

THE COTTONWOOD TENNIS CLUB NEWS



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President's Message

By Wavne Mangold

2008-2009 C.T.C. Dues

The dues for next year must be paid by March 27th to have your name included in the directory – no exceptions. Checks for \$40 per member should be made payable to Cottonwood Tennis Club. The new directory will be distributed April 5 at the annual picnic. Earlier payment is appreciated as the production time becomes critical to meet the printer's schedule.

Email Addresses

There are approximately 10 members with an incorrect email address and 60 members without an email address in our database. Emails are sent several times a month in an effort to keep the members informed of current events. If you are not receiving these emails and want to be included, please send an email to -----
president@cottonwoodtennisclub.com with your email address.

Updated C.T.C. Articles

Article IV Section 3 – Election of Officers -
The election of officers will take place at the February meeting with the office effective after the installation of officers at the April meeting. In the event of a vacancy occurring during the term, the President will appoint a replacement for the remainder of the term.

April was changed to March.

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Section 3 – Board of Directors Meetings -
Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held prior to membership meetings or as called by the President. A quorum is defined as six of eleven Board members.

Six of eleven was changed to four of six.

Newly Elected Board Members

President – Susan Stewart

Vice President – Keith Nelson

Secretary – Pam Lenar

Treasurer – Kelz Kelzenberg

Tournament Director – Al Wagner

As the current President, I will serve in a non elected position as 1st Past President.

Farewell

Thanks for allowing me to serve for the past five years on your board as Vice President (one year), Treasurer (two years) and President (two years). Special thanks to the board members who have served with me and those members who have so willingly served on several special committees.

Wayne Mangold, President

Tournament Director

Jack Szatkowski

The social with Leisure World on Feb. 9 has been played -- we won that and the score has been posted. And the Mixed Doubles Tournament has finally been completed -- it only took three weeks - - talk about long tournaments? The winners for that have been posted. Congratulations to all.

The Robson Cup has also been completed. Congratulations to Oakwood who took the cup for second time in two years. Cottonwood won third! What can I say - we tried! I went for the first time and it was great fun!

The social with **Trilogy will be held on March 1st**. Some of our higher level players may not get to play as Trilogy doesn't have a lot of high level players. But it will be competitive. The final event on our schedule will be the **East/ West social - March 14-15**. This has always been very popular and lots of fun. You can sign up for both gender and mixed. Gender will play on Friday and mixed on Saturday. The **East will wear red** and the **West will wear blue**. The dividing line is Alma

School Rd. The sign-up for this will close on March 2 so get out there and sign up now. So far, the sign-ups for the E/W looks to be going very well and we should have a good turnout.

This has been a very busy year. I don't know if we could have fit anymore in, but I think we had lots of fun and it has gone by in a flash. I think both Mary and I will be glad for the break. The sweat-shirts for the winners of the Mixed Doubles tournament have been ordered. It will take up to two weeks to get them.

Thanks to everyone for your great help, we could not have done it without you. Thanks again! Mary and I have enjoyed our time as Tournament Directors. It was a great experience! I would have never met all the people that I have met -- it was great. We want to wish Al and Kathy all the best! I am sure their experience will be as great as ours was!

Jack Szatkowski, T.D.

Mary White, T.D. Assistant

March Dinner & Meeting

Santan Ballroom

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

**No Host Bar: 5:00 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm -
Meeting 7:15 pm**

**Menu: Chicken Marsala, Salad, Dinner
Rolls, Peas With Pearl Onions, Rice Pelaf,
Strawberry Shortcake,
Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea**

Your Host & Hostess: Pam & Walt Lenar

Cost: \$15.50

Sign up now !

***On the agenda -- induction of the new
board !***

Cottonwood Palo Verde Recreational Evening

March 12, 2008

Kathy Klotz - Coordinator

Come and have some fun ! Some of the activities to include -- Basha High School tennis players in an exhibition match, court games, and possibly a racquet demo from one of the major manufacturers. And food, too - Grilled Chicken Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert & Soda or Water.

Cost is just \$2.00 and can be purchased at the Resource Center. Watch the bulletin board for further details !

End of the Season Picnic

April 5 - 10 - 1 pm -- Members \$4.00 / Non members \$6.00

Hosts: Lou & Pat Galiano and Tony & Gail Mongiello

Sign up sheets will be posted soon - sign up early! Last year we had 140 attendees - let's all sign up and have the biggest picnic ever! It's the final event of the season!

Watch the bulletin board for further information!

And don't forget your tennis racquet!

Publicity

Susie Welker

Remember to please send any newsworthy publicity items to Keith & Susie Welker at 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!



RATING COMMITTEE

There is no new Rating Committee business. Please submit your Requests for Rating Review if you desire review.

Susan Stewart, Rating Committee Chair

ELECTION RESULTS

Your Board of Directors for 2008-2009 are..

President - Susan Stewart

Vice President - Keith Nelson

Secretary - Pam Lenar

Treasurer - Kelz Kelzenberg

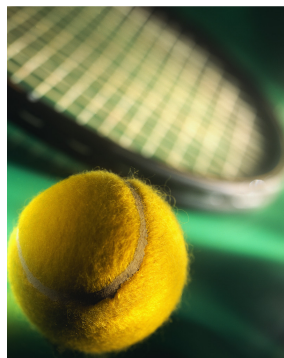
Tournament Director - Al Wagner

1st Past President - Wayne Mangold

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 !



Free Tennis Lessons

By Don Neu

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

Welcome New Members!

Chris Rod Johnson

Kay Wengert

Current Membership -- 302

Be sure to check the website often even during the off season for all the latest CTC news !
www.cottonwoodtennisclub.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Tennis quote of the month !

..... The ball was in !

John McEnroe

FOOTWORK

The secret to great tennis is great footwork. Great footwork means the ability to move into position to hit the ball and then recover and be ready for the next shot. Great footwork will move you consistently into a better position and improve your strokes. The starting point for developing great footwork is the correct ready position. By reacting out of the same ready position each time, making the same first move, you will develop muscle memory that will help you respond in the same fundamentally sound way to all different situations. Players should begin getting ready when their opponent is hitting the ball. Your ready position should be with your feet at least shoulder width apart, your knees are bent, and your back should be straight. This will give you leverage in your toes, feet, ankles, knees and hips. This will provide good balance and allow you to stroke the ball correctly. Keeping your knees bent means you are stressing your quadriceps, hamstrings, ankles, calves, and shins, plus your glutes, which together make up the biggest muscle groups of your body. This is a much more physically demanding position, and that might be why you would rather stand up straight with your knees locked and rest a little when your partner or opponent is hitting. While the ball is in play, there is no time to rest. You can rest between points, but not between shots. Your knees should always be bent and in your ready position, as you move to the ball, hit the ball, and recover back to the middle.

The first move is in the lower half of the body where the knees, ankles and hips shift or lean in the direction that they see the ball going. If you anticipate and shift the wrong way, you can only hit a defensive return. The last detail in the first move is a slight lean of your top half, or shoulders, towards the net. When you see the opponent hit the ball, you should say to yourself "split" and this will help you to be able to hit either a forehand or backhand stroke.

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 & Thursday Leagues - Pete Dalecio, Director 895-7704

The Men's 2008 Spring Tuesday League has completed the first 4 weeks of play and the team's standings are to close to call. The design of the 2008 Men's Fall Tuesday & Thursday leagues will depend on the number of members that sign-up.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!! CTC Men's 2008 Fall Tuesday/Thursday Leagues

There is a new sign-up sheet posted on the Cottonwood Tennis Club bulletin board. In order to participate in either league you MUST indicate so. If you do not, you will not be considered as a draftee. Our club has grown and we have over 120 potential men players for the leagues. In order to accommodate as many players as possible, we will be making some changes in the structure of both leagues. We will post this new design once it has been completed. When signing up, consider the following:

1. Blue rated players must be willing to playing in either the Tuesday or Thursday league.
2. If you cannot commit to 8 of the 10 weeks of play (because of other commitments), please consider signing up as a sub.

If you have any questions, contact: Pete Dalecio 895-7704 Lou Galiano 895-6093

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

The Thursday league is rolling right along with four of the ten weeks played. Jack Peterson is again showing his talent at judging talent as his team is leading the league going into the half way mark. This is for the most part a completely different team than the one he had that won the fall portion of the league. A close race for 2nd place is developing with only 10 points separating the Al Wagner, Jim Dittmann, Keith Nelson, and Wayne Mangold teams. Jack Szatkowski assures me that he will give a rousing pep talk to his team to get them going the last half of the season. Most matches have been very close and competitive so there is plenty of time left to change the current standings completely around.

A reminder for those who want to play in the league next fall, you have to sign up to be picked. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. For those who leave for the summer, do it now or you may be left out. Also, if you can't commit to 8 of the 10 weeks please sign up as a sub. Remember -- 99% out is 100% in.

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

At mid-season, Kilbreath's Divas leads with the team of Janice Kilbreath, Bev Tayrien, Kay Wengert, Carol Rosler, Carol McCulley, Joy Allen, Kathy Sundsrud and Nancy Kelley. Right behind and tied for second place are Davidson's Darlins and Welker's Winners, and Sutter's Gold is in fourth place. Only forty points separate first and last place so anything could happen. It's an exciting season.

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

Mark your calendar for the party on March 26th! Players and substitutes from the fall and spring sessions are invited and encouraged to attend. We will recognize the winning teams from both sessions! March 26th will be our last day of league play and we're counting on a good turnout! Details will be posted on the tennis board. Please watch for the sign up sheet for the Fall 2008 session of the Wednesday League. All players are welcome and detailed information will be posted on the board. Since this is our last newsletter of the year, I would like to thank every player in the league for your participation, friendship and support. The Captains from both sessions, Margaret Donnelly, Nancy Kelley, Teddy Cole, Susie Dunn, Lois Koenig and Roberta Arpan have done a fantastic job. Your effort and ongoing coordination made my job a pleasure! Thank you to a great league!

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

no report

Organized Play - Bob Walk, Coordinator - 940-6009

It's too late to volunteer for the monthly coordinator job. I filled all positions this week and had several players upset because they wanted to volunteer also, but it was too late. You will have another chance next year. I told you not to wait too long. Thank you to those that did make the list, you will have fun doing it.

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

Available courts for the Men's Organized Play is always filled on Tuesday and Thursday. The new allocation of courts for women's play on Monday and Wednesday is not filled, so I am repeating some of the same info from last month's article, just to make sure that the gals do know how many courts are available for them in the organized play.

Here goes: The current allocation of available courts for Women's Organized Play on Monday and Wednesday mornings is as follows:

MONDAY ORGANIZED PLAY: All 5 of the courts at 7am and 8:30am; plus 3 courts at 10am; and 2 courts at 11:30am are available for women's organized play. (Note: the other 2 courts at 10am; 3 courts at 11:30; and 4 courts at 1pm are allocated to the Monday Women's Level 1 League.)

WEDNESDAY ORGANIZED PLAY: All 5 of the courts at 7am and 8:30am; plus 1 court each at 10:00am and 11:30am are available for women's organized play. (Note: The other 4 courts at 10:00am and 11:30am are allocated to the Women's Wednesday League.)

In both scenarios, when Women's Organized Play does not use all the courts allocated to them, the courts unused by Organized Play will be available for Open Play after the weekly schedule is posted. The CTC Board is currently monitoring the usage of the courts by Women's 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 more opportunities to play the Monday and Wednesday morning courts than we have had for months. Let's not let these opportunities pass us by. 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. Have fun!



This newsletter is published monthly, six times a year, October through March, by the Cottonwood Tennis Club, Sun Lakes, Arizona. This club was established to provide opportunities for tennis playing residents of Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes to participate in organized play, team play, tournament play and social events with friends and neighbors with a common interest. IronOaks and Sun Lakes Country Club residents may also join the club if they have paid the appropriate annual fee required by the Cottonwood Palo Verde Homeowners Association.

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 and websites..

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

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