



## November 2024 Newsletter

Our Website is [lascruces.tennis](http://lascruces.tennis) Check out this site for the latest announcements. Also find us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/295356025790876/>

## **LAST CHANCE** to SIGN UP for our Turkey Tournament

The official deadline has passed, but you can still sign up in the next 24 hours by texting to Judy – 575-649-9374. We still have spots open in all divisions. Note that the scan code below will no longer be active to enroll. Contact Judy directly.

## TURKEY TOURNAMENT



**Tournament Dates:**  
November 14 - 17, 2024

LIONS PARK  
701 W Picacho Ave.  
Las Cruces 88005



Click/Scan To Register!



Men's & Women's  
Singles  
(NTPR levels 2.5 – 4.5)

Men's & Women's  
Doubles and Mixed  
(NTPR combined  
levels 6.0 - 9.0)

Judy Harlas  
Jrharlas@aol.com  
575-649-9374

**Calling All LCTPA Members - Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting** will be Saturday, November 15, 6:00 PM at Randy and Judy Harlas' home, 1008 Engler Rd. This event is for all members as well as Turkey Tournament participants. There is no charge for the dinner. We will also be nominating and presenting the candidates for LCTPA board of directors' positions. Please RSVP to [LCTPA@hotmail.com](mailto:LCTPA@hotmail.com).

**New Pricing for Membership** In order to keep up with rising costs, and to continue to bring quality tennis activities and communication to our members, LCTPA membership fees will increase beginning December 1, 2024. The new categories and rates for yearly memberships will be:

- Adults age 18-64: \$35
- Seniors age 65+: \$25
- NMSU students: \$25
- Juniors under age18: Free

You can join, or renew at: [playtennis.usta.com/lascrucestennisplayersassociation](http://playtennis.usta.com/lascrucestennisplayersassociation)

**Seeking new board members** As per our by-laws, four members, Bruce, Nora, Loretta and Kerry, will be ending their 2-yr. terms of office this December. Each year 4 new members are elected, and 4 members carry over another year. If you would like to be nominated for a board position, please email us by Nov. 15. If you are nominating someone else, please check with them first to be sure they are willing to serve if elected.

**Help needed to manage the LCTPA website** Our website attracts many people to the club and to tennis. Every week we respond to several inquiries about the club through the site. We need a member who is knowledgeable about maintaining and designing a great website. If you have these skills and would like to serve the club in this way, please let us know. The alternative will be to pay for a professional manager to oversee the site.

### Next Scramble



Las Cruces Tennis Players Association  
Holiday Scramble & Toy Drive  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
10AM - NOON  
Lions Park!  
Ugly Christmas  
SWEATER DAY  
All Levels Welcome!  
FREE To Members/\$5 for Non Members  
RSVP by December 1st @ lctpa@hotmail.com

### Recycling Program



If you would like to recycle your old tennis balls instead of them winding up in a landfill, LCTPA is now offering a recycling box at Lions Park. A distinctive green and yellow cardboard box will be available on Wednesdays during morning drop-in doubles between courts 3 and 4. During other events, it will be situated at the check-in table. The program is available thanks to Emily Wang, Head Women's Tennis Coach at NMSU who graciously allowed us to piggyback on the partnership NMSU has with RecycleBalls, a non-profit organization that has recycled more than 14 million balls since 2016. The recycled balls are converted into crumbs used to make rubber products. To learn more about RecycleBalls, visit [recycleballs.org](http://recycleballs.org)

**Lions Park Alert** If you run into issues at the park that make you feel unsafe, or see damage being done to the park, please call 911, or use the non-emergency number if appropriate – 575-526-0795. For utility problems such as water/restroom issues, lights, etc, call the Utility dispatch at 575-526-0500.

**Ball Machine** Our machine is currently undergoing maintenance. To schedule time on the Ball Machine, call or send a text to Gloria – 505-419-9365. The machine is available to LCTPA members only. Please allow at least 24 hours notice. Scheduling is based on availability of our volunteers and access to the shed. Note that the ball machine requires special balls to operate correctly. These will be supplied with the machine, but please do not add additional balls when you are using it.

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

**LCTPA 2024 Board of Directors:**

Nora Loken – President

Ellen Michnovicz - Vice-president, Newsletter, Media

Kerry Gallagher – Secretary

Carol Shannon – Treasurer

Bruce Begor – Social, scrambles

Frank Sage – Membership, Jr. Development

Loretta Reyes – City Liaison

Gloria De Morrow – Ball Machine

Past president: Lori Allen

Other committees:

Leagues and Ladders - Nora Loken, Ed Frank

Memorial - Ed Frank

USTA Representative - Carol Shannon

See you on the courts!



