

THE COTTONWOOD TENNIS CLUB NEWS



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President's Message by Keith Nelson

This is my last President's Report and I would like to thank the club for its support this past year. You have made a challenging job much easier and enjoyable than I could have expected. It hardly seems like a year has passed.

In particular, I would like to recognize everyone who contributed their time and energy volunteering for the many tasks necessary to make the club so successful. The CTC's future looks bright with a strong group of incoming officers and a large number of new club members. Thanks again!

March Club Dinner Meeting

The last dinner meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, March 16 at Palo Verde. It will be a sit-down dinner with a cost of \$15. The last day to sign up is Tuesday, March 9. Hosts will be Christy and George Thomas. Don't miss this dinner.

Recreation Department Tennis Night

The Tuesday, March 10th event is sponsored by the HOA Recreation Department with the help of the CTC. The nationally ranked Mesa Community College Tennis Team will present an exhibition. Other courts will have activities such as health, a beginners introduction, new racquets to try, and drawings for prizes. A \$3 ticket includes your meal. Tickets are available at the Resource Center. The evening is for all Cottonwood/Palo Verde residents so encourage your friends and neighbors to attend. Better yet, bring friends and neighbors with you.

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CTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Keith Nelson – President
Kelz Kelzenberg – Vice President
Pete Dalecio – Treasurer
Lucy Kastin-Geller – Secretary
Susan Stewart – 1st Past President
Al Wagner – Tournament Director

Club Dues for 2010-2011

Pay your \$40 dues by Monday, March 15 to be listed in the new directory. Drop a check or envelope in the suggestion box.

April Picnic

The club is returning to an old tradition with the "Old Time Picnic" to be held April 17 at Sisk Park. Come and have a good dinner, participate in games, or just sit around and visit. For \$2 you get a chicken dinner, soft drinks, beer and wine. Pete Dalecio promises a great time for all. Such a deal!

Keith Nelson, President

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

Tournament News - Al Wagner, T.D.

What a busy time of the year!!!

On Saturday the 20th of February, we finished our work down in Tucson with our Robson Cup Team. We managed a third place finish of the four teams entered. Our # 1 3.5 Men's team and #1 Women's Team won all of their matches. Good going Lou Galiano, Kelz Kelzenberg, Peg Onken and Carol Foster. Unfortunately, the weather changed and the wind and rain did the afternoon matches in. Thanks to all of the participants, especially those who drove to Saddlebrooke and did not get to play any matches!! Finals Scores were Oakwood 177, Cottonwood 155, Pebble Creek 113, and Saddlebrooke 197. Thanks to Don Neu and Pat Davidson for their work in organizing the Robson Cup this Year.

On Monday, February 22nd. we begin our Mixed Doubles Tournament. We have 108 players entered and most divisions have semifinals on Thursday and final matches on Friday. I've just checked the weather forecast for the week and it is starting to look favorable, so let's keep our fingers crossed.

In March, we have the Social with Trilogy on the 6th and the East West Social on Friday and Saturday of the following week. These events have all been posted, so be sure to sign up. At the end of the month we also have our end of the year social on March 27th. Watch for that event to be posted soon. **See You On The Courts!**

Al Wagner, Tournament Director



Horst & Dorothea Flachsmann, February Dinner Meeting Hosts. Additional photos from the meeting can be found on the website—the Photo Gallery page.

Recreational Tennis Night

Pete Gazzola, Coordinator

The Cottonwood Palo Verde HOA and the CTC are pleased to provide our annual Recreational Tennis Night. Introduce a neighbor or friend to the best tennis in Sun lakes!.

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 - 5:00 - 7:00pm

Activities will include information about beginning tennis sessions, health/exercise benefits, an opportunity to demonstrate/exchange rackets, exhibition tennis, and enjoy a grilled chicken sandwich meal and drinks.

Cost: \$3.00.

Tickets are on sale in the Resource Center.



What's coming up at the CTC ?

Mark Your Calendars

MARCH

- March 6 CW Inter-club @ Trilogy
- March 10 CW / PV Recreation Evening
- March 12 Board Meeting 2 PM - Room A-7
- March 12-13 East/West Social-SL & SB @ CW
- March 16 Dinner/Meeting @ PV
- March 27 Year End Social @ CW

APRIL

- April 17 End of the Season Picnic



**COTTONWOOD TENNIS CLUB
DINNER MEETING**
Tuesday, March 16, 2010



MENU

**Fried Chicken - Green Beans
Mashed potatoes with gravy
Spinach Salad - Warm Rolls
Sweet Ending
Price: \$15.00**

Social 5:15 Dinner 6:00 Meeting 7:00
(It will be a sit-down dinner.)

Please leave your
checks in the lock
box

made out to
Cottonwood Tennis
Club

(with table #) by
Monday, March 8,
2010.

Hosts: George and
Christy Thomas
480-243-7152

For each petal on the shamrock
This brings a wish your way-
Good health, good luck, and
happiness
For today and every day.



PUBLICITY - Wayne Mangold 883-9144

Remember to please send any newsworthy publicity items to Wayne Mangold at mangoldaz@q.com . Every month articles and photo(s) are sent to local publications such as The Splash. Of course whether each newspaper prints what we send is not guaranteed! These same news articles can also be found at www.cottonwoodtennisclub.com - the "What's New" page !

RATING COMMITTEE -
Kelz Kelzenberg, Chair 802-5741

The Peer Rating exercise is progressing well. We hope to receive at least 50% response from the membership. The Committee will be tabulating the results and making the necessary changes in color ratings over the next month.

REMINDER! 2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP 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!

MEMBERSHIP
Mary White, Chairman 639-5630

Welcome New & Rejoining Members
Bonnie Livingston - Gene & Jane Wagner-
Janice Newkirk - Bob Beck

The new CTC Board of Directors for the 2010-2011 Season are as follows:
President - Kelz Kelzenberg
Vice President - Al Wagner
Tournament Director - Tony Simonelli
Treasurer - Judy Crane
Secretary - Cathy Sundsrud
1st Past President - Keith Nelson

WESTERN BROADBAND (WBHSI) EMAIL USERS

We still have some members who we still cannot get emails to from president@cottonwoodtennisclub.com and webmaster@cottonwoodtennisclub.com -- WBHSI blocks these emails as spam. Please set up these two email addresses as EXCEPTIONS (or as WBHSI calls it, "WHITE LISTED") so we can get our emails to you. Instructions can be found on the website home page - www.cottonwoodtennisclub.com or in the January newsletter! Don't miss out on the CTC communication e-mails ! Western Broadband technical support can be reached at 1-866-364-5010



Don't miss out on important TENNIS FLASH emails sent throughout the month! If you change your email address or we don't have it yet, please contact us -----
president@cottonwoodtennisclub.com
webmaster@cottonwoodtennisclub.com

VISIT OUR WEBSITES
Check out our websites for the most up-to-date information and schedules of events.
www.cottonwoodtennisclub.com
www.ctcnewsletter.com

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CTC ANNUAL PICNIC

SATURDAY ~ APRIL 17, 2010
SISK PARK

WATCH FOR DETAILS ON
CTC BULLETIN BOARD & TENNIS FLASH
LOTS OF FOOD, FUN, GAMES AND PRIZES

Pete Dalecio - Picnic Coordinator

MENS LEAGUES**Tuesday League – Art Miller 802-0396 &
Bert Wall 802-2378 Directors**

The Tuesday Men's League is alive and functioning very well. Our six teams have 4 weeks of play under their belts and, though it's early, it may be developing into a tight race to the finish. Carlos Buckelew's team is presently holding on to a nine-point lead over Dick Haynes' team, with Ron Petersen's team three points back in 3rd place. The remaining 3 teams are back in the pack, but can make a move upward in the next few weeks. With some good weather luck, we'll finish the 10 week schedule on April 13th with a clear winner.

**Thursday League
Lou Galiano, Director 895-6093**

After one rain-out and three weeks of play the standings are as follows: Jesse Stewart's Scatterbrains leads the league with 113 points. Jim Dittmann and his Demented Devils are right behind them with 109 points. Jack Peterson's Pied Pipers are in third place with 95 points. Rounding out the league are three teams fighting hard for last place and the Jack Szatkowski Memorial Last Place Trophy. Bob Walk's Bobble Heads have 87 points and Szatkowski Polish Bunnies are tied with Bill Gosiak's Go-Go-Girls (oops Guys) with 85 points. This is going to be one hell of a fight for that beloved trophy. **See you on the courts!**

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

WOMENS LEAGUES**Monday League**

Pat Davidson, Director 883-9716

The league is really going great. We have three teams that are so close it could go in any direction and since we only have four weeks left a lot can happen. Everyone is having a great time because it is so competitive and evenly matched. Good luck to everybody !!!!!

Wednesday League

Donna Nelson, Director 802-7330

The Wednesday Spring Tennis League has just completed ½ of its season. Weather has not been kind to us this season but we have managed to get all of the matches in one way or another. There is very little difference in the number of points accumulated for the 5 teams so far so the teams seem to be fairly evenly matched. We are looking forward to 5 more weeks of play. We will end the season on March 24th and enjoy an end-of-season party on March 31st.

**Free "Class" Tennis Lessons by Don Neu!
October - April ---- Monday 7:30 pm Beginners and
Tuesday 7:30 pm Intermediate Beginners**

**Don't forget drop-in tennis on Sundays starting at
7:00 pm for beginners and intermediate levels !**

ORGANIZED PLAY**Mixed Doubles Organized****Gerry Picker, Coordinator 802-6732**

Friday's mixed doubles continues to be going strong, as all five courts are being played on at the 8:00 am and 10:30 am time slots, plus alternates waiting to fill in, if needed. This couldn't happen without the good work of all of my schedulers, who I personally want to thank. Thank you Kathy Sundsrud, Judy Crane, Dee Rasmussen, Nancy Riggs, Bob Baker, Kaipō Simonelli, Maurice Allen, Carol McCulley, Jane Atkins, Dan Rosler, and Bernie Tighe. I hope that most of them will be able to continue their good scheduling, again, next tennis season, and for those that will not be able to because of other commitments, hopefully, some others will be willing to step in and take their place.

Womens Organized**Mary Jane Williams, Coordinator 895-7666**

Remember, ladies, organized play goes on all year. Schedules for those who have signed up will be posted at least 3 days prior to play. AND, if anyone is interested in doing a month of organized scheduling, either for Mondays or Wednesdays (or both) for next year starting in April, please contact me.

Mens Organized**Bob Walk, Coordinator 940-6009**

I know there are a lot of male tennis players out there that wants to volunteer to be a coordinator for the Tuesday or Thursday organized play. I am sorry to inform you that you will have to wait until next year, because each month for our next season starting in April, have been filled by those that want to keep our tennis club running with great precision. Many of the volunteers are repeats from last season and without hesitation said **yes** when asked if they would like to do it again. Thanks to all of you.

I would also like to give a special thanks to our Canadian friend (**Dan Rosler**) for all the help he provides for the tennis club. Not only does he volunteer to coordinate the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday groups, he and his wife Carol, bake cookies and cakes for our special events. Dan also produces new forms needed for our men's organized play. These forms not only make easier for our monthly coordinators, they look so much neater, especially when we have our leagues playing at 10:00 and 11:30 each week. Next time you see **Dan**, thank him for all the time he gives to our tennis club.

All of our courts are being utilized during the 8:30 time frame. Now that the cold mornings are getting a little warmer, please feel free to get a group together and use any court available at 7:00. WE can only play 20 players at 8:30 and there are always more than 20 that sign up to play.

CTC TENNIS RESOURCES & SERVICES**TENNIS RACQUET STRINGING**

Al Wagner - 802-7142

CTC TENNIS APPAREL

Bob Walk, Coordinator - 940-6009

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

CTC Apparel...Bob Walk 940-6009

The last two social events we had at our tennis courts (Oakwood and Leisure World) brought great disappointment when I noticed many of our CTC players do not want to wear the club apparel that is available to them. This includes a lot of our top rated players that get the greatest exposure from the crowded sidelines. I have had many players tell me that they feel better and usually play better when they are wearing one of our club shirts, hat or visor and even when they use our club towel to wipe away their sweat or tears. These items are available to our club members any you may also use our easy payment plan if needed. **FACT:** The club officers decided two years ago to sell our club apparel to our members for the same price we pay to our clothing provider. **AT COST, NO PROFIT !!!**



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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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