



October 2024 Newsletter

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

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

Turkey Tournament Sign up now for our annual tournament put on by LCTPA.

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)

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Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting will be Saturday, November 15, 6:00 PM at Randy and Judy Harlas' home, This event is for our 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.

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. Please

consider serving on the board. Let us know of your interest or if you have questions. Nominations will end at the membership dinner. Elections are held in December.

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

Thank you, Charles Roberts for initiating this great project.

Southern New Mexico Regional Scramble took place October 12. Every court at Lions was full and everyone had a great day of tennis. Flight winners were:

Congratulations to the following winners:



Flight 1 Champions: Emery Borsodi and Loloba Seitshiro

Finalists: Joe Santackas and Chantal Spilliaert

Flight 2 Champions: Dale Griffin and Maggie Winter

Finalists: Jose Andalis and Bertha McShea

Flight 3 Champions: Yusen (Leo) Yuan and Laura Talley

Finalists: Scott Doan and Grace Doan

Next Scramble

**Las Cruces Tennis Players Association
Holiday Scramble & Toy Drive
Saturday, December 7th
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

The poster features a green background with a yellow banner at the top containing the event details. Below the banner is a string of colorful Christmas lights. Underneath the lights are five different ugly Christmas sweaters hanging on a rack. The text 'Ugly Christmas SWEATER DAY' is written in a playful, bold font. At the bottom, there is more text about the event, including 'All Levels Welcome!', 'FREE To Members/\$5 for Non Members', and 'RSVP by December 1st @ lctpa@hotmail.com'.

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>

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See you on the courts!