

December 2009 SPLASH "COURT REPORT"

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The Cottonwood Tennis Club (CTC) with JoAnn Flachsmann as the web master has expanded the functionality of their internet site - cottonwoodtennisclub.com - with several new features such as a password protected link to confidential information and other links to play schedules. JoAnn, pictured in the photo, updates the site as necessary from her home office.

With the use of a password, members are able to access the club's directory, ratings, membership and the monthly CTC Financial Report. Members are supplied a new password each month.

Other enhancements include the posting of court schedules for all CTC socials, tournament and interclub events. Additionally, members were able to follow the reconstruction of the Palo Verde court with daily pictorial updates on the web site.

The recent posting of the Bradshaw Tournament court schedule allowed residents from all Sun Lakes communities to view their play times and proved to be an invaluable asset for the players. The 2009 Bradshaw Tournament finalist from all Sun Lakes Communities are posted with the Bradshaw link on the CTC site.

The club has maintained this informational site as well as a newsletter site - ctcnewsletter.com - for the past two years. With the electronic version of the newsletters members are able to view monthly newsletter as well as those archived back to 2006. Members are also able to update the email addresses on this site. The original objective to provide information to the members quicker and reduce the amount of printed paper has been accomplished.

Information is important for the success of any club. The CTC new members are provided with an in-depth orientation to include the internet sites, bulletin board usage, training on the ball machines, officers and coordinators names and contact information, league play and organized play procedures. To assure safety, members must attend a training session on the usage of the ball machine. In an effort to integrate new members, the club offers a free dinner at one of the monthly dinner meetings. The club has an objective that "no new member is left behind". Expanding on the "no new member is left behind" objective, the clubs tournaments and socials are set-up so that all levels have their own individual tournament and champion. There is no single club champion but champions at all play levels.

CTC welcomes all new members. Loaner racquets are available for prospective members with a desire to become active with tennis. Each Monday and Tuesday evening, free lessons are provided with open play on Sunday evenings for the students.

The Cottonwood Tennis Club is an all volunteer organization which fills the tennis courts with four weekly men's and women's leagues, five weekly sessions of organized play, mixed, 20+socials & tournaments and 6 dinner meeting. More that 4000 hours of tennis are enjoyed by the members.

