



GREEN VALLEY TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARGE GARNEAU, EDITOR

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year! We hope you are all enjoying tennis in beautiful Green Valley. I think we are fortunate to have some of the finest tennis facilities in Southern Arizona.

Our recent Pot Luck dinner has been reported to have a record turnout and of course the food was great as always. Our thanks to Mr. Ed Osnowitz, Mr. Danny Annese, Mr. John Brennan and Mr. Denny Allyn for their USTA rules presentation. The game is more fun when everyone knows the rules. I was unable to attend due to illness. Hope to see you next time. I would like to inform you that your board of directors is working very diligently to improve and maintain

all aspects of our game. Our efforts are for club members but also for the entire tennis community in Green Valley. These folks are dealing with the Ball Machine, Catered Dinner, Leagues, Maintenance, Pot Luck Dinner, Website, Membership, Newsletter, Reservations, USTA, Scheduling, Publicity, Tournaments, Programs, Amenities fund and more. It takes a lot of effort to get all this done and we thank the many volunteers who are involved. We sincerely would like to hear from you if you have suggestions for improving our club and our activities. Please call me at 520-625-3636 or e-mail me at vphillips5@cox.net.

Some of the events that are coming soon are the "Fun in the Sun" tournament in February, the "April Fools" tournament

in April, and the "Desert Hills Grand Opening Celebration" in March. We hope you will be able to join in these good times. More information about dates, times, places, etc will soon be available.

We are always interested in gaining more members. Hugh Bennett announced a drawing for a prize for the people sponsoring new members. Just write your name on the application as a sponsor and your name will go into the hat for a drawing at the annual meeting. The larger our club becomes the greater influence we will have with GVR and their budgets. It is also very important to sign in each time you take a court and visit the Ramada. These numbers help us greatly. Sincerely,

Verne Phillips, President

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Fun In The Sun Tournament - February, 2011*
- *Desert Hills Grand Opening Celebration - March 8, 2011*
- *Potlucks the second Sunday through April*
- *Quick Start tennis being offered on Fridays*
- *Tennis Clinics at Desert Hills Monday and Wednesday*
- *Annual meeting, catered dinner, March 13, 2011*

POTLUCK

Sunday, February 13 at Desert Hills. The border patrol will be the program. Bring your table setting, what you want to drink and a dish to serve eight (8) adults.

Starts at 5:30 pm for social time; 6:00 dinner.

Share the Pot tickets are sold - so bring some cash.

Bring a perspective Tennis Club member!

Committee Chairs needed beginning in April: Potluck Chairperson and Program Chairperson. Contact Hugh Bennett if you are interested in either of these positions.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2011

We are trying out a new program designed to increase our membership. The program works as follows:

When an existing tennis member recruits a new member the new member places the name of the recruiter at the bottom of the Membership Application. This can benefit both the recruiter and the new

member because both names together are entered into the drawing at the annual meeting in March. There will be drawings for the Grand Prize and other prizes based upon the number of new members generated by the program.

The new member, even though he or she was not specifically recruited by a particular person, may

choose to put the name of a person (on the Membership Application) who indirectly persuaded them to join the Tennis Club. This could be someone who was helpful in improving their tennis game, helpful in explaining the options available for improving their tennis, pointing out the various leagues that they could enter, etc.

This program is retroactive beginning October 1, 2010. This means that any new member who has joined the Tennis Club after the 1st of October 2010 can request that the name of a mentor (as explained above) be placed on their Membership Application.

Hugh Bennett

ATTENTION ALL LEAGUE CAPTAINS

AFTERNOON AND SUNDAY OPEN COURTS - YOU CAN SIGN IN ONLY 10 MINUTES BEFORE YOU BEGIN TO PLAY. PLAY IS 1 HOUR 30 MINUTES FROM START TIME IF OTHERS ARE WAITING.

THE SEASON IS UPON US AND OPEN COURTS ARE BECOMING SCARCE.

IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE CAPTAINS TO INSURE THAT ALL PLAYERS SIGN UP SO THE CLUB CAN CONTINUE TO CLAIM CREDIT FOR COURT USAGE .

THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW INSTANCES LATELY WHEN PLAYERS ON A COURT HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO RELINQUISH THE COURT TO THE LEAGUE PLAYERS. CAPTAINS, DOUBLE CHECK THE COURT RESERVATION SHEETS TO MAKE SURE YOUR

LEAGUE HAS BEEN PROPERLY ASSIGNED THE COURTS. IF YOU FIND THAT YOUR LEAGUE'S COURT ASSIGNMENT IS MISSING PLEASE ALERT ME.

MIKE SCHULTZ.



Dick Kruger is looking for a partner

MAINTENANCE

Thanks to GVR staff members Guy Sundvik, Penny Jansmann, John Adderly and Anndrea Blackshear the maintenance of the Tennis Courts has gone very well. Tennis Courts West # 1-6 and Desert Hills # 1-4 were cleaned at the end of December 2010. GVR did a very nice job indeed.

The Tennis Court and net inspections will be performed during the first week of every month and I will follow up on the third week.

Meanwhile the cracks at Las Campanas and East are being looked into by GVR. Windsock installation will

be done at West Center on the East side of Court #6.

If there are issues on any of the courts please do NOT call GVR directly. Contact me, Hugh Bennett at 625-4137 or send me an email hucabennett@yahoo.com.

Hugh Bennett

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

2011 Tennis Club dues and ball machine payments were due to be paid by December 31, 2010.

To be included in the 2011 Tennis Club Roster your application and payment must be received by

the cut-off date of 01/31/2011.

To all of you loyal members that pay your dues regularly, and on time, please help us keep the membership up, and growing by talking to the people

that you play with, and socialize with about joining the Club. You might remind them about all of the work undertaken by the club, as well as the social benefits.

Katy Banks
Membership Chair

A big thanks to Glenn Smith for keeping the two ball machines working!

VOLUNTEERS

It's very important for all of us to remember those people who contribute in so many ways to make everyone's time on the tennis court a satisfying experience. Please acknowledge when you can the efforts from the many folks behind the scenes monitoring, arranging tournaments and leagues, fixing up, promoting and organizing, and serving as officers and captains and volunteers—any number of selfless tasks that just add more to our tennis community. Grant Alley, Gary Sullivan,

and Bob Porter are three who stepped down recently after many years of service.

Grant Alley has volunteered countless hours, including ten years as a monitor, seven of those as the head monitor. In addition, Grant spent much of his free time creating and constructing much of the interior, as well as the equipment and furniture, in the tennis hut we use for reservations. Grant will always be remembered as an asset to the entire tennis community.

Gary Sullivan, a past Tennis Club president and tireless promoter for the game and a consistent advocate for improvements for us here in Green Valley, has also monitored for many years, and Bob Porter deserves our thanks for more than 15 years as a monitor. Please welcome new monitors Doug Uthman, Gary Koenig, and Elaine Leigh. Give them your patience and your support as they take their places among our many valuable volunteers. Rene' Mosley-Smith
Reservations Chair

MICE AND
RATS AT THE
RAMADA!!!!
DON'T FEED
THE
RODENTS!



FUN IN THE SUN TOURNAMENT

WHEN: FEBRUARY 16, 17, AND 20, 2011

WHERE: WEST CENTER

SIGNUP DEADLINE:
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8
AT 4:00pm

Entry forms are available at the West Center Ramada and online.

Players will self rate them-

selves 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 or (beginner, intermediate, and advance) and teams will be assigned to balance rankings (beginners with beginners etc.).

Refreshments, snacks and balls will be provided by the Tennis Club.

Costs: \$10 for the first event for Club members (\$20 Non-members- includes one year Tennis Membership); \$5 for 2nd event entered; \$5 for refreshments for non playing attendee.

Hugh Bennett 625-4137

**Desert Hills Courts
OPEN HOUSE**

March 8, 2011

Activities begin 2 PM

Fun activities, demonstrations, free clinics, prizes and refreshments

FREE TO ALL!



Amenities Fund

Item	Amount	Totals
Total collected thru 1/11/2011		\$12,745.00
Spending:		
3 covered armadas on courts	\$6,244.13	
Fencing between cts - DH	\$2,324.99	
Printing/Supplies	\$118.19	
Total spent		<u>\$8,687.31</u>
Funds remaining unspent		\$4,057.69

Ranking of desired amenities by those contributing to the fund, listed in descending order:

- Top 4:
1. Enhanced gathering place at Desert Hills.
 2. Partial shade covers for courts 1 & 4 at West
 3. Hitting wall at Desert Hills or other place
 4. Windscreen behind ct 1 bleachers at West
- Next 6:
5. Shade cabana between courts at LC
 6. Ball scorekeepers at Desert Hills - done
 7. Windsocks at Desert Hills
 8. Viewing bleachers at Desert Hills
 9. Windsocks at West
 10. Enclosures at Ramada to hold in heat

Lowest rated: Water bottle shelves at west, ice machine at west, better bottle fillers at water fountains at west, public

address system at west.

Note that GVR has improved the DH gathering place, are adding windsocks at west between 5&6, and added bottle holders.

GV Tennis has been asked to hold off on the shade cover and windscreen behind the court 1 bleachers at west at this time. The committee is investigating another hitting wall and a shade cabana at Las Companas.

GVR is working with the Elks club to see if the land on the West side of Desert Hills courts would be available for use. The viewing area at DH is on hold until this is established.

Thanks to all who contributed to the fund! We are already enjoying our shade cabanas and fencing at Desert Hills and will keep working toward fulfilling as many of the other highly rates items as we can.
Carolyn Herron, Chair

WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.GVTENNIS.COM

AFTERNOON AND USTA TENNIS

We are continuing are strong tradition of involvement with the Southern AZ. USTA leagues. We have 12 teams entered in winter season play in both Senior (50 and over) and Super Senior (60 and over) categories. Of the twelve teams, 7 are women and 5 are men. Play has started and if you're interested in seeing competitive tennis between our local favorites and a variety of



Tucson teams, matches are held weekly at the West Center. Match times are posted on the bulletin boards at Desert Hills, Canoa and the West Center Ramada. They are also posted on the GV Tennis Club website.

We are continuing to leave Madera and Las

Companas courts open in the afternoon. If you are interested in just hitting a few balls and don't feel like dropping in on one of the leagues, those are the courts to try. East Center is probably the courts least remembered because they have been left off of the reservation system, so be sure to consider them as you're searching for courts.

Tennis is a wonderful life time sport. We have it all

here; formal and informal league play, free clinics, ball machine, quickstart, open courts and of course professional tennis unsure of how to get started ask anyone on the board or in the tennis club instruction. If you're and they will be glad to answer your questions.

May your aces be frequent,
Don Herron