



Borrego Springs Tennis Club



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March 16 & 17

This will be the last Straight tournament format of the year with our final event being Mixed. It is an exciting weekend to be in Borrego Springs with Circle of Art and the hunt for a desert flower or two. Following the requests of many, we will plan for a round robin again until we get the results of our informal survey about format.

As established earlier this season, the entry deadline is Friday noon, March 15th. Visitors are asked to fill out a special entry form that is available on the website for download or email 24 hours in advance. A sign up sheet is available in the club house at Anza Borrego Tennis Center but do please email your entry so that we can consolidate format. If your tournament director doesn't hear from you, she will be pestering you with more emails so make it easy by answering promptly.

From your Club President—Doug Baker

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in March for another great tournament. Two issues ago of this newsletter we addressed "In the Heat of the Game", about actions on the court and we again must take note that we all wish to enjoy our time on the court. Please observe courteous behavior. Even bringing this to the newsletter gives me a bad taste in my mouth. Don't subject your fellow players and friends to abuse and please keep the language clean on the court. It's only a game and we are all here for a good time. Enjoy this great place and keep our focus on respecting your partners.

End of Season Banquet

Our last tournament in April is fast approaching and details are being worked out for the banquet. We need two volunteers to record those people attending, and collect the money. This needs to be finalized by the March tournament. If you can help, please contact Gary at 858-552-9070 or Doug at 949-433-8561 right away. As always, this banquet is well attended and great fun. I hope everyone can enjoy the festivities.

Tournament Formats

I have missed the last couple of tournaments due to my move up north but Roz Smyth has done a fabulous job and Mike Shoemaker has stepped up to glue all the pieces together at the last minute.

During conversations with members, Roz hears that the tournament format preference of players is the type that gives them the most play, as they travel some distance and spend good money for lodging. That has not always been the tradition of the club, as in past years there has been a mix of round robin and double elimination tournaments. For the tournament director, the double elimination format is the easiest. For the highly competitive winners, this format gives them a reward for being successful on the court. Now we have a chance to find out what you want by answering a question when you submit your entries this month. We will tally the results and announce them at our ceremony on Sunday.

Circle of Art Festival

Borrego Springs town will be humming while our next tournament takes place. Every year in March, a community organization that is devoted to raising money for scholarships called BASIC, that is devoted to raising money for scholarships, hosts the selling of art during this juried show. Some artists travel from substantial distances but this year local art will also be featured as it is recognized that Borrego Springs is abundant with talent.

For the third year, one of our members is the chair of this event and works tirelessly to assure its success. Jacque Goodrich may miss our tournament this month but do look for her at the Circle of Art which runs both Saturday and Sunday at Christmas Circle. We remember that last year the event had to be postponed due to winds, and we are hoping that this will not be repeated so that we can all support this event.

For Lunch from Fred

A most appreciative thank you to Fred Dow. As always Fred comes through for our lunches on Saturday and February was no exception. The delicious quiche lunch brought in



\$50 Winner
Ursula Hawkins

February 16 & 17 Mixed Doubles Winners



Blazing Arrows

Larry Wagner & Nine Hanson (5/0)
 Sheldon Baker & Janna Wagner (2/3)
 Ken Shallahamer & Roz Smyth (3/2)
 Jef Johnson & Ursula Hawkins (2/3)
 Al Lieb & Penny Pralle (2/3)
 Doug Baker & Jan McNamara (1/4)



Magic Potions

Fred Dow & Teresa SanFilippo (5/0)
 Barry Frahm & Margo Milligan (4/1)
 Don Campbell & Peg Lieb (3/2)
 Bill Hanson & Harriet Lisak (1/4)
 Rob Chester & Jackie Shallahamer (1/4)
 Mike Shoemaker & Karen Budetti (1/4)



Bleeding Hearts

Ed Ghiorso & Vickie Koerner (4/1)
 Harold Larson & Terry Moy (4/1)
 Denny Bean & Julie Kehler (4/1)
 Don Wilson & Kerstie Garthwaite (1/4)
 Gary McNamara & Sue Ammons (1/4)
 Russ Hansen & Barbara Ash (1/4)



Love Knots

Mary Marchese & Bonnie Wilson (1/1)
 Mary Kay Romeo & Marla Anderson (1/1)
 Liz Speth & Diane Burlison (1/1)

We apologize that this group did not play as often as the others. The large number of women versus men creates extra players during mixed doubles tourneys. Be assured these players are noted and will be given due consideration during the upcoming draw.



Panorama view during awards ceremony February 17, 2013

taken by Jef Johnson