

## Presidents Message

November 2016

This past Board meeting we covered a lot. We started to implement our actions to revitalize our club. This past month, we started to set up to a Meet Up program to attract younger and very capable tennis players. When ready to launch, probably around Feb. 2017, the Meet-Up will be held on successive Saturdays on our Magnolia courts, for Men, Women and mixed doubles, with a ranking of 3.0 or better. Attendees will be allowed to play their first time without a fee. Afterward, they must join the TTC to continue to play. We will use the Meet-Up site for about 2 months. After that we will run the Saturday event just like the MWF play, but it will be for 3.0 or better players. Depending on the response, one court will be for men, another for women, and the third for mixed. Club members who want to qualify to play will be assessed and ranked. If necessary, we will bring in someone to do the rankings. Specific play rules will be established later. Right now we are setting up a preliminary ranking of our current players to be able to "seed" the initial start up games as necessary. The cost to run the 2 month program should be less than \$50 plus new balls. Hopefully, after the 2 months, the program will be self sustaining just like MWF, and we will have younger, active and competitive players to challenge other clubs, and who would like to go on the getaways.

As discussed in our last newsletter, the Board also decided to move ahead with getting a program to attract younger families. We agreed to the definition of a "Family Membership" that allows 12-18 year old players to play with us on the courts. Their membership will be more restrictive in their play rules. See the definition and rules governing this expanded definition of Family Membership, also included in this newsletter. The family membership definition and play rules can be adjusted as necessary, to meet the needs of the full membership.

Elsie and I have gone through the TTC website and identified where the necessary changes are required to bring the site up to date, and make more inviting to prospective players. We will address those changes over the next 2 months.

We celebrated our Christmas holiday dinner on Friday the 2nd. The food was good, wine better, and the new Gift exchange was a lot of fun. Thanks to Nancy Angelo for arranging this event helped by Sally Beiderbecke, and thanks to our illustrious MC John Embree for running the gift exchange and making it a fun event.

Have a happy holiday season and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Neil Sherman-TTC President