

# COTTONWOOD TENNIS CLUB

## NEWS



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### President's Message

By Wavne Manaold

I have elected to use my area to acknowledge members who have volunteered so many hours during this past year.

Jack Szatkowski with Bob and Terrie Heichelbech has contributed countless hours to the development and management of great tournaments, socials and interclub events. Our league directors Bill Brenner, Dick White, Pete Dalecio, Susan Stewart and JoAnn Tallman are to be congratulated for managing leagues.

Dick Aplin and Lois Koenig each solicited 24 volunteers for development of organized play for the men and women sessions – Bill Cooley, Dick Clarke, Jack Peterson, Hal Mahaffey, Jerry Hall, Bill Brenner, Jim Rinehart, Ernie Laenertz, Gerry Picker, Art Miller, Bud Arneson, Sander Frindell, Charlie Sivertson, Bert Wall, Ray Johnson, Del Hardy, Jack Lander, Bob Walk, John Hood, Malcolm Amos, Bill Triquart, George Thomas, Jeff Thurston, Donna nelson, Becky Paschal, Teddy Cole, Penny Peterson, Donna Peterson, JoAnn Tallman, Marilyn Brenner, Maureen Mangone, Mary Jane Williams, Nancy Ross, Eleanor Gold, Linda Gorman, Mary Ann Hall, Nancy Riggs, Nancy Kelley, Sherry Manier, Marsha Coffman, Pam Johnson, Arlene Minor, and Kay Tymm. Thanks to JoAnn Tallman, Lou Simmons, Lois Doenig and Carol Raskin for creating the Friday mixed doubles play.

Mary White and Maureen Mangone managed the food and staples for our events. I have observed Marsha Coffman, Margaret Donnelly, Carol Kile, Kaipo Simonelli, Lu Walk and Sara Traver often at the food counter.

The Bradshaw Tournament was the best ever thanks to Keith Nelson and his assistants Pat

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Davidson, Peter Gorman, Kathy Klotz, Art Miller and Don Neu.

Thanks Peter Gorman for the great photos. Thanks to Susie Welker for producing the press releases and keeping up our visibility in the community. Kathy Klotz kept our membership roster up to date and Pat Hall made sure cards were sent to those needing a little sympathy. Jim Shattuck wrote an in-depth procedure for the ball machine. He along with Ron Petersen and Chuck Hall has used the new procedure to train several new and existing members.

Harvey Trachtenberg continues to sell our shirts and hats at various functions. Roger Diddock assures our comfort at all events. Roberta & Larry Arpan and John & Merrie Crawford are planning what is to be the best ever picnic. Peter Gazzola is planning an extensive recreational tennis evening. Thanks to our dinner planners Mary Ann & Jerry Hall, Bobbie & Bert Wall, Bill & Marilyn Brenner, and Pierre Moresi & Harvey Trachtenberg.

Our newsletter would not be published without the energies of JoAnn Flachsmann & her assistant Armin. Thanks to the rating committee for their unselfish hours—Susan Stewart, Jack Fitzsimmons, Kathy Klotz, Art Miller, Keith Nelson, Don Neu, Nancy Riggs, Jack Szatkowski, JoAnn Tallman. And finally, much appreciation to the Board for their efforts and helping me with so many tasks. *The Cottonwood Tennis Club is the best club within Sun Lakes because of our volunteers !*

## Tournament Director

### Jack Szatkowski

As of this writing, we have not yet finished the Mixed Doubles Tournament. I believe we just made a little history for the longest tournament in the clubs' history.

The Social with Leisure World was lots of fun and they were very good hosts. The Social went down to the last games, but the best we could do was a 16/16 tie. By the time you read this, Trilogy will have been played. And also, The Robson Cup will have been played. I hope we have a BIG cup in our display case soon!

The Social with Springfield is on March 10<sup>th</sup> and will be played here at Cottonwood. The East/West

Social is March 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. It will be a very competitive event. Please note that you can only play with someone from your side of Alma School Road.

Please remember to be pleasant and reasonable at Tournaments and Socials!

There are a lot of events going on right now. Be aware of what you are signing up for - write it down - pencils and paper are available at the sign up sheet for your convenience.

*See you on the courts !*

**Jack Szatkowski, T.D.**

**Bob & Terri Heichelbech, T. D. Assts.**

Huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped us at the food court during the Doubles Tournament. You did a great job serving the food and helping clean up at days end. Many of you baked cookies to add extra goodies for each day. Thanks to all of you!  
Marsha & Lee Coffman - Nancy & Mike Kelley - Carol & Bud Kyle

### Recreational Tennis at Cottonwood - Food, Games & Demonstrations....

The Sun Lakes II Cottonwood Tennis Club and Sun Lakes II Recreation Department are sponsoring a tennis evening designed to promote greater tennis participation from all association and club members. Get your tickets at The Resource Center and buy several extras to give and encourage non-CTC members to come and see what our club and recreational tennis is all about. "Fun for All" "Drawings for Prizes!"

**Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2007**

**Time: 5:00 - 7:30 pm**

**Place: CTC Courts**

**Cost: \$2.00 - Purchase Tickets at The Resource Center**

**Menu: Grilled Chicken Sandwich—Chips—Cookie—Water or Soda**

Some of the activities will include—Tennis Cabana - Special Clothing & Equipment Deals Will be Available; Tennis Company Representative - Demonstration Rackets; Guest Player Demonstration Match

**Pete Gazola 480-895-0223**

Mark your calendar for the  
**End of the Season Picnic**

*April 7 - 10 am - 1 pm*

\$4.00 for members / \$6.00 for non members.

Hosts: John & Merrie Crawford and  
Roberta & Larry Arpan 480-895-3432

The sign-up sheet will be posted mid to late March!

### Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, March 14, 2007**

Social: 5:00 pm Dinner: 6:00 pm Meeting: 7:00 pm

Hosts: Harvey O'Trachtenberg & Pierre McMoresi

Cost: \$13.50

Make checks payable to CTC - sign up sheet now!

Menu: Honey Glazed Pit Ham, Potatoes AuGratin, Peas w/Pearl Onions, Tossed Green Salad, Rolls, Apple Pie, Iced Tea & Coffee

## Publicity

### Susie Welker

Remember to please send any newsworthy publicity items to Keith & Susie Welker at [keithsusan@earthlink.net](mailto:keithsusan@earthlink.net). Every month we send in an article and photo(s) to about 4 local publications and we would be delighted to include your league's results. Of course whether each newspaper prints what we send is not guaranteed!

## Election Committee Report

**The results are in! Your Board of Directors for 2007-2008 are as follows:**

President - Wayne Mangold

Vice President - Susan Stewart

Secretary - Pat Bowlus

Treasurer - Kelz Kelzenberg

1<sup>st</sup> Past President - Ron Petersen

### **Cottonwood Shirts & Hats available!**

**Contact Harvey Trachtenberg**

**480-883-9070**

**CTC Shirts - \$20.00**

**CTC Hats - \$15.00**

### **Membership Dues**

Membership dues for 2007-2008 **MUST** be paid by March 31<sup>st</sup> - preferably by March 15<sup>th</sup>!! The new directory goes to print April 1<sup>st</sup> and early payment of dues will greatly assist in this project. \$40 per member. Please put your dues in the suggestion box near the tennis bulletin board.

## Rating Committee Information

The CTC Board of Directors, at its' January meeting, passed a motion to direct the Rating Committee to develop procedures to systematically revise or adjust any or all color levels and for moving players up or down. The Rating Committee has been developing guidelines and criteria during the past few months, during which time ratings have been on hold. Once the proposed guidelines are approved by the Board, the Rating Committee will begin systematically reviewing tournament and league play, plus additional criteria, and will be updating individual ratings.

**Susan Stewart, Chair, Rating Committee**

### **Semi-Singles - Mary White 480-895-0858**

The CTC Board, in an attempt to save the singles program, has given permission to Dick & Mary White to implement a new method of playing singles in hopes that more players will get involved and increase the participation in the singles program.

Semi-singles is a method of playing singles covering only half the court for each point. The scoring system is the same; the starting position is the same. Each point is constructed by using a different section of the court. This format of singles will strengthen all areas of your singles and doubles games. Semi-singles is not limited to a select few—everyone can play Semi-singles.

We want all players supporting this effort so come out on Friday's at 1:00 pm and try Semi-singles. The players that have already played Semi-singles love it. Thanks for your support !

### Odds & Ends

Many rules and situations are seen differently by many players. Usually the players who have never read a rule book all of a sudden become experts. Some misconceptions are passed down from players to players and then these misconceptions become the accepted rule.

**Service Calls** – The only player(s) who may call the ball out on the first serve is the receiving side. If the receiver calls the ball out and the server feels that the ball was in, the server may ask the receiver “are you sure”? If the receiver says “yes”, discussion is over and you move on to the second serve. The receiver does not have to indicate a spot or anything else. If the receiver in singles or doubles called the ball out on the serve and then realized it was in, the receiver should reverse the call. The serve is repeated if the receiver returned the ball good. If the receiver did not return the ball good, the server wins the point.

**Line Calls** – Line calls are handled in the same manner as the service calls. The team which is receiving the ball is responsible for making the line calls on their side of the court. Again if there is a change of call by the receiving side, the point is played over if it is returned good. If the ball is not returned and the receiving team is not sure of the call, they may ask the opponent for their opinion and the opponents call stands. If the opponent cannot make a call, the serving team wins the point due to doubt on the part of the receiving team.

**“Out” used when ball is in play** – When the ball is traveling to the opponent’s side, the opponents are the only players who can talk. If the ball is “in flight” and one player yells “out” but his partner sees that the ball is going to land “in”, he will play it back and the point continues. If the opposing team stops play because they heard the word “out”, they will lose the point as this is not the same call as when the ball actually hits the court or some other object. The ball “in flight” to the opposing team allows that team to use any term they want to communicate to each other at the time. The player may say “bounce”, “yours”, “watch it”, “going”, “long”, etc. Just because they chose the word “out”, it does not stop play and the opposing team does not get the point.

**Returning the Ball after the Point** – Some unhappy players who lose a point tend to turn and slam the ball back to the serving side as hard as they can. This is not good sportsmanship and is very dangerous as the unhappy player has no control of where the ball is going and the opposing side has let down their guard. This could result in serious injury to a player. You have the right to ask the player to not do this again. You should return the balls to the opposing team when they are looking at you and the return should be in a gentle manner.

**Tournaments** – When you enter a tournament you need to be sure that you have cleared your calendar for the entire time the tournament is to run. You should also show up for the tournament at least ½ hour prior to your scheduled time. This helps the tournament director keep the tournament on time – usually the matches do not get delayed. If your court is open early and you are not there, the tournament director has the right to fill that court with the team that is ready to play. Your name then goes to the bottom of the list for the next open court. If you want to warm up prior to your match, you should check in with the tournament director and see how much time you have and when you should return.

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## Tennis Tips by Don Neu - *continued*

**Coman Tie Break** – The Coman Tiebreak Procedure is the same as the present tiebreak (set or match), except that ends are changed after the first point, then after every four points (i.e., after the 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> points, etc.), and at the conclusion of the tiebreak. The scoring in the Coman Tiebreak Procedure is the same as a traditional set or match tiebreak, and the procedure for playing the Coman Tiebreak is the same as a set or match tiebreak. For example, if the Coman Tiebreak Procedure is used when the set score is 6–6, the player whose turn it is to serve shall serve the first point from the deuce court; after the first point, the players shall change ends and the following two points shall be served by the opponent(s) (in doubles, the player of the opposing team due to serve next), starting with the ad court; after this, each player/team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points (starting with the ad court), changing ends after every four points, until the end of the tiebreak game.

**Starting the Match** – The match is started with either a coin flip or racket spin. The team that wins the spin has 1 of 4 choices – (1) serve (2) receive (3) side (4) defer. If the team elects to defer, the other team has to pick one of the remaining choices. If they pick side, the team that deferred can pick either receive or serve. If the team who selects after the spin winner defers picks serve then the deferring team has to choose side.

**Score dispute during the match** – Players should approach the net and discuss the score. They must go over all the points that they can agree on. If they cannot agree on all the points, they would play from a mutually agreeable score to all players. If they still are unable to resolve the score, they would each state what they feel the score is and the racket would be spun – the team that wins would go with their score. (This rule really is not fair to both teams as the team that usually is behind is the team which cannot remember all the points against them).



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

**Tuesday Men's League – Pete Dalecio 480-895-7704**

These are the results of the first 4 weeks of the Tuesday Spring League. We had a rain-out on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week and will make it up before the end of the season. As you can see Pete Gorman's team is leading with the rest of the teams pretty close in pursuit. Nothing really exciting to talk about yet, but everyone is having a good time. Peter Gorman's Team = 199 points; Chuck Hall's Team = 98 points; Burt Wall's Team & Tony Garcia's Team = tied with 89 points; Lou Simmons Team = 78 points; and Dick Haynes Team = 64 points.

**Men's Thursday League – Wayne Mangold 480-883-9144**

The Thursday league along with the Tuesday league conducted a survey to solicit opinions and request any changes to the league policies. The survey indicated 90% were satisfied with the league format and approximately 51% would like to move to a 7 member team and keep the league with 6 teams if we have 42 or more signups for the league. The Review Committee consisting of Pete Dalecio, Roger Diddock, Jack Fitzsimmons, Lou Galiano, and Ron Peterson have agreed to the following for both the Tuesday and Thursday League.

1. Tuesday league will consist of players from the Black, Orange, Brown and Purple color ratings and the Thursday league will consist of the Red, Green and Blue color ratings.
2. Both leagues will use the same draft procedure and player rotation schedule.
3. Both leagues will drop down to a 5 team with 6 players if 36 players are not available.
4. Both leagues will use a 7 member 6 team league if 42 or more players are available. Players drafted in positions 5 thru 7 will rotate weekly.

**Monday Women's Level I League – Susan Stewart 480-895-6385**

The Women's Monday Level I League is underway with excellent tennis and great enthusiasm. They even played through rain showers to finish their matches on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Captains, Rasmussen, Sutter, Wurtz and White are doing their usual outstanding jobs taking great care of their teams and making the Monday League such a success.

**Wednesday Women's League – JoAnn Tallman 480-895-5802**

The first game was February 7<sup>th</sup> and everything went off without a hitch. A little early to announce team standings so we'll give them a chance to catch up. We still need subs of all levels?

**Men's Organized Play – Dick Aplin 480-895-2990**

In March, Bob Walk will be responsible for the Mens' Organized Tennis. As usual, he will need coordinators for Tuesday and Thursday sessions. Give him your support and volunteer for one of the months. I want to thank all the men who scheduled during the past year. It was a great year and the membership was pleased with the fun and enjoyment you provided.

**Women's Organized Play – Lois Koenig 480-895-2561**

*No Report*

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

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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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