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UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP CELEBRATION BONNIE JOHNSON & KATHY MAJER

"IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU"

April 10— All Club Championship players and fans are invited to the celebration & festivities following the 11:00 A.M. Mixed Doubles Match play.

Pizza will be provided at the STC. Check out the Bulletin Board to sign up to bring a complimentary dish to share. Any questions, call Kathy Majer (825-2999) or Bonnie Johnson (825-7588).



SOCIAL TENNIS MIXER SY EFRON

April 17 - The STC will be **hosting the Heritage Highlands Tennis Club** on April 17th at 11:00 A.M. in our first social tennis mixer with other clubs in the area in many years. Heritage Highlands will bring approximately 16 players at varying levels. There will be gender & mixed doubles, an hour each, and each team will have 1 SB player and 1 HH player. We plan to fill the slots at each skill level based on the order in which you sign up.

Lunch will follow the matches. The cost for the event is \$7.00 per entry and will cover the cost of food and balls. A guest or non-playing spouse may join us for lunch at the cost of \$5.00. Sign up early!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER BOB WEISS

It seems as though a hundred days in office is the first time that any president has a chance to assess how the President and Board are performing. Let's take a look at what we have accomplished 3 months into our year.

We have succeeded in hosting the **Copper Bowl**, organizing and hosting the **Robson Cup** and the **Club Championships** with the help of many hard working STC members. We do have some recommendations for each event for next year based upon our observations this year. *(cont. on page 2)*



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

KRISTI & DAVE JOHNSON

The 2010 Club Championships are well under way. The singles competition was completed on March 6 with 22 players in the six divisions. The doubles tournament was concluded after a full week of play on March 27th with 41 teams entered in the six divisions. Mixed doubles entry deadline

was March 29th, with play occurring April 5th–10th.

Awards will be presented to all winners after the Mixed Doubles finals on April 10 at the Club Championship Celebration at the tennis center. Come watch the mixed finals and stay for the party!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

We have **removed the screens and ball cages** from all of the tennis courts for better viewing. It makes such a difference when you are watching a match now. We'll be adding windsocks shortly as well.

The recently named "Steve Watry Desert View Pavilion" has been voted on by the members and will culminate with a **dedication ceremony on April 6** at 2pm at the pavilion. More information to come.

I am sure you have noticed there has been **numerous communications** through email in the form of FYI reminders, information documents, and president messages.

This month begins the first installment of an **STC newsletter** that can be read and/or downloaded from the website. We are trying to bring the tennis community closer together through technology.

A new fall program for STC members will begin in October. Similar to Team Tennis, the program will be mixed doubles with players of every level on each team. Sign ups will begin in August at the Tennis Center or by email to give ample time for organization of teams to play a first match on Saturday, October 9..

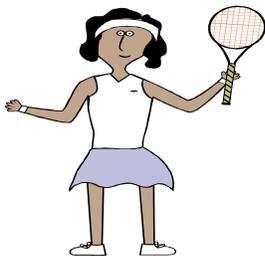
The newly formed **Organized Play Committee** is also beginning to take a look at making adjustment to that vital program.

We have also secured committee chairs and their committee members who are actively working to **improve our tennis programs** in SaddleBrooke.

The board and I believe we are off to a good start and recognize there is much to be done and we are committed to those pursuits with the help of our membership.

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**Bob Weiss,
STC Pres**



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JOANIE & ERNIE DRAGON

STC is happy to have new members and we look to our current membership to help welcome them into the club. If you meet any of these people out on the court, be sure to help them get even more acquainted with the club.

Or if you're looking to add an additional person to your group, reach out and ask these people to join you in play.

Welcome to the following 20 new members:

Gail Campbell (A)
Louise O'Reilly (A)

Don Glover (B+)
Gerald Palagallo (B+)
Mary Jane Mucklo (B+)

Lee Rock (B)
Elenor Geiger (B)
Blake Benedict (B)
Ned Irwin (B)
Ron Wells (B)

Gus Pachis (B)
Marilyn Bowes (B)
Mike Bowes (B)
Ruthe Burgener (B)

Jim Talakson (C+)
Fred Graeber (C+)

Bill Pepper (C)
Allen Lincoln (C)
Maxine Ranicke (C)

SADDLEBROOKE TEAM TENNIS
BRUCE NISSENBAUM

El Nino brought some unusually cool, nasty weather to the SaddleBrooke tennis courts on February 21, but the competition for this years Team tennis Championship was predictably hot, spirited and entertaining.

Vying for the ladies' title, captain Tina Huber's Tumbleweed thwarted the efforts of Mary Jo George's Desert Lillies to capture the title for 2010. To accomplish this, however, the T-weeds had to eke out three, 3 set victories, two of which went "overtime" with the Cozette Lamb/Kathy Majer duo pulling out a thrilling 14 to 12 tie-break win and the Lucie Stevens/Antonia VanPeppin pair going even further to gain an exciting 15 to 13 success.

The men's action had a little less nail biting but still produced some very interesting tennis for the faithful who

stayed to watch the fuzzy yellow orbs go back and forth for almost two breezy, chilly hours, culminating in Al Majer's Rattlers winning the 2010 championship by seven sets to three over the Bobcats, who were led by Larry Gray.

The 2010 championship matches concluded the fifth year of SaddleBrooke Team Tennis, an intramural program designed to promote camaraderie and competition among SaddleBrooke residents by constructing teams of players with different tennis skill levels to compete in matches against similarly skilled opponents. More than 150 players made up the rosters of this year's four women's and eight men's teams that competed over an 8 week period. Under the leadership of Greg Hlushko, assisted by ladies' coordinator, Marsha Weiss, SaddleBrooke Team Tennis has enjoyed another very successful season.

FEATURED EMPLOYEE – NANCY FRAZER

Anyone who has passed through the tennis center at SaddleBrooke has been sure to have seen Nancy Frazer behind the desk, answering phones and eyes glued to the computer.

Nancy has been in SaddleBrooke for 17 years now, and has worked for the STC for 10 years. She is the Lead Scheduling Coordinator and responsible for scheduling all those USTA matches (which is no small feat).

In addition, and along with the other coordinators, Nancy schedules our Organized Play, individual requests for courts, courts for major events (Club Championships, Robson, etc.

Often, potential new members want to see the facilities and understand how it all works, Nancy or the other coordinators may give them a tour of our facility and a brief summary of activities.

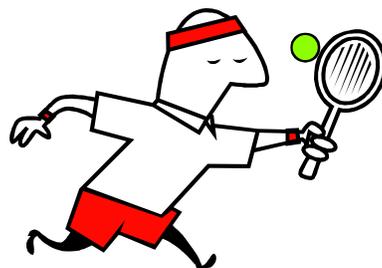
Once signed on, she ensures the New Member Orientation committee get them properly introduced.

Nancy originally hails from Ohio, later Phoenix before coming to SaddleBrooke. She has 3 step children (Ohio, Florida, & Texas).

When not working at the STC, you can find her out on the courts playing a little social tennis or getting her exercise by walking her friends' dog.

**TERRY'S TENNIS TIPS** (TO BE ADDED NEXT MONTH)

Look for our resident pro Terry Gibson to provide us with some tennis tips and announcements on his free clinics he offers!



2010 SADDLEBROOKE ROBSON CUP
STEVE LEANE & CAROL EISENBRAUN

The early morning sunny skies over SaddleBrooke began to turn for the worse as the 6th Annual Robson Cup tennis tournament began on Saturday morning. Dark clouds rapidly gathered over the mountains, the winds picked up and the temperature started falling. Seventy-two players representing the communities of Oakwood, Cottonwood, Pebble Creek and SaddleBrooke took the courts and began the first fifty-four 8 game pro sets scheduled for the morning session. As play progressed in a round robin format, the weather continued to deteriorate. Just before noon, the clouds opened up and the rains came, halting play of the final two individual matches in mid-set. The remaining fifty-two sets were completed just before play was stopped. Given the conditions, it was impossible to continue play and the afternoon session had to be cancelled. While everyone held their breath, the scores from outlying courts began to come in and the scorekeeper tabulated the results. The scores represent one point for each game won plus one bonus point for each set won. When the data was tabulated, the results were as follows:

SaddleBrooke 197

Oakwood 177

Cottonwood 155

Pebble Creek 113

So after residing in Oakwood the past three years, the Robson Cup returns to SaddleBrooke for 2010. Congratulations to all of the SaddleBrooke players who overcame very difficult court conditions to bring the trophy back home!

The tournament participants were treated to a fabulous "bag lunch" prepared by the always creative and enthusiastic "food team" led by Kathy Majer and Bonnie Johnson.

A special thanks goes to the court hosts who braved the miserable weather, managed play on the courts and recorded the scores of each match: Diane Ray; Liz Meisengeier; Kay Koontz; Linda Linegar; Melanie Murphy; Loretta Edgerton; Kathy Jensen; and Burk Luhmann – and to our official score keeper, Rita Harder, who worked around the noise and confusion inside the Tennis Center to make sense out of the data provided by the hosts.

4.0 Men: Rob Schween and Gene McGeehan

Greg Hlushko and John Sochacki

4.0 Women: Kerry Crowell and Louise O'Reilly

Jodie Koerner and Kristy Johnson

4.0 Mixed: Debbie McGeehan and Gene McGeehan

JoAnn Bosworth and Jim Baysinger

3.5 Men: Greg Good and Larry Bosworth

Jim Ward and Bill Twitty

3.5 Women: Karen White and Mary Whitehead

Belinda Ostendorf and Betty Edwards

3.5 Mixed: Pam and Gene Wakefield

Jane Luhmann and Riley Jackson

3.0 Men: James Ball and Roger Hammers

Rufus Renfrow and Kent Naugle

3.0 Women: Karen Hemmingsen and Judy Schlak

Kay Sullivan and Mimi Israelson

3.0 Mixed: Karen Hemmingsen and James Ball

Cinda Haugsby and Ike Eisenbraun



ORGANIZED PLAY COMMITTEE

PAM WILLIS

The STC BOD met on Monday, March 8th and announced that we now have a standing Organized Play Committee. Their role is to recommend to the board ideas to implement processes or programs to increase participation in our Organized Play program.

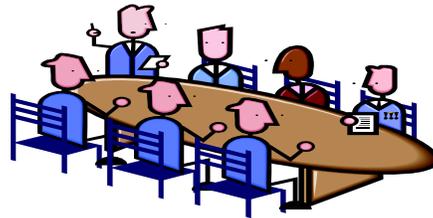
Their first meeting was held on Monday, 3/29 and appointed Bruce Nissenbaum as facilitator.

We had a great response –18 members expressed interest in serving on this committee, from this, 11 members were selected who could best balance the committee in areas such as gender, skill level, newer members, active participation on other committees, and timeliness in responding to our quest for volunteers.

On behalf of the BOD, we wish to thank everyone for their willingness to volunteer.

The following people are serving on the committee:

- Al Majer
- Anne Hammond
- Bruce Nissenbaum
- Bonnie Nissenbaum
- Dwain Sell
- John Sochacki
- George O'Dom
- Glen George
- Karen Gray
- Mary Miller
- Rhoda Kaplan



TENNIS QUOTES

“I’m not saying I’m something special. I might play a little better tennis than other people, but it is because I was given the chance and not many people are.”

Andre Agassi

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“If you can keep playing tennis when somebody is shooting a gun down the street, that’s concentration”

Serena Williams

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“In these days of modern tennis, a player is as strong as his weakest stroke.”

Bill Tilden

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“I love the feel of hitting the ball hard, the pleasure of a rally. It is these things that make tennis the delightful game that it is.”

Helen Wills Moody

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“I let my racket do the talking. That’s what I am all about, really. I just go out and win tennis matches.”

Pete Sampras

“As soon as I step on the court, I just try to play tennis and don’t find excuses. You know, I just lost because I lost, not because my arm was sore.”

Goran Ivanisevic



USTA HAPPENINGS
DIANE RAY



**WOMEN'S 7.0 SUPER SENIOR TEAM
ADVANCES TO NATIONALS**



Back Row: Rita Harder, Betty Edwards, Karen Lippe (Captain); Bobby Klapp, Joann Wilbour, Marje Valente, Diane Ray (Co Captain), Kathy Jensen

Bottom Row: Liz Meiseiger, Mary Charters, JoAnn Bosworth

STC's USTA Women's 7.0 Super Senior Team, captained by Karen Lippe will advance to **Nationals** — **April 30 - May 2 in Surprise, Arizona** where they will play teams from all over the country.

To secure this spot, they beat three teams—Central Arizona, Northern New Mexico and El Paso without dropping a set. They had previously won both the Fall League season with an 8-0 record and the Winter League season with an 11-0 record.

**WOMEN'S 6.0 SUPER SENIOR TEAM
ADVANCES TO NATIONALS**

STC's USTA Women's 6.0 Super Senior Team, captained by Geri Sandilands, won the 2009 Southwest Sectionals in Surprise, Arizona, December 4, 5, 6.

They were 3-0 against Northern New Mexico and only dropped one set. Their team now advances to **Nationals April 23-25** where they will also play teams from all over the country representing their sections.

Photo Caption:

Back Row: (L to R): Carol Delie, Susi Fantin, Linda Ascher, Rebecca Proffitt, Mo Schween, Karen Hemmingsen

Front Row: Janet Fabio, Geri Sandilands

Not Pictured: Karen Gray



L to R: Carol Delie, Janet Fabio, Kathy Cotton, Shari Schneider, Karen Hemmingsen, Sue Case, Bonnie Kirkham, Kay Sullivan, Mimi Israelson, Betsy Harrigan (captain) Sandi Stohl (co-captain). Missing: Lynne Donovan, Lee Rock, Sheila Szentirmai

**WOMEN'S 3.0 SENIOR TEAM TO
COMPETE IN SECTIONALS**

STC's USTA Women's 3.0 Senior team, captained by Betsy Harrigan and Sandi Stohl recently won the 2010 Senior League SAZ championship. This win takes them to the Senior League Section Championships held at the Hilton Tucson **El Conquistador Resort May 14th -16th.**

Betsy's team ended the season with a 9-0 record, having lost only 3 courts in nine matches, a tremendous team achievement.

The team has been working toward this goal for more than four years and would like to express their gratitude to the late Steve Watry who was their coach for much of this time. His teaching skills, sense of humor and unending patience were instrumental in their success.

Please come to El Con Resort in May and cheer this team on as they compete in the spirit of team friendship and community pride!

COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

Charity	TBD
Computer	Al Kacer/Bill Lunquist
Maintenance	Kent Naugle
Membership/Orientation	Joanie & Ernie Dragon
Nominating	Ed Donovan/Tina Huber
Rules	Craig MacPherson
Social	Bonnie Johnson/Kathy Majer
Tournament	Kristi/Dave Johnson
By Laws	Steve Leanne

OTHER IMPORTANT ROLES

Auditor	Jerry Sandvig
Ball Machine/Restock Balls	Frank Valenti/Loretta Edgerton
STC Coordinators	Lynne Donovan/Board Liaison
Newsletter	Mary Jo George
Phone Directory	Leon McKinzie/Bill Lunquist
Doorkeeper	Gayle Sell
E-Mail Transmitter	Bob Weiss/Pam Willis
Parliamentarian	Steve Leane
Publicity	Ray Kump/Al Majer
Preferred Guest Coordinators	Dick Partridge/Greg Hlushko
STC's USTA Liaison	Mary Klapp
Robson Cup	Carol Eisenbraun/Steve Leane
Web Master	Riley Jackson
Well Wishers	Dee Bartels
HOA 1 Tennis Committee	Bob Weiss/Board Liaison
HOA 2 Tennis Committee	Peter Bidwell/Board Liaison
Mixed Doubles Team Tennis Committee	Joe Schullik/Board Liaison
Club Exchange Committee	Sy Efron