



HOLLINGER NEWS

November 2009



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2009 Hollinger season was a resounding success. Well, that may be a slight overstatement, but it was a really good year. The courts were in excellent condition and the facilities got a lot of needed maintenance and improvement, thanks to the diligent work of our manager, Jerry Sanders. We had two outstanding USTA tournaments and a member-guest tournament. Our Club tennis professional, Jim Grombacher, played a critical role in those events and also organized lineups for five social events.

Virginia Hollinger – Keith Donoff USTA Men's Super Senior Tournament, July 24-26, 2009



Jim Grombacher, Club Pro, with Steve Hull, Dave Hodson & Don Hastings (some of the winners). Sponsors for the tournament, which had more than 40 entries: University Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine; Don Prizler, Realtor; and Tennis Zone.

Member Guest Tournament, August 8, 2009



Finalists Alan & Steve Barbadora; Winners Victor Nanagas and Perry French.

A new tournament was held at our facility, hosted by two of our newest members, Victoria Buckner and her husband Chris Pinkelman (now board members). Using six courts on a Saturday afternoon they raised \$900 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and introduced a lot of people to Hollinger. They are hoping to bring back the fund raiser next season.

On the down side, we continue to experience a net loss in membership, but it is not dramatic. We ended the 2009 season with 151 full memberships (counting family memberships as one membership, but not counting associate or junior memberships). This compares with 162 full memberships in 2007 and 154, in 2008. This year had a net gain of one patron membership, for which I am most grateful, and we hope for more next year. Also, we regret losing 5 memberships during the course of 2009 -- all very active members who moved away from Dayton. This results in \$1885 lost revenue for next year, so we need to start working now to recruit new members.

On the financial front, I am pleased to report that when all the bills for 2009 are paid, we anticipate being almost \$3,000 in the black, despite some significant unexpected expenses. I am simply amazed. Most of the credit for that goes to Jerry Sanders, who went well beyond expectations in the time he spent working at the Club, reducing the amount we budgeted for student workers. We have managed to reduce some expenditures and, of course, will seek additional savings next year, if possible. Our challenge continues.

I conclude by expressing my appreciation to the board members, who have just been terrific this year; to the many people who volunteered for a host of different tasks; to those members who made donations in cash and in kind; and especially to our loyal patron members -- Dave and Leslie Ashcraft, Bill Clark, Roland and Carol Eaton, Rick and Ellie Klein, Tom and Mary Creager, Steven Miller, and Tom Shulman.

-Bob Reece, Board President

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*Newly elected Board members for 2010.

Club Manager -- Jerry Sanders (jrvsanders@gmail.com) Club Pro -- Jim Grombacher (jamesgrombacher@yahoo.com)

SOME PHOTO MEMORIES FROM THE 2009 SEASON



Annual Fourth of July party -- "line-up" of mixed doubles players and luncheon group -- Eaton's, Erdman's & Haffners



First Annual Halloween Party (Oct. 30, 2009)



Hollinger "Eskimos" braved cold on Nov. 1 - Nancy Shelton, Julie Thomes, Suzanne Garrison, Chris Vradelis



Jim & Jerry taking down the lines the easy way (Nov. 1, 2009)

*The Board and Staff join Bob in wishing you **Happy Holidays!***

We voted to repeat last year's Christmas Discount offer, but please act soon:

Surprise someone special with a new Hollinger Tennis Club Membership for 2010 and save 20% (does not apply to renewal for current members). The reduced rates for new memberships are:

Family - \$396 (save \$99); Single - \$276 (save \$69); Junior - \$60 (save \$15).

NOTE: Also pass this word to friends & family who may be planning to join for 2010.

Contact Bob Reece at robertreece@woh.rr.com or 937-307-4262. Offer ends Dec. 31, 2009!