

# Crosscourt

June/July 2019

## HSVTA News

### Board Members Discuss Variety of Issues in May Meeting

The HSVTA board met on May 29, 2019 with the following in attendance:

Doug Ogilvie – President  
Larry Lininger – Vice President  
Tom Noble - Treasurer  
Greg Szczurek – Secretary  
Alan Farnsworth – USTA Coordinator  
Bob Wagstaff – CTC Pro

Tom Noble reported that the financial statements were being audited in accordance with the Association By-Laws and IRS requirements. Association expenses for the current year are less than budgeted because of the cost savings from publishing the Directory online. The current bank balance stands at \$13,531.28.

Alan Farnsworth reported that Multi-States tournament was a success, with 41 teams participating. The players had many positive comments about the organization and conduct of the event, especially in light of the challenges of the weather and the large turn-out.

The Board members discussed the progress of developing a “Principles of Conduct” document

to promote sportsmanship and provide guidelines for policing unacceptable behavior on court. Bob Wagstaff and Doug Ogilvie are coordinating with Stacy Hoover, Director of Recreation, to complete the guidelines.

Doug Ogilvie reported that 4 additional members have joined the Association after participating in the Free for All, making the 2019 event the most successful ever for generating new members.

The recycling of aluminum cans at the CTC was discussed. Recycling is still being conducted, with marked bins available in outdoor area of the CTC. Members can also deposit bagged cans in a container at the end of the road that leads to the Bocce ball area. A volunteer is needed with a small trailer or pickup truck to periodically transport the cans to Cobb Recycling in Hot Springs. Curtis Brandt has performed the chore for 5 years but is now unable to continue. Anyone interested in helping the environment, the Association, and adding to the group’s coffers for the effort should contact Doug Ogilvie or send a message to [sechsvta@gmail.com](mailto:sechsvta@gmail.com).

### Early Bird Tennis League Formed

Players who want to get their tennis in before the heat of the day now have a chance to play at 6:00 A.M., thanks to Guenter Schnarowski. He is coordinating a new league which starts in July and runs through September. To join the “Sunrise Servers,” look for the sign-up sheet in the clubhouse.

# Around the Club



## Cracks Repaired on Hard Courts

Subcontractors have worked on the cracks afflicting the hard courts, but, according to Bob Wagstaff, the patches are only a temporary measure to keep them from worsening. “The best solution would be to overlay the courts with post-tensioned concrete,” he says, “but the budget may not permit that for some time to come.”

In the interim, he has proposed that the POA Board fund a repair system that uses RiteWay, a water-proofing procedure that forms an invisible repair which is not affected by weather or temperature. (See graphic below.) According to the firm’s website, RiteWay repairs cost 50-70% less than reconstruction.

The RiteWay system combines an advanced flexible fabric with an adhesive capable of 300% elongation to create a crack repair membrane that allows the crack below to move and then

return to the original position. As the ground moves due to expansion and contraction during the changes of temperature each and every day, the RiteWay fabric moves and flexes as the ground does.

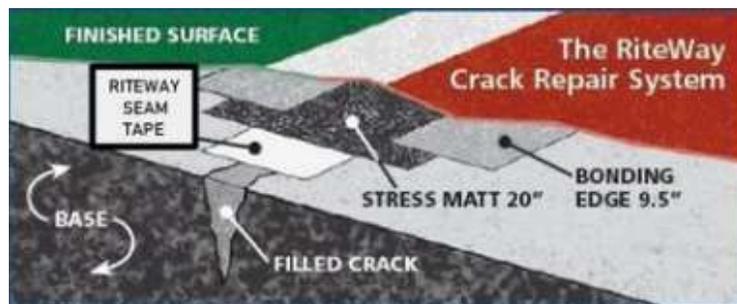
Cracking of asphalt is caused, at least in part, by the natural tendency of asphalt to shrink as it weathers and ages. In addition, asphalt loses its flexibility over time, making it more brittle.

The long term solution—a post-tensioned concrete overlay—would involve installing an entirely new concrete slab over the courts. Because the concrete is reinforced and strengthened with high-tension

steel cables, the concrete has higher tensile strength than conventional concrete slabs or asphalt, and may be more resistant to most conditions that may have caused the underlying court to crack in the first place.



Repairs to the hard courts are similar to those used on cracks on De Soto Boulevard



The RiteWay process involves filling the crack and then covering it with a flexible seam tape that expands and contracts as the surface does.



## Your Ace Reporter

### And The Survey Says...!

When the publisher of Crosscourt asked me to review the results of the survey taken recently to gauge the interest of members in participating in the Club Championships, I was a bit wary. In light of the demographic of the survey group (cantankerous, but not dangerous) I knew I would have to tread lightly. Given the sample size, I also realized that any conclusions drawn would have a margin of error of approximately one astronomical unit. But your Ace Reporter was not daunted.



I started with the raw numbers: 32 people responded, and several more offered their views in casual conversations off camera and off the record. The results, not surprisingly, were mixed (actually, more like mashed). The number of people preferring flex-time scheduling of matches was virtually equal to the number who

wanted scheduled times over two week-ends. One notable difference in the two camps was that the flex-time group was composed primarily of people who wanted to play. The other group wanted to watch. And eat. And drink.

If there was a cold conclusion that could be gleaned from the raw numbers, it was that it will be difficult to set up competitive draws from the handful of members who definitively stated that they wanted to compete. When the prospective participants are sorted into brackets for gender, rating, and type of play (singles, doubles, mixed) some divisions would likely be empty and others would go straight to the finals. Competitions in previous years have struggled with this prospect, but the

participants enjoyed the experience and spectators found the matches on offer to be entertaining.

So it ain't over 'til it's over, as the Bard once said. The polls are still open. If you want to add your vox to the populi, send a message to [sechsvta@gmail.com](mailto:sechsvta@gmail.com). The HSVSTA Board will consider all comments and suggestions and make a decision in August for setting up the Championships later in the year.

**These are the top 6 responses of Association members when asked, "Would you like to participate in a poll about the Club Championships?"<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup>Standard deviation corrections have been applied to the respondents, with prejudice.

# Player Profiles



## Bob Montgomery



When you hear the enthusiasm in Bob Montgomery's voice as he talks about sports, you'd never guess that he never played organized ball of any sort while growing up. When you see him on the tennis court, you'd never guess that he didn't pick up the game until he was 41. But then, when you know his work ethic, it's not so surprising.

A native of New Jersey but a resident of many different places in the country, Bob came to the Village in 2014 after a 33-year career with Xerox, followed by 10 years of contract and consulting work for a variety of government agencies, including the FBI and SEC. During that time he finally found some organized outlets for his athletic passion as he participated in leagues ranging from hockey to fast pitch softball.

Bob eventually got around to tennis by taking lessons with his daughter. Ten years later he was rated 4.5 and working as an assistant tennis pro at a club in Middleburg, Va.

"I love tennis because not too much bothers me on the court; it's a therapy for me," Bob says. When asked about his biggest disappointment in the game, he's quick to respond, "I can't think of one. The sport only has an upside."



He now plays three times a week and continues to look for ways to improve. "I want to get my game in shape for super senior competition when I turn 80 next year," Bob says. That may sound like work to most people. To Bob, it's just inexpensive therapy.

## Kathy Kovacevic

"I traded my rope and reins for a racquet," says Kathy Kovacevic, summarizing her progress from a national champion chuckwagon racer to a Hot Springs Village resident with a formidable forehand.



Although she was introduced to tennis in high school, she never got to play much while growing up. Instead, she expended her considerable energies by participating in 20 marathons in a variety of exotic locations, including Dublin, Stockholm, and Boston (3 times).

She kept her passion for tennis alive by studying the techniques of pros on TV. After attending the Free for All when she moved to the Village in 2016, Kathy became a marathon tennis player by participating in drills, taking lessons, practicing her serve, and competing almost every day in league play. She has also taken her game "on tour" by playing in regional tournaments, recently notching a second place finish in an Otter Creek event and qualifying for the National Championship round in the USTA Fast4 format.

"My greatest satisfaction in the game is reaching the goals I set for myself," Kathy says. "My biggest disappointment is not having started earlier—along with getting rained out," she adds.



Tennis also introduced her to the love of her life, which, in Kathy fashion, led her to achieving another goal as she married Tony Kovacevic in 2018.

In addition to her tennis play, Kathy runs, plays pickleball, lifeguards at the Coronado Center pool, volunteers at the HSV Animal Welfare League, and is an active member in her church.

And by the way, the rumor that Kathy lives in the equipment shed at the Tennis Center so she can be on the courts early each day is simply not true. She only stays there three nights a week.