

THE COTTONWOOD TENNIS CLUB NEWS



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President's Message

By Wavne Mangold

Tribute to the Octogenarians - On behalf of the CTC members and board members, I offer sincere congratulations to this group of tennis players. We wish them continued good health and enjoyment. Lillian Baklarz, Jack Dunn, Ernie Laenertz, Charlie Blinn, Eleanor Gold, Peter Mason, Dick Clarke, Larry Hague, Bob Peterson, Len Estrin, Svein Jenshus, Donna Peterson, Earl Schalin, George Stebbing, Millie Sweet, Bert Wall.

Tennis Board Policy & Resolution Changes - Our homeowner association passed four new changes which will affect tennis at Cottonwood Palo Verde. The CTC does not have the responsibility to enforce these new regulations unless it occurs at one of the club events or during the priority time given to the club by the Homeowner Association. Security and management have the responsibility for enforcement outside of the previous parameters.

Reciprocal Agreement between Cottonwood & Iron Oaks - It is no longer permissible for four (4) homeowners of Cottonwood Palo Verde to play at Iron Oaks and vice versa. The new reciprocal which has been approved by both Homeowners Associations does not allow residents from Iron Oaks to use the courts at Palo Verde unless there is an equal number of Cottonwood Palo Verde residents on the courts during play. The same applies to Cottonwood Palo Verde residents using the courts at Ironwood.

Change to Facility Use Regulations Chapter 8-2A XII. Repetitive Visitors A "visitor" is a person invited to Cottonwood Palo Verde by a homeowner and must be accompanied by that homeowner while using amenities. Occasionally, inviting visitors to use Cottonwood Palo Verde amenities is acceptable. However, with the

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exception of lounges, restaurants, and golf courses, homeowners are discouraged from repeatedly inviting non-residents to use certain Cottonwood Palo Verde amenities (i.e., Cottonwood tennis courts; card and activity rooms; billiard room; racquetball courts; bocce ball courts; Sisk Park putting green; and restaurants and lounges when used for card/game playing). Abuse of the visitor privilege could be found by the Board of Directors to be a violation of the Homeowner Code of Conduct #12. Please note that it is acceptable for immediate family members of homeowners to be repetitive visitors.

Change to Dress Code Chapter 8-06 Tennis Courts: D. Appropriate tennis attire is required. Shirts and non-marking tennis shoes are to be worn at all times. Tank tops, swimwear, midriff exposing tops and cutoffs are not considered to be proper tennis attire.

Renaissance Retirement Apartments The HOA passed a resolution to allow residents at the Renaissance to join the Cottonwood Tennis Club. They must have been a member of the CTC for 5 years and a resident of Sun Lakes for 10 years.

Tennis Courts - Cracks are appearing at the newly repaired courts at Cottonwood. We will work through the Recreation Committee for resolution. Expect more to report next month.

Wayne Mangold, President

Tournament Director

Jack Szatkowski

The Rainbow Classic was a HUGE success! The D-BACKS came out the winner but the SUNS players say they want revenge. Thanks to all - it was a lot of work but well worth it! Special thanks to Mary White and Judy Crane. Congratulations to the D-BACKS who worked very hard. This should be a very good tradition for the CTC!

The D-BACKS 602 vs. The SUNs 519

The postings for the Oakwood Social have been posted. And the postings for the Bradshaw have been posted. The sign-up for the Sunbird/Sun Lakes Social will be posted very soon. There's a lot of stuff going on now so check the bulletin board frequently. Write down your schedule so you won't forget when you're supposed to play!

GOOD LUCK IN THE BRADSHAW !

Jack Szatkowski, T.D.

Mary White, T.D. Assistant

Bradshaw Open Tournament
October 29 - November 2
At Cottonwood
All Sun Lakes & SunBird welcome !



It's Inter-Club Time !!!

The recommended dress for all inter-club matches are:

Cottonwood Tennis Shirt (white-unisex sizes) - \$20.00

Cottonwood Tennis Club Visor - \$10.00

Cottonwood Tennis Club Hat
(white-one size fits all) - \$15.00

Call Harvey Trachtenberg 883-9070

CTC is a GREAT Club - let's look GREAT !

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinners & Meetings

San Tan Ballroom

Social—5:00 Dinner—6:00

Meeting—7:15

November 21 – Dinner Meeting

December 12 – Holiday Dance

CTC Socials/Inter-Clubs

*November 10 – Sunbird at
Cottonwood*

November 10 – at Sun Lakes CC

*December 3-7 – CTC Men &
Women Singles*

*December 8 – Sun Lakes CC at
Cottonwood*

*December 8 – Cottonwood at
Sunbird*

November Dinner Meeting

Santan Ballroom

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

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

Price: \$15.25

Your Host & Hostess: Anne & Bill Triquart

Watch the bulletin board for details & sign-up sheets !

Publicity

Susie Welker

Please send any newsworthy publicity items to Keith & Susie Welker at keithsusan@earthlink.net. Every month articles and photo(s) are sent to about 4 local publications and we would be delighted to include your league's results. If anyone has photos for publication, please e-mail those as well and be sure to include a caption. Whether each newspaper prints what we send is not guaranteed!

Rating Committee

The Rating Committee will be meeting in late November to review league statistics to date, applicable Bradshaw results, and members' Rating Review Request Forms. Please let us know if you have any questions. Members are Jack Fitzsimmons, Kathy Klotz, Al Wagner and Nancy Riggs, and the Board officer sitting as Chair is Susan Stewart. Rating Review Request Forms may be obtained from the box under the bulletin board or by contacting any of the Rating Committee members. If you are thinking about requesting a review, please get the form to a committee member as soon as possible. If you are injured or have otherwise fallen lower than your present rating, please request to be moved down, even temporarily. Remember, you can always play UP but cannot play down as a Sub for the Leagues. Additionally, you can play UP but cannot play down in the upcoming Tournaments.

CTC Rating Committee

Be sure to check the website(s) often, especially during this very busy TENNIS season, for all the latest NEWS!

www.CottonwoodTennisClub.com
www.CTCnewsletter.com



***Free Tennis Lessons
By Don Neu***

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

***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 !***

Welcome New Members

Please extend a warm CTC welcome to the following new members: Sue Cavanaugh, Sarah Trader, Skyla Peterson, Jay Hearshman, Pat Galiano, Paul & Cinda Sue Thorhauer, Maurice & Joy Allen, Joan Osoinach, Terry Irish, Roger Hargus, Linda Spencer, Judy Brauner, Betty Dunn

Name badges have been ordered and are available for pickup on the tennis club bulletin board.

***Welcome to the Cottonwood Palo Verde
Tennis Club!***

For those of you who have elected to view the newsletter utilizing our website(s), it is important that we have your correct e-mail address. So please e-mail us if you have an e-mail address change -

president@cottonwoodtennisclub.com and webmaster@cottonwoodtennisclub.com

POACHING

It is important that you learn how to poach in doubles as this will make you a much stronger doubles team. It also helps to keep the service returner from getting in a groove on the return as they never know when you are going to poach. You do not need a real strong net game or flawless volley to poach.

The poach is used very effectively when one player is up and the other player is back. This occurs when your partner is serving. Both the receiving and serving teams are in this position on the serve. The return will be kept to the server and when the net player sees the chance to move across the court to hit a volley, it usually surprises the opponents and you have a great chance to win the point. It is easier to poach on your forehand side; however, you can also poach moving to your backhand side. Poaching is really cutting off a shot that is directed to your partner. If the poacher's shot is returned, it is usually so weak that it's just another chance for the net player to put the ball away.

In an all out crossing poach, doubles partners switch the side of the court they are playing. First the poacher switches to make the all out crossing poach. On seeing this happen, the partner in the backcourt switches too, covering the side of the court the poacher vacated. Therefore, an all out crossing poach could just as well be called a switching poach. Never hesitate! Your partner must know immediately what you're doing so he knows whether to switch or not.

There are two types of poaching: planned poaching and opportunistic poaching ----

In opportunistic poaching, your net player anticipates a return he will be able to poach and poaches it. The player anticipates the opportunistic poach from their partner's previous shot that sets it up. The shot that you can best poach is the service return as long as your partner serves from the center mark to the "T". This is by far the most common type of poaching.

In planned poaching, you make your move the instant the opposing hitter's racket starts moving forward into the ball. At that point, most players are committed to the direction of their shot and can't change it to wrong-foot you. All other poaching has to be opportunistic poaching.

Be sure to close the net as you make your move on the ball. That is, don't wait for it to come to you; move forward to intercept it as soon as possible so that you fit from as close to the net as possible.

The real advantage of poaching is that it causes the receiver to keep an eye on you and this usually is the reason the receiver hits a weak shot back to you.

Poaching can be a fun part of the game. If your partner tends to over poach, you will need to have a short team discussion and suggest that you only use planned poaching as this way both players know what is going on and they can easily move into the proper position in case the poach is returned.

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 League - Pete Dalecio, Director 895-7704

The Men's 2007 Fall Tuesday League is off to a great start. Great weather, no injuries or problems getting subs. Team 5 (Pete Gorman) is ahead by a few points, followed closely by Team 1 (Tony Garcia) and Team 4 (Ernie Laenertz). The Tuesday League will have the week of October 28th off (The Bradshaw) and then resume play on Nov. 6th which will be the end of the first half of play. I will be posting a sign-up sheet in November for the men's 2008 Tuesday Spring League. I anticipate there will be enough players to field 6 teams for the Tuesday Spring League. The Men's 2008 Tuesday Spring League will start on January 15, 2008, providing the Men's 2007 Fall League doesn't have any rain-out games to make up.

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

Fantastic prizes were awarded to the top 6 players at the party held on the last day of the Season (Thursday Mens Summer League). Bill Gosiak; Dick Perrine; Kelz Kelzenberg; Jack Epps; Karl Woodman; and Jim Dittmann. Throughout the summer we had 37 players that participated in the league. On any given Thursday, we would have from 16 to 28 players on the courts. Quite a turnout for summer!

The Thursday league is in full swing with 4 to 10 weeks played. Leading the pack is Jack Peterson's team with 160 points. Jim Dittmann, Wayne Mangold, and Al Wagner's teams are bunched up with 133, 128, and 127 points. Tony Mongiello and Jack Szatkowski teams are fighting to keep up. Remember Peterson the N.Y. Mets had a big lead with a couple of weeks to go, choked and lost the East Division. It could happen to you.

The sign up sheet for the Winter/Spring session will be posted after the Bradshaw Tournament. That session will start Jan. 17th or 25th depending on any rainouts.

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

The Women's Monday League got off to a great start October 22nd, thanks to all the enthusiastic players, both Regulars and Subs. At the end of the first day of play, Kilbreath's Divas were in first place, followed by Plant's Playmates, next by White's Wizards, and with Davidson's Darlin's bringing up the final spot. Look for the Team and Individual scores to be posted each week. Next week, October 29th, is a BYE week while we enjoy playing and watching the Bradshaw Tournament. We will resume League play the next week on November 5th. It's great to see all the returning snowbirds and to get our fun league season underway once again.

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

No report

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

No report

Organized Play - Bob Walk, Coordinator - 940-6009

I would like to thank all the volunteers that survived the long hot summer with very few problems. A reminder for the next six months, please have the sign-up sheets posted 7 days in advance of play and also have the schedule sheet posted 48 hours in advance of play. (8:00 am). I am now available to assist with any problems that should arise, so please call me first.

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

Nothing to report

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.

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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