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MOVING ON AT STC

By Jay Clayton Wilson

SaddleBrooke's world class tennis venue has always been a highly valued asset for players and the entire community. How anyone could improve on such a good thing, one might ask. Why just not kick back, get some exercise now and then, and let the club coast in comfort? We have all these courts, good coordinators, and two fine ball machines. Shouldn't we just chill out?

Not hardly. SaddleBrooke is an active adult community. The key word would be 'active.' In keeping with that theme, the recent few years have witnessed spectacular innovations and enthusiasm at STC. It's a direct result of the dedication, commitment, and energy exhibited by the 2015-2016



Board and president, TJ Duffy. Many had judged these achievements to be unattainable. The STC has become one of the most enjoyable and exciting clubs in the entire SaddleBrooke community. The evidence is seen at our

events, parties, and in the amiable friendships that are developing among our members. There is a reason for this valuable development.

The 2015 and 2016 members of the Board of Directors engaged in innovations that have resulted in nothing less than a new club atmosphere. Consider the innovations they have introduced. We are being brought together by the new Scramble OP, Ladies' and Men's OPUS, presenting the UA Wildcats teams to SaddleBrooke, a new photo-filled STC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SaddleBrookeTennisClub/> , updating the old letter club rating system to the NTRP numbered rating system, working with the HOA2 Board to bring sunscreens to our extended patio as well as at the Desert View courts, and initiating club pro clinics for all levels of play. Well, that's just to mention a few.

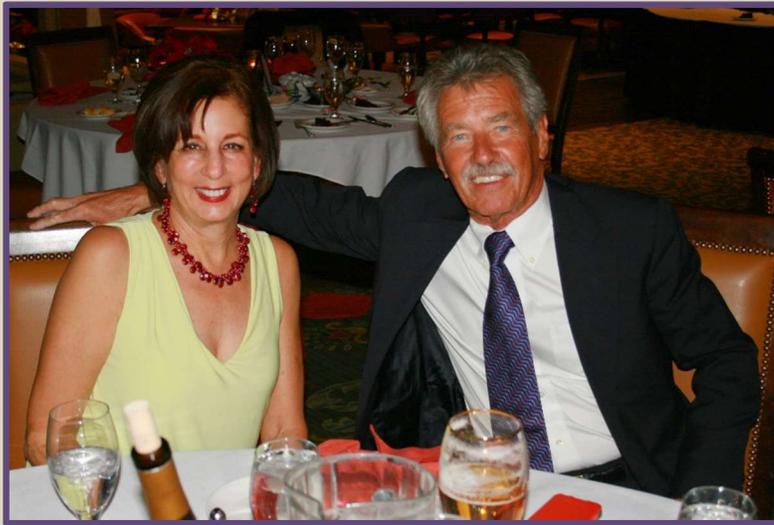
Now it is time for TJ to pass the helm to a new president. Anticipating the effects of term limits, the STC Nominating Committee began an in depth search of our 400 plus members to find just the right person to continue the course of TJ's accomplishments.

STC wanted a person who would continue to pursue the innovations that have brought the club together as a delightful gathering of friends who desired a healthy life style built around exercise on the tennis court and fun at the club's social parties. The search was on for a new president who would advance the Organized Play program, support Social Team Tennis, work smoothly with social director Debbie McGeehan, insure our close ties with the U of A tennis team, expand membership, contribute to the entire community's healthy activities, insure pleasant surroundings at the Tennis Center, and, well, this list could go on for many pages. Who would be capable of handling such massive responsibilities?

That question was on every mind at the annual membership meeting in early November. The resulting answer was unanimous. STC elected Darrell

Jackson as its president!

Darrell Jackson is a special guy. His resourcefulness was proved when he grew up in a family of eleven children where there was only one bathroom. We are not going to say whether some of those children were sisters. Darrell went on to excel in an IT career, but this story has a kicker. One day he was called in as a technical support engineer on a job where a pretty girl worked.



He did a professional repair job and, oh yeah, married Pam, the pretty girl.

On the same job he met Mary Jo George and Glen George. They have been friends for the past thirty years. In fact, the two couples found SaddleBrooke together.

At the important November meeting, Glen George was elected to serve as Vice President. Ginger Riffel will serve as Secretary, and Kay Sullivan will become the Treasurer. TJ Duffy will assume the position of Member at Large where he will continue to publish STC Tennis Times, the club's excellent online newsletter.

We welcome our new STC Board of Directors. Good luck in 2017! ❖

SaddleBrooke Tennis Club's Social Team Tennis

By Ginger Riffel

Social Team Tennis (STT) is beginning January 18, 2017 at 12:45 PM. The final week is February 22. It is a fun and social event for SaddleBrooke Tennis Club members. For six weeks on Wednesdays there will be separate men and women team matches with all levels playing. Sign-up sheets will be at the Tennis Center on Monday, January 2, 2017.



This year we will have two sessions each Wednesday on courts 1 -8. **EVERY TEAM WILL PLAY EVERY WEEK!** There will be no byes. Men will play on four of the courts and women on four courts. The first session will sign-up and warm-up at 12:45 then play for an hour from 1 to 2. Second session will sign-up at 1:45 and play for an hour. The **PARTY** will then officially begin at 3:15 on the tennis center patio. With shorter sessions everyone playing will be available for the party at 3:15. This social time is important for all players and team members to celebrate the day.

Please come and join your friends and meet new people. It is a wonderful way to socialize with players with whom you wouldn't otherwise encounter. Team captains will provide a schedule based on your availability times and a meeting to get acquainted with all the players on your team. ❖

Browse hundreds of great photos at our STC Facebook page (you don't need a Facebook account to look around):

www.facebook.com/saddlebrooketennisclub



SCRAMBLE OP

NOTE: February Scramble OP days will be Tuesday the 21st for the men and Friday the 24th for the ladies. ❖