

The Crosscourt Report



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Presidential Ponderings

By Mary Zimmerman



welcomed a new STC Board, including:

- Yours Truly as President
- Doug Wolf as Vice-President
- Ron Bouchard as Treasurer
- Linda Foy as Secretary
- Sharon Gartner as Director at Large

Although there are some new faces, our mission remains the same – to provide members with tennis activities, social events and programs to enhance their skills.

We are gratified to welcome new members to STC each month. Many of our new members enjoy POP

as well as regular tennis. Their names can be found each month on the STC Web Site as well as pages 8-9 in this newsletter.

At our last membership meeting on January 19th, we voted on new wording for the STC Rules. Hopefully, this will help with the ongoing issue of administering equitable court reservations for all the members.

Other issues to be addressed this year include benches and new court signage at the Preserve, the color of courts at Saddlebrooke when they are resurfaced, filling vacancies for the Publicity Coordinator and HOA1 Tennis Liaison, and developing wording for By-Laws electronic voting.

We welcome member feedback and participation in meetings. See you at the courts.

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2022 Board of Directors



Secretary Linda Foy, President Mary Zimmerman, Treasurer Ron Bouchard, Vice President Doug Wolf, Director at Large Sharon Gartner

Good Sportsladyship

By Debbie McGeehan

At our 65 & over Sectionals last December the tournament director, Lori Therrien, asked players to let the tournament desk know which opponents had great sportsmanship on the court — were friendly, nice — overall an opponent who would deserve a Sportsmanship pin.

Laura Ingold and Joann Bosworth's final opponents (who happened to be the team that won Sectionals) gave their names to the tournament desk and both received a pin from Lori.



SaddleBrooke Tennis Players Participate in Senior Olympics

By Debbie McGeehan



Did you know the Senior Olympics Festival is held every January in Tucson for a few weeks? There are many activities to participate in ranging from racquet sports, bowling, horseshoes, bridge, archery, shuffleboard and the list goes on!

For years, tennis players have competed at Reffkin Tennis Center in Tucson over three days and play Doubles, Mixed and/or Singles. Competition is grouped by USTA standards of Senior (50-59 yrs.), Super Senior (60-69 yrs.) and Ultra Senior (70 yrs +).

Players participate in their age group rather than their level of play. No rating or USTA membership is required. The format of matches is 2

out of 3 sets with a 10 point tie break in lieu of the 3rd set.

Years ago there were often 50+ tennis players just from SaddleBrooke who participated! Melanie Murphy has enjoyed this event since 1999. She and her husband Ed played in all the events including MXD winning several gold and silver medals. Melanie has also paired up with Kathy Jensen for the past 10 years and they have also won silver and bronze medals!

This year there were 32 events held at 24 locations across Tucson. The oldest woman was 95 years young who played

shuffleboard! We had a few tennis players participating this year from SaddleBrooke. Congratulations to Jim Abrahamson and Gary Rowell who won the gold medal in Men's Doubles 70+. Jim Abrahamson and Debbie McGeehan won the silver medal in MXD 65+. Melanie Murphy and Kathy Jensen won the bronze medal in the Women's Doubles 70+.

It is a very fun event and we are hoping more tennis players from SaddleBrooke will join in the fun next year! Our tennis club will be sure to advertise it prior to registration 2023.



STARS

SaddleBrooke Tennis Automated Reservation System

By Brian Stocks

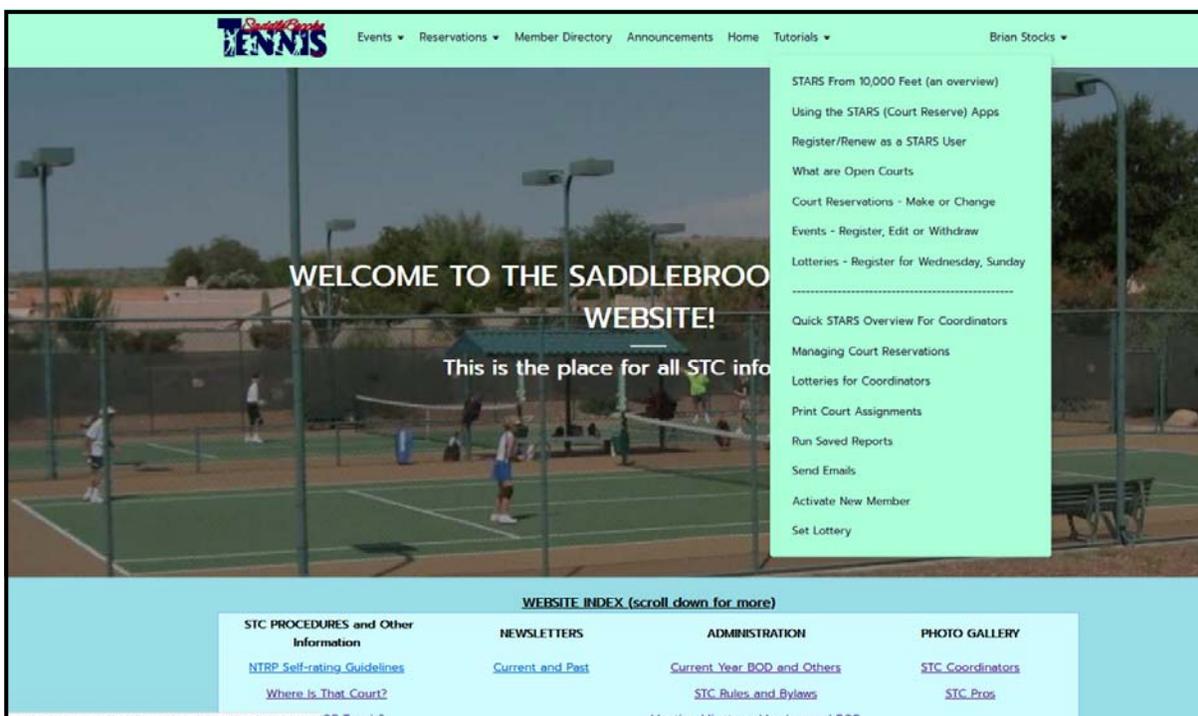
The current GOST system that is used to manage STC reservations and data is 12 years old and is wearing out — as are the system administrators. Enter STARS as the replacement.

Since January we've had a dozen members doing some early STARS gazing. On a trial basis, they've been nosing around the various features and training material we've published. Since this is an off the shelf product, we won't be able to do all the customization we want, but the team has incorporated much of the club's suggested input to improve the function and appearance.

On a trial basis all STC members have now been given the opportunity to

establish an account and investigate what will be available once we go live. Note that this will only be to test. You will still have to use today's processes to make your reservations until we've vetted the Organized Play feature that is in development.

We want you to have a basic understanding of the system and learn by doing in STARS some of the things you currently do in GOST while we are still in test mode. Nothing you try will be inimical to the system and we would like you to let us know if there are things that are unclear, omitted or don't work in a way that makes sense. Send your ideas to starshelp@outlook.com.



Saddlebrooke Tennis Helps Save Winter Nationals

by Walter Fritz Umpire and Saddlebrooke Tennis Club member

Nothing made me more proud to be part of the Saddlebrooke Tennis Club than to witness all the wonderful volunteers out there drying off the courts under severe conditions that brought to mind the myth of Sisyphus. The conditions went from soaked to dry, then back to soaked continuously on some of the days. Shirley Newman in the STC office really helped by making calls for assistance to the membership and to the HOA maintenance crews—especially when both bathrooms got backed up and then I became the golf cart driver to deliver the players to the gym bathrooms.

Greg Poling was out there with his leaf blower as was Riley Jackson staying the course. Deb McGeehan and Benith MacPherson also spent a lot of time on the wet courts. Jeff and his crew from maintenance worked incredibly hard with blowers and heating machines. Any members who I did not mention, please forgive me.

“It was the most difficult tournament I have worked ...”



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The tournament director wanted me to let everyone know how much she appreciated all your help. For me, I hope not to have to use a roller dri for a long time—thanks Tennis club for being so helpful and hard working.



Note from the Tournament Director

Thank you very much for the wonderful job the Saddlebrooke Tennis Community did to host the G14's Winter Nationals at your site. It was the most difficult tournament I have worked due to the weather and all the matches we needed to complete. Special thanks to all the volunteers who came out to squeegee on rain days, and the center for providing heaters and candy for all players and spectators. Our Site Referee Adrienne Dienst was very complimentary of the support she received from everyone at your facility. All in all, we could not have done it without your site and most of all, thank you for your support and hospitality. Wishing you the very best in 2022!

Best regards Mei



*Appreciation Plaque
Suitable for Display*



Valentine's Day

Mixed Doubles

Tennis & Pop Tennis Social



**Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at the
Tennis Center**

Sign up by February 9, 2022

Event Date: Friday, February 11, 2022

Match Time: 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

Potluck Social: 3:15 pm on the Tennis Patio

Sign up to bring a Potluck item to share

Hot Dogs, Lemonade and Iced Tea will also be provided by the club.

Feel free to bring your own choice of beverage.

We are always looking for volunteers for set up, clean up

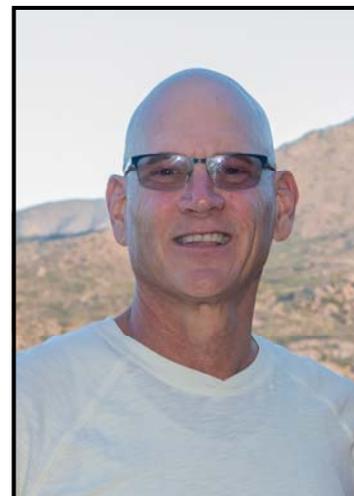
and kitchen help!! Please contact:

Cindy Madsen: rainbowz1221@gmail.com

Or

Tracy Reingruber: tracy.reingruber@gmail.com

**Now Competing for Court Time —
Welcome Our New STC Members**



Dean Gekas

Dennis Skoneczka
Larry Wilhite
Venita Ransom
Marsha Kurt



Martha Breier

Jean Bieraugel
Kathy Wudel



Barbara Conley-Benjain



Barbara Rutt

Harry Adams
Dottie Adams



Mike Rutt



Yvette Sabulsky

... Now Competing For Court Time



Neil Grenzebach

Moira Morris
Robert Morris
Sheila Honey



Carolyn Chaney



Marilee Johnson

Randy Breier
Sharon Hof
Judy Greene
Terry Lemberg-Finn
Jay Hansen



Craig Johnson



Ellen Herbertson



Janet Gulden



Christine Noah

Mark Your Calendars!

February 11, 2022	Valentine's Day Social	1:00- 5:00 pm	Tennis Patio
March 2, 2022	Meeting of STC Board of Directors	4:00 – 5:30 pm	Bobcat Room
March 7-20, 2022	BNP Parabis Open – Indian Wells		
March 30, 2022	Meeting of STC Board of Directors	4:00 – 5:30 pm	Bobcat Room
April 13, 2022	2022 STC Membership Meeting	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Mesquite Catalina Room
May 4, 2022	Meeting of STC Board of Directors	4:00 – 5:50 pm	Bobcat Room
May 30, 2022	Memorial Day Social	9 am – 2 pm	Tennis Patio
July 4, 2022	Fourth of July Social	9 am – 2 pm	Tennis Patio
September 5, 2022	Labor Day Social	9 am – 2 pm	Tennis Patio

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