custom, lots of good food and refreshments from various wineries and breweries, as well as decaffeinated Coke for our president and water for the health fanatics.

April brought our first tournament kicked off by director Ross James (who also takes great pictures) , which was played at LB Houston. But unfortunately, after only one set of 8 games (in king/queen of the hill format), the Man upstairs decided to water the planet, particularly LB Houston, so we all went off to a nearby cantina to indulge ourselves with food and drink, an activity we excel at. Some photos will be available soon on the DRC web site, if not already. In view of this, our illustrious board declared a

credit to be issued to all participants and applied to the next tournament (probably May/June).

But May was kinder to us. Fun was had at Oak Creek Tennis Center. First place went to Sue Toney and Rob Bliss. We had a good turnout and then followed the tennis with a good meal at Cafe de France, on Preston Road, where we discovered there was a nice little combo playing good music. This was too much for some folks and soon several members and/or guests were kicking up their heels to the music.

In other news, Randy started a Dallas Christian Singles/Meetup web site, which has a link to DRC's web site; happily this has resulted in a few new members - yea Randy! Charles Campbell has recovered from his injury and is back on the tennis courts. Charles, Larry Bax and yours truly have been working with young deaf kids this spring, teaching them the fundamentals of tennis. Hey, you should see Mr. Campbell's new wheels! The last week I tried to recruit the deaf kids teachers but did not have much success. Even asked one to the May member-guest. She did reply but was loading her shotgun as we spoke. Don Watson completed another successful tax season volunteering with AARP/IRS program. He is responsible for a large group of volunteers who help less saavy or affluent folks do their taxes, for free. And Charles Cox spent a bit over a week in Aspen Colorado skiing with the Dallas Ski Club; happily he came back with no broken bones and has now graduated from the bunny 5 degree slopes to slightly more challenging ones.

Suzanne Payne, Mike Sims, Debbie Russell, Faye Perdew, Mark Cline, Jim Gunn and moi were seen kicking up their heels at an East coast swing lesson/dance recently. Given the average age of attendees, it was not determined whether they were there for the lesson or as chaperones.

Some tennis trivia:

The record holder for the most aces served consecutively belongs to....., no, not Andy Roddick,.....no, not Ivo Karlovic or Todd Martin or Federer. The record is held by Sam Querrey -10.

That all for now folks, until I have more gossip.