

## **PRESIDENTS' LETTER**

**Greetings,**

***The weather is breaking and winter has not been as harsh as years past. With every day gone by the days get a little longer. Tennis is in the air! Last year was a banner year for Berkeley Tennis. The clay held up throughout the spring and summer. The bounce of the ball was true and although we did experience our share of rain, play days were abundant. In addition, the mild winter afforded play through November, December and January, wow! The 2012 tennis season is upon us and Berkeley is preparing for its members. Our mission remains to provide affordable club tennis to a membership which has been loyal to its club for decades. We are fortunate to have a club with (6) immaculate red clay courts. The Berkeley Tennis Club is a hidden jewel. To have the opportunity to play on red clay at an affordable rate in a central location is unique. With a membership loyal to its club, and the addition of new members each year, Berkeley will continue to provide first rate tennis to the dedicated enthusiast. With that said I encourage all returning members to look forward to an early start of the season. Let's use the early days of spring to condition you through play and competition.***

***This year it is important that our courts are consistently utilized by the membership. We want play on our courts, morning, noon and evening. To the morning group, courts will be rolled and prepared for play upon your arrival. We also encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity of improving your game through lessons from our club pro. Weekdays are an important window of play for the membership. Weekday afternoons and evenings bring out a large contingency of our membership. We encourage our members to drive by any time during the week with the expectation of awaiting competition. Of course it is traditional in a club setting to call members for matches and with our many members there should be no shortage of competition.***

***Remember, Berkeley Tennis Club is a complete tennis experience. Members have the opportunity to play for the sake of play, just for exercise, or a new passion. For the competitor we will continue the implementation of the club ladder, and end of the year tournament. That said kudos to both the ladies and men's teams who represented Berkeley with pride. Our ladies and men's teams will be looking for returning members as well as new prospects. We're not looking for the next Roger Federer or Serena Williams, but we are looking for members who want to participate in competitive fun. We also look forward to developing our youth, so bring to the club your sons, daughters and grandchildren. They will be the next generation of Berkeley tennis players.***

***We welcome our members back to Berkeley. I'm sure it will be another great year of red clay tennis. I know we all look forward to re-kindling those tennis friendships which for many have lasted through the years. We look forward to greeting our members, new, young and experienced. Welcome to the 2012 Berkeley Tennis experience.***

**Sincerely,**

**Michael A. Winds  
President  
Berkeley Tennis Club**

