

To: All Captains

From: Doug Matthews, Coordinator

**Re: Captain's Meeting 6PM Tuesday, July 18, 1995 at San Jose CC Ballroom**

When we met in April, we agreed to delay our League schedule until the release of the Jaguar schedule. Although we now have the Jaguar schedule, a number of other concerns affecting our League have surfaced that continue to delay scheduling. League Rule changes may be necessary to resolve these concerns. Enclosed is a copy of the current C League Rules for comparison to the proposed changes. The following is a list of announcements and subjects under New Business for this meeting:

<b>Rule change necessary?</b>	<b>Rule Affected</b>	<b>Subject</b>
No	none	1) <i>Las Palmas will be returning to the C League. They have a new owner as of 7/1/95, and new Captain. Joe Parrish is moving to Sarasota. They will have a 7th soft court in Sept. and will comply with the 3.5 or less rating Rule for all C team members. Additionally, they apologize for previous owner and Captain non-compliance with 3.5 rule and appreciate our understanding</i>
No	none	2) Sept. 10 start date for 95-96 season <i>avoiding Jaguar Home games</i>
Yes	#1	3) Requirements for team membership in C League (7 soft courts)
Yes	#2d	4) Requirements for players participation in C League (USTA 3.5 rating)
Yes	#2e	5) additional rule for identification of players as 3.5 rated
Yes	#6	6) Team roster information and player addition after initial roster
Yes	#15	7) switch from "as needed" to permanent Grievance Committee
Yes	#18	8) Number of teams in League per Club restricted to one
Yes	#19	9) delete Rule 19 regarding two teams from one club if #18 rev. passes
Yes	#19	10) add new Rule 19 re: captain communication regarding matches
Yes	#4	11) discuss East-West schedule versus current Round-Robin
No	none	12) Recommend that Cancer Tournament require USTA rating
No	none	13) Recommend that Hardy Bowen Tourney require 3.5 rating or less
No	none	14) Promote participation in Hardy Bowen Tournament
No	none	15) Submission of \$50 team dues
No	none	16) <i>Warm-up 4:30P and 5PM starting time 10/22 and 10/29, no 11/19</i>
Yes	#1	17) <i>Amend #1 to say "Approved for inclusion by 75% club vote</i>
no	none	18) <i>enforce Rule 2b regarding no corporate sponsored players</i>
Yes	#5	19) <i>add sentence: a minimum \$200 will be retained each year in the League Treasury, &amp; added by \$200 each year (elaboration by Gary Lee, PV).</i>

*According to League Rule 17, an 80% quorum with a 2/3 majority is required to change any rule. Currently, with 17 clubs in the League, an 80% quorum would be 13.6 or, rounded to the nearest whole number, a minimum 14 clubs attending for rule changing to occur. A 2/3 majority of 17 would be 11.22 clubs (or 11 rounded to nearest whole #) to pass a rule change.*

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Meeting date: 6PM, Tues., 7/18/95 at San Jose

- A) Call to order
- B) Introduction of all present, pass sign-in sheet
- C) Minutes of Last Meeting of 4/4 attached
- D) Treasurer's Report
- E) Old business
  - Eagle Harbor accepts invitation to join league
  - Rule 13 Committee Report on rain out resolution

F) New Business:

- 1) *Las Palmas will remain in League, new Captain & owner will briefly address captains*
- 2) Motion to start 95-96 season Sept. 10 using the following nine dates and start times through 12/3:

Date (Sun.)	Jaguar Game	home/ away	C League match time	Date (Sun.)	Jaguar Game	home/ away	C League match time
9/3	1P	home	no match	11/5	idle		1PM Warm-up
9/10	4P	away	1PM Warm-up	11/12	1P	home	no match
9/17	4P	away	1PM Warm-up	11/19	1P	away	no match
9/24	8P	home	1PM Warm-up	11/26	1P	home	no match
10/1	4P	away	1PM Warm-up	12/3	4P	away	1PM Warm-up
10/8	1P	home	no match	12/10	1P	home	no match
10/15	1P	home	no match	12/17	1P	away	no match
10/22	1P	away	430PM Warm-up	12/24	1P	home	no match
10/29	1P	away	430PM Warm-up				

3) Motion to rewrite **Rule 1** to read in its entirety as follows:

Participation in the 3.5 Division of the Country Club Men's Doubles Tennis League shall be limited to clubs -- approved for inclusion by a majority of **member club captains** -- whose teams qualify by the following:

- a. They have a min. of seven soft (clay/particulate) courts available for all league matches
- b. They have a minimum 20 players on their roster

4) Rule 2 regards individual players eligibility for team membership under C League Rules. Motion to revise first sentence only of League **Rule 2d** to read as follows:

Ad. Rated by a USTA Certified Rating Tennis Professional, not of their own Club, to be ranked no higher than 3.5 under the USTA National Tennis Ranking Program, and further that the date of the rating was no more than 90 days prior to the beginning of the current season.

Note regarding a revised Rule 2d: I have been told in discussions with teaching pros this past week that a USTA rating can be obtained for \$10 per player, without USTA membership. Certified tennis professionals will arrange two Saturday morning 8-10AM rating session dates in August at four different Clubs. The sessions require the use of only two courts at which two pros will rate players simultaneously. Each player will be on the court, playing doubles, for 20 minutes during their rating session. A rating card will be issued to each player, which should be carried to each league match for verification.

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5) **Add Rule 2e and 2f.** To read in their entirety as follows:

A2e. All players, especially additions not listed on initial roster, must carry their current rating certificate to each match and have it available for review if a question arises.

*A2f. Any player winning 80% or better of their matches through a regular season at the number one or two position will be promoted to the B League for the next season regardless of their USTA rating. This will apply to players for 95-96 based on match results from 94-95-season forward.*

6) Motion to revise **Rule 6** regarding rosters to read in its entirety as follows:

6a. Participating teams must submit a copy of the team roster to the League Coordinator 14 days prior to the start of season play to allow time for distribution to all other team captains. Such rosters shall list the name, USTA rating and rating date, address, home and work telephone, of each team member and shall include a statement over the signature of the club tennis professional that all players have been USTA rated at no better than 3.5 within three months prior to the start of the current season.

6b. Additional players may be added to the initial team roster by the giving of such notice to the League Coordinator accompanied by a copy of the new player(s) rating certificate. Additional players may be added by telephone to the Coordinator, but such additions must be confirmed in writing with a copy of the rating certificate before a player can participate in a second match. A player added to a match roster in this way (before the Coordinator can notify all captain's of the addition) must show their rating certificate and picture ID (drivers license) to the opposing captain before a match begins.

7) Establish a standing Grievance Committee, as opposed to the current as needed committee. Motion to revise League **Rule 15** to read in its entirety as follows:

15a. Grievance Committee membership: The League Coordinator shall name three Captains to a standing Grievance Committee before the start of each season. These members shall serve for the duration of the season. The Coordinator shall replace any member of the Committee whose team is a subject of a grievance, or who is a member of a team who has filed the grievance, on the committee for that case. Any member of the committee, whose team it has been determined by the committee violated a League rule, may not return to the committee after that case and their team may not have a representative as member of the grievance committee for two seasons after the season in which the violation occurred. The Coordinator shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Grievance Committee and attend all meetings.

15b. Grievance reporting: All grievances shall be delivered in writing by the filing team Captain simultaneously to the accused violating team Captain, the Coordinator and the Committee members within 7 days of the alleged offense by the filing team. A response should be returned to the committee, *and accused captain*, by the alleged violating team Captain within 7 days of receipt. A determination of the matter shall be made within 7 days of receipt of the grievance statement and reported in writing to the Coordinator. This determination report will be mailed to all team Captains within 7 days of the Coordinator's receipt of the report.

15c. Appeal of Grievance Committee determination: The accused team Captain may appeal the decision to the League. However, the decision of the committee shall be binding unless overturned or amended by 2/3 vote of all Clubs.

8) Motion to revise League **Rule 18** to read in its entirety as follows:  
Each Club is limited to one team in the C League.

9) Motion to delete **Rule 19** if revision of Rule 18 passes

10) If Rule 19 deleted in point 7, replace with new Rule 19 to read as follows:

To avoid miscommunication, it is the responsibility of each captain to call the other by Tuesday preceding an upcoming Sunday match, whether they are host or guest, to confirm date, time and location of match.

11) Motion to revise the first sentence only of League **Rule 4** from round robin schedule (play all teams once) to East-West home-and-home divisional schedules (similar to B League) to read as follows:

The C League will consist of two divisions, an East and a West. The schedules will arrange for home-and-home matches. Membership in one division or the other will be voted on by individual Club team membership, and voted by their Club representative to the Captain's Meeting. Membership in a division by any individual Club will be determined by a majority vote of the divisional club members.

Currently six teams: Ponte Vedra, Selva Marina, Sawgrass, St. Augustine, Hidden Hills and Deerwood, have said they would *consider* participation in an Eastern Division. Discuss this divisional alternative to the current round robin with your team members before our Captain's meeting so you know what is their preference.

12) Motion to send recommendation letter to American Cancer Society Tennis Tournament that all entrants in all divisions be USTA rated and slotted accordingly.

13) Motion to recommend that all entrants to Hardy Bowen Tournament be USTA rated and no better rated than 3.5.

14) Promote participation in Official C League Hardie Bowen Memorial Tennis Tournament hosted by Florida Yacht weekend of August 25-27.

15) Submission of 95-96 dues checks in the amount of \$50 per team made out to Buzz Williams (disregard if you have already paid).

16) Warm-up 4:30P and 5PM starting time 10/22 and 10/29, no 11/19 (HH)

17) Motion to amend Rule #1 to say "approved for inclusion by 75% member club vote"

18) Motion to enforce Rule 2b regarding no corporate sponsored players

19) Motion to amend Rule #5 to add sentence: A min. \$200 will be retained each year in the League Treasury, and added by \$200 each year (elaboration from Gary Lee, PV).

20) Any other new business

21) Please hand in dues checks to Buzz and return sign-in sheet to Doug

22) Adjourn