

Hilton Tennis Club Newsletter

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Welcome to another great and fun season of tennis at Hilton Tennis Club. The 2018 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

We had one change on the board from last year. I would like to welcome John Streker to the board this year. John has been a long-time pillar of Hilton Tennis and we are fortunate that he has volunteered to participate as a board member. I would also like to thank David Blalock for his service last year. David was a main force in helping coordinate our tennis socials and he has volunteered to continue this important role for 2018. Thanks David!

Committee assignments for 2018:

Membership Committee: Dan Sims (Chair)

Finance Committee: Deloris Becker (Chair), Ron Comeaux, and Glenn Murphrey

Tennis Committee: Ron Comeaux & Glenn Murphrey (Co-Chairs), Joe Coccimiglio & David Blalock

Grounds Committee: Bob Spooner & Glenn Murphrey (Co-chairs), Dan Sims, Andy Mueller, Ron Comeaux, and John Streker

Membership: Don't forget **March 15, 2018** is the deadline for returning senior members to renew their membership. Dues received after the deadline date must be accompanied by a \$10.00 late fee. If you know someone who might be interested in joining, either give them an application or direct them to the HTC website (www.hiltontennisclub.com). There will be a supply of membership applications in the display rack in the clubhouse.

The club ended last year with 108 Senior, 5 Student, and 8 Junior members. Let us 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.

Unfortunately two members of our club passed away last year, Marc Young and Jack Locke. They will be sorely missed by all of us here at Hilton.

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 Work-Party will be held in 2 phases. **Phase 1 is the pre-work party on Monday, March 19th at 9 AM.** Purpose of the pre-work party is to take down the nets, take up the lines, and remove dead clay from the courts. This work readies the courts for placement and spreading of the new clay during the **2nd phase that is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 at 8:30 AM (rain date for phase 2 is March 31).** Also during phase 2 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 2018 tennis season. More detailed information on the work party will come

later, and as usual, some form of lunch will be served during phase 2. Installation of new lines is scheduled for early to mid April.

- 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.
- Make sure to use proper clay court tennis shoes. Shoes with the lug soles are not allowed.

Carl Williams will continue to take care of the grass cutting, trimming around the grounds, and some 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 2018 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 to end the social. Charge is usually \$10 to take care of the cost of tennis balls, food and drinks. There are 5 socials planned for 2018 with the kickoff social scheduled for Saturday, April 28th 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.

22nd Year of Thursday Night Men's Doubles League: Last year we had 54 members play on the Thursday Night Men's Doubles League, another 13 members were on sub list. Players of all levels are welcome. Glenn Murphrey (murp@cox.net) (344-2569), Brad Baylor (bradford.baylor@gmail.com), and Bob Spooner (bob.spooner@hii-nns.com) will be the points of contact for sign up. In order to participate, **you must sign up in the clubhouse, call, or email** by the deadline date of **April 5th**. There will be a sign-up sheet in clubhouse by **March 19th**. Members who sign up late will be put on a sub-list until mid-summer when a new schedule is done. Our plan is to start the league on Thursday, **April 26th**. 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 play or early play or bye dates, let Brad or Glenn know and they will try to accommodate you. If you would like to sub only, please let Glenn know.

The Jack Locke Mixed Doubles League: If you are looking for something fun to do on Monday nights involving tennis and some great people think about joining our Mixed Double's League. We will begin our league **May 14th** and run the league through the end of October. The plan is to take no more than 12 teams at one time, but there will be a waiting list and a list for subs as needed. 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 **May 1st** and runs through October. Two sets are played with the first set being singles and the second set being doubles. New schedules are published every 2 months to accommodate retirees travel schedules during the tennis season. The May/June match time is 10-12 AM; July/August matches are from 9-11 AM; and September/October match time is 10-12 AM.

Important note: You must be a member of Hilton Tennis Club in order to sign up for any league.

Singles Challenge: This year the traditional ladder play is being shelved to experiment with a different singles format called the Singles Challenge. There will still be A & B groups and play will be

open to both males and females. Rules for the new format will be available in April prior to the **April 15th** start date for singles play. The main goal for this new singles format is to make it easier for participants to schedule and play matches.

Golf: Please mark **June 16th** on your calendar and come join us for the 13th annual golf outing this year. We had 39 players last year and everyone had a great time. Golfers and non-golfers are welcome. 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.

Any additional tennis functions must be approved by the Tennis Committee.

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 really make our club a special place.

See you on the courts,

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