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## TENNIS TIPS



By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
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### How to execute The Forehand High Volley Approach Shot

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand, forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead "smash", the forehand service return and the backhand service return.

In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the forehand high approach shot. This shot is used when a player is caught in "no-person's land" (around the service line area) and receives a high ball to volley. The important part of this shot is to be able to hit a deep volley to the feet of the opponents and/or

to hit a deep volley close to the baseline, so the opponent is put in a defensive mode and hits a softer ball so the player can now move closer to the net for the "killer or placement volley". In the illustrations, Kathy Smith, a player at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Photos by Charlie Palafox.

Step 1: The Ready Position and Split Step: When Kathy realizes that she is caught in "no-person's land", she takes the split step by bending the knees and staying on her toes. Her racket is in the volley position and her feet are angled toward the path of the incoming ball.

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Step 2: The Back Swing: Once Kathy realizes that the ball has been directed to her forehand, she will turn her upper body and will take the racket slightly back. Notice that the left hand is up in front to allow her to keep her center of gravity in the center. She has loaded her weight on her right foot and will be ready to step forward to meet the ball.

Step 3: The Point of Contact: Kathy now is ready to step into the ball. She has kept her eye on the ball and her center of gravity now is shifted to the point of contact. Notice the left toe pointing to the ball meeting the racket. The face of the racket is open to allow her to hit behind the ball and allow maximum net height and allow her to hit the ball deep.

Step 4: The Follow Through: Once Kathy has made contact with the ball, she finishes the follow through with her wrist laid back. Her left arm is next to her body and her eyes have shifted toward her target.

Step 5: The Move for the Kill Volley: As the ball is headed toward her opponent and Kathy realizes that her shot is deep, now she moves close to the net for the put away volley. If her shot was not deep, Kathy will decide to stay close to the service line to protect the lob over her head. By the look in her eyes and her smile, she is ready to go for the "kill volley".

*Look in the next Newsletter for: The One Hand Backhand Volley Approach Shot*



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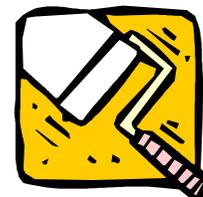
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*Thrivent Financial and area churches support affordable home construction*

Habitat for Humanity Northwest Harris County (Habitat NWHC) celebrates the construction of two more Habitat NWHC homes at a dedication ceremony on July 20, 2013 at 8:30am at Hamill Crossing, a completely designed and built Habitat NWHC neighborhood. The new homeowners, Katherine Garrett and Martha Turcios will thank all those who worked so hard to help them reach this goal and there will be an open house of the newly completed homes directly following.

Each Habitat for Humanity homeowner puts in what we call 'Sweat Equity' by working on the construction site to build their home alongside local volunteers. Ms. Garrett and Ms. Turcios were no exception and both put in well over the minimum of 350 Sweat Equity hours required by the program. They will both be closing on their homes the week following the dedication ceremony.

Ms. Garrett's home is unique because it was sponsored and built by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and area Lutheran churches. Sponsorship is the process by which a church, company or organization gives a financial donation that Habitat then uses to purchase the materials to build the house. This generosity helps increase Habitat's ability to build more homes in its ongoing effort to eliminate substandard housing here in Northwest Harris County.

Ms. Turcios is unique because upon closing on her home, she will be the oldest homeowner that Habitat NWHC has ever had. At 74 years of age Ms. Turcios has never owned her own home or even had her own bedroom. Ms. Turcios' home was also sponsored and built by area churches.

Ms. Turcios and Ms. Garrett worked hard and formed a warm relationship with the volunteers that helped build their homes and the end result is two beautiful homes that their families can enjoy for many years to come.

Through donations of money, materials and volunteer labor, Habitat NWHC was able to build the homes and sell them at an affordable price. Ms. Garrett and Ms. Turcios will purchase their homes with a no-profit loan, and their monthly mortgage payments will be used to build more Habitat houses.

"It has been exciting to get to know these two neighbors during the construction of their homes and the completion of the Habitat program. I was talking to Katherine [Garrett] just the other day about how amazing it is that all these people that didn't even know her before came out and worked so hard so that she and her family could have a decent place to live. It truly is an amazing and awe inspiring process." – Karly Grilliot, Habitat NWHC Development Manager

If your company, church or organization is interested in partnering with Habitat NWHC please contact Karly Grilliot at [kgrilliot@habitatnwhc.org](mailto:kgrilliot@habitatnwhc.org) or at 281-477-0460

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The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo awarded \$866,000 in scholarships to 49 deserving high school seniors in the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School district in May. Community Liaison, Jeanne Mason, is shown here at Cy-Springs High School.

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## Kids' Cross-Country Team's Season Starts September 10<sup>th</sup>

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The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is in its 26th year in the northwest Houston area. Ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome.

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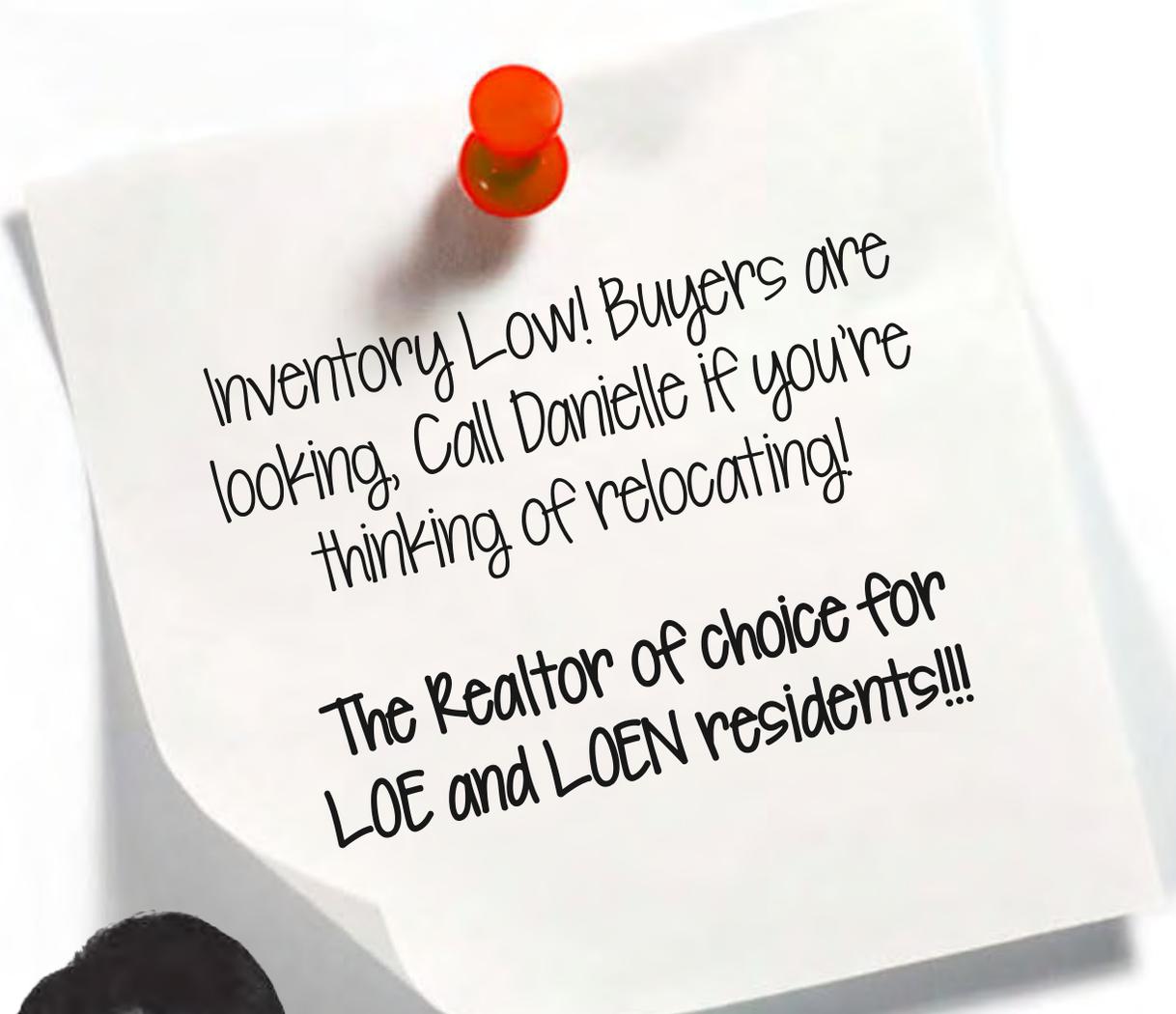
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It is kind of an emergency with the bus coming and all, but what about a medical emergency? That kind of emergency is usually more serious. If you don't have your math book or miss the bus, that would be bad. But a medical emergency means someone needs care from a doctor right away. Let's find out the right thing to do.



### Be a Hero - the Smart Way

In an emergency, a kid might think about playing the superhero by driving a car or racing into a burning building. Don't do it! You could cause another accident or make the situation worse. If you get hurt, too, who will call 911?

After calling for help, your first thought might be to rush over to the person who's injured. But stop and look before you do. Make sure the scene is safe. If it's not, wait in a safe spot until a grown-up or an emergency team arrives.

If the scene is safe, and as soon as Liz is sure someone is calling 911 — or she has called it herself — she could return to her brother and wait until help arrives. (She shouldn't move her brother at all because he could have a neck or other bone injury. Moving someone who has that sort of injury can make it much worse.) She can help him feel

calm by being calm herself.

### QUICK THINKING: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Liz and her little brother Jamie are out for a walk. Jamie decides to race ahead down a very steep hill. He's running pretty fast when he suddenly trips. Over and over he falls, rolling down the hill at high speed until he's sprawled out on the sidewalk at the bottom. Liz rushes to her brother's side, hoping that he's OK. Then she sees some blood on the pavement. And Jamie isn't moving at all. What should she do? First things first: Liz should look around for a grown-up and call him or her to help right away. If no one is close by, she should make a phone call either on a cell phone or from the closest phone. Calling for help is the most important thing a kid can do in an emergency. If you're going to be the one making the emergency phone call, here's what to do:

- Take a deep breath to calm down a little.
- Call 911.
- Tell the operator there's an emergency.
- Say your name and where you are (the exact address if you know it).
- Explain what happened and how many people are hurt. (The operator will need all the information you can provide, so give as many details as you can.)
- Follow all of the operator's instructions carefully.
- Stay on the line until the operator says it's OK to hang up.

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

The best way to handle an emergency is to be prepared for one. Knowing what to do ahead of time can help you stay in control so that you can help. Here are some suggestions on how to be ready to help in an emergency:

- When you're outdoors, make sure you're in an area where you can call out for help even if you don't have a phone with you.
- Know how to dial 911 or your local emergency number (in most areas in the United States, it's 911).
- If you have one, carry a cell phone or know how to use your parent's cell phone.
- Learn first aid. Look for basic first-aid classes with your local Red Cross, the YMCA or YWCA, the Boy or Girl Scouts, 4-H clubs, your local hospital, and other organizations. Or ask your school nurse to have a first-aid class just for students in your school.

It's scary to think about someone getting hurt. But the truth is that accidents can and do happen. They happen when people are being careless and careful. Sometimes, kids are the ones who get hurt. Sometimes, grown-ups get hurt. Either way, it's good to know what to do if someone needs emergency medical help. Even though you're a kid, you can make a big difference by doing the right thing.

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