

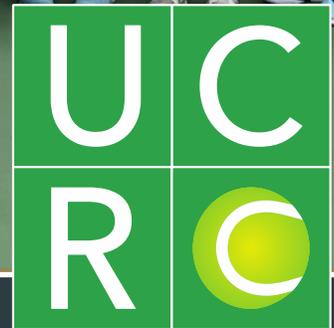
Happy 2023
from UCRC!



UCRC

COURTSIDE CONNECTION

Fall 2022



2022/23 Board Members:

President: Kelly Jernigan

Vice President: Daniel Gant

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Club Manager/Director of Tennis: Simon Shen

Assistant Pro: Dani Devor

Pro shop Staff: Cameron, Leo, Faith, Yu Mei, Sinaia,
Lucia, Makaylee

Mission Statement

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

MESSAGE FROM UCRC BOARD PRESIDENT-KELLY JERNIGAN

As the year draws to a close, we look back on this one and have high hopes for the next. The past few years have been tough with COVID, inflation, supply shortages, etc. Some have called this year "2020-two", insinuating that it's been as hard to get through as 2020. Despite it all, we've survived and are on to another year.

Tennis at UCRC has made the hard years more tolerable for me, and I hope it has for you, too. There's nothing like whacking the fuzz off a tennis ball to relieve some stress! Seeing smiling faces on the courts brings comfort.

I'm grateful for my UCRC tennis family. We wouldn't be here without each other. I wish you and your loved ones a very safe and happy 2023!

Thanks,
Kelly Jernigan



Come in and pick up a UCRC t-shirt for \$22 or \$20 per shirt if you buy two or more!

COURT RESERVATION REMINDERS

1. Members may only have 2 open reservations every 3 days
2. All players must be listed on reservations, please add non-member name to the Notes section
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 at least 12 hours in advance. A pattern of no-shows will result in restricted court use.
4. If you are more than 10 minutes late to your reservation, your court will be forfeited

Simon's Pro Tip: Every time that you step out onto the court, make up your mind that you will never let the ball bounce twice. Run for every ball even if it is out or you don't think that you can get to it. This mindset will not only improve your court speed, it will also improve your anticipation and consistency.

Imagine that you are playing on a court with no lines, whatever comes over the net is in play!



UCRC Staff hosted tennis games and prizes at the [13th Annual EdUCate! Oktoberfest](#) on 10/8 at Standley Park

Remembering UCRC Member Harald Dahms

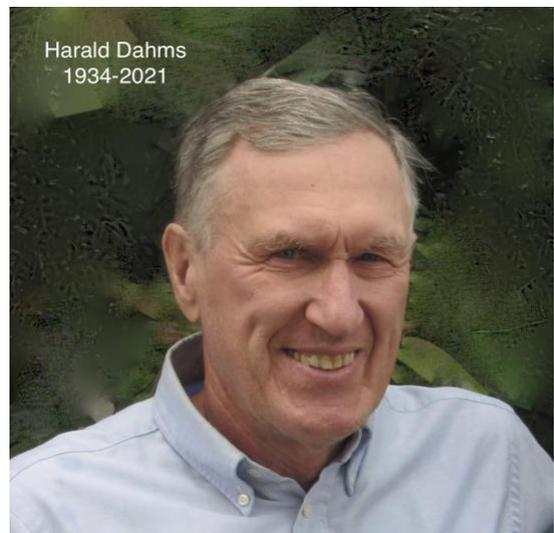
By Eric Dahms

My father, Harald Dahms, was a long-time member of UC Racquet Club and his memory lives on at court 5. One of my father's greatest joys in life was playing tennis at UC Racquet Club. For over 16 years, he played every morning except Saturday from 7 to 8 AM on court 5 with his friends Bruno, Dennis, Fred, Jim, and a host of other tennis lovers that moved in and out of the group over the years.

The head pro at UC Racquet Club when the group first started playing in the early 2000s, Jim Ferrari, nicknamed this over 65 group "The Legends", but would sometimes refer to them as "The Fossils" when he was in a teasing mood. As soon as the clock hit 8, regardless of the score, the group would end their game and head over to Starbucks for coffee and conversation.

My dad also loved playing doubles with my wife, Kathy and I, and his grandchildren: Makaylee, Malina and Mathias, at UCRC. He called the lines quite close when the game became tight and anything near the baseline was often called "out, way out." His "slitherball" a choppily struck groundstroke with a nasty combination of backspin and sidespin was his signature shot and gave many an opponent fits trying to return.

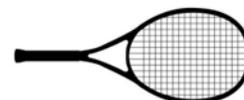
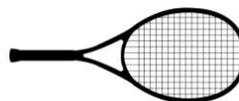
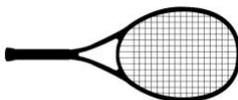
He grew up in East Germany and started playing tennis in his early 20s as a poor college student with a cheap wooden racket and tennis balls that would be used for months at a time. His first date with my mom after he moved from Germany to Philadelphia was on the tennis court, and the game of tennis brought him great happiness and so many wonderful memories over his lifetime. My dad passed away last year from a glioblastoma at the age of 87 and our family could think of no better way to honor him than to have a plaque placed in his honor on the bench of his favorite court at UCRC, Court 5.



If you would like to add a name to one of our benches to honor family member or recognize your own contribution, etc., please contact Simon at ucracquetclub@gmail.com. Your contribution will play an import role in restoring and maintaining our tennis club!

Fun Facts about Coach Dani:

- Her full name is Danielle Xenia Devor.
- Her hometown is Pacific Beach, CA.
- She started playing tennis when she was 4 years old.
- Dani graduated from La Jolla Country Day School and UC San Diego.
- Her favorite tennis memory is winning CIF her senior year of high school.
- When she is not on the court, Coach Dani enjoys lifting weights, cooking, reading, traveling, and spending time with her friends & family.
- She has five pets: two dogs, two cats, and a ball python!
- Her favorite drill is groundstroke-approach shot-volley-overhead because it covers so many different strokes.
- Her favorite food is Sushi.
- Coach Simon was Coach Dani's childhood coach!



Happenings around the Club:

- New online court reservation system calendar with membership directory
- Clubhouse renovation
- All courts have been newly resurfaced
- Security cameras and alarm system have been installed
- Benches are now on all six courts, two with commemorative plaques
- Five large umbrellas with movable stands have been put up for hot sunny days
- Damaged windscreens have been replaced
- Worked with Barnes Tennis Center to host the Harper Ink Junior Tournament and the USTA National NTRP tournament
- Ball recycling boxes are around all courts
- New trash cans have been installed on the courts
- **We've doubled our membership from 2021 from 125 members to 325 members!**



Thank you to new members, the Keller Family (Barrett, Jenny, Adam, and Ryan), for donating our new benches and umbrellas!

