



# Laguna Woods Tennis Club Newsletter

April 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.

## Notes from the President:

The time has come for us to bid farewell to two of our distinguished writers — Richard Doss and Rich Haskell — who have decided to retire after years of contributing tennis columns for the Globe. In countless articles they have kept us entertained and enlightened by their thoughts, tips and pointers on strategy. Globe pieces will continue to be written by Ned Buckman, Ray Freer and Marcia Hackett, supplemented by guest columnists. We probably have not said Thank You enough to all of these wonderful writers who dedicate their time and creativity — and to Susan Rose, who manages the weekly process. So when you next see any of these special players on the court, please be sure to let them know how much you appreciate their efforts!

## From the Membership Director:

Welcome to our new club members (why not invite them to play?):

- ◆ Yueh Chang, [yueh\\_ming@yahoo.com](mailto:yueh_ming@yahoo.com), Singles, Doubles
- ◆ Tuong Nguyen, [nguyenlantuong@me.com](mailto:nguyenlantuong@me.com)

## From the Activities Director:

Congratulations to March Compass Tournament winners (out of 12 teams):

- ◆ Joe Wida & Suzie Pak (A group)
- ◆ Ted Chen & Elaine Van Rensburg (B group)

As always, visit <https://www.lagunawoodsvillage.com/amenities/clubs/tennis-club> for photos, plus 2024 Newsletters and info on future events.

Come join us for our Tennis Social this **Sunday, April 14th, 3:00 - 6:00 PM**. Courts 1-6 have been reserved for friendly games of ladies, mens and mixed doubles. The club will provide beer and soda; players should bring food and tennis balls to share. Open to all residents and their guests. Don't miss out!

## From the Secretary:

Our May board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2nd at noon, since the regularly scheduled meeting conflicts with the Super Seniors Tournament.

## From VMS/Lorie:

Volleyball is now being played on the temporary badminton Court 7 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This was not a decision made by the Tennis Club, and any complaints about noise or other disruptions should be directed to GRF/VMS. Also, the groups that Lorie arranges on Tuesdays and Thursdays will begin summer hours as of May 14th and will play from 9:00 to 10:30 AM.



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## Seeking Volunteers:

We are seeking a new co-chair for our Social Director position. If you can serve, please contact Russell. Or let him know if you are willing to help occasionally with various events when the need arises. We appreciate whatever you can do!

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ April 14 — Tennis Social, 3:00 - 6:00 PM
- ◆ April 19 — Memorial for Cecil Beaty, noon at the Clubhouse
- ◆ May 6 - 11 — Super Seniors Tournament (tournament play has court priority)

## Things to Ponder:

Most of us share a love for the sport of tennis. How do you feel about the opportunities to play the game here in Laguna Woods Village? Please take a few minutes to email your thoughts:

Do you only participate in matches **you put together yourself**?

Do you participate in the groups **offered by the VMS Staff**? If not, why not?

Do you participate in any **rotation groups**? If not, why not?

Would you consider participating in **low-cost group lessons** led by one of our resident pros?

Would you consider participating in periodic **drill sessions led by experienced players**?

In response to the March “Things to Ponder” piece on Social Activities, here’s what you told us: The trip to Indian Wells was “fabulous” and should be repeated next year. And players are excited about the Tennis Social (“Great idea,” “How fun,” “So glad you are trying different ways to bring us together”). Thank you — you inspire us to do more!

## In Memoriam:

We lost a dear friend when Cecil Beaty passed away March 15th. Her daughters are hosting a memorial to their mom at the Clubhouse on **April 19th at noon** — please come pay your respects and let her family know how much we care. Sharon Sullivan shared her memories of this dynamic and inspiring woman:

*I remember meeting Cecil for the first time – a tiny fireball in knee braces and jean shorts — and suspecting I was about to get my tennis butt kicked. I was not wrong. Cecil was deceptively strong, incredibly fast and skilled at setting up a point. She was very powerful with serious placement skills, and you could often see what was coming but had no way to stop her. A little giggle usually followed when she won the point.*

*At an age when many people slow down, our friend Cecil was always raring to go. She was up for adventures, dances and concerts. Susan Rose, Barbara Dacus, Cecil and I played or went to breakfast most Friday mornings. We would tease her because her order was always a sweet treat like French toast or a cinnamon roll that was practically bigger than she was.*

*I remember Cecil telling me that when she moved, she made friends at the tennis courts. Her delightful spirit and wry sense of humor made me want to be her friend. Even though Cecil was very competitive, she was wonderful to play with because she wanted everyone to have a good match. The beauty of playing with someone like Cecil is that you are enjoying each other’s company even without conversation. You are in sync playing the sport that you both love. I will miss her as a friend and tennis partner.*