

The Court Report – The Splash February 2010

The Cottonwood Tennis Club (CTC) had their annual Holiday Dinner Dance on December 13 at the Palo Verde Country Club. Over 120 members attended the last event of the 2009 season and enjoyed the musical entertainment from Rich Howard's band. Prior to the Dinner/Dance, President Keith Nelson made a last minute request for the members to bring children's gifts to the dinner/dance to support low income families. The members showed their support with several gifts. The members may view their photos for this event at the club's web site

Most of the men's and women's leagues have finished their fall sessions. CTC has four leagues during each of the fall and spring sessions – men's 3.0 & 3.5 and women's 3.0 and 3.5. Captains are chosen by the league directors and captains chose their teams by drafting their players. Lou Galiano (3.5 men's league director) reports there are only two points separating the top two teams and fourteen points between the top three. With a possible forty-five points to be won per match anything could happen the last week. The team captains for the fall season were Bill Gosiak, Kelz Kelzenberg, Jack Peterson, Tony Simonelli, Jesse Stewart and Jack Szatkowski.

Pat Davidson (3.5 women's league director) reports their league came down to the last day and 1st and 2nd place was determined by one game. Susie's Spoilers (Susie Welker, Kay Wengert, Tricia Lorgan, Karin Herrmann) won 147 to 146 over Jill's Giants (Jill Seager, Jeanne Tooley, Joy Allen, Neda Mead). This was the first time one point has determined the winner.

Art Miller (3.0 men's league director) reports that barring a complete meltdown, 1st and 2nd place have been secured. Gene Brown's team with John Crawford, Joe Wallis, Sander Frindell, Lee Coffman and Bruce Raskin are the winners. Ron Petersen's team will finish second. An end-of-season party on January 19 will bring a conclusion to the fall session.

Donna Nelson (3.0 women's league director) reports their league winners were Christie's Swingers. Pictured are Becky Paschal, Donna Nelson, Christy Thomas, Carol McCulley, Kay Seeber & Pam Johnson. All enjoyed the party on the final day.

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 meetings. More than 4000 hours of tennis are enjoyed by the members. Visit cottonwoodtennisclub.com.

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