

## Tennis Committee Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2009

- **Bring Meeting To Order:**

**Attending: Bob Ostrom, Alan Canfield, Loretta Poppinga, Jan Bloomhall, Marcia DeVries, Wennie Johannes, Jim Rollero, Terry Brady, Laurie Martin, Mike Curran, Judy Jones, Lilli Canfield**

- **Tennis Director's Report**

- New Years Day Event a Success, 31 out of 32 showed up and the potluck went great with food and prizes.
- January 14<sup>th</sup> Tennis Family Dinner Night signup sheet has been posted.
- New Hires are in the works. Laurie Martin will take over as Pro Shop Manager on January 5<sup>th</sup> Laurie is very sharp and has been helping Gulf Harbour as a temp in several departments (including ours) and has excelled in each. We are confident that her skills will help us elevate our program. Laurie will begin ordering product for the pro shop as soon as credit applications are available.
- It is also my intent to hire Jerry Jimenez as the new court maintenance man. Jerry is currently the court maintenance man for the Fort Myers Racquet Club and has given his notice; therefore we project that he will start on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The replacement windscreens (with Gulf Harbour logo) are in and will be installed upon Jerry's arrival.
- Pros will maintain the courts until Jerry is hired. Sign ups for the Club Championships are at record numbers.
- Special thanks to T.A. who did a marvelous job of organizing the tournaments information. Pro Staff is unified and committed to making turnover transition as seamless as possible.
- Last week's Sunday 3.5 Round Robin was successful and will be held again this week with three courts.

- **Follow-up Items**

- Mike is setting up merchant accounts with hard good and clothing vendors to begin restocking the Tennis Shop.
- Status of Memorial Foundation Tennis event... Soundings article deadline TOMORROW! T.A. is writing the article for the Soundings. Mike and Lili explained that this event will be called A FIST FULL OF GULFHARBOUR DOLLARS. It will include target tennis for money and prizes, a fast serve contest, a share-the-pot 50/50 raffle, and more. There will be a tennis exhibition including Mike, T.A., Gary Delanois, and Billy McGee.
- Round robins – Alan's concerns about the Saturday round robin pairings

- **New Business**

- Bob reviewed the successful Club Turnover & discussed the Tennis Advisory Committee for 2009. Bob announced that Jim Rollero will be joining the Committee to be our Communications liaison to the Club web site and the Soundings. Bob explained that he appreciated the help of the existing Committee members, and expected all of them to continue next year. If there are any vacancies he will select replacements from the volunteer list that is being accumulated in the Club House. The deadline for the volunteer forms is January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Upcoming events – The Committee felt that Mike and T.A. had done a terrific job setting up this year's tournament guidelines. This has never been done before at Gulf Harbour, and we expect it to help make these events run smoothly. Mike announced that we have a record 42 players signed up for this week's Singles championship. The pro staff will referee the Finals of the Single Tournament Flights on Sunday.
- Alan requested that we make the new Sunday 3.5 and above round robin a "Committee Sanctioned" weekly event. There was a lot of discussion on this subject that included Terry's suggestion about changes to the Saturday Round Robin format. Bob reminded the Committee members that our primary function was not to haggle over Round Robin formats, but to attempt to facilitate the equitable use of our tennis courts by as many members as possible. Mike explained that while a few players may not be happy with the Round Robin format, there are regularly 64 players, plus a waiting list, that are very happy with the way the Round Robin is working.

Marcia voiced her objection to blocking Sunday's for two hours, for another Round Robin. More discussion followed about the prudence of blocking time on Sundays. Mike said he believed that there were enough available courts on Sundays to allow up to 3 courts to be used for the 3.5 and up Round Robin. Marcia suggested that we make everyone signup as individuals and not block these hours. Alan asked that we move the time to 10:00am-Noon. Alan said there were already a lot of players signed up for next Sunday and he thought the new Round Robin would be a big success. Bob suggested that before we officially block out these times, and create a new Round Robin, we should do it Sunday's for a while as a trial run, with Mike monitoring the signups and conflicts. If he feels the new Round Robin interferes with the signup of individuals who want to play singles and/or with their friends he will report back to the Committee. If he sees that the new Round Robin encourages more players to participate, and that it does not preclude the sign-up of individuals he will note that and the Committee can decide to authorize this event or not. A vote of the attending Committee members was taken, and the trial period idea was passed by a vote of 4 to 1. Up to 3 courts will be made available for the Sunday Round Robin from 10:00am to Noon.

### League & Team Captain Reports

The Next Meeting: **Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm**

### Tennis Event Calendar

## January 14<sup>th</sup> - Family Night Dinner Sign-up on the Tennis Bulletin board

<b>2009 TENNIS CALENDAR</b> <a href="#">Print a Copy</a>			<b>Pro League Schedule Matches Start at 4:00pm</b>
Month	Date(s)	Event	
<b>January 2009</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Men's & Women's Singles Championships	01/09/09 Heritage Palms 01/30/09 Grandezza 02/13/09 Lexington Country Club
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis Family Night Dinner	02/27/09 Colonial 03/13/09 Bonita Bay Admission is free! Come out and support your Gulf Harbour tennis pros!
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tennis Committee & Captains Meeting 5:00pm	
	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed Doubles Tournament (3 Flights)	
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Member's Memorial Tennis Exhibition Open To Guests from Outside Club	