

Barrego Springs Tennis Club

December 2014 Edition

By Vickie Mercer



Fill up the Calendar

December 6—7	Mixed
January 2-4—Doubles in the Desert-Invitation Only	
Call Anza Borrego Tennis Center Directly: 760-413-0001	
January 17—18	Straight
February 14—15	Mixed
March 14—15	Straight
April 11—12	Mixed

October 2014 Tournament Review

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS AND RUNNERS UP

The first 2014/2015 Borrego Springs Tennis Club tournament was a resounding success. An added benefit to the weekend was our option to attend Borrego Days, one of the community's yearly highlights. We had 36 players and many more in the audience. This first tourney is always fun as we reconnect with old friends, meet new players and visitors, and share our latest physical ailments. The Club also welcomed several first time players and we trust they will come back and play with us again.

Saturday was sunny and warm while Sunday brought perfect tennis weather with enough cloud cover to dispel the glare quotient. Tournament Director Vickie Mercer created her usual tough brackets and good pairings. The matches were hotly contested and there was even a break to allow those inclined to view the Festival Parade.

The Club would like to thank Borden and Sandi Granger for providing such a beautiful setting for the weekend. It requires tremendous work to open, clean, and organize the grounds for our arrival. We are also indebted to Susan and Fred Dow for their delicious and healthy lunch on Saturday. Their efforts generated \$50.00 to the club's treasury. Bob Hopkins won the \$50.00 monthly draw and was very kind to donate his prize back to the club. Ursula and Curt Hawkins brought some of their wondrous creations as tourney prizes and, in addition, created an insulated steering wheel cover that the Club will sell to our members. It is these types of generous gestures that make the BSTC such a unique group.

Saturday's Pot Luck Dinner deserves special praise for the intensive planning and work by Eileen and Barry Frahm. They created a spectacular Halloween décor for the evening and provided the audience with many laughs and the opportunity to become the next Justin Bieber or Iggy Azalea.

As we all know, not every day is filled with glad tidings. We are sorry to report the passing of Fred Dow's father. Please make sure that Susan, Fred, and their families are in our thoughts during this difficult time.

Also, many of you know that Jef Johnson has undergone significant knee surgery and we all wish him a speedy and successful recovery. His agonizing spin shots have been missing from the courts for too long a time.

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! It was great to see you and we look forward to our next tournament in early December.

Saturday Night Best Halloween Hat Contest Winners

Best Guy: Tom Freed
Best Gal: Vickie Mercer



Message from Tournament Director

As we are all scurrying around preparing for Thanksgiving, I hope you will take a brief moment to indicate if you plan to join us for the next tournament on December 6 & 7. Our first gathering this year was a rousing success. Our potluck party will be remembered for the tremendous work that Barry and Eileen Frahm (yes the same last name) contributed.

We will stay with the round robin format for our next tournament which is Mixed. The mixed format is always the most challenging to draw as we usually have more women than men. Many of you in Borrego are familiar with my stanch cries days before our tournament that I need a few more good men. So bring your male friends along.

Visitors are always welcome. We had seven visitors play in our last tournament: good friends of Ursula & Curt, Roxanne & Bob Youssie; three friends of Mary Marchese, Susan German, Matilda Tacey and Doreen Lew and new Borrego Springs resident Elliot Gorson. Roxanne and Bob Youssie have already sent in their entry for December and we know from watching them everyone will want to be joined up with them to enjoy a competitive partner.

When drawing a tournament, the partners are considered very carefully. We look at the playing level through our ladder that has been maintained for four plus years and is determined by wins/losses but also considered at our age, are injuries. The final element is a policy that no two players be paired together within a two year period to avoid the "I'll only play with my best friend" environment. This makes the club more social as you get to know members that you might not get a chance to meet otherwise. As the club continues to grow, it makes the draws easier for the tournament director as a new player never conflicts with that two-year rule.

Final notes, please don't forget your Borrego contact phone number with your entry. For long time members you probably think it's already in the system (which it is) but having it in the email response eliminates the extra step of having to look it up in case of last minute changes to the schedule (heaven forbid). Each tournament is built from anew and we can't assume that a member will always be playing so always response in order to enter.

Get those entries in early this month as your tournament director will be traveling down to Borrego the week of the tournament and won't have as much time for follow up messages. Remember, if you host a visitor, the deadline for entry is on Wednesday, all others are Thursday at 2 PM. For odd numbers of entries we sometimes have to get creative and that last person entered could have some interesting matches.

Our Hosts invite you play January 2—4

Each year Anza Borrego Tennis Center host an Invitational Only tournament around the New Year period. They limit the numbers to 24 men and women and separate the player levels into three groups. Round Robin Format. Only a few spots are left so enter right away. Brochure is attached

This year on January 1st Tim Hoffnagle will conduct various clinics: Choose your challenged area:

9:00 am—Four & Back Hand

10:00 am—Volley & Overheads

11:00 am—Serves & Returns

Plus—Doubles Strategy in groups of four

Look for the sign up list and cost outside the clubhouse before January 1st.

Sandi says her little trailer is available in the back for our tournament weekends for just \$35 a night. Call her—760-413-0001.

October 2014 Results



Orange Pumpkins

Ursula Hawkins / Jana Wagner (4/1)
Teresa SanFilippo / Harriet Lisak (3/2)
Jan McNamara / Roxanne Youssie (2-2)
Jacque Goodrich / Mary Kay Romeo (2-2)
Nine Hanson / Mary Marchese (0-4)

Finals score 8-3



Blue Bloods

Larry Wagner / Sheldon Baker (6-1)
Ken Shallahamer / Fred Dow (4-2)
Tom McClure / Borden Granger (2-2)
Barry Frahm / Bill Hanson (1-3)
Doug Baker / Michael Shoemaker (0-4)

Finals 6-8

Tiebreaker 10-6



Whitely Ghosts

Marla Anderson / Matilda Tacey (3-2)
Sandi Kean / Susan German (3-2)
Bonnie Wilson / Doreen Lew (3-1)
Susan Dow / Terry Moy (0-4)

Exhibition Play:

Vickie Mercer played at 4-0 with:
H. Lisak, M. Marchese, J. Wagner & R Youssi

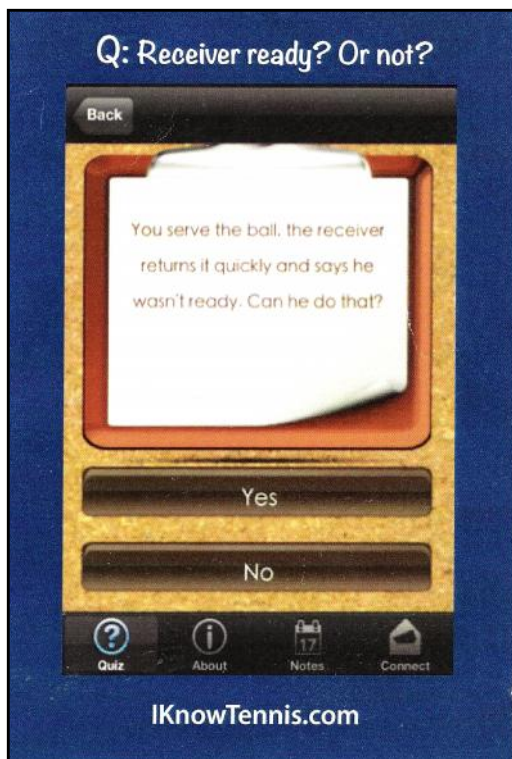
Finals 9-7



Blood Screammers

Ray Carle / Bob Hopkins (4-0)
Don Wilson / Bob Youssie (2-2)
Curt Hawkins / Tom Cunningham (2-1)
Bob Speth / Elliot Gorson (0-4)

Finals 8-5



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\$50 Winner
Bob Hopkins
With Roz Smyth
Thank you Bob for returning the prize to the Club Coffers.