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COTTONWOOD TENNIS CLUB ENJOYS A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES

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While tennis is the focus of the Cottonwood Tennis Club, (and the passion for some of its members), there are several ways to participate in the club's activities.

The CTC engages in numerous social/tournaments with nearby communities; additionally, the following tournaments are held each year: The Bradshaw Open, Triple T, Men and Women Doubles, Mixed Doubles, and the very competition-friendly East-West Tournament Games. Tournament competition is, however, only part of the action. There are on-going leagues for both genders at two skill levels, as well as organized play for men doubles, women doubles and mixed doubles. A social hour/dinner/meeting is held each month and the season ends with a fun and games picnic.

Recently, the club donated \$1500.00 of funds generated by the Bradshaw Tournament to Neighbors Who Care and it spearheaded a drive for new underwear and socks to be given to the more than 500 homeless children in the Chandler School District .

Members range from those who are just beginning to play tennis to those who are experienced and talented. Players are rated into categories of ability so competition is fair by arranging play between members of equal skill. On-going free classes are held each Monday and Tuesday evenings for those who would like to learn more about the game or improve their skills. Of the 290 members, men slightly outnumber the women. While there is a number of members who join the club as couples, about half of the membership consists of either singles or those who do not have a tennis-playing spouse. The majority of members are from Cottonwood/Palo Verde; however, there is limited availability for players from Iron/Oaks and Sun Lakes Country Club. CTC could not exist without a myriad of wonderful volunteers who make it all possible.

Members of the Board of Directors are: Al Wagner (President), John Crawford (Vice President), Bob Heichelbech (Treasurer), Kathy Sundsrud (Secretary), Wayne Mangold (Tournament Director), and Kelz Kelzenberg (Past President). Among the other volunteers responsible for on-going activities are: Pat Davidson, Bernie Tighe, Art Miller, Lou Galiano, Mary Jane Williams, Bob Walk, Gerry Picker, Roberta Arpan, Susie Dunn, Kathy Klotz, Donna Nelson, John Langan , Terrie Heichelbech, Bob Pivec, Lynn Cox, Peg Onken, Bonnie Livingston, Carole Kile, Gerry Carr, Bill Triquart, Dick Haynes, JoAnn Flachsmann, Don Neu, Lucy Geller, Ron Petersen, Chuck Hall, Tony Mongiello and Carol McCulley.

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