

To: "C" League Captains & Pros  
From: Doug Matthews, Coordinator  
Re: C League Meeting 4/20/93

Congratulations to **Selva Marina** for winning the **"C" League Tournament** April 17-18, and to **Big Tree I** for their second place finish. Congratulations to all of you for a fine season of tennis.

**Florida Yacht Club hosted The Hardy Bowen Memorial "C" League Tournament** the weekend of June 12-13. Thank you to John Callendar and his committee at Florida Yacht for arranging the tournament for the League. Congratulations to Tony Sarnelli and Paul Karsanyi of Club Continental who won 7-6, 7-5 vs. Chip Tousey and Stan Alekna of Selva Marina.

**Deerwood hosted The American Cancer Society Tennis Tournament** the weekend of May 14-16. \$25,000 net was raised for the Cancer Society, which included contributions from over 50 corporate sponsors. Congratulations to Robert Hayes and his committee for such a great success for the Cancer Society. Also, congratulations to Tom Howard and Dick Shawfrank of Big Tree who won the "C" League portion of the Cancer Society Tournament 6-3, 6-2 vs. Dick Nykerk and Steve Couf of Arlington Y.

**Deercreek** has accepted our invitation to join the C League for the 93-94 season bringing the League to 17 teams. Under the current League match scheduling guidelines we will each play 16 matches, once against each of the other teams in the league, one more than last year. This may send our schedule into April for 93-94, not counting rain dates and tournament. I will be working with the A and B League coordinators to provide the best schedule possible.

As you know, we had a number of rain dates last season for some or all teams (9/27, 10/4, 11/22, 1/16, 2/7, and 3/14), which necessitated six revisions to the schedule and extended the season by almost a month since we ran into the TPC and Amelia Tournaments. We may want to consider two divisions, an upper and lower, for the "C" League in the near future to alleviate court date congestion and mismatches based on team strength. We could maintain a dynamic relationship between each division by having the bottom two teams of the upper division and the top two teams of the lower division switch divisions at the end of each season. This would lead to more team parity and more strength against equal strength matches. Please consider this (see page 2 attached).

Attached are: the final match report, the team rankings and the updated the phone and mailing list. If you know of any other changes, including new captains or pros, please let me know.

The next C League **meeting will be Tuesday, August 24th, 6PM at San Jose Country Club.** You will have your schedules for 93-94 on or before that date.

Date: April 20, 1993  
To: Captains  
From: Doug Matthews, C League Coordinator  
Re: Consideration of Upper and Lower Divisions for 93-94 Season

It seems we've gotten to a maximum number of teams that can play in a one-division league without either extending the season into April, scheduling 3PM, Saturday matches, or running into uneven team schedules. It is impossible to schedule C teams every other week without running into A (7 teams) or B League (16 teams in 2 divisions) matches. As a result, there will be stretches of more than one week between matches.

In the upcoming 93-94 season we will add Deercreek to our league bringing us to 17 teams, and in all likelihood experience the complications of rain dates again. A solution to this situation might be to divide the C League into two divisions as the B League has done. In our case, we may consider dividing into upper and lower divisions, based on level of play.

Since our league will now have 17 teams, it seems an appropriate time to seriously consider a two-division schedule now. The split would be between the teams with the #9 and #10 rankings from 92-93, which is coincidentally the division between an above 50% winning record and below 50%. Deercreek would be added to the lower division for its first year. In this way we would have 9 teams in the upper division and 8 in the lower for the 93-94 season. It is possible that Marsh Landing, Oak Bridge and or the ATP will join us in the following year bringing us to 18-20 teams for the 94-95 season.

To provide a fluid relationship between two divisions of the C League, we could promote the top two teams from the lower division to the upper division and have the bottom two teams in the upper division move to the lower division for each new season. This would allow for the natural ebb and flow of individual team strengths from year to year. If a lower division team improves, it can aspire to the upper division. If an upper division team loses some of its talent to the B League, retirement or out-of-town moves, then it can regroup in the lower division while it rebuilds. In this way each team will play more against teams of its own strength, without the discouragement of being blown out more than half the time. Matches will be closer and more fun. And isn't this exactly the reason why we have the A (4.5), B (4.0) and C (3.5), so that we can play teams of relatively the same strength?

We could also have two division tournaments where the top four teams in each division play as follows: the top four in the upper division play each other (#1 vs. #3, #2 vs. #4) and similarly in the lower division. The regular season would comprise of one match against each team in your division (8 or 9 matches) this coming season, followed by the division tournaments. We could in this way arrange an every other week match schedule beginning in Sept., avoid holiday weekends, other league matches, and end in early Feb., leaving the end of Feb. for rain dates and March for the divisional tournaments.

Please return the attached ballot indicating your approval of this two-division schedule. Thanks.