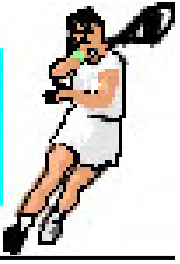




Barrego Springs Tennis Club



By Vickie Mercer

Well Into The Season

Here we are with the third tournament of the season coming quickly upon us. We are very lucky to be able to still play in January with the sun on our back and maybe an occasional wind coming down off the mountains.

Our next tournament will be a Straight Round Robin event. Let's all remember to reply to last week's invitation no later than Friday noon. This is a new policy and we are hoping no one gets caught walking in at 6 pm hoping to play as was the practice for many years.

There have been many members working hard behind the scenes to make our club function properly. This newsletter has the results of committee work and reminders from our Board.

Ladder Update

By Gary McNamara

Based upon the club's input at our last tournament, the Board decided to review the current ladder to determine if there were any appropriate changes to be made. During the month of December, the Board appointed a small committee to independently review the ladder rankings and offer suggestions for changes. It is important to note that only a very few individuals were suggested for change and that the greatest jump was four places upwards. The Board believes that such a review was necessary to satisfy club members that the objective data inserted into the ladder program provides an accurate and fair description of our club members' abilities. We shall review the ladder on an annual basis to remedy any overt errors in the rankings. The Board wishes to recognize and give thanks to all the club members who shared their opinions at the last tourney business meeting. It is through such discussions that we make the club stronger and more enjoyable.

Member, Ron Romeo, has accumulated data for all players participating in tournaments since 2008. That data is maintained in a spreadsheet and then following each tournament results are input and each player is moved according to their results. The new ladder base for 2013 will be posted on our website at <http://www.jefj.net/bstc>.

Should you have any questions regarding the ladder review, please contact Gary McNamara and he will be pleased to respond.

For Lunch from Fred

Something with Ham.



Denny Bean enjoying a match while hiding from the sun with what looks like Marilyn's umbrella

Let's Stick Around the Clubhouse

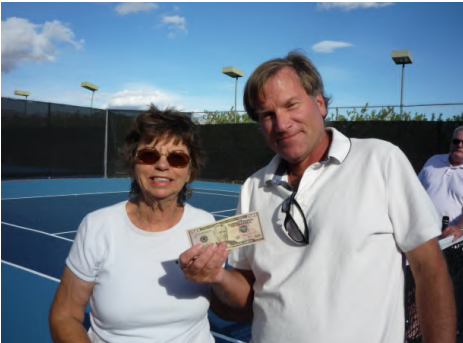
By Doug Baker

To make sure the clubhouse is back in order on Saturday night after our potluck and Sunday afternoon prior to our departure we need a volunteer to oversee that all is in order before we turn out the lights. We know so many jump in and get the job done, all we need is someone to check off the list so we give back the club the same way Sandy and Borden loaned us this great facility. I will take the our January tournament. So if we can get volunteers to oversee the following tournaments please let Gary or I know. Thank you to all of you that jump in almost every tournament and square away the club.

In the Heat of the Game

From your Board

It has come to our attention that we have had a few inappropriate actions during the last two tournaments. Be reminded that all club members are ladies and gentlemen and that we should conduct ourselves as such at all times, both on the courts and off. Should there be another incident of inappropriate behavior, the Board will take immediate action.



**\$50 Winner
Jef Johnson**

December 1 & 2 Mixed Doubles Winners



*Reindeer Flyers Pool 1st Place
Sandy Kean and Harold Larson*



*Star Blazers Pool 1st Place
Carol Caldwell and Barry Frahm*



*Jingle Swingers Pool 1st Place
Larry Wagner subbing for
Ken Shallahamer and Jana McNamara*



*Reindeer Flyers Pool 2nd Place
Terry Moy and Visitor Abbe Willner*



*Star Blazers Pool 2nd Place
Bob Speth and Marla Anderson*



*Jingle Swingers Pool 2nd Place
Bill Hanson and Ursula Hawkins*

*Great action shot of Ursula
Hawkins during the finals
on December 2nd*



taken by Jef Johnson



*Double rainbow on November 26th
taken by Jef Johnson*



Rain falling in downtown Borrego Springs December 13, 2012

taken by Jef Johnson