

STC NEWSLETTER JANUARY—2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2010

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

[Upcoming 2011 Tennis & Social Events:](#) Put on your calendar NOW and watch for more information to come out via email or the STC bulletin board.

Feb 13—Interclub Social with Heritage Highlands

Feb 19—Robson Cup at Oakwood Tennis Club in Sun Lakes

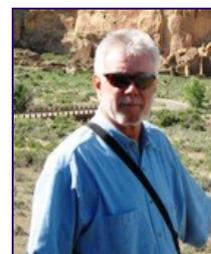
Feb 27—Team Tennis Finals

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BOB WEISS

As the STC moves forward into 2011 I think it is appropriate to revisit some of the accomplishments of 2010 and look at what are some possibilities for projects in 2011. The following list reviews the actions of the STC in 2010:

1. Steve Watry DesertView Pavilion dedication
2. Removal of door screens for viewing
3. Windsocks installation
4. New STC Brochure
5. New STC Newsletter
6. Elimination of fees for social events
7. Inter-club invitational social events
8. Demo-racquet Program
9. Fall Classic mixed doubles program.
10. Flat-screen TV w/ HD DirecTV
11. REVAMPING ORGANIZED PLAY
12. STC logo towels
13. Purchase of new audio equipment for socials
14. New Board Member Transition Program
15. SB Sports Alliance Group to attend HOA BOD mtgs.
16. New phones fax, and color copier for Tennis Center



I believe the actions of the STC in 2010 reflect positively on a tennis club that is moving in the right direction to continue to be a first

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2011 Team Tennis

Our 2011 Team Tennis Program is well underway with the leadership of Al Majer, this year's Team Tennis Commissioner. Helping Al with the men's division coordinator is Ed Donovan and with the woman's division coordinator, Mary Jo George.

It appears the players are having some great matches, meeting new friends, and displaying their best tennis skills. And our motto—it's nice to win, but it's better to make friends and have fun!

After 2 weeks of play & 4 weeks to go the women's division standings are:

Saguaros, Capt. Shari Schneider, 15 sets
Chollas, Capt. Melanie Murphy, 14 sets
Ocotillos, Capt. Lee Rock, 12 sets
Desert Lillies, Capt. Marsha Weiss, 8 sets

In the men's Monday division, current standings are:

Scorpions, Capt. Bill Hanlon, 13 sets
Cougars, Capt. Bill Harrigan, 11 sets
Javalinas, Capt. Joe Schullik, 7 sets
Rattlers, Capt. George Collins, 4 sets

In the men's Wednesday division, current standings are:

Bobcats, Capt. Bob Johnson, 14 sets
Road Runners, Capt. Darrell Jackson, 12 sets
Diamondbacks, Capt. Riley Jackson, 6 sets
Coyotes, Capt. Greg Hlushko, 2 sets

Don't count anyone out of the running, things change quickly out there, so watch closely at the tide can & will most certainly turn!

President's Corner (continued from first page)

Bob Weiss

class tennis club in all of America. We have addressed our needs, our shortcomings and our wishes during 2010 and have amassed a formidable list of accomplishments. None of this would have been possible without the volunteers from the membership who stepped up to chair committees, serve as committee members and be a positive force within the club. We are also going to need your help in 2011, as we move to develop new projects and retain those that have been successful in the past. I encourage you to volunteer to serve on a committee, chair a committee or give the BOD your new ideas that may enhance our growth in 2011. Great input yields great output. Let's keep working together in this new year.

After 2010, what is there left to do in 2011? At the January 11 BOD meeting we generated a list of possible projects for 2011, just like we did in January of 2010.

The following list represents some new ventures for 2011:

1. Canopy between courts 4 and 5
2. A new charity event
3. Special membership status (surgeries)
4. Modification of STC By-Laws and Rules
5. Review of STC insurance policies
6. Coordinator training session
7. A binder of duties & procedures for coordinators
8. Upgrade of computer software
9. Tennis "Grandkids Day"
10. Tennis "Carnival" for economically disadvantaged kids

As you can see, 2011 will also be a year of change and growth in the STC and it is only January. There are many things we can do to better the club from within and also be a force for the betterment of others outside our community. Somehow, some way, please join us in the quest to continue the enhancement of the STC.

Bob Weiss, Pres., STC

Featured Member of the Month— Carol Eisenbraun

By Anne Hammond

Carol Eisenbraun grew up on a cattle ranch in rural South Dakota. She was a “tomboy” who ran around, rode horses, and loved being outside. Until sixth grade she attended a one-room school house, and she never watched television until she went to college. She had an older sister and when it came time for her to attend high school, the family decided to sell the ranch and move to the town of Fort Pierre. If they hadn’t moved, the girls would have had to board to attend school. Carol graduated in a class of twelve students and then attended South Dakota State University (SDSU). She majored in physical education, played intramural sports, and met and married fellow athlete Ike Eisenbraun. They will celebrate their 55th anniversary this April.

Ike went into the army and then they returned to South Dakota where Carol taught at SDSU and became head of the Dance Department. They had a son and daughter. Ike left education and joined an insurance company, and they moved to Southern California where Carol first became interested in tennis. In 1973 she attended Rod Laver’s Tennis Camp where she had on-court instruction from him for five days. She found him to be the most positive instructor she has ever taken lessons from (see photo below – yes, that’s Carol). Then they moved to Illinois where Carol taught at Illinois Wesleyan and coached women’s



tennis. She was social director at Evergreen Racquet Club where she played in many tennis tournaments and was on the traveling team.

When they moved to Battle Creek, Michigan, USTA had just begun league play and she

played at the 4.5 level. Carol has played USTA league tennis since its inception. She also joined with the tennis pro at the Family Y to work in the youth tennis program with young people of all ages. Besides tennis, Carol became heavily involved in track and field events, winning several medals at the national level in the 100-, 200-, and 400- yard dash, the long jump, and the javelin.

Carol and Ike moved to SaddleBrooke 13 years ago and she immediately became involved in the STC. Since that time, she has been Orientation Committee Chair; on the Club Tournament Committee, last two years as Chair; Co-chair of the Robson Cup for four years; captained numerous USTA and interclub teams; co-captained a team that won Super Senior nationals in 2004. Her team also came in second in Nationals in 2003 and her Senior team came in third in Nationals in 2003.

In addition, Carol has returned to her coaching roots and very much enjoys working with some of our 3.0 women’s teams, one of which won nationals last year. She has worked on the Charity Events Committee and on the pairings for club social events. At 74 years of age, Carol continues to play USTA tennis at the 4.0 level on Senior, Super Senior, and Mixed Doubles teams. She certainly has proven herself to be an outstanding athlete who continues to compete at a very high level. She has given much of herself to the game of tennis, and she has enjoyed every minute.

The STC is certainly most fortunate to have her skills and enthusiasm which she happily shares with all of us who love tennis.



Rodney George "Rod" Laver MBE (born 9 August 1938) is an Australian former tennis player and was the World No. 1 player for seven consecutive years, from 1964 to 1970. He is the only tennis player to have twice won the Grand Slam (all four major singles titles in the same year) — first as an amateur in 1962 and second as a professional in 1969. He is also the only male player and first player, male or female, to have won the Grand Slam during the open era. He is the 3rd male player to win all four Grand Slams in his career after Fred Perry and Don Budge.

STC New Years Eve Bash

By Kathy Majer

Saddlebrooke Tennis Club knows how to celebrate New Year's Eve!!! One hundred enthusiastic members and guests attended the HOA 11 New Year's Eve Bash, in the Mountain View Ballroom. The room was packed with a total of 270 festive attendees, from our great community.

The evening had many exciting highlights. The party goers were first greeted by beautifully decorated tables, decked out in black and white. The elegant centerpieces on each table included long white plumes placed in a tall narrow clear glass vase. Simply stunning! Happy hour was followed by a delicious 5 course meal. There was time for some dancing and socializing between each course. The party "toys" came out during the dessert course. Attendees were treated to fedora hats, tiaras, beads, black silver and gold leis, and boas. The mood was set for lots of dancing and laughing. The champagne toast at 10 p.m. made you feel like you were in Time Square, as the big screen came down and we were treated to a live viewing of "the famous ball drop" in the Big Apple. We sure made some noise with our horns and blowers. D J Warren, always the professional, plays the right music at the right time. He is also quite the entertainer, with his costumes and impressions of the artists.

Saddlebrooke Tennis Club attendees had lots of energy to keep the party hopping. The "toys" were distributed by our enthusiastic volunteers: Joanie Dragon, Ernie Dragon, Tina Huber, Bonnie Johnson, Tami Graeber, Kathy Majer, and Karen Gurian. There was a mystery make up artist in the ladies rest room applying body glitter and eye shadow glitter. Bling, Bling, Bling!

If you missed it this year, consider joining the fun next year with your fellow tennis buddies and community members. Happy New Year to all!

Kathy Majer and Bonnie Johnson

STC Social Chairgirls



USTA Happenings

2011 Winter Leagues

At the Senior (over 50) level we have the following teams actively pursuing first place. It's way too early to tell who's crossing the finish line first, but we do have a couple of SB teams in the lead of their division (noted in red).

Women's 3.0 Senior Captain

Betsy Harrigan

Women's 3.5 Senior Captains

Linda Depew

Geri Sandilands

Melanie Murphy

Diane Ray

Men's 3.5 Senior Captains:

Bruce Nissenbaum

Joe Schullik

Women's 4.0 Senior Captains:

Joanne Bosworth

Carol Eisenbraun

Men's 4.0 Senior Captain:

Dave Johnson

For those of us a bit older, we have the Super Senior Leagues (over 60) to play in as well. Those captains & leaders after 2 weeks (noted in red) are:

Women's 3.5 Super Senior Captains:

Mary Jo George

Mary Hlushko

Connie Sacra

Barb Dobson

Men's 3.5 Super Senior Captains:

Joe Schullik

Women's 4.0 Super Senior Captains:

Karen Lippe

Men's 4.0 Super Senior Captains:

Fred Harder

Bill Hanlon

2011 Board Members (elected)	
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Operations	
Auditor	Jerry Sandvig
Ball Machine/Restock	Frank Valenti/Loretta Edgerton
By-Laws	Steve Leanne
Computer	Bill Lunquist
Doorkeeper	Gayle Sell
Maintenance	Al Majer
Nominating	Ed Donovan/Tina Huber
Parliamentarian	Steve Leane
Rules	Craig MacPherson
Communications	
Email Transmitter	Bob Weiss/Pam Willis/Riley Jackson
Membership/Orientation	Joanie & Ernie Dragon
Newsletter	Mary Jo George
Phone Directory	Leon McKinzie
Preferred Guest Coordinators	Dick Partridge/Greg Hlusko
Publicity	Ray Kump/Al Majer
Web Master	Riley Jackson
Well Wishers	Dee Bartels
Events	
Charity Event	TBD
Club Championship Tournament	Dennis & Kris Donovan
Club Exchange	Sy Efron
Robson Cup	Pam Willis/Craig McPherson
Social Events	Bonnie Johnson/Kathy Majer
Team Tennis - Gender Doubles	Al Majer/Ed Donovan/Mary Jo George
Team Tennis - Mixed Doubles	TBD
Community Liasons:	
USTA	Marv Klapp
HOA 1 Tennis Committee	Bob Weiss
HOA 2 Tennis Committee	Peter Bidwell
STC Coordinators	Lynne Donovan
* Denotes Committee Chair Appointments	