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Yakima, WASH.- Monday, May 12th 2014 – The Yakima Tennis Club Outdoor Clubhouse burned down Sunday morning, May 11th. The cause is not yet known.

There are many questions as to what happened. Here's what is known so far:

- First and most importantly no one was injured.
- The Yakima Fire Department was called around 6:15am Sunday morning.
- The fire was put out and as far as we know, no neighboring properties were affected.
- The pools and cabana appear to be in good condition. Courts 1 and 2 are still under evaluation but all the other courts appear to be in good condition.
- There was a wedding reception Saturday evening at the Outdoor Clubhouse.
- Staff cleaned, locked, and secured the Clubhouse once the event ended at 11pm Saturday night.

Here's what we do not know.

- We don't know exactly where the fire started.
- We don't know how it started.

At this time the Clubhouse is considered a fire scene under investigation and is closed until further notice. We understand that people may want to see the Clubhouse but we ask that everyone stay at a safe distance to allow the firefighters, police and investigators to do their job. Sunday afternoon the Yakima Fire Department completely tore down the structure and YTC will be installing fencing around the area, with security on site at all times. The Management at YTC expects to hear from the YFD Investigative Team within the next couple of weeks in regards to cause of the fire.

"Yesterday was devastating for our members. That Clubhouse was the second home for everyone, from our newest members to the once that literally grew up running through there as kids. However a new day brings new opportunities and will we rebuild bigger and better than ever." said *Stephen Welt*, the General Manager and Director of Tennis at YTC. "We are still planning on running our summer programming like normal so make sure you join us on the courts or in the pools this Summer!"

There are several large tournaments and events planned for the next couple of months at the Outdoor Facility. As of right now none of the tournaments or events have been cancelled. Future private event rentals have been contacted and postponed. The YTC Indoor Facility on Fruitvale Blvd will be operating as normal, with all lessons, clinics, and operations being conducting out of the facility there.

We will be holding junior programming as normal for the summer at the Outdoor Facility. We are currently making accommodations for the Clubhouse and will move offices and operations to the Outdoor Facility June 1st. There are two courts that are still under evaluation but the other eleven courts are fully functional, as are both of the swimming pools. We will be running junior tennis and swim lessons, kid's camp, and childcare at the Outdoor Facility as normal this summer. For more information about swim or tennis lessons please go to your website at www.yakimatennis.com.

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