

The Crosscourt Report



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What We've Done To Keep Playing Tennis

COVID

- Worked with HOA1 to keep the Tennis Center courts open even as HOA2 shut all their courts
- Received approval from HOA2 Board to reopen all the HOA2 courts — protocols approved for social distancing, roving on-court monitors and other precautions
- Established Zoom meetings to avoid in person contact
- Conducted surveys to determine if members were comfortable getting together for social events and put socials on hold per member input
- Restarted member clinics with safety protocols

2020 In The Rear View Mirror

HOA2

- Licensing agreement –provided three different draft documents to FW &R—always working toward no costs to the STC. Licensing agreement is on hold by the HOA2 board until a reciprocal agreement is reached between the HOAs.
- Asked HOA2 to move backboard from court 21 to court 22 so tennis players can use it again. Currently scheduled to be completed in December.
- Two of our Members ran for the HOA2 Board
- Made multiple requests to repair court 12. Currently denied, but the fat lady is not singing yet.

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- Pickleball – surveys sent to members and presentation made to HOA2 regarding conversion of tennis courts to pickleball; Written and phone contacts made with Robson Communities and HOA2 Board regarding the issue. Worked to convince HOA2 NOT to convert two Preserve courts into Pickleball courts permanently. Currently the conversion is temporary, but we remain vigilant.

Documentation

- Wrote an Operations Manual for the coordinators. It is used for training and consistency of operations. Approved by HOA1 and is now a permanent part of their Employee info.
- New members information posted at STC website and in newsletter
- Updated STC website including documents explaining how to reserve courts, what is POP, court reservations, what is Organized Play and court locations
- Updated the Coordinator job descriptions which were approved by HOA1 HR and Management
- Expanded newsletter

- Assigned HOA1 or HOA2 data base designation to all members for usage tracking
- Our friend and long-term coordinator Jon Chase retired and a new coordinator, Carol Corsetti, was hired

Other

- Volunteers identified for GOST (website and reservation system) replacement project - now in the planning process
- Approval and opening of online store for ordering STC clothing (traditional and new logo) with many more choices
- Election – online rather than in person voting to be more inclusive and as COVID protection. This was the first on-line voting for the BOD. Very successful — 314 members voted!

Meanwhile, we want to thank all the Members who fought for tennis this year, who practice COVID precautions every day on the courts so they stay open, who support the Club on committees and provide free lessons and free clinics and who are always willing and responsive when the Club needs assistance.

STC couldn't function without you.



Association Management Software

A group of volunteers including Sandy Stettler, Linda Foy, Ken Knapp, Ron Bouchard, Nicki Manzanaras Carey Ricard, Riley Jackson and John Zipp will be meeting soon to begin the process of implementing a replacement for our website and court management system. We will be testing whether that much brainpower exceeds our account limit for a Zoom meeting.

We have received your concerns for features to include and will integrate them in our process. (We'll still take more ideas if you have them.) We will publish our progress as we proceed so that you are aware of our direction and can make additional suggestions.



Committee Opportunities

We've had significant retirement from our committee chairs, so please consider volunteering by letting the board know you are interested.

Congrats 2021 Board:

President Doug Wolf
Treasurer Stan Manzanaras
Secretary Peggy Payne
Director At Large Laura Ingold
Vice President Cindy Madsen

- Activity Fair
- Bylaws
- email Distribution
- HOA1 Liaison
- HOA2 Liaison (FW&R)
- Member Orientation
- Nominating



- Phone Directory
- POP
- Provisional Oversight
- Publicity
- Rules
- Social

STC Merchandise

By Jel Ligon

Merchandise Coordinator



This year our traditional T-shirt logo colors are navy and yellow. In addition, we have an updated design in navy, yellow and red available in print and embroidery. Our POP players have their very own design and there is still another for our members who play both tennis & POP.

But our biggest news is the development of a website link

<https://saddlebrookeusa.com> where you will soon be able to choose your design and order T-shirts and cool weather apparel that includes sweatshirts, jackets, windbreakers and warmups. It's similar to an Amazon experience where a purchaser can go to the website, choose items and pay with a credit card. Within

10 days the items will be delivered to your door.

Website provides online selection and ordering

Fortunately for our club, the design work and the website link are gifted to us by Jeff Grant. The only downside is that, like all previous years, items are not returnable because they will be printed or embroidered with our designs and the company cannot resell them. To that end, we will have a limited number of samples in our Tennis Center so that you can see the fabric choices and quality offered. Unfortunately, due to COVID, it is NOT advisable to try on clothing, so measuring tapes will be available.



Please enjoy a first look at the new designs.



Now Competing for Court Time — Welcome Our New STC Members

Photos by Jay Wilson

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Jay Clayton Wilson

The STC newsletter has had a long tradition of publishing profile articles about our members. Glance back at our past issues (STC website [Home/Newsletters/Current and Past](#)) to discover interesting stories about Doug Wolf, Bill Powell, Walter Fritz, John Sochacki, Debbie McGeehan, Bob Stocks, Dick Partridge and many others. Their stories are fascinating. Read them and get to know your tennis buddies.

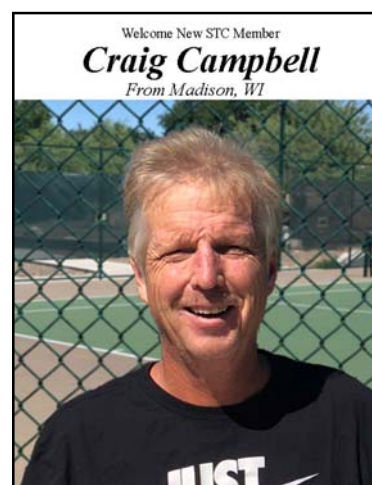
The STC Board of Directors has decided to revive the tradition of publishing member profiles to help us get to know each other and appreciate all that we bring to the club in addition to tennis.

Jay Wilson, who has agreed to write a few articles, has a list for future issues. However, there are many other members about whom you might like to have the scoop concerning their background and history. Write to the board. Submit their names. Better still, interview them and write a profile yourself. Then watch for the article in future issues of the STC Cross Court Reporter.

These are our new members since our last update and their contact information is on our website under Member List. Why not welcome one by inviting him to play?

Craig Campbell

Ike Eisenbraun



Holiday Social

By John Sochacki

The Tennis/POP group had a great time celebrating at the Christmas/Holiday get together!

It was held outdoors at the Road Runner Patio and all members distanced properly. The weather cooperated and everyone said they enjoyed themselves very much.



Other Happenings

- Dave Lamb is developing a plan for an STC Service Award to recognize active club members. As is typical in most organizations, a few volunteers provide exceptional service over multiple years and the SaddleBrooke Tennis Club could not exist without their efforts. The plan will be a way to acknowledge all the effort they've put in.

- **Clinics are restarting**



FREE MONTHLY BEGINNING* TENNIS CLINICS

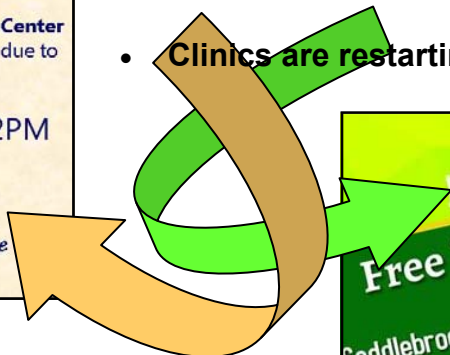
For all non-STC member SaddleBrooke Residents
*Beginners and those who haven't touched a racquet in quite some time

Clinics will be held on **Courts 7 & 8** at the **SaddleBrooke Tennis Center** and are limited to 8 players; physical distancing will be practiced due to Covid-19 guidelines

1st Scheduled Clinic: December 15, 2020 at 2PM

Sign-up Now!—E-mail your request to :
tennisclub@saddlebrooke.org

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JOIN US FOR
Free POP Tennis Clinic
Open to all
Saddlebrooke Residents & STC Pop Beginners

November 18 & 19
November 25 & 27
2 PM to 3 PM

Instructor:
USPTA Teaching Pro
Chris Madsen
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Saddlebrooke Tennis
Courts 5 & 6

Please register at
tennisclub@saddlebrooke.org

Due to Covid-19 guidelines, we will limit to 10 people per class.
Please wear mask when entering and exiting tennis courts.

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Dedicated to the health and enjoyment of SaddleBrooke Residents

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Brian Stocks: Editor

Deadline to submit articles to Brian — 15th of the month prior to issue month

Past Issues of our newsletter can be found at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/tv1v0oubuokqdmT/AACu7TxryT1mfFXXzJn7Rqa?dl=0>

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STC PAID MEMBERS 468

Female 226

Male 242

Tennis Members

Female 194

Male 222

POP Tennis Members

Female 72

Male 58

Dual Memberships 78

Note that we had 349 paid members in May 2019