

# The Crosscourt Report



Volume 8, Issue 4

June, 2022

## Treasurer's Tidbits

By Ron Bouchard



**W**ell it's always nice to say the tennis club is financially healthy. Due to the Covid 19 experience over the last few years we have saved some money on the expense side with fewer club activities. On the other side of the financial coin we haven't had many "Socials" whereby the members can enjoy the camaraderie the club provides. When you get a chance and you see a "Social Committee" member give them a thank you. It's work to put those activities together and they need you to volunteer if you have the chance. As you may have realized that has started to change. We have a few activities under our belt and one coming up on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Come out and enjoy.

The last membership meeting was well attended, with a vote on the changes to the Bylaws which passed. Thank you Bylaws Committee. The meeting culminated with a vote on the use of the newer rating system and the proposal was voted down 17 to 15. Because of this membership decision the Board of Directors has asked the Tennis Professionals of the club to propose a solution so that each side of the Social or Competitive dilemma

could more closely agree upon a solution. When that proposal is hashed out it will again be presented to the membership for a vote.

The POP tennis group is growing within the tennis club and if you haven't tried this new sport you should get out and give it a go. Many of the members feel it gives them new life in the realm of racket sports. As a Board we recognize that POP is a vital part of the STC.

*(Continued on page 9)*

STARS .....	2
New Members .....	3
Desert Gems .....	3
Henry VIII .....	4
Spring Fling .....	5
USTA.....	6
Grandkids Day.....	7
July 4 Event.....	8
Calendar of Events.....	9

# STARS Starts to Stabilize

## SaddleBrooke Tennis Automated Reservation System

By Brian Stocks

Court Reserve has produced the module we have long been looking for — Organized Play has morphed into action from a dream on the back of a ketchup stained lunch napkin. Your team has been working with it by signing up various combinations of players to see how it responds. We've looked at gender specific and mixed play as well as mixed ratings and also evaluated the program's response to sign up order. We've tried to mimic the way the current GOST system works using the method members use to register today.

In doing so, we've found things CR should do to make the process

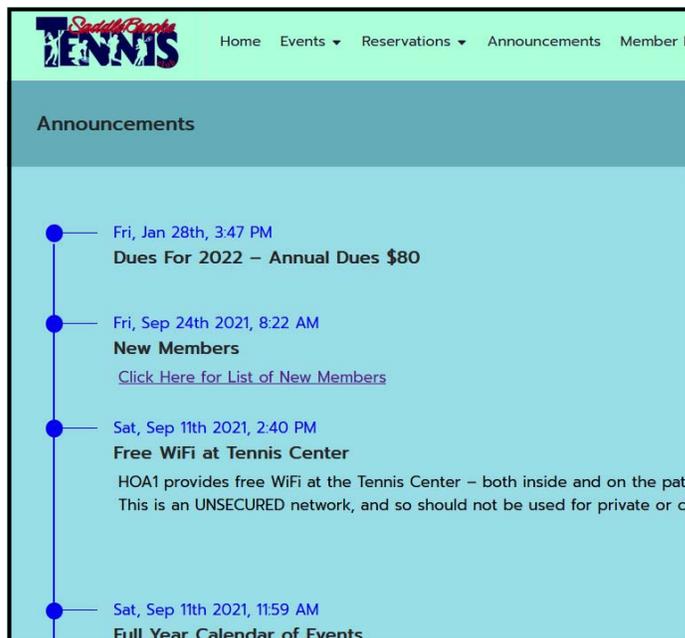
---

**... the Coordinators will have the ability to override STARS output**

---

better for STC members. Error messages would be one. Don't you just hate it when your screen flashes a vacuous text like "Error at line R271.3" What can you do with that? We're driving CR to give you messages you can actually take action with.

Another item is dealing with the differences between tennis and POP. We've decided to call each style a different event so that STARS knows how to process the input. If a member plays both, the system has to know which you want to play and assign you to the right court.



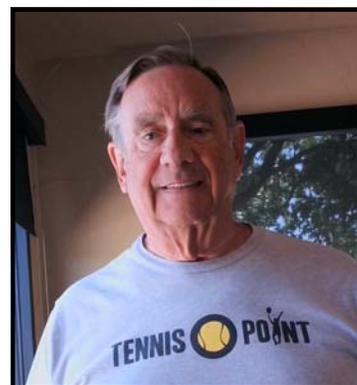
Know that there may still be anomalies once we begin using the system and that while we will try to fix them, the Coordinators will always have the ability to override STARS output.

There are 19 items on our list of bug fixes for CR to address before we will feel confident releasing the system to you, but we are much closer to being able to put it into action.

It's hard to believe, but some of you haven't tried STARS out yet and the information we provided for you to look at the features is still applicable. Please explore it before the system is live.

---

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



Ray Kump



Anthony Faifer



Joyce Johnson



Miles Langdauhl



Eva Langdauhl

---

## Desert Gems

The 65 & over ladies 7.0 SaddleBrooke team, The Desert Gems, won their league last month and will go to Sectionals Dec 9-11 at the Scottsdale Phoenix Ranch Tennis Center. More info and pictures will follow in the next edition.

Kathy Kortus

Dagmar Hampton

Laura Ingold

Jean Lorch

Caryl Wallin

Denise Phillips

Gail Campbell

Sharon Gartner

Karen Erickson

Mary Quilling

JoAnn Bosworth

Janet Jensen

---

# Play Henry VIII's Tennis Game

From the *Smithsonian Magazine* 4/26/22

If you've watched *The Tudors*, you may remember Henry VIII and a courtier, played by Henry Cavill, playing a different kind of tennis—indoors, with lines on the floor, walls all around, and spectators in windows along one side. It's not just something the show made up. It's a real game—one that Henry VIII played, and one you can still play today—and it's a blast.

It's called court tennis—or sometimes “real tennis”—and it's actually even older than Henry. The game grew out of monasteries going back as far as the 1300s and has been played by other kings, including France's Louis XVI. In fact, one of the revolutionary votes for a French constitution was held inside a



Tennis in the Days of the Tudors', circa 1934. Illustration showing real tennis (formerly royal tennis), as played during the reigns of Henry VII (1485-1509) and Henry VIII (1509-1547). From *The Romance of the Nation*, Volume One, edited by Charles Ray. [The Amalgamated Press, Ltd., London, circa 1934]. Artist Unknown. The Print Collector/Getty Images

Paris “real” tennis court.

That court is much different from the outdoor version. Besides having windows for spectators and walls on three sides, there's a small, sloped roof along three sides.

Players must serve so the ball hits this roof before coming down into play, and the rules get weirder: If you hit the ball into one of three window targets, you automatically score. You can bounce the ball off any of the court's 13 surfaces, and try to outwit your opponent with one of more than 50 serves, with names like the “giraffe” and the “backspin underarm twist.”

That variety of surfaces, serve types, and scoring gives the game a combination of outdoor tennis-level aerobic challenge with strategy that borders on chess—meaning older, wily players can excel, too. The current world champion is 54 years old!

You can join the 6,000 worldwide players of this centuries-old game and get your own taste of its mind- and body-challenging rules and play—there are 11 court tennis clubs scattered throughout the United States, including in Boston; Philadelphia; New York; Aiken, South Carolina; Newport, Rhode Island; near Washington, DC; and in Chicago. Many offer free lessons and seminars and loaner equipment to players. At the Prince's Court in McLean, Virginia the club pro, Ivan Ronaldson, is the son of a former world champion and grew up living at Henry VIII's home court. Visit [www.princescourt.com](http://www.princescourt.com) to learn more about him, or find one of the other clubs via Google.

# Swinging at the Spring Fling

By Cindy Madsen



Left to Right: Joan Ebbeson, Cindy Madsen, Tracy Reingruber, Sandy Stettler & Diane Poling,

On the evening of May 6<sup>th</sup>, the Saddlebrooke Tennis/POP Tennis Club hosted its Spring Fling Event. There were about 90 STC members in attendance who enjoyed the light appetizers provided by the STC as they listened and danced to music provided by Chuck Moses.

The STC patio was the perfect place to host the event on the warm spring evening. The members laughed and



danced and just about everyone got on the dance floor when the YMCA was played! It was a wonderful way to celebrate spring and send the resident snowbirds off to their summer adventures.

The event could not have happened without the Social Committee and the “veggie cutting” committee. These ladies spent Thursday afternoon cutting assorted fruits and veggies for the event. A big “Thank you” goes out to Social Committee Chairpersons- Tracy Reingruber & Cindy Madsen, as well as Sandy Stettler, Diane Poling, Joan Ebbeson, Greg Poling, and Chad Stettler

The next STC Social will be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Information on this event is on page 8.



---

## More USTA Success

By Chad Stettler

SaddleBrooke Tennis Club and the SaddleBrooke community will have another USTA tennis team representing them in a USTA sanctioned sectional tournament this Fall. When a group of us decided to put together a 40+ mixed doubles team little did we know that we would win the league and get a chance to compete in Sectionals in Surprise, AZ, in September. I believe we all just wanted to have the opportunity to compete against other players outside of SaddleBrooke. True, we have some younger players on the team. However, we have NO one in their 40s. It is quite an achievement to end up with an impressive 6-2 record against a lot of young 40-year-old players.

It was a total team effort. We all had good days and not so good days, but in the end we all succeeded in having a lot of fun and camaraderie. Throughout the season we had some player injuries and players on vacation. But with all of our players pretty much at an equal playing level, it didn't matter who played nor which court they played.

Many on the team travel for the summer so we probably will not all get together until time for sectional. We all have promised that wherever we are, we will pick up a racquet and get in some good practices prior to September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We all hope to represent our tennis club and SaddleBrooke to the best of our ability.



FRONT ROW: left to right: Keri Davis, Tracy Reingruber, Sharon Gartner, Julie Parker, Cindy Madsen, and Sandy Stettler. BACK ROW: left to right: JD Davis, Jim Abrahamson, Joe Parker, Will Brown, and Chad Stettler.

---

# Grandkids Know How to Have Fun!

By Debbie McGeehan

Kids sure love to run around! Saturday, April 16th was Grandkids Day on the courts. The grandparents brought their grandchildren to the tennis courts after an hour of fun and games on the Pickleball courts. They still had an enormous amount of energy!

We have our tennis professionals, TJ Duffy, Gene McGeehan and John Sochacki to thank for their leadership. They had fun on two courts for an hour with the girls and boys. The first half hour they experienced traditional tennis play. The next half hour they learned POP tennis which was a bit easier for them using a paddle and a decompressed tennis ball. The grandparents enjoyed watching the kids learn a new sport while having fun.

The participants all left with a Wilson nylon backpack. We hope this event inspires young and old to get and stay active! The SaddleBrooke Tennis Club was glad to participate in the event. Thanks to the Fitness, Wellness and Recreation Committee for organizing Grand Kids Days!





## **4th of July**

### **Mixed Doubles Tennis & POP Tennis Social Potluck & Chili Cook Off**

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

**Sign up by June 29**

**(\$5.00 for non STC members)**

**Event Date:**

**Monday, July 4, 2022**

**Match Time:**

**9 am- 11 am**

**Potluck Social:**

**11:15 am – 2:30 pm on the Tennis Patio**

**Bring a pot of chili to enter in the STC Chili Cook Off**

**Prize will be awarded to the best chili!**

**Special Guest Judges**

**Sign up to bring a Potluck item to share**

**Hot Dogs, Lemonade & Iced Tea will be provided by the club.**

**Feel free to bring your own choice of beverage.**

# Mark Your Calendars!

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
September 14, 2022	Meeting of STC Board of Directors	4:00 – 5:30 pm	Bobcat Room
<b>September 21, 2022</b>	<b>2022 STC Membership Meeting</b>	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Coyote Room North & South
November 2, 2022	Meeting of STC Board of Directors	4:00 – 5:30 pm	Bobcat Room
TBD	Tennis Cabana Day	Tentative	
TBD	U of A Skin Cancer Fundraiser	Tentative	
<b>November 16, 2022</b>	<b>2022 STC Membership Meeting</b>	4:00 – 5:00 pm	Mesquite Catalina Room
December 8, 2022	Meeting of STC Board of Directors	4:00 – 5:30 pm	Bobcat Room
December	Holiday Dinner		



## The Crosscourt Report



Dedicated to the health and enjoyment of SaddleBrooke Residents  
 64335 SaddleBrooke Blvd 520 825-0255 [tennisclub@saddlebrooke.org](mailto:tennisclub@saddlebrooke.org)  
 Brian Stocks: Editor

Past Issues of our newsletter can be found at <https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21APkztfYg%2DHJk2E&id=9A3401316EF5B39%21106&cid=09A3401316EF5B39>

## ... Treasurer's Tidbits

*(Continued from page 1)*

We have revived the "Tournament Committee" to include both Tennis and POP Tennis and the committee is committed to starting out in July with a competitive program. The committee is also looking forward to the fall, planning other competitive programs. Look for the flyer and sign-up sheet for "Friday Night under the Lights" competition coming in July.

Have a great summer and for those of us at SaddleBrooke, come out and enjoy playing "T" and "PT"

<b>STC PAID MEMBERS</b>	<b>453</b>
Female	229
Male	224
<b>Tennis Members</b>	
Female	179
Male	194
<b>POP Tennis Members</b>	
Female	106
Male	77
<b>Dual Memberships</b>	<b>103</b>