

Hilton Tennis Club Newsletter

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Hilton tennis members,

Get ready for another fun and competitive season of tennis at Hilton Tennis Club. Your 2019 members of the Board of Directors are:

Brad Baylor (President), Deloris Becker (Treasurer), Joe Coccimiglio (Secretary), Ron Comeaux, Dan Sims, John Streker, Andy Mueller, Glenn Murphrey, and Bob Spooner

I would like to congratulate Dan, Ron, Deloris and Glenn as they were elected again by the members to serve on the board. Committee assignments this year are as follows:

Membership Committee:	Dan (Chair)
Finance Committee:	Deloris (Chair), Glenn and Ron
Tennis Committee:	Ron and Glenn (Co-Chairs) and Joe
Grounds Committee:	Bob and Glenn (Co-Chairs) and Andy, Dan and John

Membership: The club ended last year with 106 Senior, 5 Student, and 3 Junior members. Let's work together through word-of-mouth and club socials to bring in new members. If you have a friend or colleague that you think might be interested in playing competitive and (or) social tennis, please pass that information to myself, Dan, or any of the committee members. There will be a supply of membership applications in the display rack in the clubhouse and they are also available on the HTC website (www.hiltontennisclub.com).

Guest Policy: Out-of-town (outside the Hampton Roads area) guests are allowed to play at the club but the sponsoring member must be in attendance during play. There is no in-town guest policy. Anyone living in the Hampton Roads area must be a member to play at the club. The only exception would be for a prospective member. It is permissible for a prospective member to play a couple of times at the club before deciding whether he or she wants to join.

Grounds and Clubhouse: The Annual Spring Grounds Work-Party will be held April 6th at 9 AM (rain date is April 13th). The outside grounds will be policed and the shrubs either cut down or trimmed back and the inside of the clubhouse will be cleaned. Your attendance is important in order to get the courts, grounds and clubhouse in good shape for the start of the 2019 tennis season. Please

bring rakes and yard tools. 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. Also, make sure to use proper clay court tennis shoes. Shoes with the lug soles are not allowed.

The Grounds Committee would like the members to know that from time to time the committee could use some “extra sets of hands”. With that in mind, we are asking that those folks who might have some time to spare (retirees and others who can sneak away from work possibly) contact Glenn Murphrey and Bob Spooner. This is not a regular occurrence, but it would be nice to be able to call those volunteers as the need arises.

Carl Williams will continue to take care of the grass cutting, trimming around the grounds, and other grounds-keeping duties, as well as, the housekeeping services. Carl has done an excellent job of cleaning the clubhouse, so please do your part in keeping it clean.

Tennis:

Socials: A great way to meet members (old or new) is to plan on attending tennis socials held throughout the 2019 tennis season. Format is a series of doubles matches with partners rotating every half hour. Beverages are available throughout the social. At the end, we sit down to a good meal and good conversation to end the social. The charge is usually \$10 to take care of the cost of tennis balls, food and drinks. There are 5 socials planned for 2019 with the kickoff social scheduled for Saturday, **April 27th** starting at 1 PM. Follow-on socials are planned for June, July, September, and October. Members are encouraged to bring guests, especially potential members, to any of the socials. Ron Comeaux, Joe Coccimiglio, and David Blalock will be organizing the socials

23rd Year of Thursday Night Men’s Doubles League: Last year we had 57 members play on the Thursday Night Men’s Doubles League, another 13 members were on sub list. Players of all levels are welcome. You do not need a partner. Glenn Murphrey (murp@cox.net) (344-2569) will be the point of contact for sign up. In order to participate, you must be a member and you must sign up at the clubhouse, call, or email by the deadline date of **April 4th**. There will be a sign-up sheet in clubhouse by **March 13th**. Members who sign up late will be put on a sub-list until mid-summer when a new schedule is done. My plan is to start the league on Thursday, **May 2nd**. There will be three time sessions. The first session will begin at 4:00 PM, the second is at 5:30 PM and the last at 7:00 PM. If you have a specific request for late or early play or bye

dates, let Glenn know and he will try to accommodate you. If you would like to sub only, please let Glenn know.

The Jack Locke Mixed Doubles League: Spring is almost here and with spring comes tennis, right? Well, think about joining our league and meeting some really cool folks who have a passion for tennis and having a good time. Our league will begin May 6th on Monday nights from 7pm to 8:30 pm. If you are interested please email Bonnie Tracey at btracey@cnu.edu, or call Bonnie at 757-303-8463.

Men's Retiree League: If you are retired and would like to play in the Tuesday morning league call Ron Comeaux (757) 817-4092. The league starts on Tuesday **April 30** and runs through October. **League time is 9 – 11 AM.** Match will be 3 sets of doubles with a different partner for each set. New schedules are published every 2 months to accommodate retirees travel schedules during the tennis season.

Singles Challenge: Congratulations to Patrik Lasson for winning the 2018 Singles Challenge. Patrik earned 480 points with Tim Lavallee coming in 2nd with 315 points. **April 15th** is the start date for this year's Singles Challenge. The Singles Challenge Rules are posted on the HTC web site.

Golf: Please mark **June 8th** on your calendar and come join us for the 14th annual golf outing this year. We had 39 players last year and everyone had a great time. Golfers and non-golfers are welcome. Captain's choice format is used. It's a great opportunity for fellowship and to have a good time. More information on this event will come later. The organizers are Glenn Murphrey, Andy Mueller, and Ron Comeaux.

Cheatham Gate Pass - As of March 29, 2019 the old Cheatham gate pass expires. Everyone must reapply for unescorted access to Cheatham Annex. Ron Comeaux is the POC and he will contact the membership with instructions on how to apply for a new pass.

Important note: Any additional tennis functions must be approved by the Tennis Committee. You must be a member of Hilton Tennis Club in order to sign up for any league.

Points of Contact: If during the year you have questions/concerns about the courts and/or grounds, contact one of the co-chairs of the Grounds Committee,

Bob Spooner or Glenn Murphrey. Any questions/concerns about tennis events should be directed to one of the co-chairs of the Tennis Committee, Glenn Murphrey or Ron Comeaux.

Have a great tennis season and a special thanks to all the volunteers who donate their personal time, talents, and energy to making Hilton Tennis Club the best value of any club in Virginia. It is the volunteers that make our club a special place.

See you on the courts,

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