

# **December 2023 Newsletter**

Our Website is

www.lascruces.tennis

or

https://playtennis.usta.com/lascrucestennisplayersassociation

Check out this site for the latest announcements.

Also find us on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/groups/295356025790876/

# **Turkey Tournament**

Thank you to Jesus, and all the helpers and players at our annual tournament. Here are the winners and runners up.

### Men

- 8.0 D Jesus Baltazar/Brandon Mayers def. Victor Sanchez/William Basquez 6-0, 6-1
- 8.0 D consolation: Ron Rosenberger/Bruce Begor def. Joseph Reser/Santi Flores 8-3
- 3.0 S Adrian Hernandez def. Bassam Momsi 6-1,6-4
- 3.5 S Alejandro Cervantes def. Peter Ruiz 6-4, 2-6, 10-8
- 3.5 S consolation: Al Galves def. Daniel Parra 8-2
- 4.0 S Armando Navarro def. Alejandro Cervantes 6-4, 6-1
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Carter Follin def. Tommy Tsang 7-5, 3-6, 10-3
- 4.5 S Jason Jackiewicz def. Mauricio De Regales 7-5, 6-4

#### Women

- 8.0 D Xanthe Phillips/Eunsook Yoo def. Juliet Welsh/Sintra Sampath 6-3, 6-1,
- 3.0 S Sara Jackiewicz def. Rana Mreiwed 7-5, 6-4

### Mixed

- 6.0 Rana Mreiwed/Bassam Homsi def. Karl Walter/Dina Schlotterbeck 4-6, 6-4, 10-2
- 7.0 John Trujillo/Kerry Gallagher def. Gilbert Aezquita/Sintra Sampath 6-2, 6-1

# **Board Elections**

Results of the recent elections are: 33 voted Yes, 0 voted No, the rest of the membership did not submit a vote. Our board for 2024 will be:

Bruce Begor Loretta Reyes
Gloria DeMorrow Frank Sage
Kerry Gallagher Carol Shannon

Nora Loken Lori Allen – past president

Ellen Michnovicz

Officers will be elected from the 8 members in the January board meeting. And remember that anyone can head a committee, and you are always welcome to attend board meetings. Most are on ZOOM.

# **Renewing your Membership**

Don't miss out on our events, newsletters and membership lists. You should be receiving a reminder to renew your membership to LCTPA for the next year. Memberships expire one year from when you joined and paid your dues. Check the attached membership list for your expiration date. Paying online is the easiest. You may also pay with cash or check at one of our events, or mail in a check to LCTPA, PO Box 262, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

# **Membership List**

Attached is our most updated membership list. If you need to make corrections, send us an email. Also, please tell us your NTRP rating if you know it. This helps all of us in forming leagues, teams and match-ups.

**Scrambles** We had a great time at our December scramble.



Our next scramble will be January 6 from 10 AM - Noon. Please RSVP if you plan to come. It will include lunch after play. For all levels. New members, we'd love to meet you and play tennis with you.

#### A Letter from the President

Dear Members,

2023 has been an exciting year for LCTPA. We are seeing some growth in our membership. I want to thank Bruce Begor for his excellent work during the monthly scrambles. I also want to thank Judy Harlas and everyone else who helped make 1, 2, 3 Tennis a success.

We also want to acknowledge Judy Harlas and Frank Sage for their work with the junior programs. They have been coordinating with the schools and with USTA to provide programs and camps for children in the community.

Behind the scenes, Loretta Reyes has been instrumental in working with the city to improve conditions at Lions Park and to resolve issues with people using the courts for activities other than tennis.

We are looking forward to 2024 and continuing to provide tennis to the community.

We are also looking forward to working with new board members Frank Sage and Gloria DeMorrow, as Ed and Dina leave the board. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering. We particularly need someone to help with drop-in tennis and leagues.

I want to thank everyone. We can't do it all without you.

Nora Loken, President

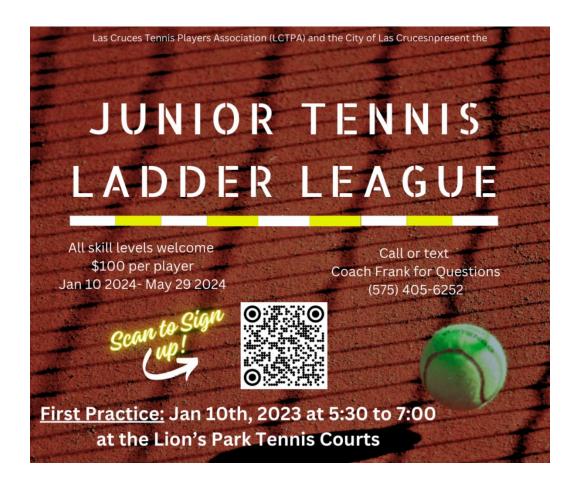
On behalf of the LCTPA Board of Directors 2023: Nora, Carol, Ellen, Bruce, Kerry, Loretta, Ed and Dina.

# **Ball Machine**

Contact us anytime you want to use the ball machine and we will make the arrangements.

### **USTA News**

Visit the Southern NM website for all the latest about being part of USTA competition. http://www.southernnewmexico.usta.com/



# Flex League is Forming Now!



Looking for tennis scheduled on *your* ready-to-play days on the calendar? Then USTA Flex Leagues are for you.

The local USTA Las Cruces Flex League will be starting up in January 2024.

The registration and scheduling for the league is handled entirely through the USTA App (linked in the picture - download the app, get set up and search for the 'LAS CRUCES' League).

You MUST download the app to get yourself set up and into the league then all registration and scheduling is handled through it!

Flex Leagues are awesome for the time-constrained player, or those just looking to shift tennis into a schedule that works best for them.

- When: January 15 February 29. All matches must be completed by February 29. Registration is now open January 10.
- Scheduling: All matches are arranged through the USTA Flex App.
- Format: Round Robin format, 4 or 5 matches of similar skill level.
- Fee: \$30.00 per doubles team, \$20.00 for singles.
- Rating: Doubles teams can have .5 difference in NTRP rating (e.g., a 3.5 and a 4.0 player).
- End of league event: 1st 3rd place awards.
  - Contact Trevor Rivera at <a href="mailto:rivera@southwest.usta.com">rivera@southwest.usta.com</a> for more details about which leagues are available and to get started!

# **LCTPA 2023 Board of Directors:**

- Nora Loken president
- Ed Frank vice-president
- Ellen Michnovicz secretary
- Carol Shannon treasurer
- Bruce Begor
- Kerry Gallagher
- Loretta Reyes
- Dina Schlotterbeck
- Past president: Lori Allen

# **Committees:**

- Newsletter & Media- Ellen Michnovicz
- Junior Development Judy Harlas
- Social and Events Ed Begor
- Membership Ed Frank
- City Liaison Loretta Reyes
- Leagues and Ladders Nora Loken, Ed Frank
- Memorial Ed Frank
- Ball Machine Brian Parks
- Junior tournament Jesus Baltazar
- USTA Representative Carol Shannon

See you on the courts!