

Tennis Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2009

- **Bring Meeting To Order:**

Attending: Jan Bloomhall, Connie Hess, Lili Canfield, Alan Canfield, Amy Ciarrocchi, Judy Jones, Earl Freeman, Jim & Carol Rollero, Marsha DeVries, Mike Curran, Norma Schuyler

- **Mixed Doubles Tournament:**

- With such a large turnout, there will be 4 flights this year. Play begins Friday morning February 6th. No round robins this weekend. Currently 48 teams (96 members) are signed up for the Club Championships. **Draws will be posted on February 4th.**

George Kane was asked to assist with the pairings for next week tournament as he has done a great job in the past. The ladies asked that a female be recruited to assist with the ladies pairings for the March ladies mixed doubles tournament. Mike will endeavor to find a lady to volunteer for this task.

- **Water Issues:**

- We have sterilized and cleaned the water towers (and even replaced 2 with new one's) on all courts.
- Looking into the logistics of adding water fountains on all courts but in the meantime we have a written maintenance schedule for the upkeep of our current water situation.
- I have established a new contract with Culligan for our bottled water. This contract stands to save us over 50% compared to Mountain Valley.
- Volney, Gerry and the staff will begin to clean up the area behind court 3 and get rid of the old lake irrigation pump and filter system and the other debris back there. We are looking at creating a storage shed out of the old water filtration building.

- **GH Memorial:**

- Robin Newman of the News Press has agreed to blurb our event on Feb 3rd and write an article about it on the 10th. I have asked her to include a donation for the event in her article.

Lili discussed asking each team for a contribution. The attendees decided to go back to our past practice of requesting the team captains to ask each player on their team for a \$5.00 donation to the Gulf Harbour Memorial Foundation. Raffle tickets went on sale at the tennis pro shop today... **SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION AND THESE WORTHY CHARITIES AND PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

- **Pro Shop:**

- We have had exceptional response to the merchandise in the pro shop. Laurie has done a fine job of purchasing and displaying our current product. We expect Maui Jim and our Wilson product to add to the high volume of sales we are experiencing.
- New Case Of Ball Promotion: For those of you that purchase ½ or full cases of tennis balls. Your pro shop is now offering tennis Members ½ case and full cases of premium Gulf Harbour logo'ed Wilson tennis balls as Special Prices. **Prices are going to be \$30.00 and \$60.00 respectively which beats, meets, or is extremely competitive with Jane's, Sports Authority, and Dick's.**

- **Round Robin Discussion**

Based on the court sheets for the past 3 Sundays there have been slots for open either at 8:00am or at 10:00am for open play, and on 2 out of the 3 sheets there were times open at 8:00 and 10:00. Therefore I cannot say at this time that people are being turned away due to the Sunday Round Robin.

Mike's analysis to continue the Sunday 3.5+ round robins lead to a lengthy discussion among the attendees that included a discussion about both the Saturday and Sunday round robin formats and how to address the declining attendance at the Saturday sessions over the last 3 weeks or so. Mike also presented a written statement against the Sunday round robins from Diane Schwab.

The Committee finally voted to recommend that Mike and his staff create an Alternating Format for round robins beginning February 21st. The alternating Saturday round robin formats will be:

- 1. Rated Round Robin (beginning Feb. 21st)**
 - 8:00am session will be only for Lee County 3.5 or above rated ladies and men on the Red A and/or White A team or those with a USTA 3.5 or higher rating. The staff will make the necessary judgements.
 - 10:00am Session will open players with ratings lower than 3.5.
- 2. Paired Round Robin (beginning Feb. 28th)**
 - Both sessions will be open for signup to all Members and everyone will be paired by the staff and/or a Club member (maybe George?)
- 1. Unrated Number Draw (beginning March 7th)**
 - Both sessions will be open for signup to all Members and everyone draw a number like they do currently.

Weekly Round Robin Signup Deadline – Round Robin signup sheets will be removed from the bulletin board and closed at 5:00pm on Thursdays. The only exceptions will be if there are any no-shows on Saturday morning.

Round Robin Surveys – Mike and T.A. have developed a player survey aimed at giving the Committee direct feedback from the tennis players. The survey will be available at the Tennis Pro Shop, it will be distributed at Round Robins, and it will be emailed to the tennis community.

Tennis Party Request – Carol Rollero asked the Committee for permission to book all 8 courts on select Friday evening from 5:30-7:70pm for social couple's tennis. The Committee voted to approve her request and the first date will be in April.

Intramural Request – Jim Rollero and Earl Freeman requested the that the Committee consider sanctioning spring Intramural tennis again this year after the Lee County Leagues are over. The Committee voted to approve their request.

Next years teams and Intramurals - There was discussion about the possibly of adding a ladies 2.5 team and offering men's intramural play next Season. Bob suggested that expanding the number of teams and leagues is strictly a matter of finding court time. Evenings after 6:00pm are available and all parties interested in adding more teams need to study the issue and court availability and approach the Committee later this spring or next fall.

Match 15th Championship Tennis Party – Amy has proposed a tennis party after the Sunday Men's and Ladies Doubles Championships. Amy and Bob had discussed getting Mike to give out some joke awards... Best runners up of the tournament, best married couple to play, sleeper team of the tournament, pairing most likely never to play together again, etc. etc.

Nobody at the meeting was interested in organizing this event and it remains available for someone to take control and decorate or organize the activities. Please let the Committee know if you would like to volunteer.

Mandatory Tennis Court Sign-in – As courts become more crowded during season the Committee feels it is important for all members to sign-in before playing tennis. The Committee is exploring options like court cameras and monitoring procedures. This issue will be a priority item at our next meeting.

The Next Meeting: **Tuesday, March 3rd 2:00pm**

Tennis Event Calendar

<p align="center">2009 TENNIS CALENDAR Print a Copy</p>			<p align="center">Pro League Schedule Matches Start at 4:00pm</p>
Month	Date(s)	Event	<p>01/30/09 Grandeza 02/13/09 Lexington Country Club 02/27/09 Colonial 03/13/09 Bonita Bay Admission is free! Come out and support your Gulf Harbour tennis pros!</p>
February	2 nd	Tennis Committee & Captains Meeting 5:00pm	
	6 th – 8 th	Mixed Doubles Tournament (3 Flights)	
	14th	Member's Memorial Tennis Exhibition Open To Guests from Outside Club	
March	3rd	Monthly Tennis Committee & Captains 2:00pm	
	13-15	Men's & Women's Doubles Championships (3) Flights	
	15th	Championship Tennis Night	