

The Crosscourt Report



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The View From The Top



So far this year, the tennis club has been thwarted by many contentions and difficult issues. We seem to be fighting on all sides. COVID, sequestering, mask wearing, social distancing, endless hand washing. Not to mention the attack from pickleball, tennis league cancellations, cancelled events such as get-togethers, socials, traditional dinners and parties. I for one would like some Ice cream!!

The good news is that through it all, we have maintained and persevered by being able to play our beloved sport....TENNIS! At least that is keeping us sane. Even though we may be a little frustrated, we will continue to carry on with determination and high spirits.

For the rest of the year our focus will be on playing as much tennis as possible. What could be better than that? We are blessed.

Jim

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2021 BOD Election

Please vote for your Tennis Club Board of Directors for 2021. You will soon receive an email which describes the process and includes the ballot. **This ballot needs to be returned by November 11 at 5:00 p.m. in order to be counted.** If you do not receive a ballot or do not have an email address, please contact Brian Stocks at 503-539-3231.

The votes will be tabulated and the result announced at the November membership meeting on Thursday the 12th.

The nominations are:

- President Doug Wolf
- Vice President TJ Duffy and Cindy Madsen
- Treasurer Stan Manzanares
- Secretary Peggy Payne
- Director At Large Laura Ingold

See page 3 for VP platforms



Call For HOA 2 Board Candidates

All SaddleBrooke 2 members in good standing are invited to apply for HOA2 Board Candidacy. This would be a chance for you to represent STC interests. See Court Conversion, page 5.

This year's election will be for two seats currently filled by Dave Palmeri and Gerry Shafer. Both incumbents are eligible to run in this election, but Gerry Shafer has chosen not to seek a second term. The winning candidates will be elected for two-year terms and seated on January 1, 2021.

The deadline to submit your résumé is 4:00 PM, Friday, October 30. Submit your résumé to Diane Flores:

Diane.Flores@sbhoa2.org

Effective Board membership includes becoming familiar with relevant laws and the SaddleBrooke HOA#2 governing documents, as well as a willingness to invest significant time working with SaddleBrooke 2 management, committees and the community.

If you have any questions, please contact Election Task Force Chair: Bill Einecker: weinecker@aol.com or Roger Swett at rbswett1@gmail.com.

Candidates for STC Vice President



TJ Duffy

I am honored to have been nominated for this position and would like to thank the

members of the STC Nominating Committee for their support and confidence in considering me for the STC board. My priorities are below.

Tennis Courts My focus is on protecting our growing club by preserving our courts from being taken from us.

HOA2 is demanding STC sign a license agreement My take is that as a club cannot enter into any agreement in the absence of a signed reciprocal agreement between HOA1 and HOA2 as their contract will govern our scope.

Our antiquated email system It's in desperate need of replacement with a user-friendly system that provides easy methods to opt-in and opt-out while ensuring all subscribers receive club emails.

STC Socials in 2021 I would help reintroduce fun social activities safely as the pandemic is brought under control.

I've built a solid track record of serving STC members for well over five years. I humbly ask for your vote so I may work for you and with you in the best interest of all STC members—pop and traditional tennis - all rating levels.

Thank you! *TJ*



Cindy Madsen

Why am I running for VP of the STC?

I could just state all the easy usual reasons: more socials, better matches, grow membership, etc. But let me cut to the chase. First and foremost, I am running to help create a board that is transparent, forthright, and totally committed to serving the entire membership. I have NO secret personal agenda other than to do what is right for EVERY member of the STC.

Second, I am running to create a more cohesive and unified STC. We **ALL** must get involved and work together to make STC a strong and viable club. We face a very critical time. An example is possibly seeing the number of tennis courts dwindle from 20 down to 12. Everyone has an obligation to help maintain our current number of courts. Many members play in small groups and think that losing three courts to pickleball at the Preserve, or deterioration of Mountain View courts, is no big deal. When league play begins again, prime court time will become very, very scarce. So **WE** as a club need to unite together, **ALL** of us, not just a handful of players. I am running to make that happen!

Association Management Software

While neither Riley Jackson nor Bud Alexander expects to wrap up his support for our website and OP/OPUS matching software anytime soon, they agree that the club should start to look for a replacement system. The process will include:



Planning

Define our must haves and nice to haves. Understand everything that must be replaced when we step away from our current product. AM software typically offers features such as the membership database, renewals, signups, volunteering, committees, website, event calendar, document library, surveys, forums, and mobile access.

Identify volunteers with experience in web design, product selection and software development to ensure we get the best product for our application. Contact Brian Stocks if you have the background.

Develop a timeline.

"...the club should start to look for a replacement..."

Selection

Look at off the shelf products and talk to other clubs to see what they use that would allow us to satisfy our needs and as many wants as we can afford.

Estimate ongoing costs and any development cost. If development is involved, evaluate whether a special assessment is necessary and whether the members want to fund it.

The do nothing option exists, but we'd be unable to make changes like adding the HOA number to the member name which we did recently for record keeping.

Development

Assuming we want to continue with OP assignments, monitor the coding of the solution to ensure we get what we want.

Implementation

Finally, there will likely be much fine tuning to be done. Club Express, as an example, is quite customizable and we need to set up the replacement to duplicate and improve on what we have now.

The next step will be for Karen MacPhail, Sandy Stettler and Brian to work on the planning phase.

Pickleball Conversion?

Highlights of the HOA2 meeting on converting Pickleball courts are below. A full discussion is in the October 6 email sent to you.

- SPA requested permanent conversion of two Preserve tennis courts to pickleball.
- The new PB courts at Ridgeview will be completed by Summer 2021. PB considers this unacceptable, but they do fully intend to complete the PB center.
- The Preserve residents against the proposal cited the debilitating noise and that their contracts clearly state pickleball in the Preserve is temporary.
- The Tennis club statement was that tennis is the 4th most popular sport in the world.
- STC has 480 members currently and added 108 new members in the last 10 months, 67% of whom are HOA2 residents.
- Tennis courts also support POP tennis.
- The Preserve is a critical site for League play because it has three courts and so can host a League match.
- All residents of the HOAs have the right to play tennis—not just members.

- In surveys done by HOA2, PB was mentioned as a choice but tennis wasn't. Just because one says, "sure we could use more PB courts," does not mean they want them anywhere near their home.
- Robson Development told us that they expect the reciprocal agreement with the Ranch to be completed and 6 courts available by Oct 19. The lack of the Ranch courts, due to COVID restrictions, was the reason the Board gave for granting PB the temporary use of the Preserve courts. (As of October 16, the courts are available for reservation.)

Radio Frequency ID

The RFID for the tennis gates was activated on Monday, October 12th.

You can check your RFID tag at the fitness center or pool to make sure it works. If you have a problem and live in HOA 1, contact the Admin office. If you live in HOA 2 go to their Admin office — do not go to HOA 1 as they will not be able to help you.

If you play in the second session please close the gates when you leave.



POP Update

By Christine Reding and Joan Ebbeson

There's been a buzz around SaddleBrooke about what is POP Tennis? POP Tennis is the revitalization of a 100-year-old sport which is increasingly being popularized due to shorter court, underhand serve and a POP racquet. The racquet is often called a paddle, which its derivative is carbon fiber and composite foam core. There are no strings on the paddle, but it does have holes drilled throughout the face of the paddle. The International POP Tennis Association has adapted the "green dot" ball, because its internal pressure is reduced by a certain percentage from a standard tennis ball. HOA1 generously provides paddles for those incoming players who may be interested in playing POP tennis. You can check out a paddle at the SaddleBrooke Tennis Center or there are paddles in a lock box by court 5 and 6. Your pool key will open the box, just make sure you lock them up when you're done.



Carey Ricard

POP tennis uses the traditional tennis courts, but doubles are played using the singles lines (no doubles alley) and the baseline is closer to the net. All serves are underhand, and you only get one serve unless it's a let serve. When serving you can bounce the ball before hitting or hit it out of the air to start the game. Contact with the ball must be under your waist. Scoring is exactly the same as tennis; 15, 30, 40, game, including deuce format.

Current POP players include tennis, racquetball and pickleball players as well as newbies that have fallen in love with this sport. If traditional tennis is getting harder on your body (knees, shoulder, elbows), please take the time and check out POP tennis.

In the near future, Chris Madsen, STC pro/instructor, will be offering demo lessons to all SaddleBrooke residents who are considering being involved in POP tennis. He has vast experience and knowledge of POP tennis and is available to both male and female players.

COME CHECK IT OUT AND SEE WHAT THE TALK IS ALL ABOUT



Maureen Olinsky



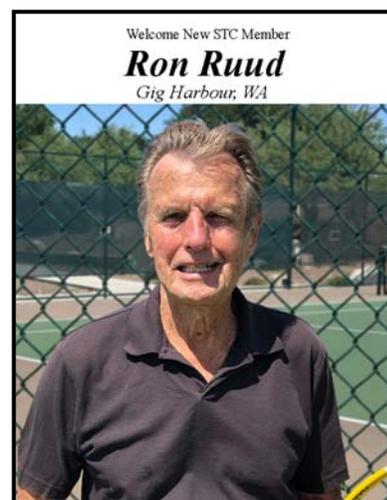
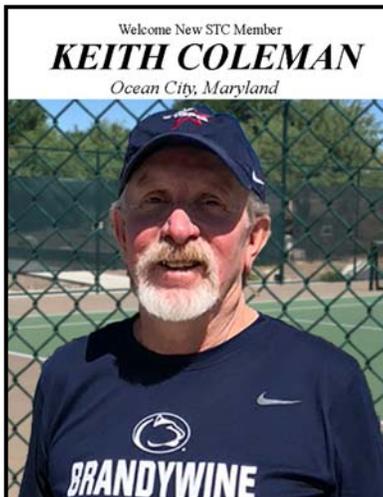
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Now Competing for Court Time — Welcome Our New STC Members

Photos by Jay Wilson

These are our new members for 2020 to date and their contact information is on our website under Member List. Why not welcome someone by inviting them to play?

Cynthia Martin	Tennis 2.5
Ron Ruud	Tennis 3.5
Connie Maslowski	Tennis 3.0
Michael Maslowski	Tennis 3.0
Jack Hoverter	Tennis 4.5/POP
Denise Phillips	Tennis 4.0
Ray Rede	POP B
Sheila Burke	Tennis 3.0



Help Reduce Our Inventory

This is a reminder that we sell the following items at the tennis center.

The following items are always available for purchase in our tennis shop!

STC Towels	\$14.00
STC Hats	\$18.00
STC Visors	\$16.00
Tennis Balls	\$2.50
POP Balls	\$4.50

FOR SALE



25% OFF

WOMENS Large \$21.00
(\$28.00)

MENS POP Large \$23.25
(\$31.00)

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STC PAID MEMBERS	481
Female	231
Male	250
Tennis Members	
Female	196
Male	228
POP Tennis Members	
Female	72
Male	57
Dual Memberships	72

Note that we had 349 paid members in May 2019