



Laguna Woods Tennis Club Newsletter

March 2024

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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:

Given our standard communications – meeting minutes, newsletters, Globe columns and our website – I try to respect your time by limiting one-off emails. But when appropriate, I won't hesitate to keep you updated on vital matters, such as the VMS decision to dedicate Court 7 to badminton.

From VMS/Lorie:

The latest court report includes:

- Court 5 can now be reserved under “Book a Lighted Tennis Court” in Court Reserve, starting at 4:30
- Court 6 can likewise be reserved, and the lights are fixed!
- Court 7 has been modified to accommodate badminton during the 5-6 month renovation of Clubhouse 1. When this temporary assignment is over, Court 7 is slated to be repaired by VMS (and we are waiting for word on other court repairs).

From the Activities Director:

Congratulations to February Compass Tournament winners:

- Grace Hallum & Mike Keese (East)
- Julie Lee & Tony Yang (West)
- Elaine Van Rensburg & Mike Chyi (North)
- Carole & Claude Gaudette (South)

You can see their smiling faces – AND our inaugural Winners' Trophy – at <https://www.lagunawoodsvillage.com/amenities/clubs/tennis-club>.

Congrats as well to Tennis Club member Kathy Bennett who recently won the Senior National Clay Court Championship held in Houston. She and her partner, Liane Bryson of San Diego, were seeded number 1 in the 75 age category, and they won 7-6, 6-2 in this Tier One Gold Ball Tournament.

The van trip we offered to Indian Wells was also a great success. The qualifying matches are always fun and it's exciting to spot young players on their way up. We hope to repeat the excursion next year.

From the Secretary:

Our next Tennis Club board meeting will be at the clubhouse on Monday, April 1st at 11:30 AM — no foolin'! Members are welcome to join us.



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Upcoming Events:

Our next Compass Tournament will be held on Friday, March 29th, starting at 9:00 AM. We are trying something new for lunch – think Italian, with both meat and vegetarian options. Sign-up details are coming soon.

Then on April 14th we are trying something different – a Sunday Social event, which is free for members, starting at 3:00. We will arrange for the courts and organize match-ups for Ladies', Men's and Mixed Doubles, so come have some fun, play with unfamiliar opponents and chat with friends old and new. Since this is a completely free event, please bring your own food, wine, water and tennis balls. We will work on providing beer and soda.

May 6 - 11 we will once again host the Super Seniors Tournament, which we expect will occupy all courts. Come out and watch these inspiring players and know that the Tennis Club's sacrifice of a week's playing time is well rewarded.

For those of you who told us you'd love to participate in Compass but can't because of your Friday commitments, we are moving the May Compass Tournament to May 31st, aka Saturday, June 1st! (The previous Saturday falls during Memorial Day Weekend – that's why.) So if you have been unable to compete, be sure to mark your calendar and watch for sign-up details. Member response will dictate whether this is a one-time change or will occur more often. Stay tuned.

Things to Ponder:

As stated previously, our main goal is to promote fun, fair tennis for all village residents. Now is a good time to focus on the "social" aspects of our club and we ask your help in thinking about improvements in this area:

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

If you participated in the van trip to Indian Wells, did it meet your expectations? Would you sign up again next year? What might make this field trip better?

If you didn't participate, was it for lack of interest ... or lack of space? What might help you to sign up next year?

Do you plan to attend **the Social Sunday on April 14th**? If so, how can we make it a success?

What **other social events** would you like the Tennis Club to offer?

In response to the February "Things to Ponder" piece on Globe articles, here's what we are doing for future columns:

- Adding a standard paragraph to each article to advise prospective members how they can play tennis in Laguna Woods Village and how to stay informed about tennis activities. We'll also use the additional space to relay late-breaking news for members and make sure you are aware of any important changes.

Visit our Tennis Club Website:

For photos from the latest Compass Tournament, along with 2024 Newsletters, information about upcoming events, a photo gallery and official documents such as Membership Applications and Club By-Laws, be sure to visit us at:

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