



Borrego Springs Tennis Club



March 2014 Edition

By Vickie Mercer

Board Notes

by Gary McNamara

Congratulations to this month's winners and runners up! February's tournament brought out some 36 players and many social members who enjoyed another beautiful weekend of sun and virtually no wind. Saturday's temperatures were warm, but matches finished at 3:00 PM. Sunday's weather was perfect and even included a light cloud cover to assist those receiving the infamous "Borrego Lob." Thank you to all that attended for a great weekend of superior tennis and sportsmanship. The Board would like to especially thank Roz Smyth for playing "exhibition" rounds (no, this is not what you are thinking) which precluded her playing in her division's finals. Vickie Mercer's (our sterling Tournament Director) introduction of the Valentine's Day couples format brought us competitive matches and unusual pairings. Time will tell if those pairings have irreparably harmed some long term relationships.

Saturday's delicious lunch was prepared by Mary Kay and Ron Romeo. The club was so enthusiastic that we broke our profit record for the event. It is no easy task to play a full round of matches and simultaneously dabble in the culinary arts. We also want to thank those who helped to clean up after lunch as the Romeos had to depart and play their next match.

Our potluck dinner that evening was a chamber of commerce commercial as we dined under a warm night sky featuring a bright moon peeking in and out of the cirrus clouds. Jackie and Ken Shallahamer served as masters of ceremonies and after Ken brought down the house with his famous one liners, he mesmerized the crowd with his version of Beyonce's, "If you like it, you better put a ring on it." Our thanks also go to Mary Marchese and Ed Ghiorso for providing romantic table decorations.

Remember, next month's tournament will feature our annual auction. Please bring two priceless items we may offer to our friends and help support our bottom line. There will be NO gift exchange in March.

The club learned that Harold Plett suffered a serious fall and we trust you will join us in wishing him the speediest of recoveries. Hal was a speed demon on the courts and we miss his good humor and Jello desserts.

Please remember to keep Ursula Hawkins in your thoughts as she continues to recover from a heart attack. She would like to thank the many people who telephoned, emailed and wrote to her. Unfortunately, she is still very weak and cannot thank us individually. Ursula and Curt report that your concern has truly helped them during these difficult times.

We hope to see you all at our next tournament only a few short weeks away.

Next Tournament: March 8 & 9th Straight Round Robin Format

Let's Get Ready!

This next tournament IS THE TIME for our annual **BSTC AUCTION!**

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 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



Extra Drawing Winner!

We want to thank Borden and Sandy Granger for donating two tickets to the Kingston Trio for March 2nd valued at \$50 each. Winner was Bob Harper.

To qualify the winner had to be in Borrego Springs on that date. Such a pleasant surprise!



**\$50 Winner
Concha Rivera**

February 14 & 15, 2014 Mixed Doubles Winners

1st



Nine & Bill Hanson

2nd



Larry & Janna Wagner

Wayward Winds

1. Niné Hanson / Bill Hanson —6-1
2. Janna Wagner / Larry Wagner —5-2
3. Jan McNamara / Ken Shallahamer —3-2
4. Peg Lieb / Al Lieb —2-3
5. Harriet Lisak / Mike Shoemaker —1-4
6. Marla Anderson / Sheldon Baker —0-5

This group showed lots of hugs and kisses with three couples playing together, the winners for the first time with the club.

1st



Bob Jenning / Vicki Jowese

2nd



Rob Chester / Margo Milligan

Shimmering Sands

1. Vicki Jowese / Bob Lemming —5-1
 2. Margo Milligan / Rob Chester —3-3
 3. Penny Pralle / Doug Baker —3-2
 4. Mary Marchese / Ed Ghiorso —1-4
 5. Sandi Kean / **Mike Wiley** —0-5
 6. **Roz Smyth** / Exhibition Partners—4-1
- Visitors, Vicki and Bob visiting from Sacramento, showed stamina with a long first match against Mary & Rob then breezing through the balance. We hope to see them again next season as they settle into their Snowbird rolls. Roz Smyth played exhibition with five different partners and was the HERO of our schedule when we had a last minute cancellation.

1st



Borden Granger / Vickie Mercer

2nd



Bob and Nancy Harper

The Magic Mountains

1. Vickie Mercer / Borden Granger —6-1
 2. Nancy Harper / Bob Harper —5-2
 3. Bonnie Wilson / Don Wilson —3-2
 4. Mary Kay Romeo / Ron Romeo —1-4
 5. Kersti Garthwaite / **Greg Mitchell** —1-4
 6. Barbara Ash / Tom Cunningham —0-5
- Borden was coming off of December knee surgery and came against Bob & Nancy who chipped away at the lead in the finals. This was Nancy's first tournament.

**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.*