

Laguna Woods Tennis Club Newsletter

February 2024

Board Members - 2024

President - Russell Seagal

Vice President - Bob Schwartz

Treasurer – Theresa Kennedy

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Comment Cards are available in the clubhouse if you prefer to drop us a note that way – Just fill one out and drop it in the podium slot at the clubhouse.

From the President:

VMS has informed us they will require one tennis court during the day and one lighted court in the evening for use by the Badminton Club during the renovation of Clubhouse 1 starting in March. We have proposed a way to accommodate them that limits the impact on our members and will keep you posted as this issue gets volleyed back and forth. Stay tuned.

Clubhouse 1 renovation is also affecting the Village Games, which will now be in the fall rather than in April. Specific dates for the Village Games tennis events are October 14th - 19th, causing a change to our Club Championship, which will now be November 4th - 9th.

From the Membership Director:

Everyone should have received the new Member Directory by now — if not, contact Jim for a replacement. Welcome to our new club member:

Jimmy Miranda, toffu052521@gmail.com, D player, Singles, Doubles, Mixed

From the Treasurer:

To keep the quality (and quantity) of food offered at the Compass Tournaments, we have decided to raise the price to \$7 per person, considering higher food costs. Player entry includes lunch. Spectators are always welcome for lunch at the price of \$7.

From the Activities Director:

An email was sent to the membership offering a \$30 van trip to Indian Wells on March 5th for a day of qualifying matches. The trip filled up quickly and a waitlist is now in progress. If you want to get on the waitlist, contact Manny (phone/text to 714-293-9363 or email to lovejoy@comline.com). With enough participants we may be able to swing another van.

From the Secretary:

Thanks for the great response to our January Newsletter! We encourage our members to share thoughts and suggestions so that the Tennis Club Board can do a better job of serving you as we strive to create a fun, fair and inviting place to play our favorite sport.

Our next Tennis Club board meeting will be at the clubhouse on Monday, March 4th, at 11:30 AM. Members are welcome to join us.



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Upcoming Events:

Don't forget, our next Mixed Doubles Compass Tournament will be Friday, February 23rd, starting at 9:00 AM. The sign-up sheet will be available at the clubhouse by 9:00 AM on Thursday, February 15th. You must sign up with a partner. Manny can help match you with someone if you call/text him at 714-293-9363. The cost to play is \$7 per player — same for spectators who wish to buy lunch. (Spectators, please email Nancy at miraokay@yahoo.com if you plan to come for lunch or sign up in the clubhouse on the "Lunch Only" sheet by Wednesday, February 21st, to ensure there's enough food to go around.)

We are also setting aside two tentative dates for Sunday afternoon tennis socials — more details to come but in the meantime pencil in Sunday, April 21st, at 3:00 PM and Sunday, June 30th, at 4:00 PM.

Things to Ponder:

You've probably seen our Tennis Club column in the Globe, brought to you each week by our intrepid reporters; Marcia Hackett, Rich Haskell, Ned Buckman, Richard Doss and Ray Freer. Now it's time for you to weigh in:

Please take a few minutes to email us — or use the Suggestion Box in the clubhouse — to give us your thoughts:

Do you read the columns?...sometimes, regularly, or not at all?

What would help increase readership?

Do you prefer columns about playing tips, or club members, or club events and programs — or a variety? Would you read columns that lay out the pros and cons of issues affecting the Tennis Club membership? What do you suggest for future topics?

In response to the January "Things to Ponder" piece on Compass Tournaments, here's what we are doing for future tournaments:

- Replacing individual medals with a photo-worthy trophy that will be kept in the clubhouse. (Think Stanley Cup, only smaller!)
- Working on online sign-ups starting in March (fingers crossed!)
- Still under discussion: a weekend Compass Tournament and a change to the Mixed Doubles format

Notes from VMS/Lorie:

The unprecedented rain we've had recently can't help but complicate the issues with court repair. When there's concrete news to report (pun intended) we will let you know.

Visit our Tennis Club Webpage: If it's been a while since you've explored it, check it out! Photos from the January Compass Tournament along with photos from last year's Village Games and Club Championship are there under the events section. You will also find our 2024 Newsletters, information about upcoming events, and official documents such as Membership Applications and Club By-Laws. Find us at:

https://www.lagunawoodsvillage.com/amenities/clubs/tennis-club