

TENNIS CLUB

Newsletter

Winter/Spring 2006

Reservations/Tennis Hut 625-3724

Presidents Letter

Tennis Club Board of Directors is made up of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and immediate Past President, as well as a number of committee heads listed at the end of this publication. The Vice President is elected for a three year term: the first year as VP, the second year he/she steps into the Presidency and the third year is on the board as an out-going President in charge of Publicity. It is a big commitment. It is also rewarding, working in the background to better our club by running tournaments, working as a liaison with GVR to assist in issues regarding the tennis playing community and maintenance of the courts in Green Valley. Stepping out of the vice-presidency and in as your new co-Presidents we are committed to continuing the work done by many ahead of us to make Green Valley Tennis a great experience for all players. This year we have an added task of revising the outdated By-Laws and creating a new handbook



for the Board of Directors so that we don't have to re-invent the wheel each year. The Tennis Club Board has approved the changes and we now need approval of the general membership. Once that is received the bylaws are given to GVR for approval. Most of the changes involve insignificant details regarding out-dated wording. The biggest change will not affect you as a tennis player but will make the transition of year-to-year board members more workable by having March as the election month and April as the start of the new terms. The bylaws are available to all members upon request. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to call either of us.

Rip Fulton and Colleen Keilbart

West Center Ramada Project

Friday afternoon, February 3, 2006 the Green Valley Tennis Club board was presented the new design for the West Center Tennis Ramada by GVR. We were anxious to receive this and get on with the campaign which we had spent many hours planning. However, the design did not meet our expectations and the cost the club was expected to bear was unreasonable and uncertain. We can not go forward on that basis.

GVR worked in isolation with the architect and builder to design a ramada that fit their budget of \$130,000. They achieved that goal by minimizing the design (an unfinished cement pad with a metal roof supported by architectural I-beams) and by shifting much of the cost to the Club. The completion of the project including: internal and external walls and wall finishes, kitchen and bathroom fixtures, sinks, cabinets and countertop, kitchen

appliances, heating, air-conditioning and ventilation, lighting, floor covering or finishes, seating, tables, doors, etc, etc, were all shifted to Club responsibility. GVR and the architect provided no estimate of the cost for the Club's share of this cost, but our guess is that it will be well above the \$30,000 promised by the Club. Such a shift of cost responsibility was outside the understanding we have had with GVR since the start of the project.

We are extremely disappointed in the delay in building or permanent loss of a new ramada and in the manner GVR has gone about managing this project to the exclusion of Tennis Club and disregard for our design objectives and financial capabilities.



Maintenance

Tennis court issues will be an on going problem. GVR has 17 courts to oversee, and it is just a drop in the bucket to everything else they have going on. We act as their eyes and ears and hope that issues will be addressed sooner than later. Sometimes that is not what happens. We depend on the tennis players to understand we are doing our best as your representatives but sometimes our hands are tied.

The courts at Desert Hills have been recoated with the new standard blue and green at our request. They look good. We have suggested that GVR blow the courts clean twice weekly and wash them once every two weeks.

The cracks at West Center have been an issue within months after they were redone. GVR is currently working on solving the problems. They usually react quickly when a net is torn or damaged by ordering new nets. We sometimes have to use a little Velcro while awaiting a new net. By the time you read this Madera Vista should be recoated with the new tennis standard of blue. We have a team of dedicated players (Terry McCoy, Grant Alley, Rip Fulton) who routinely tension the nets. When you see them on the courts be sure to thank them. They make a difference.

USTA

Men's and women's USTA teams are comprised of members who enjoy playing competitive tennis against teams from other areas

The goal of the Tennis Club is to help in realizing the needs of the tennis playing community in Green Valley. Many players in Green Valley like the added competition of playing on a USTA team. Under the USTA umbrella teams from all over the United States form leagues and divisions within their areas. Green Valley is part of the Southwest Senior League. A player must be 50 or older to play in this league. The director of this league is located in Tucson. It is their responsibility to oversee the league. They set schedules and games. The teams are formed by ability levels. This season there are 8 USTA teams in Green Valley. There are two 3.0 ladies teams, two 3.5 ladies teams and

one 4.0 ladies team. The men currently have one 3.5 and a 4.0 team. The season is January, February and March. This year there is not a super senior (over 60 years old) winter league but hopefully that will change in 2007.

This year the Tennis Club Board added a new position, that of USTA Liaison. Don Herron was asked and agreed to take the job. He has worked with the teams and the reservation coordinator to make sure the USTA teams have courts for practice and match play with no interruption to regular reservation time. If you want to view some exceptional tennis by cheering on Green Valley players check the bulletin board at West Center for a schedule of home matches for all the teams.

Members Who Make a Difference

There are many volunteers who deserve special recognition. We don't have space to list them all but we would like to mention one.

Grant Alley works tirelessly as the head monitor in the tennis hut. Without Grant and his team of volunteers our reservations system could not exist. They give of their time on an on-going basis, working every day of the year except Sundays and national holidays. Supplies, telephone, and managing the

monitors are all part of the job. Many times Grant has to fill in for an absent monitor. When the telephone goes down Grant has to figure it out. Whenever there is a glitch in the reservation process we ask your patience as these volunteers are doing a remarkable job.

Thank you Grant, and all monitors!



Leagues and Other Activities

The Green Valley Tennis Club sponsors the leagues and we encourage everyone to join the GVTC. Applications are available at the tennis Ramada at West. Activities include monthly social dinners, tennis demos, tournaments, and much more. The Tennis Club volunteers operate the court reservation program and the club advises GVR in planning and developing future tennis facilities as well as maintaining and arranging optimum use of GVR tennis facilities. All tennis players can help by joining and participating.

League captains are in charge of who plays, which court they are on, who is on the sub list and who sits out.

WINTER/SPRING LEAGUES AND MIXER AND OTHER AFTERNOON TENNIS:

Day, Time and Place of Activity.

Captain/Telephone number courts

Sun/2-4/West/Combined 6.5-Mixed Doubles/1-6

Mon/12-2/ West/Men's singles

C. Anderson/648-7466/ 1-6

Mon/2-4/DH/Tennis Club Clinic

Carl Johnson/399-4781/1-4

Tues/12-2/West/Women's Doubles

Corrine Berglund/625-9535/1-6

Tues/12-2 DH/CH Men's Doubles

Frank Chambers/625-0052/all courts

Tues/2-4 WC Men's 4.0 Practice

Carl Johnson/399-4781

Wed/12-2/West/ Men's Doubles/ 1-3, 5&6

Wed/2-4/DH/Tennis Club Clinic

C. Johnson/399-4781/1-4

Wed/2-4 WC /Ladies 3.5 Practice

P. Hansen/648-5195/2 courts

Wed/2-4 WC/Ladies 3.0 Practice

C. Tahse/393-0218/3 courts

Thurs/12-2 West/Men's Doubles

E. Maciejewski/648-1867 1-3, 5&6

Thur/12-4/dh/Men's Intraleague

J. Bath/399-4821/1-4

Thur/12-4 WC/GVR Tennis classes

R. Wardlaw/625-0274/#4

Thur/2-4/WC/Men's 3.5 Practice

D. Matsel/399-1129/3 courts

Thur/3-4:30/LC/Ladies 3.0 Practice

C. Herron/625-9862/2

Thur/3:30-5:00 Ladies 4.0 Practice

C. Waddle/625-0875/2

Fri/12-2/WC/Ladies 3.0&3.5 matches

Team Captains/See Calendar

Fri/12-2 DH & men's Doubles

Frank McCormick/625-5695 1-4& Canoa 1&2

Fri/2-4/DH/Tennis Club Clinic

Carl Johnson/399-4781/1-4

Sat/12-2/West/Saturday Mixer

Bill Ersthaller/648-5775 1-6 All abilities.

Sat/DH/Sat Mixer

P. Fordney/393-7503/1-4

Sat/2-4/WC

Men's and Ladies 3.5 and 4.0 matches/See calendar.

PotLuck

The Tennis Club holds a monthly potluck as well as a couple of catered dinners from October through April. The 2006 pot lucks will be held at Desert Hills Social Center the second Sunday of every month. Social Hour begins at 5:30 PM with dinner starting at 6:00 PM. Bring your own place settings (silverware, plates, napkins) and your beverage of choice and glasses. Coffee and tea provided.

Join the camaraderie of tennis players and share on-court experiences. Check the web site for updated information on guest speakers, and any other information regarding potlucks. And as always, check the bulletin board at West Center Tennis Ramada for any updated information.

We encourage input from the club members. If there is something you would like to see or have at a potluck please contact Donna Murphy, 625-6272 or email her at howardmurphy@yahoo.com

Dates of 2006 Pot Lucks

February 12, March 12, April 9, October 8,

November 12, December 10



BALL MACHINE

The Green Valley Tennis club has a new tennis ball machine. It is located at Las Campanas on court 2. Members may use this machine for a fee of \$25.00 January 1 to December 31. Please send fee or give fee to the treasurer Nancy Crosby. At that time you will be given the combination number for the use of the machine.

That number will be changed on a yearly basis. New ball machine members please contact Jim Bath at 399-4821 for information and first time instructions. Complete rules and regulations can be found at Las Campanas, as well as an advance sign-up sheet. Don't forget to sign in at the Tennis/Racquetball Ramada.

DUES

Dues may be mailed to:

Green Valley Tennis Club
PO Box 224
Green Valley, AZ 85622

If your dues have not been paid by the February potluck you will not receive a roster for 2006. Dues are payable no later than January 1 and in the future shall be considered non-members by February 1. It is a difficult task to follow up on non-paying members who may have resigned from the club and not notified us. Please make sure your dues are paid by the first of the year. For the convenience of the members, dues can be paid at any potluck. You may also renew your application for use of the ball machine at the same time your membership is paid.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have approximately 60 unpaid names on our roster. Many of these people are no longer interested in club membership for a variety of reasons. Some no longer live in Green Valley. To be on the club roster you must be an up-to-date paid member. Therefore, if dues are not paid by February 1st each year your name will be removed from the roster.

We will send an email each year reminding you to pay your dues.

Board of Directors

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UPDATES!

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