



The Cottonwood Tennis Club News

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President's Message—Susan Stewart

Dinner Meetings— Next Dinner Meeting March 18th

The lower prices of our Dinner Meetings were met with great success and about 90 members attended our February Dinner Meeting. We also enjoyed hearing from the candidates who are running for the new HOA Board positions. Bev and Al Tayrien will be hosting our March Dinner Meeting, which is the final Dinner Meeting for this season. Hopefully everyone will support the new lower prices and sign up, as we ring out the old CTC officers and ring in the new. Let's continue to boost attendance.

Membership Dues

Please remember to pay your dues by March 15th. We print our new 2009-2010 Membership Directories at the end of March so that we can distribute them at the April Picnic. The Membership Directories include only those who have paid their dues for the upcoming year. Dues are \$40 per member, and run from April 1st to March 31st, which is our fiscal year. We do not want to exclude anyone, so please put your checks in the box under the bulletin boards real soon.

CW/PV Recreation Evening – March 11th

The new CW/PV Recreation Evening, on March 11th, from 5:00 – 7:15 PM, is co-sponsored by the

Cottonwood Recreational Department of Management and CTC, and hosted by Maurice and Joy Allen. Tickets are on sale at the Resource Center for \$2.50 per person. We will enjoy a light supper while watching some of the Hamilton High School team players. Then we will want to go to every court to enjoy the action, whether trying new racquets, Pickleball, clocking your service speed, or bringing your used but still good racquets to the new Racquet Exchange. It should be a fun time for everyone.

Spring Fling – March 28th

The Spring Fling will be an end-of-the-year Mixer for all CTC members and will be held one day only, on Saturday, March 28th. It will be a lot of fun with members getting all mixed up by our fun tournament director. Sign up and enjoy the fun. As you know, our fiscal year ends on March 31st, each year.

Annual Picnic – April 4th

This year our Annual Picnic will be held at our courts once again, on Saturday, April 4th. It will be hosted by Paul and Cindy Sue Thorhauer. Paul is busy thinking of new and different ideas and welcomes all suggestions. Whatever he plans will be fun for us all. Remember, the new Membership Directories are distributed at the April Picnic, so



be sure and pick yours up or have a friend get it for you.

Good-Bye until our new season in October

As you leave for awhile or go away on trips, may your roads be happy and healthy, and may you enjoy your time away. On behalf of all the members of the Board, we have enjoyed the privilege of serving this past year and look forward to next season.

**Susan Stewart,
President**

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

Club Events

Socials

Tournaments

Events

Meetings

**UPCOMING
EVENTS !****MARK YOUR
CALENDAR !**

- March 1-4 – Senior Olympics – Phoenix
- March 4-8 -- Jason Morton Tennis Classic @ Oakwood
- March 7 – CW Interclub @ Trilogy
- March 13-14 – East/West Social @ CW
- March 11 – CW/PV Recreation Evening @ CW
- March 18 – CTC Dinner/Meeting – Swearing in of new Board members
- March 23-27 – Sun Lakes Clay Court Open @ Oakwood
- March 28 – Spring Fling @ CW
- April 4 – Annual End of the Season Picnic

**Tournament News — Al Wagner, Tournament Director**

Just before I typed up this report I finished looking at the results for the Robson Cup. Our players with the best scores were the teams of Susan Aparicio / Joy Allen, Pat Davidson / Armin Flachsmann, Tony Garcia / Larry Sunsrud, Kay Wengert / Lois Newman, Carol McCulley / Terrie Heichelbech, and Lou Galiano / Lilian Plant. The weather was perfect for the day and there was an abundance of great matches. Thanks to the organizers and helpers for this event, Kathy Sunsrud, Wayne Mangold, Jack Szatkowski, Sara Traver, Heidi Gilbert, and Don Neu. I'm probably leaving some names out but these folks along with a few others again brought together teams from Pebble Creek, Saddlebrooke, Oakwood, Cottonwood, Sunbird, and Sun Lakes Country Club for a great tournament. Saddlebrooke has agreed to host

next year and the date will likely be February 20th, so circle your calendars for this date. We need to gear up as we finished in 4th place this year.

We've just finished a social with Leisure World and looking over the scores, I only saw 3 or 4 matches of 27 that were one sided. So excellent pairing job by Kathy Klotz, Bill Triquart, and Al Cziok (from Leisure World). Final score CW 26.5 and LW 30.5.

Coming up we have mixed doubles, which has already begun, the East West Social on March 13th and 14th and a Social at Trilogy on March 21st. Plus the Recreation Night, the March 28th Spring Fling-a club mixer, and the Club Picnic - so we've plenty to do!

I enjoyed working as tourna-

ment director due to the super support and help from Lilian Plant, Kathy Klotz, and Bill Triquart. Their hard work and great ideas helped keep the tournaments and socials interesting and well run. I also enjoyed working with Judy Crane and all of her food court workers who make each event much more enjoyable.

If you have ideas, suggestions for next years events, please let me know.

See you on the courts,

**Al Wagner,
Tournament Director**

The Robson Cup 2009

Oakwood — 397
Saddlebrooke — 364
Pebble Creek — 328
Cottonwood — 282

Cottonwood Palo Verde "Recreational Tennis at Cottonwood"
March 11, 2009 5:00 – 7:15 PM

Sponsored by the CTC & the Cottonwood Palo Verde Recreation Department

Come and have some fun! Introduce a neighbor or friend to the best tennis in Sun Lakes !
Some of the activities to include –
Hamilton High School tennis players in an exhibition match,
racquet exchange program (bring your racquets that you are just dying to get rid of),
test the newest racquets from the PGA Superstore,
talk tennis with a PGA Superstore rep,
court games, pickleball demonstration, and more !
Food and prizes too! -- Grilled Chicken Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert & Soda or Water.

CTC Coordinators – Maurice & Joy Allen 273-3288
Cost is just \$2.50 and can be purchased at the Resource Center.
And don't forget your tennis shoes and tennis racquets !

CTC March Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2009 — SanTan Ballroom
No host bar—5:15 Dinner—6:00 Meeting—7:00
Sign-up deadline: Thursday, March 12
Cost per person — \$13.00 "NEW" Lower Prices

Menu — "Italian Feast Pasta Dinner" with house salad, warm garlic bread, iced tea and coffee !

Join our hosts – Bev & Al Tayrien—for the last dinner meeting of the season!
On the agenda—induction of the new Board members!

Extra

Publicity

Rating
Committee

Miscellaneous

Publicity—Keith & Susie Welker 802-9704

Please send any newsworthy publicity items to Keith & Susie Welker. Every month, articles and photo(s) are sent to local publications, and we would be delighted to include your league's results (be sure to give me a written script). If anyone has photos for publication, please e-mail those as well

and be sure to include a caption. Publicity articles for the winter editions of the SPLASH have been recently limited to 500 words. Names of some participants and/or winners may have to be omitted in order to report more of the news. My apologies!

keithsusan@earthlink.net

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

2009-2010 dues must be paid by March 15th to have your name included in the Membership Directory! Checks for \$40 per member should be made payable to Cottonwood Tennis Club!

Looking to improve
your game?
CTC has it all !!

CTC Qualified
Tennis Instructors:

Al Wagner
H.S. Tennis Coach
802-7142

Dick White, USPTR
895-0858

Don Neu, USPTA
895-2763

Jack Sanders, USPTA
883-7421 or 221-6388

Free Tennis Lessons

by Don Neu

October—April

Monday 7:30 pm—

Beginners

Tuesday 7:30 pm

Intermediate

Beginners

Rating Committee—Keith Nelson 802-7330

Any new Rating Review Request Forms received after March 1 will be considered by the Ratings Committee at their annual club review held in May.

A big thanks goes to current committee members Kathy

Klotz, Pat Bowlus, Jack Fitzsimmons, Al Wagner and Mike DeMalleville for their dedicated efforts this season. A fair and equitable rating system is crucial to the success of club activities.

Keith Nelson, Chair

2009-2010 CTC Board of Directors

President — Keith Nelson

Vice President — Kelz Kelzenburg

Treasurer — Pete Dalecio

Secretary — Lucy Kastin-Geller

Tournament Director — Al Wagner

1st Past President — Susan Stewart

Annual End of the Season Picnic—April 4, 2009

Lunch will be served at noon. Paul & Cinda Sue Thorhauer are looking to come up with fresh ideas and entertainment and welcome any ideas from members on some fun things you would like to do. Tickets will go on sale the first week of March. Keep your eyes on the bulletin board.

Cost — \$4.00 for members — \$6.00 for non members.

Your lunch ticket will also enter you into a drawing for some fantastic prizes!

Contact us with your ideas — pthorh488@aol.com or call 480-983-6974

**Welcome New
Members ---**

**DUANE & LA VONNA
TICKNOR**

**WE HAVE TO DATE
297 MEMBERS
WHICH INCLUDES 14
NEW MEMBERS
SINCE APRIL 2008.**

*Mary White,
Membership Chair*

In the event you miss the CTC articles and pictures in The Splash, you can find these Publicity articles by Susie Welker on the What's New page on our website --- www.cottonwoodtennisclub.com!

CTC Tennis Apparel

For our new members (and old members too) that would like to purchase a beautiful Cottonwood shirt, hat or towel for wear at our monthly socials, please give me a call, and I will do my best to fit you with our most up to date apparel at a very low cost. You will not only look your best, you will also play much better!

Bob Walk, Apparel Coordinator 940-6009

What is “The Code”?

Racquet Talk

The Code is the players’ guide for unofficiated matches, located in Part 2 of “Rules of Tennis”, available from USTA for \$2.75, or downloaded after googling ‘usta the code’. The Rules of Tennis book, together with the Friend at Court book, available from USTA for \$6.75, set out the rules that govern tennis. The Code states that all players have a responsibility to be familiar with the basic rules and customs of tennis. A brief summary follows, but read “The Code” and keep this summary on hand.

1. Courtesy: praise good shots, forgo loud postmortems, complaints, temper, vile language, throwing racket, slamming ball in anger, sulking.
2. Any point made in good faith stands and corrective action is made only after a point is completed.
3. Warm-up is not practice and shots should be hit directly to the opponent. Partners may warm up each other.
4. Warm-up serves and returns are taken before the first serve of the match.
5. Players makes calls only on own side of the net.
6. Any doubt about a call must be resolved in favor of the opponent.
7. A ball touching any part of the line is good, and if the ball is 99% out, it is 100% good!
8. A ball that cannot be called out with certainty is always good, and no let or replay shall occur.
9. A ball across a line is not your call unless you can clearly see the court between the line and the ball.
10. All points in a match are treated the same regardless of their importance
11. When opponent’s opinion is requested it must be accepted; if opponent’s have no opinion the ball is good.
12. An “out” call and correction shall be replayed only if the ball was returned within the proper court and was not a “sitter”. If the mistake is made on the second serve and is replayed, the server shall get two serves.
13. Excepting the first serve, a player should call shots again himself which he/she clearly sees out regardless of any request by opponent.
14. If partners disagree on a call, the ball is good. If applicable, the principles of #12 apply.
15. Even where obvious, opponent is entitled to a prompt visual or audible out call.
16. If player genuinely doubts opponent’s call, player may ask “Are you sure of your call?” If opponent is sure the call stands and if opponent is uncertain the opponent loses the point, without further delay or discussion.
17. Spectator’s have no part in the match and players shall not enlist the opinion of spectators.
18. Calls shall be made promptly after ball hits the court, before player’s return goes out or opponent hits it, including claiming a let from a ball rolling into the court. Player is not entitled to a second chance on the point.
19. A let call from a ball rolling onto the court shall be made promptly and a player loses the right when player unreasonably delays in making the call.
20. A player shall promptly acknowledge: a ball touching player; player touches net; player hits ball before ball crosses net; player deliberately carries the ball; the ball bounces more than once in player’s court.
21. A player shall make the ruling on opponent’s hits through the net or into the ground before going over net.
22. On clay courts, look closely at the mark. Players may not cross the net to inspect mark.

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23. Player shall comply with server requesting three balls if readily available, and distant balls at end of game. prolonged to justify giving the server two serves.
24. Foot faulting is a form of cheating and a player may warn an opponent of flagrant foot faults, then if no official is available a player may call flagrant foot faults.
25. In doubles, receiver's partner calls the service line; receiver calls side and center lines; unless clearly out.
26. Serving team shall not make an out call on first serve unless opponent's return does not put the ball into play; then, either of the serving team may call the fault; second serve, either of service team may call ball out.
27. Any player may call a service let, and if the serve is an apparent or near ace a let shall be called promptly.
28. A player shall not return an obvious fault as it constitutes rudeness or gamesmanship. If player returns an obvious fault and does not call it a fault, the ball is in play and the server is not entitled to replay the point.
29. A receiver shall play to the reasonable pace of the server. Receiver should make no effort to return a serve when receiver is not ready or the receiver is presumed to be ready.
30. When server's second service motion is interrupted by a ball coming onto the court, server is entitled to two serves. If there is a delay between the first and second serve, even by a ball coming onto court, server only gets two serves if the delay is sufficiently prolonged to justify giving the server two serves.
31. Server shall announce the game score before the first point, and the point score before each point played.
32. Disputes over score are resolved in this order: count all points and games agreed upon and replay only the disputed points or games; play from a score mutually agreed upon; spin a racket or toss a coin.
33. A player shall not talk when the ball is moving toward opponent's side; if the talking interferes with opponent's ability to hit a ball, opponent may claim the point by hindrance only if opponent does not hit the ball.
34. A player may feint or change positions at any time; however, other movement or sound made solely to distract opponent is a hindrance and not allowed, including waving the arms or stamping the feet.
35. A let due to hindrance is played only if player could have made the shot and did not cause the hindrance.
36. Grunting and loud noises should be avoided and if extreme may result in the loss of a point as a hindrance.
37. Accidental Injury by player of opponent is not penalized; however, deliberate injury, including hitting a ball in anger, or throwing a racket in anger, which affects opponent's ability to play results in default of player.
38. Player shall not withdraw from match except due to injury, illness, or personal emergency.
39. Stalling is subject to point penalty and includes: warming up past allotted time; playing about one-third player's normal pace; starting a discussion or argument in order to catch one's breath; clearing a missed first serve that doesn't need to be cleared; excessive bouncing of ball before serving.
40. Player may not leave playing area except: to contact official assistance for stalling, flagrant foot faults, medical time-out, scoring dispute, pattern of bad calls; player may refuse to play until an official responds.
41. Players shall remove balls and objects from player's end of court and shall honor opponent's request to remove a ball from player's court. Players shall not go behind the adjacent court to retrieve a ball nor ask for return of a ball until the point is over. Players shall return a ball hit from adjacent court after their point is over.
42. If a player catches a ball before it bounces, player loses the point regardless of where player is standing.
43. When a tournament specifies new balls for a third set new balls shall be used unless all players agree.
44. For clothing or non-racket equipment problems, play may be suspended for a reasonable period, and player may leave the court to correct the problem. If it is due to a broken string or racket, player may leave the court to get a replacement but is subject to code violations under the point penalty system.
45. Do not place clothing or towels on the net.

Racquet
Talk
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Have you moved? Have you changed email addresses? Do you have a new phone number? Click on the submit button on the website to update your membership contact information !

got tennis?

Mens Leagues

Tuesday League The 2009 Men's Tuesday Spring League is up and running. The Men's Tuesday league is using a new format. One of my main objectives this year was to insure that all members of the club who signed up to play in the men's leagues were drafted. The Tuesday League has 6 teams, which are composed of 7 Blue, Black and Orange rated players (this enables us to utilize all of the players who signed up to play in both the Men's Tuesday and Thursday leagues). One player is rotated out each week and is the substitute should the team need one. The results so far have been good. The first 3 weeks results has team #1 (led by Ernie Laenertz) and team #5 (led by Art Miller) separated by only 2 points. The fourth week was rained-out, which will extend the league until April 14. Hopefully this will not cause any problem as many people tend to leave Sun Lakes around the 2nd week in April. **Pete Dalecio, Director 895-7704**

Thursday League The Thursday league has finished the 4th of a 10 week session. Tony Simonelli's Italian Stallion's are in a runaway mode with 162 points. The next 3 teams, Jack Peterson's Chrome Domes; Keith Nelson's Swedish Meatballs; and Bill Gosiak's Kiddie Corps are in a tight race for 2nd place with 138, 135 and 133 points respectfully. In 5th, Maurice Allen's French Frog Legs are staying ahead of Jack Szatkowski's Polish Sausages who are in their usual spot, last. The tennis has been spirited and most matches have been close with only a few thrown racquets and a minimal amount of cuss words screamed. Come on out and watch while having a nice lunch overlooking the courts. It's usually more fun than watching Oprah or the View. **Lou Galiano, Director 895-6093**

Womens Leagues

Monday League The league is having great games and a lot of competition. Janice's Gals are pulling away but Jill's Jiants are hanging in there. We only have four weeks left so everybody is going to have bring their "A" game since the scores usually turn out to be very close. Sign up sheets for the fall session will be going up in a couple of weeks. **Pat Davidson, Director 883-9716**

Wednesday League Wednesday League is progressing nicely. All 5 teams are so well-matched that at any given week, any team can be 1-2 games ahead or behind the rest of the teams. Having a bye every 5th week seems to be working out well also as it allows team members to plan trips, visitors, substituting, free time, etc. Individual statistics are posted every week and they can vary considerably from week to week as each player partners with a different player every week. By playing with every player on our team and against all of the players on the other 4 teams, we are getting to know all of the players at our level very well. **Donna Nelson, Director 802-7330**

**Keep your eyes on
the Bulletin Board
for Summer League
information !**

Organized Play

Mens Organized would like to give a special thanks to Dan Rosler for making up our new forms that can be used for all the organized groups. They say much the same things but are so much neater than our older forms. Also I thank Bill Triquart for going the extra mile by taking an extra month for one of our unfortunate volunteers. Thanks Dan and Bill.

It is too late for you to volunteer -- as of last week, I was able to secure all the volunteers for our upcoming season. Thanks for your time and dedication so we can have another successful season for our Tuesday and Thursday organized play. Keep the courts full and we will continue to have a great tennis club. Have a great summer! **Bob Walk, Coordinator 940-6009**

Mixed Doubles Organized This has been a great year for the mixed doubles organized play on Fridays. It started out a little slow at the beginning of the tennis year last April, and of course through the summer months when the snow birds were gone, but picked up dramatically in the fall and winter months whereby now all five courts have been filled both at the 8:30 and the 10:00 time slots for the last several weeks. I, personally, want to thank all of my monthly schedulers (Kathy Sundsrud, Judy Crane, Dee Rasmussen, Nancy Riggs, Kaipo Simonelli, Carol McCulley, Dan Rosler, and Maurice Allen) for the great job they did in helping make this a very successful year. More good news is that they all said they would be willing to do another month of scheduling again for the next tennis year starting in April. We will, also, have at least two new schedulers, Bernie Tighe and Jane Atkins (who was not able to fulfill her month this past year due to an unfortunate arm injury). One more monthly scheduler is still needed, and should be filled before the end of February. Come one, come all, sign up early on Friday mornings so you don't miss out, and enjoy the great comaradarie with all of your friends. **Gerry Picker, Coordinator 802-6732**

Womens Organized Ladies Organized Play has two courts available on Wednesdays at 8:30 and 10. If you are not on league, you have an opportunity to play. Remember to sign up. And please consider your signing up as a commitment. If you are scheduled to play and are not able to do so, please contact the organizer for that month to arrange a sub. Thanks. **Mary Jane Williams, Coordinator 895-7666**



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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.

Annual memberships run from April 1st each year to March 31st of the following year. Dues are payable in advance. An annual club membership entitles members to participate in Monday-Friday mornings organized play, club tournaments, league participation, club-sponsored social events, and subscription to the newsletter and websites.

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

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