

# Houston Racquet Club Junior Program

The *HRC Junior Program* is a developmental program designed to provide junior players of all ages with a quality training program. Supervised by USPTA professionals, the program is taught in a positive, constructive manner to develop each child's ability while learning the lifelong sport of tennis.

## LITTLE ACES

**Tuesdays/Thursdays 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

This program is designed to introduce children to the fun and rewarding game of tennis. The main concern is keeping things fun and exciting. The kids will spend time working on their hand eye coordination and striking skills through various games and drills. Our focus for this level is getting the kids hooked on the fun of tennis so they will want to learn and improve.

## SPINNERS

**Tuesdays/Thursdays 4:00-5:30**

This program strongly emphasizes the proper techniques for all the strokes in tennis. The kids will constantly work on racquet skills, ball control and striking skills. The importance of proper footwork will be introduced. Our objectives will be achieved through various drills, games and skill testing. The beginners should be able to maintain short court rallies of 5-10 balls, know their strokes, proper grips, etc.

## Registration Policies and Procedures

1. An application and consent form must be completed for each student attending.
2. For non-members, all classes are paid in advance of each session. Members are billed at the end of each month.
3. Classes are filled on a first come basis, with priority to members. Non-members are always welcome with the appropriate Non-member fees.
4. In case of inclement weather, please call the Pro Shop for an updated status of your child's class.

## FEES

### Members:

- \$100 per month (1 day a week)
- \$144 per month (2 days a week)
- \$192 per month (3 days a week)

### Non-Members:

- \$132 per month (1 day a week)
- \$208 per month (2 days a week)
- \$240 per month (3 days a week)

## VOLLEYS

**Tuesdays/Thursdays 4:00-5:30**

At this stage the kids will be focused on movement while using proper technique. Instructors will emphasize the importance of using proper grips for all shots. The drills and games will be focused on preparing the kids for match play. The kids in this group should be able to rally 15-20 balls in a row from short court and at least 10 in a row from full court. The kids will be able to serve consistently from short court and make 3 out of 10 serves in from the baseline.

## SMASHERS

**Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays 4:00-5:30**

The kids in this group can successfully conduct a tennis match. Our emphasis is on consistency, proper technique and movement. The kids will be playing both singles and doubles, drilling and competing in team competitions. Our goal here is to prepare kids to compete in statewide tournaments and play on their high school teams. The kids **must** be able to maintain full court rallies of 15-25 balls, have mastered all the basics of the strokes and be able to make 5 out of 10 serves from the baseline.

## ZAT/ADVANCED

**Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays 4:00 – 5:30**

The Advanced Program is a development program designed to provide junior tennis players with a quality training program. Ages and abilities include those playing High School tennis as well as those competing in USTA tournaments. The class is conducted in a junior camp atmosphere that is both fun and rewarding for each individual. It includes drills and conditioning with attention to technique and form. Participation in match play as well as strategy sessions.

# SPRING '12

# HRC Teaching Staff

## Thomas Cook, Director of Tennis

*B.S. Texas Tech University*

Thomas played #1 singles and doubles for Texas Tech and was a team captain his last two years. He won the Art Foust Award in 1989 and was also a Southwest Conference doubles champion. He has been ranked #1 in Texas in Men's doubles and mixed doubles, and has competed on the international satellite tour.

## Otis Sadler, Junior Program Director

*B.A. University of Texas*

Otis was nationally ranked as a junior. He played at the University of Texas and was a member of two Southwest Conference Championship teams. He competed on the international satellite circuit. He has coached, and is currently coaching, several nationally and internationally ranked juniors. Otis is a USTA Junior National Coach, USTA Master Clinician, and USPTA P-1 Certified.

## Ross Persons, Assistant Pro

*B.A. Rice University*

Ross played #1 for Rice University for then Head Coach Jim Parker. Since that time he has won 7 National Championships in Singles, Doubles and Mixed. In addition, he has been ranked #1 in Singles, Doubles and Mixed in Texas.

## Robby Reneberg, Assistant Pro

*San Jacinto College*

Robby returned to HRC from Sea Cliff Country Club in Huntington Beach, CA, where he was the Director of Tennis. Robby grew up playing at HRC as a junior.

## Carla Salazar, Assistant Pro

*B.S. University of Houston*

Carla has been teaching tennis since 1998. She competed in college and junior tennis. She played #2 doubles and #3 singles at McNeese State University. She also played the Southland Conference tournament for three years and taught at Westside Tennis Club for three years. She is a certified USPTA Pro.

## Marlon Mazique, Assistant Pro

*University of New Mexico*

Marlon played at the University of New Mexico. He was two times All Western Athletic Conference and NCAA participant in 1991 and 1992. He captained his team in 1992. He was in top 5 singles and doubles in the State of Texas as a junior and briefly played on the international satellite tour. He taught at Sweetwater Country Club for 10 years.

## Jim Ward, Assistant Pro

*University of Tennessee*

Jim played #1 Singles and #1 Doubles at the University of Tennessee. He played the ATP tour for six years and was ranked within the top 200 on the ATP tour. He was Director of Tennis at the Four Seasons Resort and Club at Las Colinas. He was also Director of Tennis, Kingwood Country Club. He is USPTA Professional One Certified.

## Robby Clarkson, Assistant Pro

*A/In Community College*

Robby was born and raised in Houston. He played at ACC and play on the satellite circuit for several years. He taught at JCC for 6 years and at HRC for 12 years.

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