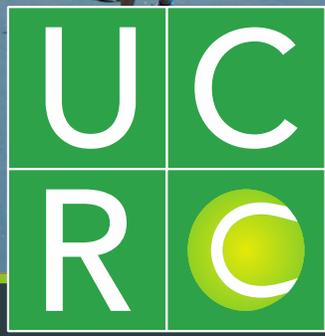




UCRC COURTSIDE CONNECTION

Summer 2022



2022/23 Board Members:

President: Kelly Jernigan

Vice President: Daniel Gant

Treasurer: Joseph Barbarie

Secretary: Dr. Helen Green

Members at Large: Bob Siegel, Lyn Balagtas, Keith Chin

Staff

Club Manager/Director of Tennis: Simon Shen

Assistant Pro: Dani Devor

Pro shop Staff: Makaylee, Cameron, Leo, Faith, Lorena, Yumei

Volunteers: Dylan, Howard, Tamika, Josie, Kanoa

Mission Statement

Our vision at UCRC is to foster and develop the game of tennis; encourage development of promising players in the community; and encourage competitive play with organizations of this and other communities

Next Board Meeting: September 7th at 5:00. Contact Simon for Zoom link.

MESSAGE FROM UCRC BOARD PRESIDENT-KELLY JERNIGAN

"To foster and develop the game of tennis, especially in the University City community."

This is UCRC's purpose, as stated in our Bylaws, but we do so much more than this. As a member of UCRC, you help grow community ties: forming friendships and networks. You're engaging in and developing positive relationships throughout San Diego and California: We have members who live in Rancho Penasquitos, University Heights, Mira Mesa, even members who call both San Diego and San Francisco home!

You're contributing to a diverse culture: Our members are from so many amazing different backgrounds and places! Taiwan, South Africa, China, Austria, and India, just to name a few!

Members of all ages are welcome! We've got members in their 90s and some newborns who hit the courts in their strollers, supervising mom, and dad's play.

We're so much more than a local tennis club. UCRC is a place to come to play tennis, make friends, learn about people in and around your community, and let loose. Thank you for being a member. I'll see you on the courts!



COURT RESERVATION REMINDERS

1. Members may only have 2 open reservations every 3 days
2. All players must be listed on reservations
3. Please be courteous to other members if you are not using your court time by **CANCELLING** your court reservation on RacquetDesk, by calling the club at (858) 452-5683, or emailing ucracquetclub@gmail.com.

Simon's Pro Tip: "Volley with your feet!"

Attacking the net cuts down on your opponent's reaction time and puts pressure on them to pass you. Good footwork is important for all areas of your tennis game. It is particularly important on the volleys. Good volley technique involves using very little racquet movement. Next time you're out on the court, think **VOLLEY WITH YOUR FEET!**

Summer camp 2022: Simon and Dani, along with volunteers, Jami Jones, and Joe Barbarie, held a mini kid's summer camp from June 15th-17th. The kids had a great time and made significant progress with their tennis. By keeping the student to coach ratio low, the pros were able to emphasize learning proper technique, having a positive attitude, and demonstrating good sportsmanship.

Join us for our next camp from August 22nd-26th from 9:00 am-12:00 pm!



UCRC Member, Joe Barbarie

Congratulations to UCRC member, Joe Barbarie for winning the Men's 40 Singles Division of the Maureen Connolly Brinker Balboa Open held on July 23-31 at the Balboa Tennis Club. Joe battled local San Diegan, Michael Bucher, in the finals. Unfortunately, Buchner had to retire in the second set due to injury.

UCRC has been Joe's home courts since he was a junior player. He attended University City High School where he was the #1 singles player. He received a tennis scholarship to UC Santa Barbara where he played for four years. After graduating from UCSB, Joe returned to San Diego to attend the Thomas Jefferson School of Law. From 2006-2020, Joe practiced law in Connecticut. He returned to San Diego in 2020.

Joe is currently the Treasurer of the UCRC Board of Directors, He practices law locally and enjoys playing tennis tournaments and league in San Diego and Orange County. He and his team won the 40 and over USTA Capstone League Sectionals this summer and will travel to Las Vegas to play the Nationals in September.

MEET SIMON SHEN: DID YOU KNOW?

- Simon was born and raised in Taipei, Taiwan
- He started playing tennis when he was 7 years old
- Simon's first coach was his father who still plays tennis every week
- He attended La Jolla High School and won the San Diego CIF Championships in both singles and doubles
- Simon attended UC Santa Barbara on a 4-year tennis scholarship
- Simon holds the best win/loss season record (30-3) in UCSB history
- In 2002, Simon represented Taiwan in the semi-finals of the Davis Cup Tie against Pakistan, beating the #1 Pakistani tennis player

