

Ethics, ABC's & Tennis

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Is a ball in play that is hit outside the post and lands in your opponents' court good? In doubles, if you serve a ball and it hits the receiver's partner on the fly, who gets the point? When you catch an obviously "out" ball on the fly behind the base line who gets the point?

If the answers* are a surprise, try reading the USLAT Rules. They're revealing! But even more important to most of us than the rules is the USLAT Code of Ethics. It is the basis for conduct on the courts. Six OCC members took the two-session Umpires Course conducted by Bob Dame with the assistance of our No. 1 Umpire, Jean Fitzgerald. We really appreciated their time and efforts and the opportunity to learn more about the game.

The City "Alphabet League" is a go! We are entering a "B" team of about 15 players. With the experience of last year and this year's strong roster, the team should make a good showing. Matches will be running each Sunday for several months starting in early March. Those interested in the "C" team (or teams, if we have sufficient interest), please be patient. In view of the shortage of tennis courts, the "C" League will start this summer. More news on this subject in subsequent issues. For those who like keen competition and scheduled matches on Sunday mornings, this league is a natural.

And now some names in the news. Among those who participated in the Oahu Amateur Tournament at Diamond Head in February were some of our OCC players — Billie Baird, May Balding, Sybelle Brinkman (who made the semis as we went to press), and Carla Beach, Kathy Muller, Mary Schiller, Dean Brinkman, John Moore, Rajan Watumull, and Jon Haig. Hope you saw them in action. Better yet come join us on the courts in our next event. Watch the Athletic Board for news.

***Answers: 1. Yes, rule 22: 2. server, rule 37; 3. your opponent, rule 18.**