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For 23 years, Cottonwood Tennis Club members have volunteered countless hours to develop, implement and manage tennis activities for the homeowners. With their generosity, 4000+ hours are enjoyed.

For members who desire a more social match, the club provides men's, women's and mixed organized play. The coordinators and their volunteers utilize ten courts for 1½ hours Monday thru Friday for matches according to player ability. These volunteers provide weekly activities for approximately 200 members. For competitive play, the club provides four leagues according to gender and player ratings. League directors, with assistance from the team captains, utilize nine courts for 1½ hours – Monday thru Thursday. The leagues provide 144 participants friendly yet competitive matches in each of the two ten week sessions. At the end of each session, the directors provide refreshments and awards. The tournament director has the daunting task of developing six events with competitive matches from other retirement communities, three summer socials, Rainbow Classic and East/West socials and three week-long closed tournaments. All club activities are under the guidance of the club's President Keith Nelson and his board members.

Pictured are Mary Jane Williams – organized coordinator, Lou Galiano – 3.5 league director, Bert Wall and Art Miller – 3.0 league co-directors, Donna Nelson – 3.0 league director, Keith Nelson – President, Pat Davidson – 3.5 league director and Gerry Picker – mixed organized coordinator. Missing are Al Wagner – tournament director and Bob Walk – organized coordinator.

The club provides free evening tennis lessons from October thru April, five monthly dinners, holiday dinner/dance, printed directories, and two web sites – cottonwoodtennisclub.com and ctcnewsletter.com. Additionally, the club manages the week-long Bradshaw tournament which is open to all Sun Lakes and Sun Bird residents. Membership is open to all Cottonwood-Palo Verde homeowners for \$40 annually. Ten memberships (fees established by HOA board policy) are available to each IronOaks & Sun Lakes Country Club.

