

THE COTTONWOOD TENNIS CLUB NEWS



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President's Message

By Wavne Mangold

The CTC Board is committed to develop and maintain programs for the entire membership. Examples of new programs are: (1) a new league starting in January 2008 was created for Black/Blue rated men, (2) the 1st annual Rainbow Classic this past October provides all members a chance to play in a tournament like setting, and finally (3) the Board created a new week long USTA like tournament format that keeps singles play within a club tournament.

Upon taking the Presidency, I created a committee to reorganize the responsibilities with the ultimate goal of keeping the Board informed. It is working as the women's organized coordinator conducted a survey of Orange, Purple and Brown ladies and reported the results back to the Board. It revealed over 30 women would sign up for organized if it were available to them on Wednesdays. The survey erred on the conservative side as no color rated women above Orange were surveyed.

There are times when difficult decisions are necessary. At the last Board meeting, there were pro and con debates regarding the Wednesday women's league starting at the second session and eliminating time from the organized play.

After hearing all arguments, the Board made a unanimous decision to give back 5 courts to organized play starting the week of

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January 21, 2008. The Vice President will collect the Wednesday signup sheets as well as the scheduled play sheets for the months of January, February and March, and deliver a report to the Board at its' last meeting. If the courts are not being used, there will be consideration to return all or some of the second session time back to the Wednesday league.

Miscellaneous -

Board Policy Chapter 7-50 which regulates the CTC Cottonwood Tennis Courts usage has been corrected. It incorrectly stated the club had to give up court 5 and use the court at Palo Verde.

Election Committee -

It hardly seems possible that it is time to re-elect another board for 2008-2009. Dan Bowlus, Pat Davidson, and Jack Fitzsimmons have accepted the responsibilities to interview and recommend the candidates. They will make their announcement during the January 2008 meeting.

Wayne Mangold, President

HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

Tournament Director

Jack Szatkowski

By the time you read this, we will almost be halfway through the season. The Singles/Doubles Tournament or otherwise known as the "Triple T", and the Sun Bird/Sun Lakes Social will have been played. The "Triple T" is a new format so I am a little anxious at this point. The "Triple T" was created because of the low turn-out for the Singles Tournament. Maybe with this Tournament, we will have the best of both worlds. The signup for the "Triple T" was very good so we are halfway there.

Most of you know we won both socials we have played so far with Oakwood and with Sun

Bird/Sun Lakes CC. The Sun Lakes CC part of the Social went right down to the last game with Bob Lewis and Susie Welker winning; thus, winning that part of the Social. It was exciting and we start all over again December 8th. The Rainbow Classic and The Bradshaw were very successful. This has been a very good year so - let's hope it keeps up!

PS - A HUGE thanks to Mary White, Judy Crane and all their helpers for their very hard work. We hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving !

Jack Szatkowski, T.D.
Mary White, T.D. Assistant

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinners & Meetings

San Tan Ballroom

Social—5:00 Dinner—6:00 Meeting—7:15

January 16 - Report of the Nominating Committee

February 20 – Election of New Board

March 19 – Dinner & Meeting

April 5 – CTC Social Picnic

CTC Socials/Inter-Clubs

December 3-7 – CTC Men & Women Singles

December 8 – Sun Lakes CC at Cottonwood

December 8 – Cottonwood at Sunbird

January 5 – Oakwood Inter-Club at Cottonwood

January 7-11 – CTC Men & Womens Doubles

Feb. 4-8 – CTC Closed Tournament – Mixed Doubles

Feb. 9 – Cottonwood Inter-Club at Leisure World

Feb. 23 – The Robson Cup

March 1 – Cottonwood Inter-Club at Trilogy

March 14-15 – East/West Social—SL & SB – at CW

Please note: There is a misprint on the Master Tennis Calendar in the Tennis Directory - Page 6. The correct dates for Trilogy and the East/West are:

Trilogy Inter-Club is March 1st at Trilogy

East/West Social - SL & SB is March 14-15 at CW

DECEMBER HOLIDAY DINNER & DANCE

Santan Ballroom

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

No Host Bar: 5:00 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm

Price: \$17.00

Your Host & Hostess: Neda & Bill Mead

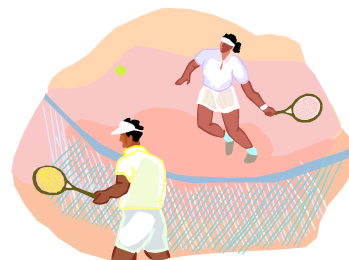
Menu: Honey Glazed Ham, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Corn Medley, Carrot Cake With Cream Cheese Frosting

Dance the night away to the music of Rich Howard !

Publicity

Keith & Susie Welker 802-9704

Please send any newsworthy publicity items to Keith & Susie Welker at keithsusan@earthlink.net. Every month articles and photo(s) are sent to about 4 local publications and we would be delighted to include your league's results. If anyone has photos for publication, please e-mail those as well and be sure to include a caption. Whether each newspaper prints what we send is not guaranteed! Publicity articles for the winner editions of the SPLASH have been recently limited to 500 words. As a result, names of some participants and/or winners may have to be omitted in order to report more of the news. My apologies about this!



***Free Tennis Lessons
By Don Neu***

***October 2 - April
Monday 7:30 pm Beginners
Tuesday 7:30 pm Intermediate***

Rating Committee

The Rating Committee met on November 23rd. League and tournament results were reviewed. Nine new members were rated, eleven members received rating changes, four review request forms were reviewed, and two members were put on the temporarily inactive list. New Playing Level Charts dated November 26, 2007 are posted and have been sent to the Tournament Director, League Directors, and Organized Chairs. The next meeting of the Rating Committee is scheduled for December 19th. Please give your Review Request Forms to a member of the Rating Committee prior to that date.

Susan Stewart, Rating Committee Chair

Bradshaw Tournament - Mrs. Bradshaw was not able to attend the tournament this year due to medical problems and she was missed. If anyone wants to send a card, her address is: Marcia Bradshaw - My Father's Retirement Ranch - 400 N. Jefferson Street - Unit #44 - Wickenburg, AZ 85390

***Semi-Singles
Mary White 895-0858***

***Join us for Semi-Singles - every
Friday night after Mixed Doubles. No
sign-up is necessary - just show up !***

Welcome New Members

Paul & Cindy Thorhauer

***Welcome to the Cottonwood Palo Verde
Tennis Club!***

***Be sure to check the website(s) often, especially
during this very busy TENNIS season, for all the
latest NEWS!***

***www.CottonwoodTennisClub.com
www.CTCnewsletter.com***

Didn't get an email ? We occasionally send emails to all members for whom we have a valid email address. If you are not receiving any emails, it's because we don't have a good email address for you. You can get on our list by sending an email to:

president@cottonwoodtennisclub.com and webmaster@cottonwoodtennisclub.com

Tournament Play

When you find a tournament you want to play in there are some important decision you must make:

- A. Are you eligible to play in the tournament - is there an age restriction or is it a skill rated tournament?
- B. Check your calendar and make sure you do not have any conflicts for the duration of the tournament - doctors appointments - hair appointments - dentist, etc.
- C. Are you able to play two matches a day if the schedule so dictates?
- D. If you do not see a problem, go ahead and sign up for the tournament.

Some tournament directors are interested in making the tournament a “player friendly” tournament which means that they will allow you to indicate when you are not able to play. Other tournament directors complete the draw and no changes can be made. If you are unable to play at your scheduled time, you forfeit the match.

Is there an entry fee that should be sent in with your entry form? If you have a national ranking or even a local ranking, you should indicate that on your entry form as this helps the director decide where/if you should be seated.

Once the draw is completed and posted for review, you are in the tournament and you no longer can get your entry fee back and you cannot change your event.

Tournament Considerations...

When the day arrives that you are scheduled to play, you have some obligations:

- A. You should show up at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled match time and check in with the tournament director. Do not show up 5 minutes before you are scheduled to play.
- B. When a court becomes available, some directors will go ahead and assign that court to the teams that are ready to play even if it is ahead of their scheduled time.
- C. If you do not arrive early or check in when you arrive, you could go on a waiting list in the order that you checked in and you may be delayed for an hour or so.
- D. Always have your water ready to go on the court with you and be sure to use the bathroom prior to your court assignment.
- E. Warm up time should not be more than 5 or 7 minutes.
- F. Spin the racket for (a)serve, (b)side, (c)receive or (d)defer prior to warming up so you will be ready to play as soon as the warm up is finished.
- G. All serves must be taken prior to the start of the match. It is poor manners to return serve in the warm up. (You may return serve to the server if you are done warming up your serve.)

Tournament Matches...

Some important rules should be followed once the match starts:

- A. It is the servers responsibility to call the score prior to each serve.
- B. The receiver should play to the pace of the server.
- C. The server has 20 seconds to put the ball in play so there should be no delay.
- D. Any balls on the court should be cleared prior to the next ball being put into play.
- E. The server may request all 3 balls if they are in or near the playing area.
- F. Players change ends of the court after every odd game. Players cannot stop and rest after the first game.
- G. Players should never change the score cards after every game. The cards should only be changed on the change over. Changing the cards after every game indicates poor tennis manners and also can be looked at as a form of “games-man-ship”.
- H. Players cannot call “foot faults” on their opponents. Players may mention on the change over that they would like the opponent to watch the foot faulting.

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- I. If the side that is receiving the ball either on a serve or during play calls the ball out, the call stands. The opponent may ask if the player is sure of the call but that is it. No further discussion is necessary.
- J. If the partner of the service receiver calls the serve out and the receiver really saw the serve in, you handle it as follows - (1) if the serve was returned good, you play a let and serve again, (2) if the return was not good, then the receiving team will lose the point.

Other tournament items...

If you are playing next to another tournament match and your ball rolls onto their court as they are playing a point, you must not call "ball on court". It is their call to make and they may have decided to play the point out.

You have 90 seconds to change ends of the court and get a drink prior to serving. This gives you about 60 seconds to sit and rest and then you need to be ready to play.

You are not allowed to talk when the ball is headed for your opponents side of the court.

When the ball is headed to your side, you can tell your partner to "bounce the ball" or simply say "out" as long as the ball is in flight and if your opponents stop play because they heard the word "out", they lose the point. When the ball lands out and you use the word "out", then it means the ball is out. It is suggested that you not use the word "out" when the ball is headed your way.

You must watch the ball until it hits the court before you make a call. Some players look at the ball in flight and think it is going to be out and they make the call without actually seeing the ball hit the court, and as a result they could have made a bad call as the ball came down quicker than they anticipated. Then they are labeled as bad line callers or even worse names.

When the match is over, you should approach the net and shake hands with the opponents and never say when you lose, that "this is the worst game I have ever played". It sounds like you are telling them that their game really was not that good.

If you follow the above information and use common sense when you are playing, you will have an enjoyable match whether you win or lose. **(Winning is always more enjoyable than losing!)**

WATCH FOR MORE HELPFUL TIPS FROM DON NEU IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES!

***Don' forget drop-in tennis on Sundays starting at 7:00 pm for
beginners and intermediate levels !***

Men's Tuesday League - Pete Dalecio, Director 895-7704

The Men's 2007 Fall Tuesday league is having a battle. At the end of the first half of play, three of the five teams are separated by only 7 points. With the weather changing, we should have some really great tennis matches. There has been a change in our Fall League schedule. The week of December 3 will be used for the new Team Tennis Tournament. The Men's Fall Tuesday league is now scheduled to end on January 15, 2008, barring any rain-outs. The new schedules have been posted on the bulletin board. Please read them or check with your team captain.

Posted on the Men's Tuesday League bulletin board is the new sign-up sheet for the men's 2008 Tuesday Spring League. The 2008 Spring League is scheduled to start on January 22, 2008 and end on or about April 1, 2008. Drafting for the 2008 Spring League will take place the week that the 2007 Fall League ends. The 2008 Spring League will be composed of six (6) teams. As usual, we will need 6 captains. It would be nice to see some new blood volunteering for these positions. To be drafted to play in the 2008 Spring League you MUST indicate it on the posted sign up sheet. Failure to do so could result in not getting drafted. We have a lot of new players in the club and if you wish to play, it is up to you to read the material posted on the bulletin boards. The task of calling each person to see if they wish to play is too time consuming and will no longer be done.

Men's Thursday League - Lou Galiano, Director 895-6093

After six weeks of spirited play, Jack Peterson's team is in 1st place followed by three teams closely bunched together. There is only 13 points separating Jim Dittmann, Wayne Mangold and Al Wagner's teams respectfully. Tony Mongiello and Jack Szatkowski's teams have shown a lot of improvement the last two weeks - they are still in the hunt. We still have four weeks to go, so anything can still happen. Don't count on those trophies yet.

The sign up sheet for the Spring session is on the bulletin board. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so. Don't forget to note the change in the schedule: the Dec. 6th matches will be played on Jan. 17. This is to make way for the Team Tennis Tournament on Dec. 3-7. The spring session will start on Jan. 24 and end mid April.

Women's Monday League - Susan Stewart, Director 895-6385

The Women's Monday League is having some great matches and all the teams are neck and neck. As of November 19th, Davidsons Darlins are in first place, followed closely by Plan's Playmates, White's Wizards and Kilbreath's Divas. A reminder that there is no league play the week of December 3rd due to the new Team Tennis Tournament scheduled for that week. Hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving!

Women's Wednesday League - Kay Tymn, Director 895-3584

The Captains of the Wednesday League and players of the following teams: VIP's, Red Devils, Roaring Lions, Wednesday Wonders, Energizer Bunnies and the Desert Dazzlers (aka the double D's!) invite and encourage you to sign up for the Spring Session of the League. A picture of some our league players is posted on the CottonwoodTennisClub.com website (League Information page) - be sure to take a look.

THE SIGN UP SHEET IS POSTED ON THE TENNIS BOARD FOR SPRING! WE NEED YOU! All CTC players/all levels are welcome! Sign up as a regular player or a substitute player for the next session. Visit the league in action, stop by for coffee and witness the fun and enjoyment of the women who participate. For additional information or questions, please call Kay Tymn at 895-3584.

Mixed League Organized Play - Gene Brown, Coordinator - 802-3456

Friday Mixed Doubles are going well. The courts are full at 9:00 am and partly full at 10:30. We still need to see some participation from the Red and Green colors. Come on, guys and gals, let's see some sign ups !!!

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Organized Play - Bob Walk, Coordinator - 940-6009

Just a quick reminder - if you are assigned to a league team on Tuesday or Thursday, you **MUST** sign up as an alternate in the organized play for the day you play league. This will allow higher participation in the organized sign-up for those that don't play in the league.

Organized Play - Pam Johnson - Lead Coordinator - 802-0461

During the past month, the CTC Board has passed two motions which affect allocation of the 5 Cottonwood courts used Wednesday morning by Women's organized and Women's Wednesday League play.

#1 Maintains the status quo of court usage until the Fall League concludes on January 16, 2008. That is - the League plays 5 courts at 8:30am and 4 courts at 10am. Organized Play has 1 court at 10am plus all of the non-prime-time courts at 7am and 11:30am.

#2 Beginning on January 23, 2008, the Wednesday League will play on 4 courts at 10am and 5 courts at 11:30am. Wednesday Organized Play will be allocated 5 courts at 8:30am and 1 court at 10am, plus the non-prime-time courts at 7am.

In both scenarios, when Women's Organized Play has 5 courts at a given time period, all courts unused by Organized Play will be available for Open Play after the weekly schedule is posted. Neither motion affects Monday's Women's Organized Play. On Monday, Organized Play is allocated all of the courts at 7am and 8:30am, plus 3 courts at 10am. The other 2 courts at 10am plus the courts at 11:30am are allocated to the Monday Women's Level I League.

Starting immediately, the CTC Board will monitor the usage of the courts by Organized Play on both Mondays and Wednesdays on a weekly basis. This will be done to help determine future allocation of prime-time courts on these days. Ladies, we have upcoming opportunities to play the current courts on Monday plus 1 - 6 prime-time courts on Wednesdays. Dust off your tennis racquets and sign up for Organized play on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Our Monthly Coordinators will try to set up the best possible matches for you.



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An annual club membership entitles members to participate in Monday–Friday mornings organized play, club tournaments, league participation, club–sponsored social events, and a subscription to the newsletter.

Membership meetings are held monthly, October thru April. Time and place of meetings are posted on the club bulletin board and in this newsletter.

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