

NOTES:

EL CON'S SECOND ANNUAL "YARD SALE" BIG \$UCCE\$\$

The second annual "El Con Yard Sale" generated nearly \$1,700 for the club. The parking lot was packed with various sale items and baked goods. Debbie Flint and Donna Morrison did the coordinating for this year's sale and were assisted by MANY wonderful volunteers. The club thanks all of you who donated items and/or donated your time and effort. Events like this are successful only as the result of hard work and dedication by club members. Thanks to everyone who participated!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR TENNIS PRO!

We have a great new tennis pro at our club, Ciara Finucane. We need to support her through lessons and clinics. She is an independent contractor and derives her income from lessons and clinics. Give Ciara a try and you will surely have a good time and learn a lot of tennis. There is always room to improve your game.

CHILI COOKOFF SCHEDULED MARCH 21

The club's annual Chili Cook-off competition, postponed because of cold weather in January, has been re-scheduled for Sunday, March 21 at Noon. We have the "Great 8" contestants established by sign-up (Lon Shields, Jim Wilson, Paul Rodhouse, Frank Grasso, Bill Schlacks, Annie Hunter, Fred Hinesley, and Jeff Smith), and look forward to some fantastic competition and chili. It will be a "Hot" time on the deck.

Last year's winner was Jim Wilson, and our group of challengers will be out to dethrone Big Jim. We are hoping for a big crowd of tasters and judges. Cost will be \$5 per person for all the chili you can eat and to "buy" your one vote. We will have tennis exhibition play on center court. Sign up early.

THANK YOU TRAVEL NOW AND OUR EL CON "CRUISERS"

Thank you to those of you who took the "cruise with El Con" IN January through Vicki Breneman and Travel Now. The cruise brought in a nice little bonus commission of \$400 for our club.

FROM THE BOARD:

BOARD MEETING NOTES AND UPDATE – MEETING DATE (2/15/10)

1. Nick informed the Board that our dining room A/C will need a new compressor. The cost is about \$1,900. Debbie Flint will have Tom look for a better price.
2. Tony Cacic and a sub contractor will begin work on repairing the kitchen floor. Tony will be paying for the work in exchange for membership.
3. A "push bar" is needed on the club's rear door going out to our deck. We have tried a few contractors with little luck. Donna Morrison will check with Jeff Smith.
4. Annual Meeting notices were distributed and reviewed by the Board for approval prior to sending them out on 2/18.
5. Financially the club is about \$3,500 ahead of this time last year (cash position). Team Tennis looks to come up about \$1,500 short of 2009.
6. A discussion was held debating the idea of new fountains for the courts versus water "jugs." This will be discussed at the next meeting.
7. Jim Wilson has his menu set for the Anonymous Party in March and he has contracted for the entertainment (Jay Crawford).
8. Court 4 needs some clay replaced on the south end.
9. Team Tennis was a great success with 90 players. We need to look into a new venue for next year's Sponsor Dinner.
10. Team Tennis t-shirts will reflect the initials of both husbands and wives next year.
11. The Yard Sale is ready to go. Will and Butch Hill offered the use of their trucks.
12. Next meeting is March 22 at 3:00 PM.



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MANAGER: NICK KISH

"BLUE TEAM" WINS TEAM TENNIS 2010

The club's 2010 Team Tennis was the most evenly matched competition in TT annals. For the first 8 matches, the scores were all 3-2. However, in the playoff round the Blue team, captained by Klaus Bauer, stepped it up and won 4-1 to clinch the championship. The weather may have been cold and a bit "threatening," but that did not dampen the fun and competitive spirit. Once again we had great member participation with over 90 players and many more spectators.

The Sponsor's & Awards Dinner held at the IMG Country Club on 2/16 attracted over 90 members, who along with another 14 sponsors, made Team Tennis another very successful fund raiser for our club. The night provided a fantastic gourmet dinner of "surf & turf," music & dancing, and a lot of great fun and camaraderie. Thanks to all those who helped make TT 2010 another club success.

The Blue team members were: Klaus, Herb Pattison, Bill Levy, Ron Adelson, Attila Juhasz, Tom Jirus, Lucile Bauer, Rita Skurupijs, Elke Lurf, Pat Jirus, and Grace Ward. Congratulations to the team and to everyone who participated in Team Tennis 2010!

ANONYMOUS PARTY SET FOR MARCH 12

The 2010 Anonymous Party is set for Friday night, March 12. This is the eighth consecutive year that this special "anonymous" donor has sponsored this great party for the club. The sponsor picks up the cost of the entertainment, staff, and food so that the club can generate a big profit from the cover charge and sale of drinks. It is responsible for about \$1,500 each year.

This year, Jim Wilson again will be preparing one of his "to die for" meals, prime rib and salmon. There will also be live entertainment in the form of "Jay Crawford," a local musical favorite. The club house will be "jumping!"

Sign up quickly as we will close the sign up at 100.

ANNUAL MEETING OF EQUITY MEMBERS MARCH 23

The Club's Annual Meeting and election of Board members will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 PM in the clubhouse. All members are welcome to attend. President Charles Robbins will give the annual "state of the club" presentation and election results for the 2010 Board of Directors will be announced.

Packets of information regarding the meeting were sent out to all Equity members on February 18. Nominees for the two open Board seats are Fred Hinesley and Donna Morrison. Please vote and attend this meeting.

NEWS FROM NICK



Another great Team Tennis event has been completed. The entire week of Team Tennis ran extremely well despite our unseasonably cold weather. We again

had over ninety players and ninety six \$100 sponsors. Everything from the Kick-Off Party through the Sponsor's Dinner was exceptionally well received and lots of fun. The club will realize about a \$6,000 profit from the week's events. Thank you!

Team Tennis this year was one of the best balanced in the past 20 years. I don't know why! I put the teams together the same way I always do (blind luck), made adjustments to keep husbands & wives together, or separate if need be, made adjustments for individual time requests, and then posted everything on the bulletin board. This year, it worked out so that every match was extremely close. There were the usual "Triples haters" and "Triples lovers," but everyone seemed to have fun, and that is the idea of "Team Tennis." The clubhouse was packed and Jose kept everyone well fed while Nana and Mike kept the beverages flowing. Ike was a great help in the operation of the scoring table and other key assignments.

I want to again stress my appreciation for all the wonderful "volunteers" at this club. Without their input, support, and labor many of our functions would fall well short of the success we achieve. Team Tennis and our Yard Sale are great examples. Members stepped

up and contributed to Team Tennis and participated with great gusto and thoughtfulness. The Yard Sale was an even bigger story, as virtually dozens of members jumped in to make it go. When I stood on the front porch early Saturday morning and watched all the "worker bees" hustling around to set up the yard sale it was pretty overwhelming. Throw in all of those who distributed fliers, put up signs, directed traffic, collected items, made special arrangements, and much more, and you had a phenomenal "team effort" done strictly for the benefit of and love for our great club.

Members make this place go, I simply direct the traffic and try to watch the bottom line. I have remained here for twenty years simply because of the wonderful people here and their fantastic support of our club. I appreciate you all and will be calling on you again and again. I am never at a loss when seeking assistance for any club function.

We have another great month coming up and the fun will continue. There is the Anonymous Party on 3/12, the Chili Cook-off 3/20, league play, round robins, grill nights, and more to keep you busy. I hope you will make every effort to join in and support your club. Don't miss the FUN!

See you on the courts....

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- Richard Boivin – 708-9588
- Tom Nientimp – 585/233-7201
- Marge Schottland – 585/259-2323

EL CONQUISTADOR OFFICERS

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