

# ***Hilton Tennis Club Newsletter***

February 18, 2009

Welcome to another season of tennis at Hilton Tennis Club. The 2009 members of the Board of Directors are:

Dan Sims (President), Ron Comeaux (Secretary), Billy Haigler (Treasurer), David Blalock, Andy Mueller, Glenn Murphrey, Mike Robinson, Norma Sims, Jay Wendell

Committee assignments:

**Membership Committee:** Dan Sims (Chair)

**Finance Committee:** Billy Haigler (Chair)

**Tennis Committee:** Glenn Murphrey (Chair), David Blalock, Norma Sims, Andy Mueller, Ron Comeaux, Jay Wendell

**Grounds Committee:** Mike Robinson (Chair), Dan Sims, Jay Wendell

**Thanks:** I would like all the volunteers who have donated their time and energy to the improvement of Hilton Tennis Club. The list of volunteers seems to grow every year.

**Courts and Grounds:** This Spring all four courts will be top dressed and new lines will be put down. Also this year we will put a new roof on the clubhouse. More information on this project will be coming.

**Membership:** The Board of Directors has set **March 15, 2009**, as the deadline for returning senior members to renew their membership. Dues received after this date must be accompanied by a \$10.00 late fee. Our membership for 2008 was 124 senior memberships. If you know someone who might be interested in joining, either give them an application or direct them to the HTC website (<http://members.cox.net/simsdn/htc>).

**Annual Spring Workparty:** Our annual Spring Workparty will be held on **Saturday, March 21**, at 9:00 AM (rain date is March 28). Your attendance at this event is necessary in order to get the courts and grounds in good shape. Support Hilton Tennis Club and make every effort to attend! Please bring your own yard tools since the club has limited supply of these items. In particular, bring loping and pruning shears and/or a small chain saw for pruning the shrubs. Our main job this year is to prepare the courts for new line tapes. This will involve scraping off the "dead" clay and putting down new clay. As usual, lunch will be provided.

**E-Mail:** I will continue using email to communicate with the membership. If you use email, I encourage you to include the address on the membership renewal form.

## **Socials:**

Ron Comeaux and Dave Blalock will be organizing the socials this year. They will be looking for volunteers to help run one. The plan is to run at least one club event per month. The schedule will be coming out shortly. First Social will be May 16. Back by popular demand, we will be running an instructional clinic right before the second social. More information on these events will come later.

**Thursday Night Men's Doubles:** All levels are welcome. Bob Spooner, Jay Wendell, Brooks Ryno and Glenn Murphrey will be points of contact for sign up .You **must** sign up, call or email by the deadline date in order to be on league. Late members will be put on sub-list until mid summer a schedule is done. Deadline for sign-up will be **April 11**, with the first night of league will be May 7. If you have a hard time getting to Hilton by 5:30 PM, please let Bob know you that you need to play at the 7:00 PM time slot.

**Social Mixed Doubles League:** I have had several members request to start a mixed doubles league. If you are interested, please contact Glenn Murphrey or Norma Sims. Having a partner is not required but preferred. We will team up single players if possible. Deadline for sign-up is April 30.

**Ladies Doubles League:** Lady members interested playing on a league should contact Glenn Murphrey or Norma Sims. We are looking for a volunteer to help organize and run the league.

**Ladder:** Andy Mueller will be running the singles ladder again this year. We encourage members to participate on the ladder. It's a great way to get matches and to meet other club members. Any member interest in playing on a doubles ladder, please contact Glenn Murphrey or Chazz Pope.

**Golf:** The fourth annual golf outing will be at Deer Cove on May 30, starting at 9:00 AM. There will be a shotgun start as requested by last year players. It a great event and we encourage golfers and non-golfers to sign up. It will be a Captain's Choice format and a good player will captain each team. Chef Andy will be cooking up some tasty food again. Glenn Murphrey, Andy Mueller, and Ron Comeaux will be running the event. Suggestions are welcome.

**Other Items:** Remember that the most important factor in keeping our courts in the best possible shape is staying off the courts when they are too wet. Last year we had a few incidents of people playing on wet courts. Please, just use common sense. If you leave a footprint, they are too soft. Another important factor is using proper clay court tennis shoes. Shoes with the lug soles will not be allowed.

Debi Dowdy will be returning as the club's house keeper. Dan Sims will continue to serve as the grounds keeper, but he has given up the job as grass cutter. There have been quite a few people who have volunteered to cut grass. We almost have enough so that each volunteer will only have to cut once per year. If you would like to be a volunteer, let me know.

As indicated in the Court and Ground Rules, it is required to post your starting time on the chalkboard before beginning play. Have a great season!

Dan Sims

President