



Borrego Springs Tennis Club



By Vickie Mercer

Message from Your Board

by Gary McNamara

Congratulations to all the winners and runners up at our last tournament.

Sorry if you missed it. The January tourney was graced with beautiful weather and soft breezes; just enough to make the tennis courts sparkle in the sun and accommodate great tennis. Our players provided enough tense and competitive matches to fulfill one's need for adrenalin and great opportunities for spectators. For the first time in several years, we played an Add format (not to be mixed up with Attention Deficit Disorder) which drew positive responses from a majority of our members. This opportunity arose when we had a lower turnout than usual due to several injuries and prior commitments. Our tournament director will retain this format for future use, when available. Vickie Mercer did her usual outstanding work when confronted with last minute changes in the playing pool. We should all aspire to be one of her, "Heroes," sometime in the future.

On Saturday afternoon, Fred Dow provided a delicious pot pie lunch with just enough remaining to sustain us for Sunday brunch. Unfortunately, Susan Dow had to depart early to attend her ill mother at home.

Saturday evening found us in the clubhouse due to the cool temperatures. No one wanted to eat cold food. Thanks to everyone for a tasty repast. We were fortunate to be serenaded by the croonings of Ed Ghiorso, which left everyone in a romantic mood. Somehow, Ursula and Curt Hawkins were able to disguise their evening's gift in such a way that left us all as surprised as the recipient.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to again thank JaNell Acosta for all her hard work. She has one of the most thankless jobs in the club and she does it with grace and humor. Marilyn Bean has been invaluable in helping with this task.

Now for some unhappy news. We had a serious injury at the tournament and want to give our best thoughts to Denny Bean. He is doing well and should be able to resume his stellar tennis career in the not-to-distant future.

Also, Ursula Hawkins suffered a minor heart attack (is there such a thing?) one week ago. She was treated without surgery and is now home and feeling better. Her prognosis is very good and she should be back on the courts in a few months. Our best wishes go out to her and her family.

Make sure you join us for a new and unusual Valentine's Day Tournament on February 15th!

Let's Get Ready!

By Marla Anderson

MARCH IS THE TIME for our annual **BSTC AUCTION!** - **SATURDAY, MARCH 8** at the **POST LUCK DINNER**.

The **CLUB WILL SCORE NEEDED EXTRA FUNDS** when you bring your donated item(s) for the **ANNUAL AUCTION** at the **BSTC Tournament** on March 8.

Any item(s) you wish to auction will be accepted in the Club Room beginning Friday evening, March 7. Forms will be available for you to Tag your item(s) with a starting bid. The "YL Ladies" will handle the rest. Immediately following the Potluck Dinner on Saturday night, we will take bids for all auction items submitted we promise to keep the Auction moving quickly.

Bring your art work, crafted items, tennis rackets; any goods you no longer use - anything you think will sell - small or large, soft or hard, clean or dirty - right from the attic or garage. If you don't use it you can donate it for BSTC's benefit. Let's make this the best AUCTION ever!

Since that is **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS NIGHT** (or morning if you stay up until 2 am!), **\$1.00 FOR THE SPRING AHEAD HOUR** will be added to every final bid price. That \$1.00 along with the sales price goes directly to BSTC. It's a **WIN-WIN**. You show off your talents by donating your creation(s) or you get rid of unwanted stuff and BSTC gets more money to help continue our fun tournaments at the amazing Borrego Springs Tennis Center.

Let's make this another great **FUND RAISER** for the club - **BRING YOUR BEST STUFF!**

YL Ladies --- Marla, Barbara, Sandi and Michelle

What's for Lunch

Fred again will bring us a delicious light lunch for just a few bucks. Remember that any monies made go into club coffers. Last month he prepared wonderful Chicken and Beef Pot Pies. With the extended matches we all needed to stay close and quick nourishment to help us on the court.

Thank you Fred, Sue and helper Ling who work so hard in the kitchen.



\$50 Winner
Margo Milligan

January 18 & 19, 2014 Straight Doubles Winners

1st



Vickie Mercer / Julie Kehler

2nd



Harriet Lasik / Nikki Wakeland

Shimmering Sands

1. Julie Kehler / Vickie Mercer
2. Harriet Lasik / Nikki Wakeland
3. Bonnie Wilson / Margo Milligan
4. **Charlotte Rice*** / Kerry Armstrong

Julie and Vickie won the finals in a 2 hour long final with a tie breaker at the end. Nikki Wakeland was visiting and has a bright future in tennis being only 13 yrs old. Nikki is Harriet's granddaughter. Finals score was 8-9 then 10-5.

1st



Rob Chester / Don Wilson

2nd



Gary Edwards / Ray Carle

Sun Spirits

1. Rob Chester / Don Wilson
2. Gary Edwards / Ray Carle
3. Ed Ghiorso / Ray Caldwell
4. Red Dow / Ron Romeo
5. Don Campbell / Denny Bean

Lots of good play with Don Wilson and Rob Chester in the lead from the start. The final day Denny Bean smacked his head on the asphalt and headed to the hospital in Brawley. Final score was 8-9 with a tiebreaker necessary with Rob and Don winning 10-5.

1st



Mary Marchese / Jan McNamara

2nd



Nine Hanson / Mary Kay Romeo

Wayward Winds

1. Jan McNamara / Mary Marchese
2. Nine Hanson / Mary Kay Romeo
3. Ursula Hawkins / Roz Smith
4. Peg Lieb / Janna Wagner

The draw was upset at the last moment with Penny Pralle arriving very ill and Susan Dow having to return to attend to her ill mother. This was the first win for Mary Marchese in the higher pool. Another new name to the finals was second place Mary Kay Romeo. Final score was 8-6.

1st



Tom McClure / Barry Frahm

2nd



Al Lieb / Larry Wagner

The Magic Mountains

1. Tom McClure / Barry Frahm
2. Larry Wagner / Al Lieb
3. Sheldon Baker / Doug Baker
4. Bill Hanson & assortment of partners
5. Ken Shallahamer / Mike Showmaker

The draw pulled an off number of players so Bill Hanson pushed ahead with 4 different partners with one player of the team with the bye stepping in. This was Barry Frahm's second consecutive final appearance. Final score was 8-5.

**Tournament Director's Hero for filling in at last minute.*

December 7 & 8, 2014 Mixed Doubles Winners

1st



Roz Smyth / Tom McClure

2nd



Sheldon Baker / Nine Hanson

Jingle Swingers

1. Roz Smith / Tom McClure
2. Nine Hanson / Sheldon Baker
3. Jacque Goodrich / Bill Hanson
4. Teresa SanFilippo / Mike Shoemaker
5. Janna Wagner / Ken Shallahamer
6. Susan Dow / Larry Wagner
7. Jan McNamara / Fred Dow

The decision for the 1st and 2nd placed teams was decided by total games won as there was a three-way tie for the lead. Final score was 8-1.

1st



Rob Chester / Don Wilson

2nd



Gary Edwards / Ray Carle

Star Blazers

1. Judy Smith* / Craig Goodrich*
2. Mary Marchese / Rob Chester
3. Bonnie Wilson / Arne Halverson
4. Michelle Miller / Kent Chesney*
5. Mary Kay Romeo / Will Sanders*
6. Marla Anderson / Ray Carle
7. Vickie Mercer / Tom Cunningham*

Judy Smith and Craig Goodrich were strong from the start. But Mary and Rob halted their perfect ways by defeating them in the finals, thus forcing a tie breaker which Judy and Craig won 10-5.

1st



Ed Ghiorso / Pat Muno

2nd



Greg Mitchell / Sandi Kean

Reindeer Flyers

1. Pat Muno / Ed Ghiorso
2. Sandi Kean / Greg Mitchell*
3. Margo Milligan / Don Wilson
4. Liz Speth / Bob Speth
5. Edel Bahr* / Ron Romeo
6. Terry Moy / Denny Bean

Pat Muno joined us after a 3 year absence and looked strong with Ed Ghiorso in the finals. There were only three game wins separating the first three teams. Final score was 8-5.

**These players were the tournament director's Hero's as they agreed to play to even out the numbers for the draw. Thanks so much for being with us.*