

Silveridge Tennis Annual General Meeting
March 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm by President Terry Easson with 48 members in attendance.

The minutes of the last AGM of March 10, 2024, and the last Information Meeting of November 24, 2024, were reviewed.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS READ

Richard Van de Pol / Rob Foy

CARRIED

President's Report

Terry thanked everyone for their support in making the tennis season successful. She appreciated all help, big or small, and apologized if she missed anyone.

Terry issued a request to all Silveridge league tennis players to provide their intentions for the upcoming season. This information will be utilized to update Silveridge's Team Commitment Registry (previously known as Member Club Information). The TCR will determine the number of teams we will have and where they will be merged. As final decisions are made, Terry will communicate the results to all members.

Currently, Silveridge is planning for the 2.0 Women's team to be a standalone team next season. Both the 3.5 Men's and Women's teams also wish to continue as standalone teams. Regrettably, the 3.0 Men's team will not be able to remain standalone due to two players advancing to the 3.5 level. Terry will endeavor to find a suitable resort to merge this team with. It is likely that Silveridge will be combined with either The Resort or Sunland Village East for the Men's and Women's teams at most levels.

There are quite a few things that happened this season within Silveridge Tennis that we should be quite proud of:

- Our new benches are beautiful and are a nice addition to the courts. These were made possible through a donation from the Renters Association. Still need to get plaques installed on the benches to recognize their contribution.
- We were able to host at least one Fun Day each month. Special occasions were the Christmas Pajama Party, the Can Crushers Pizza Party, and Bagel Billy. Sad to report that Bagel Billy was so upset about leaving Silveridge that it did a Humpty Dumpty and couldn't be put back together. Will have to come up with something else to replace it.
- Silveridge has a reputation for bringing out the fans to watch our teams play at regular league games and in tournaments. This season was not an exception. Terry thanked everyone from the bottom of her heart for the Silveridge pride displayed every week. Even when it was very cold. That's dedication!!!
- Our new tennis shirts look great. So happy to see players wearing them!!!

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The East Valley Senior Tennis League (EVSTL) has been busy this season and are already starting to plan for next season. Some things being done are:

- Next season's schedule will have the Men's and Women's Teams separate. This should make it easier to complete the schedule and result in more play on resort courts each week. Important as Silveridge is not the only resort losing tennis courts to Pickleball.
- The Move Up/Move Down process was implemented this season. Silveridge only had one player affected by this. However, EVSTL had 91 players targeted to move up, and one park had 22 of them.
- The exemption for Silveridge to play in EVSTL with 3 courts, instead of the 4 required in the bylaws was approved again for next season.
- A motion brought forward to EVSTL to restrict use of affiliates was not passed. An affiliate player is an individual player who does not reside in an EVSTL member park and has been approved to play with an EVSTL member park. Even though our Fountain of the Sun players are affiliated with Silveridge, this would not have affected them, as they are affiliated with Silveridge at the resort level.
- There will be a 16-week schedule again next season. Play starts on November 3rd, breaks for Christmas on December 19th, resumes on January 5th and ends on March 6th. This allows a 2-week break at Christmas.
- The survey completed on the Valle Del Oro (VDO) courts revealed concern about safety on these courts. VDO is pushing their management to have the courts replaced with hard courts. In the meantime, VDO has agreed to allow opponents to practice on their courts, ahead of matches, to get experience with the different surface.

The Executive proposes forming a committee to recognize significant contributors to Silveridge Tennis. Shelly has begun drafting criteria for Honorary Membership, with further details coming this Fall.

A request to install a Tennis Backboard like Pickleball's was discussed. Terry noted that Tennis had one years ago, but it was removed due to lack of use. A professional backboard could cost thousands. Its potential uses include individual drills and warmups, but concerns were raised about reinforcing the fence and extra noise. Some suggested using the ball machine instead. There are questions about its worth.

MOTION TO TABLE DISCUSSION ON INSTALLING A BACKBOARD UNTIL FURTHER RESEARCH CAN BE DONE

BOB RASMUSSEN/LINDA MCCLOSKEY

CARRIED

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Silveridge Tennis maintains a Memorial Plaque for deceased members. However, we often aren't informed when previous members pass away. Therefore, we are considering discontinuing the plaque and finding a new way to honor deceased members.

MOTION TO DISCONTINUE THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE

BOB RASMUSSEN/MARTY HOULE

CARRIED

The executive has requested everyone brainstorm over the summer regarding the Social Play program. Several approaches have been tried this season. One suggestion was to set specific times for different play levels. Determining who plays at each level is challenging, as some players perform better with higher-level participants. This matter will be reconsidered in the fall, and it is requested that everyone consider it during the summer. Another suggestion was to explore Sign-In Genius to assist with scheduling.

Vice President's Report

Marty Houle wanted to thank all the volunteers that crushed and/or transported cans to the disposal facility. We had a good year.

Treasurer's Report

Linda presented a Treasurer's Report. Current membership numbers are 68. Report filed for audit.

Affiliates from Fountain of the Sun Resort

Our affiliates from Fountain of the Sun need to be re-affirmed for the next season.

MOTION TO ACCEPT FOUNTAIN OF THE SUN PLAYERS AS AFFILIATES FOR THE NEXT SEASON

GAYLE MCDONALD/KEN SULLIVAN

CARRIED

Next Year's Executive

According to our constitution, Officers shall be elected from Club membership for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer at the General Meeting. The Board may assign all other positions subsequently. During the General Meeting, volunteers were identified for the four primary roles, and additional members have shown interest in other positions. The newly formed Executive will endeavor to ensure that all positions are adequately filled by volunteers by the Fall.

The following people were elected by acclamation:

President – Terry Easson

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Vice President – Marty Houle

Secretary – Helen Solis

Treasurer – Mike Zenner

Fundraising Opportunity

Armand proposed offering people the chance to sponsor new benches in honor of loved ones. The membership agreed to consider this for next season.

Membership Dues Increase

The Executive Committee holds the authority to determine the annual dues. An increase of dues from \$20 to \$25 is being considered. A discussion was held regarding the necessity of the increase. Subsequently, a poll was conducted, and most attendees expressed their approval of the proposed increase to \$25.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Easson, President

Helen Solis, Secretary

Pizza, Ceasar Salad and dessert was supplied by the Club to everyone in attendance.