

THE COTTONWOOD TENNIS CLUB NEWS



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President's Message

By Wavne Mangold

During the past few months we have experienced several changes. First, Pat Davidson and Jack Szatkowski spent a day with me to redesign the club's bulletin board. New backing, information tags, dividing borders, and glass were installed. All organized functions (men's, women's and mixed) are together. Additional board space was given to the leagues and events. Glass was added to the organized section to eliminate some problems with the wind.

Secondly, JoAnn Flachsmann developed two great web sites. CottonwoodTennisClub.com is one of the more complete tennis club sites than any we reviewed in our analysis populating the site. CTCnewsletter.com is our newsletter site. For those having e-mail, the newsletter will be delivered electronically versus the postal mail. An e-mail with a link to the newsletter will be sent when the newsletter is available. To opt-out of the electronic delivery, complete the form in this newsletter and insert it into the suggestion box.

Thirdly, all courts were either repaired or replaced. The lower court at Palo Verde was replaced at General Acrylic's expense due to either a faulty installation or product. The HOA board authorized Court 5 at Cottonwood to be resurfaced with the same material as the Palo Verde courts and Courts 1 and 2 at Cottonwood to be repaired and resurfaced. Courts 2 and 3 were scheduled to be repaired and resurfaced in 2008. After several of our members fell on these courts,

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the CTC board approved a \$1000 donation to the Cottonwood Palo Verde Homeowners Association if they would move the repair schedule a year earlier. With assistance from the Recreation Committee, our recommendation was approved.

The October 17th meeting has the promise for a fun time - October 10th is the signup deadline! It includes the Ted Jordan Fun Show. It is a musical magical comedy spectacular and a tribute to Red Skelton. Also, we have a special tribute to our octogenarians. Those include: Lilian Baklarz - Charlie Blinn - Earl Schalin - Len Estrin - Bert Wall - Jack Dunn - Eleanor Gold - Larry Hague - Svien Jenshus - Ethel Wells - Ernie Laenertz - Peter Mason - Bob Peterson - George Stebbings - Millie Sweet

It is becoming increasingly difficult to schedule interclub events with Pebble Creek. The choice was to do nothing or develop another event. Therefore, the club has developed a closed event for all members regardless of their color rating, thus the name Rainbow Classic. If successful, it will become an annual event.

Wayne Mangold, President

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www.CottonwoodTennisClub.com

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Tournament Director

Jack Szatkowski

It has been a long hot summer, but most of us have survived (I hope)! Down to business - the summer socials are over and they were the best ever. Mary White ran two of them and Pete Dalecio did the other. Attendance at the socials was great and lots of fun! Both Mary and Pete had fun formats - GREAT JOB! And thanks so much.

Starting this year, a new two-day tournament for all CTC color rated members will be held on October 19 and 20 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Once all signups have been completed, the tournament director will divide all players into two teams. Those teams will play each other on Friday and Saturday. This tournament is similar to the East West Social. The winning team will have the bragging rights for one year (until the next one is played).

The initial plan is team tennis in which you play two (2) short matches each day. One match will be gender and one match will be mixed doubles. Everyone will play - all rating color levels will participate in the tournament, hence the name rainbow. This is a CTC members only tournament.

There will be plenty of food provided throughout the day, including lunch, and good camaraderie for all to have a good time. The signup sheet is posted, and we hope everyone will participate. Specific time requests will not be available.

Since this is the only the start of the season, I don't have much else to report at this time. I am looking forward to this upcoming season and hope you are too!! Hope to see you soon!

Jack Szatkowski, T.D.
Mary White, T.D. Assistant

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinners & Meetings

San Tan Ballroom

Social—5:00 Dinner—6:00

Meeting—7:15

October 17 – Dick Off Dinner
Meeting

November 21 – Dinner Meeting

December 12 – Holiday Dance

CTC Socials/Inter-Clubs

October 19-20 – Rainbow Classic

November 10 – Sunbird at
Cottonwood

November 10 – at Sun Lakes CC

October 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

**Menu: Chicken Cordon Blue, Dinner Salad, Herb Roasted Potatoes,
Glazed Carrots (Vegetarian by request), Peach Cobbler
Your Host & Hostess: Wayne & Hanne Mangold**

The signup for the October 17th dinner meeting has been posted. The signup deadline is October 10th. We will start the new season with a tribute to our CTC members who are 80+ years young. Each will receive a complementary dinner and will be individually honored.

We will also be entertained with the Ted Jordan Fun Show. This is a musical magical comedy spectacular - a tribute to Red Skelton!

Bradshaw Open Tournament

October 29 - November 2

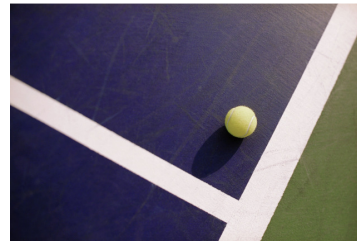
At Cottonwood

All Sun Lakes & SunBird welcome !

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. Whether each newspaper prints what we send is not guaranteed!



Rating Committee

The current playing level color charts are posted. Anyone who does not have a permanent rating is not eligible for league play, tournament play, socials or interclub play. Members not rated may play in Organized Play at the Orange level until rated. Rating Review Request Forms are available for members who desire to be rated or re-rated, whether down or up, prior to the next session of league play. The next meeting will be in November. League results with winning percentiles will be a factor in determining rating adjustments.

CTC Rating Committee

*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 !*

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The newsletter will no longer be mailed to all members unless you specifically request a printed copy. It is our hope that you will utilize the new websites. The benefits of "online" include seeing it in beautiful color and having the option to print as many copies as you need. In addition, if you choose not to have the newsletter printed version mailed to you, you will help to reduce the Club's monthly printing and postage costs.

Go "GREEN" and save a tree!

Each month when the newsletter is ready, you will receive an e-mail stating that the newsletter has been posted. Therefore, it is important that we have your correct e-mail address. So please e-mail us if you have an e-mail address change or if we don't have your e-mail address - president@cottonwoodtennisclub.com and webmaster@cottonwoodtennisclub.com. For cost comparison purposes, one newsletter is approximately twice the cost of the two websites for an entire year!

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SERVING

Serving is one of the hardest strokes to learn in tennis. The service toss is the number one area that many players need to work on off the court as well as on the court. It is important to push the ball up to your right and forward so that the ball will land inside the playing surface. The height of the toss should be at least as high as you can reach with your racket in the air with the full extension of your arm. The most power on a serve is obtained at the highest point you can reach with your racket. It is very important for you to hit up at the ball and not forward. Hitting up on the ball will allow you good clearance over the net. If you hit forward you will hit a number of your serves into the net.

When you are first learning to serve you will find that you tend to “toss and swing” and “hope” the ball lands somewhere in the service box. Intermediate players often worry about “getting it in” and fear double faulting, especially at game point. Advanced players tend to attempt to serve aces or very close to the lines and should they be successful sometimes, they mistakenly go for too much too often. The second serve for some advanced players is a very weak serve and the opponents usually can be all over it.

Some steps that you can take to be more effective with your serve are as follows:

- A. Prepare yourself mentally at the end of the prior point for your next serve. Do not spend any time on what happened to the last serve.
- B. Learn to relax your forearm and also your grip. Tension in your service hand, fingers and forearm is undesirable so immediately after the point, switch the racket to your non-playing hand. This will give you a more relaxed feeling in your serving arm.
- C. It is very important to get yourself in position prior to attempting the serve. You have 20 seconds to put the serve into play from the end of the last point. This is enough time to get yourself set up with your feet in the proper stance and also your left shoulder pointing in the correct direction to be effective with the serve. Your left shoulder (for right hand players) should be pointed at your intended target.
- D. Players should decide where they want to hit the serve. If your opponent has a weak backhand, you should serve the most serves to their backhand. It is important to serve some to the forehand and also some directly at the opponent.
- E. The first game where you are the server, you should serve at 80% of your normal speed as this will help you relax and also will help you build up confidence in your serve. If you attempt to serve at 100% at the beginning, you will put more pressure on yourself as your serving percentage will not be very high. If you are having problems with your serve, you will find that you will also have problems with the rest of your game. If you are able to get the majority of your serves in whether they be 90 miles an hour or 20 miles an hour, you will find that you will win many more points and games.

Good luck on your serve and if you have any questions, you can ask me any time!

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 Tuesday 2007 Men's Summer League ended on August 21st. It was a great success. There were no winners or losers in the HOT Summer League, although 25 players lost a few pounds of their baby fat. The Men's 2007 Tuesday Fall League will start on October 2, 2007 and continue until December 18, 2007. The league is composed of 5 teams Captained by Art Miller, Peter Gorman, Ernie Laenertz, Bill Adams and Tony Garcia.

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

The 22-week Thursday men's Summer League is coming to an end as you are reading this. I will have the winners posted in the next update. We played a very unique format that everyone seemed to enjoy, matching players with equal abilities against each other. We had from 16-28 players each week – a great turnout for the summer. The Fall League will start October 4th. Captains meetings have been held and teams picked. The captains are: Wayne (The Prez) Mangold, Jack (Cheesehead) Szatkowski, Jack (Chrome Dome) Peterson, Jim (What Rule?) Dittmann, Tony (I got it!) Mongiello, and Al (Can't we all just get along?) Wagner. Stay tuned throughout the year for more updates on the Thursday League.

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

The Women's Monday League begins on October 22nd and everyone is looking forward to getting back together. All of the schedules for the Fall Session are posted. Schedules have been sent out by your Captains, Pat Davidson, Janice Kilbreath, Mary White and Lilian Plant, so let them know if you have any questions. Enjoy the Fall Session!

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

I hope you had a wonderful summer and are now anxious to get back on the beautiful CTC courts! The Wednesday Women's League will play its' first match of the new season on November 7th. If you have not been contacted by your league Captain, please give her a call. Let her know that you're healthy and ready to begin a new session! Team information and a substitute list has been posted on the tennis board. If you were not drawn for a team position and your name is not on the list, please notify me and I will add your name. Enthusiasm is contagious! Enjoy competitive play with a great bunch of women and do your best on the courts!

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

No report

Organized Play - Bob Walk, Coordinator - 940-6009

No report

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

As lead coordinator for the 2007-2008 Women's Organized Play on Monday and Wednesday mornings, I wish to thank each of the volunteer Monthly Coordinators for their efforts since last April: Marilyn Brenner, Teddy Cole, Mary Ann Hall, Lucy Kastin-Geller, Lois Koenig, Donna Nelson, Donna Peterson, Nancy Ross, and Mary Jane Williams.

Please keep signing up for this CTC activity. During October our play schedules are 7:30-9:00 am and 9:00-10:30 am. Signup sheets are posted on the CTC bulletin board by 8 am one week prior to the date of play. Each monthly coordinator will set up matches and post the scheduled matches 48 hours in advance of the day of play.

Let's fill the courts we are given to use each week and play some great tennis!

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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