



The Cottonwood Tennis Club News

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President's Message—Susan Stewart

WELCOME TO THE FALL SEASON

By now everyone is looking forward to another fun tennis year and to all the events which begin in October. So a warm welcome to everyone, both to our permanent population and to our snowbirds. Our Fall Season kicks off with the October Welcome Dinner and Meeting (see below), so be sure and sign up. Remember that the Membership Meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month, October – March, and that regular Board Meetings are held the second Friday of each month, October – March, in order to report to the Membership on the following Wednesday.

OCTOBER DINNER and ENTERTAINMENT and MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

On Wednesday, October 15th, the October Kick-Off Welcome Dinner and Entertainment will be hosted by Jesse and Susan Stewart. We hope that everyone who is in town will join us to kick-off the season. We will have dinner and entertainment, followed by our first Membership Meeting for this term. Membership Directories will be available to those who do not yet have theirs. Social Hour begins at 5:15, Dinner at 6:00 with "Entertainment" to follow, and the Membership Meeting will commence about 7:45, with everything completed by 9:00. See You There!!

NEWS UPDATES

The summer remained a busy time for Cottonwood Tennis Club. We have had very successful Summer Leagues and Organized Play, and especially thank our Directors and Coordinators, Lou

Galiano, Pete Dalecio, Susie Dunn, Gerry Picker, Bob Walk and Mary Jane Williams, who did a wonderful job. Our Homeowners Association graciously agreed to resurface courts 3&4 a year earlier than scheduled, so now we have wonderful newly surfaced blue courts for our total enjoyment. At the Food Court you will see that we have a new refrigerator for all our events and that the paver area has been more than doubled in size for the benefit of our volunteers; we expect this area to be much more useful for our members. Beginning October 1st our Fall tennis hours begin at 7:00 AM. Start practicing your Coman Tiebreak, as it will be used for all CTC activities.

VOLUNTEERS

It takes so many volunteers to run our club, about two-thirds of all our members. So if you feel you can help them out in any way they will be very grateful. This is a special thank you to all you volunteers!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES & INFORMATION

If you do not have your Membership Directory, you can pick it up at the October Membership Dinner, and after that you must track me down. Please note the following important corrections and mark them in your Directory: p.4, Dinner & Meeting is on March 18th (p.2 lists it correctly); p.4, Recreation Committee members are Terrie Heichelbech and Jack Szatkowski; p.6, Spring Fling is changed to Mar. 28-29 so more members can be in attendance.

Do we have your "current" email address? Do you know that your membership term is from April 1st to March 31st, each year, that it is not pro-rated, and that if you have not paid your dues by mid-March you will miss out on the deadline for



getting your name into the Directory—everyone will then be hunting for you! Please make a note to pay your dues the first week of March each year. And please send me your current email address for incorporation into our Master Membership List so that you will benefit, as your captains and coordinators will receive it; you will receive the periodic President's Report sent to all email recipients; and you will receive the CTC Newsletter from October through March.

CTC WEBSITE

So much has been done with our website by our talented webmaster JoAnn Flachsmann. Now you will have a "printable" version of your monthly Newsletter. We ask that everyone try this out and offer to stop any mailings to you so we can better utilize that time and money. Thank you for trying this out: www.ctcnewsletter.com.

Club Events

Socials

Tournaments

Events

Meetings

Be sure to check out the CTC web-site for the September Social recap and photo gallery! The Events Page and Photo Gallery Page!

OPEN HOUSE

The Annual Cottonwood Open House is Saturday, October 18th, from 9:30 - 12:30. Be sure to stop by and check out all the Sun Lakes clubs. Stop by the CTC table because our merchandise will be sold at a discount that day!



Tournament News — Al Wagner, Tournament Director

Wow! After the slow pace of summer activities, all sorts of things are suddenly happening. Here's what coming up in the near future.

The 1st event is the Rainbow Classic. This was a great event last year with the D'Backs playing the Sun's. The signup sheets are posted for this years Rainbow Classic with a two team format again. If you sign up, you'll be partnered up with a super person and most people will play twice on Friday and twice on Satur-

day. Each match will be one 8 game proset with no add scoring and all matches will be doubles or mixed doubles. The dates are Friday, October 17th and Saturday, October 18th. If you work late on Friday, we'll schedule you for late match times. Last year we had over 100 people participating and we hope for more participation this year. The reason for the name "Rainbow Classic" is to encourage all colors to come out! Hope to see you there.

Our 2nd event is the Oakwood Social on October 25th. Signups sheets have been posted. We will play at Oakwood this year.

Our 3rd event is the Bradshaw Tournament. which runs from November 2nd thru November 8th. Sign up early if you can.

Special thanks to Kathy Klotz and Lillian Plant who helped with the scheduling of the summer socials and Judy Crane who coordinated activities at the snack bar.

The Bradshaw Open

November 2-7 All Sun Lakes & Sunbird welcome!

The Bradshaw Tournament sign up sheets will be posted by October 3rd until the 23rd. The Bradshaw will start on Sunday, November 2nd thru Friday Nov 7th. Find your partners now for another exciting tournament.

Pete Gorman, Bradshaw Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS ! MARK YOUR CALENDAR !

October 15	Santan Ballroom	Kick-Off Membership Dinner Meeting
October 17-18	at Cottonwood	The Rainbow Classic
October 18	Santan Ballroom	Activities Open House
October 25	at Oakwood	Cottonwood Inter-club
November 2-7		THE BRADSHAW
November 15	at SunBird	Cottonwood Inter-club

October 2008 Dinner & Meeting — Kick-Off & Entertainment

Santan Ballroom - Wednesday, October 15, 2008

No Host Bar—5:15 pm Dinner—6:00 pm

Menu: Chicken Cordon Blue, Dinner Salad, Potatoes Au Gratin, Green Beans Almandine, Dinner Rolls, Apple Cobbler

Cost: \$15.50 Sign-up deadline: October 8th

Your Host & Hostess: Susan & Jesse Stewart

Special entertainment — *The Mr. "E" Show*—a comedy impersonation act!

Membership Directories will be available for distribution as well as

Apparel for purchase for the new season!

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 about 4 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. Whether each newspaper

prints what we send is not guaranteed. 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

Tennis Quote of the Month —

Tennis is an addiction that once it has truly hooked a man will not let him go !

Russell Lynes

Rating Committee—Keith Nelson 802-7330

The Ratings Committee met on September 8th to review rating change requests in time for the league drafts. Eight requests were considered.

The committee invites anyone who wishes to move up or down to fill out an application and drop it in the box by the bulletin boards. A meeting is normally held every month during the September- April season.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Keith Nelson
Chair, Ratings Committee



Free Tennis Lessons by Don Neu
October—April
Monday 7:30 pm—Beginners
Tuesday 7:30 pm Intermediate



Membership—Mary White 895-0858

Please contact Mary White, Membership Chairman, at 895-0858 or by email marywhite1@wbhsi.net if you have changes to your phone number, mailing address, or email address!



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A new feature on the newsletter website is that you can print out a copy of this exact newsletter in a Word document type file (PDF). All you need to print it out is a program on your computer to make this possible such as a free Adobe PDF reader which you probably already have. Check it out — www.ctcnewsletter.com !

This newsletter is only mailed to those of you who request a mailed copy. We do hope that you utilize the websites to reduce the Club's monthly printing and postage costs! *And now with this new print feature, you may not need a mailed copy—let us know so we can take you off the "mail list" !*

E-mail president@cottonwoodtennisclub.com

Look For the Triangles

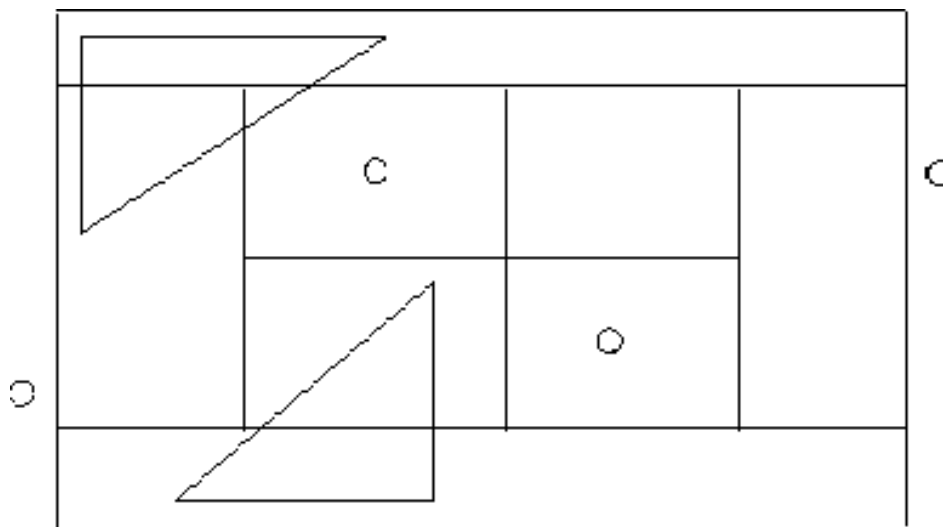
As you play your doubles matches at Sun Lakes, you will frequently notice your opponents in the one up one back position. If you imagine a line connecting the two opponents together you should also be able to picture two unprotected areas on their side of the net. Each of these areas is can be represented by a triangle. These two triangles make great targets for you to hit to. If your opponents net person is very close to the net, the triangle behind him becomes even larger! A great time for a lob! Thank you very much! If your opponents back court person is back too far, you have another enlarged triangle to hit to! A great time for a drop shot.

Now let's look at your side of the net. How can you take the triangle targets away from your opponents? Work with your partner - try to have both up or both back. If you are both back, however, you must both be looking for chances to move to net as soon as possible, as both back is a rather weak position.

Al Wagner, Contributing Journalist

Racquet Talk

(let your racquet do the talkin!)



2008-2009 CTC Board of Directors

President — Susan Stewart
 Vice President — Keith Nelson
 Secretary — Pam Lenar
 Treasurer — Kelz Kelzenburg
 Tournament Director — Al Wagner
 1st Past President — Wayne Mangold

It's Interclub Time !!

NEW Cottonwood Tennis Club Hats	\$12.00
NEW Cottonwood Club Tennis Towel	\$8.00
Cottonwood Tennis Club Shirts	\$20.00
Cottonwood Tennis Club Visor	\$9.00

Update your shirts and hats for the upcoming interclub season!

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Mens Leagues

Tuesday League Play commences on October 7 and will continue until January 20 unless we have a rain-out. The league will be composed of 5 teams with 6 members on each team. The Captains of the 5 teams are Ernie (cutter) Laenertz, Gerry (hit them high) Picker, Art (bionic) Miller, Paul (smiley) Riedell and Doug (the hammer) Pean. The drafting of the teams was conducted on September 17th. Team rosters and schedule of play are posted on the Tuesday League section of the bulletin board. I had planned to have 6 teams this year, but lack of available players prevented it from happening.

Pete Dalecio, Director 895-7704

Thursday League The summer portion of the Mens Thursday Fall League ended on Sept. 18th after 23 weeks of grueling competition. We had anywhere from 4 to 6 courts every Thursday even during the heat of summer. The top six players were: Bill(the kid) Gosiak; Jack(the moaner) Epps; Jack(chrome dome) Peterson; Dave(the duck) Bolio; Lou(the boss) Galiano and Jim(the fox) Dittmann. Congrats to the top six, all received an award. An award for the most improved player was won by Bob (the Whooping Crane) Heichelbech. A total of 42 players participated at one time or another during the 23 weeks. A party was held Sept. 25th and awards were given out. Food, drink, and the dancing girls were enjoyed by all.

A draft was held on Sept. 15th for the Fall doubles league. The six captains are Jack Peterson, Bill Gosiak, Mike DeMallville, Jack Epps, Jim Dittman and Jack Szatkowski. The League will start playing on Oct. 9th and go to Jan.26th with time-outs for tournaments and Holidays. Up-dates will follow monthly.

Lou Galiano, Director 895-6093

Womens Leagues

Monday League The first match will be October 20th. Captains for this year are Pat Bowlus, Janice Kilbreath, Kathy Klotz, Jill Seager, Susie Welker, and Millie Wurtz. The schedules are posted on the bulletin board — everyone should have their copy from their captain. As always, please keep your captain informed. We're looking forward to a fun fall season.

Pat Davidson, Director 883-9716

Wednesday League Because of several tournaments scheduled in November, December, and January, there will be only 5 weeks of play during the Fall session. Wednesday League has been scheduled to begin on 11/12 and continue on 11/19, 12/10, 12/17, and 1/14. There are 6 teams with 6 players on each team. The captains are Roberta Arpan, Marsha Coffman, Teddy Cole, Susie Dunn, Catherine Korol, and Kay Tymn.

Donna Nelson, Director 802-7330

Organized Play

Mens Organized I would like to thank our volunteers for the summer months: Gene Brown, Ray Johnson, Bill Brenner, Dick Tallman, Gerry Picker, Charlie Sivertson, Malcolm Amos, Lou Simmons, Sander Frindell and Art Miller. Thanks for taking care of our Tuesday & Thursday organized league. While on my five-month vacation in Iowa, I did not receive or hear of any problems. Thans again — you will receive your reward later! **Bob Walk, Coordinator 940-6009**

Mixed Doubles Organized Participation on Fridays has gone quite well this summer. Unfortunately, there was a little confusion as to the use of the Palo Verde courts during the month of July while our courts 3 & 4 were being reconstructed. After the reconstruction process was completed, which took about four weeks, all five of our courts have been filled most Friday mornings including a sub list on some occasions. All who have been signing up and playing, apparently are enjoying themselves, as they kept coming back for more the following week. Welcome back to those who have returned from their summer get-a-way and to those who are yet to come. Sign up early, so you don't get left out. Don't forget about the change in starting time (7:00, 8:30 & 10:00) for the Fall months beginning in October. And last but not least, a big "thanks" to all of the monthly schedulers, past, present, and future, who have done a very adequate job in putting together the pairings which have made for some interesting and challenging matches.

Gerry Picker, Coordinator 802-6732

League Information

Mens

Womens

Organized

DROP-IN tennis every Sunday— 7 pm—for beginner and intermediate levels !



Ladies Organized Remember that league does not start until November. Organized play sign-up sheets will be posted for Mondays and Wednesdays all of October.
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.

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

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