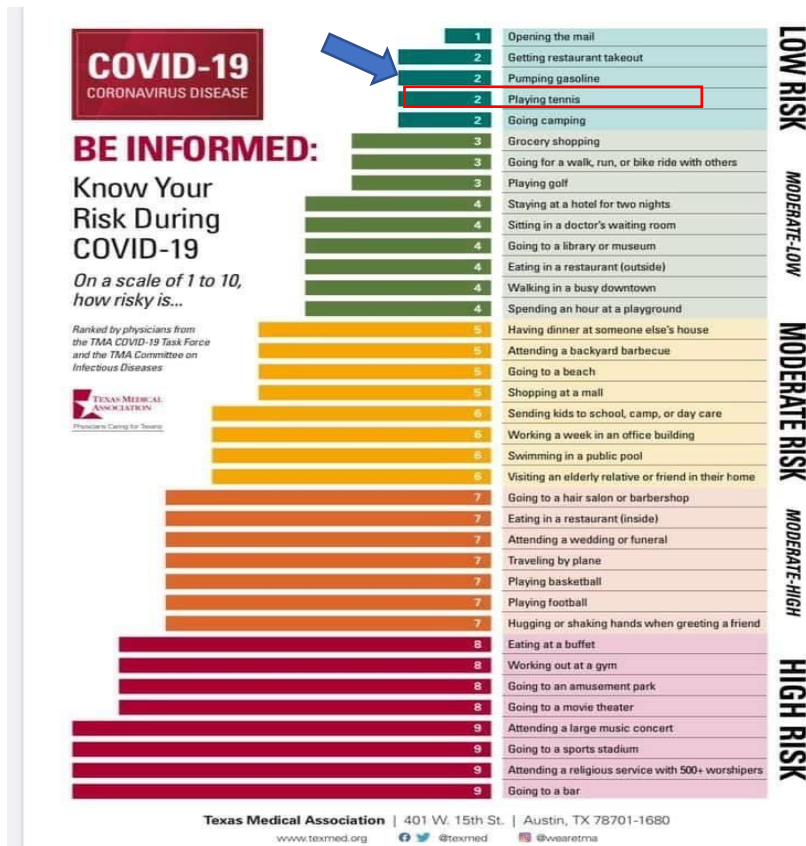


# Summer 2020 Newsletter

## Tennis Resumes - COVID-19 Update

The Greater San Diego City Tennis Council hopes that everyone and their loved ones are staying safe and healthy during these challenging times. The good news is that San Diegans can get back on court to get some exercise and peace of mind (while observing public health rules and proper social distancing). In fact, the Texas Medical Association has given playing tennis a scaled rating of 2 in terms of COVID-19 risk level, putting it in the low risk bucket, right next to pumping gasoline and getting restaurant takeout. In fact, it is deemed to be the safest sport to play, beating golfing and jogging. It's been a difficult, lethargic couple of months for avid tennis players but rest assured players can now safely start hitting the courts!



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### *GSDCTC Activities: Court Resurfacings*

Although COVID-19 had put a pause on tennis activities, the Greater San Diego City Tennis Council was still able to continue its efforts to refurbish courts around San Diego. Most recently, with the funds of our dedicated supporters, we were able to finish resurfacing the courts at Tierrasanta and Point Loma Cabrillo Tennis Clubs. The newly resurfaced courts at both facilities are experiencing increased participation as well as more private lesson requests for adults and juniors.



*Tierrasanta before*



*Tierrasanta after*



*Point Loma Cabrillo before*



*Point Loma Cabrillo after*



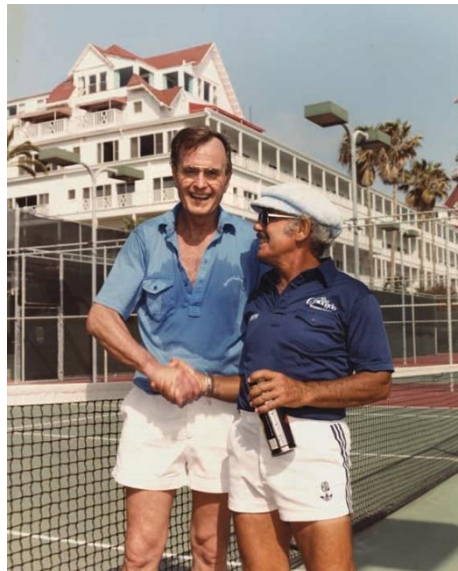


*Ben Press – 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

Ben Press, born May 31, 1924, was a native San Diegan with a prolific tennis career. Throughout his lifetime, he was admired in not just San Diego, but worldwide as an outstanding player and renowned coach. He raised future tennis stars and coached high-profile individuals during his time as a teaching professional at the Kona Kai Tennis Club and the Hotel del Coronado and finished his teaching career at the Hilton Beach and Tennis Club. Press was recognized as a Master Professional by the USPTA. Ben would have turned 96 this year and we continue to honor his legacy through the Tennis Council.



*Johnny Emrick, Alex Olmedo, William S. Kellogg & Ben Press*



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*Roosevelt Middle School honoring Ben Press*

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