

GREEN VALLEY TENNIS CLUB



Spring Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Green Valley Tennis Club is at full strength with 361 members. Court usage is very strong. The reservation system seems to be working very well, although we have the inconvenience of the location while the Ramada is being built.

Grant Alley deserves a big hand for outstanding job of training new monitors and adapting to the temporary location.

On your next chance to make a reservation, please thank the monitor for the time they spend as a volunteer.

I dropped in on Sunday afternoon and all 6 courts were filled with mixed doubles. Great participation!

Don Herron is our USTA liaison, what a great job he has done on scheduling 12 teams for matches and practices.

Jim Bath has spent hours planning Coyote/Rattler and putting up bulletin boards and moving the sign-up sheets. Jim's intra-league is in the 2nd year on Thursday afternoons at Desert Hills. Getting good reviews.

Carolyn Herron and Marge Garneau attended the planning meeting for Green Valley Recreation with me and we have reservations made through 2008 for Board of Directors meetings and also Potlucks.

Carol Tahse turned in the membership roster to GVR and pro-

vides rosters to new members.

Nancy Crosby just does her thing, she takes in money and pays the bills.

The new West Center Ramada is going up, but our winter guests may not see the finished product until next fall. Steel was delayed and there is a Chamber of Commerce event first week in February, which will cause further delays in construction.

Patience must be a virtue!

Rip Fulton



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

There will be a wood racquet tournament coming soon. You don't have to own a wood racquet to play, we have some available. The format will be doubles.

Then watch for the Annual Ramble (aka the handi-capped tournament)

There will be more information by email, on the web

site and on posters at West Tennis Center and Desert Hills Tennis Ramada.

OPEN COURT RULES (MON—SAT. 6 AM TO NOON)

This applies to the reservation time, when there is an open court!

- ✓ Open court sessions: 6:00 am, 7:30 am, 9:00 a.m., 10:30 am.
- ✓ You must end play at the end of the session, if others are waiting to play.
- ✓ Flip of a coin or racquet spin determines who gets the open court if two groups arrive at the same time, without a reservation.

If all members of the group are not on court ready to play within 5 minutes after session start time and another group is waiting to play, the court will be forfeited to the waiting group if their members are all there.

- Membership lists will be available at the Potluck in February, if you did not get one contact Carol Tahse at 393-0218.
- Annual meeting will be March 11th at the potluck. New officers will be presented.

Coyote/Rattler Tournament



Thru snow, rain, wind, and sunshine the six day tournament was completed on time. After a rough start due to the weather the tournament moved right along with only a few last minute changes. In general the 96 tennis players enjoyed themselves for six days of tennis. Many people met and made new friends.



Jim Bath has the dubious distinction of being the first tournament manager to delay the start of the Coyote\Rattler Tournament due to snow in Green Valley.



Many thanks are given to Rip Fulton, Bill Albrecht and Kathi Skytta for helping with hat delivery, ball delivery, and score taking to make things run smoothly. There were 1473 tennis games played during

this week Marge Garneau took pictures and displayed them at the banquet. Thanks Marge.

The Saturday night banquet was as much fun or even more than playing tennis. Rip had talked Frank Strnad into sharing the MC duties with him. Frank did a great job of telling jokes and stories before the dinner. The delicious dinner was catered by Kristofer's. All the dinner arrangements were made by Judi LeTendre. After dinner Rip had a number of high quality gifts to share with the group. Sine and Dennis Allyn had wrapped the gifts in gold paper to enhance the appearance of the gifts. The tennis racket with the two foot extended handle was a real hit.

It was presented to Carol Scalise, so she could reach the high overheads. Tudor Apmadoc was presented with a wooden racket, a tennis ball and some rubber bands as a reward for attending the Coyote\Rattler Tournament for fifteen years.

The Coyotes won the tournament. Everyone said "we will be back next year for more fun and laughs and maybe a little tennis too." With joy in their hearts, another successful Coyote\Rattler Tournament came to a close.

See you on the Courts! Jim Bath, Coyote\Rattler Tournament Manager



Thanks to our volunteers who put in their time to make Tennis a happening for us!!!!!!

LEAGUES

Leagues for the spring are going strong. There are men's leagues being played on Tuesday and Friday at Desert Hills along with Canoa if needed. (All sign-in is at DH) Men's doubles is also on Wednesday and Thursday at West. A women's league is at West center on Tuesday.

On Saturday West has a Mixer happening from noon to 2 pm. Sunday you will

find mixed doubles from 2 to 4 pm at West Center.

As you are aware, the registration this session was done the "old" way. Having email available and phone calls did not work. So far we have not found anything to replace the "old" way to register but will continue to search for a better way, if there is one.

Leagues will continue through the end of April.

Then will discontinue for the summer, starting up again in the fall.

There were not enough men for a singles league this year.

We have had inquiries about adding another women's doubles— we are looking into this.

Frank McCormick

CLINIC CORNER



The Tennis Clinic, sponsored by the Tennis Club, continues at Desert Hills tennis courts every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. During our busy winter season, we have an average of 20 to 30 players participating each day.

The primary purpose of the Clinic is to help beginner tennis players, tennis

players who have been away from the game for some time and need to brush up on their strokes, an ideal place for new tennis players in Green Valley to meet other players, and experience players who want to improve strokes, movement and match play.

The Clinic helpers are volunteers from the Tennis

Club. Ray Wardlaw, the GVR tennis pro, is helping at the clinics each Wednesday through February. There is no cost for the Clinic, but you must be a member of the Tennis Club to participate.

The Clinic started this year in October and will continue at least through April.

Carl

GREEN VALLEY SENIOR GAMES

2007 is the 23rd Anniversary of the Senior Games in Green Valley! The games will start on Friday, March 9th and finish on March 29th with the Recognition Breakfast.

The deadline to register for the 2007 Senior Games is February 22nd, 2007 at 3pm.

**Monday - Friday, March 19-23 Matches Start - 8:00 am
Location - West Center Tennis Courts**

**Coordinators -
Terry McCoy 393-1951
Marv Weber 625-3189**

A. Events: Men's and Women's single, doubles and mixed doubles in each age bracket.

B. Three events maximum per individual.

C. Age divisions are: 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, etc.

D. Age bracket of doubles team is determined by age of younger player.

E. All events single elimination: 2 out of 3 sets with regular scoring and a 12 point tie-breaker may be substituted for third set in case first two sets are extra

long. 15 min. default time.

F. Awards for first and second place.

G. Each participant needs to bring one can of balls per event entered. Winner will move up with the unopened can.championship and consolation format.

So get your partners, pick up a booklet with the application form in it, and sign up for TENNIS in the Senior Games.



COURT USE AND SIGN UP

Tennis courts in Green Valley are generally open in the afternoons and all day Sundays and holidays. The exceptions are: league play, USTA team use, and some social mixers. These events are listed on the tennis club website or posted on the bulletin boards at West and Desert Hills. Even with these scheduled activity, there usually are courts available at

one of the tennis facilities throughout Green Valley. Here are the rules for open courts other than during reservation hours Monday-Saturday from 6 am to noon.

- ✓ Players must be members of GVR or guests of GVR members.
- ✓ You must sign in on the sign-in sheets.

✓ No open court can be taken more than 10 minutes in advance of play. If others are waiting, you are limited to 1 1/2 hours.

✓ At Las Campanas, the ball machine has priority on court 2. See the ball machine rules.

Grant Alley Reservations

SIGN IN WHEN YOU PLAY SO WE CAN BE COUNTED BY GVR.

USTA NEWS

Green Valley has 12 teams playing USTA league tennis this winter. The teams all started in January and the season should be done by the middle of March. Seven (7) of the twelve (12) teams are men and 5 are women. Level of play ranges from 3.0 to 4.0. As of this writing, it is

too early to report significant results, but tune in to the web site for periodic updates. Most of the home matches are at the West Center, with some make-up matches held at Desert Hills.

Away matches are held at the hosting teams' home courts located all over the Tucson area. Frequent destinations are the Tuc-

son Racquet Club, the Tucson Country Club, Randolph, The El Conquistador Resort, Quail Valley, Ft. Lowell, and Saddlebrooke to name a few. All of the teams have a great time and they all look forward to the Ramada being finished.

Don Herron,
USTA Liaison



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BALL MACHINE & COURT RESERVATIONS

The ball machine can be used on Court # 2 at the following times: 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday provided the courts have not been reserved by the monitor at the West Center and 6.00 A.M. to 6.00 P.M. on Sunday.

The Tennis Club ball machine is permanently housed at Las Campanas and is used on Court # 2.

Members wanting to use the machine are allowed to reserve it and Court #2, up to one week in advance by signing up on the ball machine reservation form on a clip board at Las Campanas tennis/ racquet ball ramada. There is no sign up at West Center.

Advanced reservations for the machine shall be by the hour, on the hour, for one hour increments.

Members using the ball machine have priority use of LC Court #2 if they either have signed up in advance, as above, or signed in on Court #2 no sooner than 10 minutes before the hour and before a competing group is signed in and fully assembled. If the competing group arrives at the same time as the ball machine user, the ball machine user has priority.

It is recommended that at least two ball machine members use the ball machine at the same time. One or two members hitting the balls and the other member picking up balls and attending to the machine. In

this way, maximum use of the ball machine can be obtained.

A ball machine user must sign in with their start time on the regular GVR sign-in sheet for Court #2, regardless if they have made advanced reservations.

A ball machine reservation for court #2 is considered forfeited if not in use by 10 minutes after the reservation start time.

Other players/groups wishing to use LC Court #2 during the above stated time must check the advance registration form for the ball machine to assure Court #2 is available.