

MATCH POINT TENNIS CLUB

2007 - 2008

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Past Presidents - Match Point Tennis Club

Dick Bridgewater	1966 - 1967	
Phil Watson	1967 - 1970	
Ken Deforest	1970 - 1971	
Hugh Jensen	1971 - 1972	
Merle Wardenburg	1972 - 1973	
Jim Jasper	1973 - 1974	
Neil Welter	1974 - 1975	
Bill Ames	1975 - 1976	
Richard Kennedy	1976 - 1977	
Roger Fortier	1977 - 1978	
Bob Folz	1978 - 1979	
Jim Allen	1979 - 1980	(current member)
Midge Hagen	1980 - 1981	
Vic Osborne	1981 - 1982	
Jim Sheffer	1982 - 1983	(current member)
Ron Warnicke	1983 - 1984	
Gene Turk	1984 - 1985	
Jim Allen	1985 - 1986	(current member)
Larry Bandura	1986 - 1987	
Sandy Westmoreland	1987 - 1988	(current member)
Shirley Donohue	1988 - 1989	
Penny Knochenhauer	1989 - 1990	(current member)
Don Dewitt	1990 - 1991	
Arthur Halley	1991 - 1992	(current member)
Tom Grubb	1992 - 1993	(current member)
Jason Sharer	1993 - 1994	
Keith Denison	1994 - 1996	
Dave German	1996 - 1997	(current member)
Elizabeth Bannister	1997 - 1999	(current member)
Rhonda Rommel-Okoi	1999 - 2000	(current member)
Deane Diez	2000 - 2001	
DeAnne Hager	2001 - 2002	
John Gottschalk	2002 - 2003	(current member)
Dick Sheldon	2003 - 2005	(current member)
Aaron Gomez	2005 - 2006	
Diana Lathrop/Dick Sheldon	2006 - 2007	(current member)

OFFICERS

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A Men	Dane McNeill	602-348-9355
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B Men	Arthur Halley	602-482-6864
B Women	Antoinette Frankenbach	623-980-9084
C Men	Gary Bell	602-488-0359
C Women	Nancy Halley	602-482-6864

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Tournament	Dave German	602-938-5015
Seeding & Ranking	Gale Kristof	602-973-1135
Social	Jim Sheffer	602-944-6214
Scheduling	Gale Kristof	602-973-1135
Membership	Dave German	602-938-5015
Newsletter	Gale Kristof	602-973-1135

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Trophies	Mark Merz	602-989-1014
Roster Maintenance	Dave German	602-938-5015
Bulletin Board	Open Position	

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Match Point Tennis Club (MPTC)

We have been in operation since 1966. We are a non-profit volunteer organization that provides monthly tennis tournaments for all levels of players. The tournaments are held at the Phoenix Tennis Center located at 21st Avenue and Citrus Way, just north of Bethany Home Road.



Current Newsletter!!



Draws [\(view previous events\)](#)

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Mens B [ipa](#) [excel](#)
Mens C [ipa](#) [excel](#)
Womens A [ipa](#) [excel](#)
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Point Leaders [\(view details\)](#)

Current after the January 08 Event:

Div	Name	Pts
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The NEXT EVENT!!!

The February 2008 CYOP (Choose Your Own Partner) Mixed Doubles Tournament

When: February 15-16, 2008 (day matches) **Where:** Phoenix Tennis Center
Deadline: February 9, 2007 **Entry Fee:** \$12 in advance or \$15 at the desk
To Enter: [E-mail](#) Gale Kristof or 602.973.1135 (also call Gale with any questions)
Entry Form (For mailing at post office): [Feb 2008 CYOP-M Entry Form](#)

NOTE: The February tournament IS NOT the same day as the Super Bowl or the big golf tournament here in town. We've held it on Super Bowl Sunday for a number of years now, but decided not to do it this year since the host site is right here in Phoenix (oops, Glendale).

Please include any scheduling conflicts, although there is no guarantee they will be met (so be ready to play at the standard times), but we will try.

Please use the following information to sign-up for the February Tournament:

1. For physical mailing of your entry: click the following link: [Feb 2008 CYOP-M Entry Form](#)
2. To email your entry: [click this link](#)
3. To phone in the entry (try to use one of the above if you can to reduce the number of calls) call Gale at 602.973.1135

The Previous Event

HOW TO ENTER A TOURNAMENT

Entering a tournament is very simple—you just fill out the entry form that is contained in the MPTC newsletter and send it (along with the tournament entry fee) to Gale Kristof early enough so that it arrives prior to the tournament deadline. The deadline is 6:00 pm on the Friday of the week before the weekend of the tournament. Usually the MPTC newsletter contains entry forms for two different tournaments, so be sure to use the correct entry form. Gale's address is:

6246 N 34th Ave
Phoenix AZ 85017

If you don't have an entry form, you can create one by providing the following information on a piece of paper:

- your name and division (for example—Jane Doe, B Woman)
- the month and name of the tournament (for example—October LOD Mixed Doubles)
- the name of your partner (if the tournament is the “Choose Your Own Partner” type)

The tournament entry fee (for singles and for each member of a doubles team) is as follows:

- \$12.00 if paid prior to the tournament
- \$15.00 if paid at the tournament desk

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION GUIDE

1. Entries are restricted to paid and ranked members only.
2. In Luck-Of-The-Draw tournaments you must enter in your own division.
3. Make sure that your entry is clear (name, division, sex, and partner).
4. Entry deadline shall be 6:00 pm on the Friday immediately prior to the draw (unless specified differently on the entry form).
5. No refund will be made after the closing of entries unless an entry is misplaced and not found until after the closing date. If a person withdraws from a social tournament after the deadline, the entry fee will not be returned unless a replacement is found and the Tournament Director is notified.
6. In Luck-Of-The-Draw tournaments, partners are selected by random draw.
7. Seedings are determined by the Seeding and Ranking Committee prior to the draw.
8. The draw will be made according to established USTA rules. If less than eight teams or players are entered in any division, a round-robin type of draw for that division may be made.
9. Draw sheets including match schedule times will be posted at the Phoenix Tennis Center and other tennis facilities a minimum of two days before each tournament.
10. A trophy or suitable award will be provided to winners, runner-ups, and consolation winners.
11. The consolation tournament is open only to players who lose in the first round that they PLAY.
12. A player or team that receives a bye or default in the first round and loses in the second round, goes to the consolation tournament.
13. A person or team that retires in the first round *may* play in the consolation tournament. They should inform the Tournament Director(s) whether or not they will be able to continue prior to the start of the first consolation round.

14. A player or team that fails to check in at the Tournament Desk prior to fifteen minutes after the scheduled starting time of the match shall be defaulted and will not be eligible for further play. Presence on the premises is not a substitute for checking in at the Tournament Desk.
15. If both opponents in singles or at least one player from each team in doubles are late for the match, the match will not be played and all players are out of the tournament. Any doubles player who did check in on time will not receive a default on their tournament participation record.
16. Entries for Luck-Of-The-Draw tournaments are recorded in the order received so that elimination due to lack of a partner is as fair as possible.
17. A player should not enter Luck-Of-The-Draw tournaments unless he or she is willing to play with anyone in the division.
18. All participants must be available to play at any time during days of the tournament. Do not enter if there is any anticipation of conflicts, particularly in Luck-Of-The-Draw tournaments. It is impossible to rearrange the tournament schedule to accommodate one's personal schedule. There shall be no rearranging of tournament matches except with approval of the Tournament Director or the Tournament Chairperson. Any unauthorized matches played shall result in a default of both teams.
19. If the players on a team disagree on a call, the point goes to the opposing team.
20. If a player is uncertain as to whether a ball is in or out, the ball must be considered good—the point should not be played over.
21. The server shall not serve until the receiver is ready. If the receiver attempts to return the ball, he or she is considered ready.
22. A player must call let only at the time that the obstruction (such as a rolling ball from another court) appears on the court—not after the point is finished.
23. Any player may request a line judge if there is a dispute over line calls.

24. If a ball, before bouncing, hits any interfering object (such as a tree branch or electric wire) the team that hit the ball loses the point.
25. If a ball hits a player before landing out, that player loses the point.
26. If a server's ball hits either the receiver or the receiver's partner before landing on the playing surface, the receiving team loses the point.
27. If a person wishes to enter a Choose-Your-Own-Partner doubles tournament and does not have a partner, the person may enter the tournament as a single and the Tournament Director shall make an effort to obtain a partner from other single entries.
28. In cases where an entry was postmarked in plenty of time to reach the Tournament Director (at least 48 hours before close of entry) but failed to get there before the draw was made, the entry will not be accepted, however, the person/team will be credited with an entry towards the four required tournaments.
29. In Luck-Of-The-Draw tournaments where an entrant is left out of the draw for lack of a partner, that entrant will receive credit for one of the four required tournaments.
30. If a member's entry has been lost or misplaced and not been found until after the draw has been completed, the draw will not be changed but the entry will count towards the four required tournaments.
31. Once the draw has been made and the draw sheets posted, the draw cannot be altered except in the following cases:
 - A. In Choose-Your-Own-Partner doubles tournaments- when one partner has to withdraw (with good reason and provided that the Tournament Director has been notified prior to your first scheduled match), the withdrawing player may be replaced with another player of the remaining partner's choice.
 - B. In a Luck-Of-The-Draw doubles tournament, replacement players must come from the waiting list of original tournament entrants. If a player's partner withdraws or defaults prior to that team's first round of play, the remaining person reverts to the head of the waiting list.
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- When two or more such withdrawals/defaults occur, resulting in a new team being formed of players from the original draw, if possible, the new team shall be placed in the draw in such a manner as to avoid creating second-round byes or double-byes. If two such draw locations exist, or a second-round bye is unavoidable, placement in the draw shall be determined by a flip of the coin.
32. Defaults cannot be replaced with another player in a singles tournament, even before the tournament begins.
 33. The USTA penalty point system shall apply to all tournaments and penalties may be assessed by the Tournament Director, Division Representatives, the President of the MPTC, the umpire, or representatives of the umpire.
 34. Unless otherwise stated in the MPTC governing rules, USTA rules for match play shall apply.

TOURNAMENT DESK RULES

1. Fifteen minute default time—NO EXCEPTIONS!
2. Three new balls shall be provided for all regular (non-consolation) rounds and the consolation semifinal and final rounds. If a match goes to three sets, better used balls may be requested (if desired) to be used in the third set. Three used balls shall be provided for preliminary (non-final or non-semifinal) consolation rounds.
3. Give balls only when all participants are ready. Collect balls before accepting the score of a completed match.
4. All regular (non-consolation) rounds and the consolation semi-final and final rounds shall be two-out-of-three sets. Consolation preliminary rounds shall be one “pro set”.
5. Losers in the first round PLAYED shall go to the consolation tournament. Anyone who defaults (whether in the regular tournament or the consolation tournament) is out of the tournament.
6. TEN MINUTE warm up. Please observe this rule.
7. All practice serves are to be taken during the warm up period—not after match play has started.
8. Spin for serve. Winner of the spin chooses serve/receive preference, side preference, or to default the choice to the opponent(s).
9. Play is CONTINUOUS—a short (five minute) break is permitted between the second and third sets.
10. Injury time out is not to exceed five minutes total.
11. The twelve-point tie break procedure shall go into effect when the set score is 6-6 (8-8 in a Pro set).
12. Rest time between matches is to be limited to thirty minutes if courts are available and the scheduled match time has passed.
13. A player cannot call a foot fault against an opponent; an umpire may be requested at the Tournament Desk.
14. Any player may request a line judge if there is a dispute over calls.
15. The Tournament Director is the official for the tournament and makes all final decisions on any questions that arise. If the Tournament Director leaves the tournament area an Acting Tournament Director shall be appointed.

THE 12-POINT TIE BREAK PROCEDURE

The tie break goes into effect when the set score reaches six-all (or eight-all in a Pro set).

SINGLES

- (a) Numerical scoring shall be used throughout the tie break.
- (b) The player whose turn it is to serve shall be the server for the first point, which is delivered from the deuce court. The opponent shall be the server for the second and third points (delivered from the advantage court and deuce court respectively). Thereafter, the serve shall alternate for two consecutive points (advantage court, deuce court) until the winner of the tie break has been determined.
- (c) Players shall change ends of the court after every six points and at the conclusion of the tie break.
- (d) The player who first wins seven points shall win the tie break and the set provided that the player leads by a margin of at least two points. If the score reaches six-all, the tie break shall be extended until a two-point margin is obtained.
- (e) The player that served first in the set that ended in a tie break shall receive service in the first game of the following set.

DOUBLES

- (a) The same procedure as for singles shall apply. The player whose turn it is to serve shall serve the first point. Thereafter, each player shall serve in rotation for two points, in the same order used in the earlier games of the set.
- (b) Teams shall change ends of the court after every six points and at the conclusion of the tie break.
- (c) The team that served first in the set that ended in a tie break shall receive service in the first game of the following set.

SEEDING AND RANKING GUIDELINES

UPWARD/DOWNWARD MOVEMENT

- Upward Movement—a member shall be moved to the next higher division if he or she obtains 400 points within any 12-month period AND achieves either of the following within the same 12-month period:
 - one tournament runner-up (championship side) and one tournament win (championship side)
 - two tournament wins (championship side)
- Upward Movement – a member who moves to a higher division has 12 months from their move up date to earn the minimum 50 points. If not, the member will be reassigned to their previous division.
- Downward Movement—if a member plays in four tournaments and fails to obtain a minimum of 50 points during the MPTC year (April 1 to March 31) he or she will be moved to the next lower division. Members who play in less than four tournaments and fail to obtain a minimum of 50 points may be moved to the next lower division at the discretion of the Seeding and Ranking Committee. This rule applies only to members that have been in their present division for a full 12 months.
- All original classifications of new MPTC members are done on a “temporary” or “probationary” basis. The Seeding and Ranking Committee is authorized to reassign any new member to a different division at any time prior to the new member’s seventh tournament if the committee feels that the new member’s original classification was in error.
- New members have 12 months from the date of joining to earn the minimum 50 points. Failure to do so may result in reassignment to the lower division.
- The MPTC Board of Directors is authorized to reassign members to a different division in the case of unusual circumstances that are not specifically covered in these guidelines.
- Any member that is moved to a lower division because of insufficient points may be reinstated to the member’s original division at the discretion of the Seeding and Ranking Committee if the member wins any of the first three tournaments (championship side) of the new MPTC tournament year.

POINT EARNINGS

A tournament record is maintained for each club member and points are awarded as determined in the following manner:

- **Championship Side**
 - 10 points for each played victory in the first round
 - 20 points for each played victory in the second round
 - 30 points for each played victory in the third round
 - 40 points for each played victory in the fourth round
 - 25 points for each played victory thereafter
 - No more than 150 points may be awarded per tournament.
 - Note 1: A played victory after a bye or a default will earn points for the played round plus the round for the bye or default.
 - Note 2: To compensate for a small draw, the winner(s) of the finals will receive a minimum of 100 points for the tournament. Other player(s) who win matches in these smaller draws will receive a proportional number of points.
- **Consolation Side**
 - 5 points for each played victory in the first round
 - 10 points for each played victory in the second round
 - 15 points for each played victory in the third round
 - 20 points for each played victory thereafter
 - No more than 75 points may be awarded per tournament.
 - Note: A played victory after a bye or default will earn points for the played round plus the round for the bye or default.
- A match that has started in which a player retires is considered a played victory for the winner(s) regardless of who was ahead at the time that the match was stopped. A bye or a win by default is not considered to be a played victory.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of the club shall be the Match Point Tennis Club (MPTC).

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this nonprofit organization shall be to encourage interest in tennis. The secondary purposes of the club shall be to encourage development of good sportsmanship and to promote interest by way of tennis play and social activities.

ARTICLE III—LOCATION

Tournaments are played primarily at the Phoenix Tennis Center and at various tennis facilities in the valley, as needed.

ARTICLE IV—MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1 -- The minimum eligible age for membership shall be eighteen.

Section 2 -- Individual annual dues for renewal shall be remitted to the Current Membership Chairperson. The dues are payable February 1 and delinquent February 15. Dues not paid by February 15 forfeit right of membership, with NO EXCEPTIONS. Any member delinquent in payment of dues may request, in writing, to be placed on the New Member Waiting List for readmittance into membership. The amount of the annual dues are established by the MPTC Board of Directors.

Section 3 -- A member in good standing is one whose current dues are paid. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to participate in club tournaments.

Section 4 -- Club membership shall be limited to 500 members. If on February 15, membership is less than 500, membership shall be offered in chronological order to those people on the Waiting List maintained by the New Membership Chairperson.

Section 5 -- For purposes of organization and play, the club shall consist of divisions of men and women arranged according to playing ability. The number of divisions will be designated by the MPTC Board of Directors. The Board shall have the authority to bring in, by invitation, up to 50 new members in excess of the 500 membership in order to balance any division.

Section 6 -- The club year shall start on April 1 and end on March 31.

Section 7 -- In order to maintain membership, one must play in four regular tournaments a year (excluding social events). THERE SHALL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE. A member who fails to fulfill this requirement may apply, in writing, to be placed on the New Member Waiting List.

Section 8 -- A member will be considered as defaulted for either of the following reasons:

withdrawal from a tournament after the draw has been completed, or failure to report to the tournament desk prior to fifteen minutes after the scheduled match time. A member may appeal his or her default status by submitting a written request for hearing to the MPTC President within thirty days of notification of the default. Tournament directors are not responsible for informing entrants of match times. Entrants, themselves, are responsible for determining their match times and locations by looking at the posted draw sheets.

Section 9 -- Membership shall be immediately terminated if a member incurs two defaults (as defined in Section 8 above) in any twelve-month period. A member may appeal his or her termination by submitting a written request for hearing to the MPTC President within thirty days of notification of the termination.

ARTICLE V—BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1 -- Responsibilities for the administration of the club shall reside in the MPTC Board of Directors and the General Board.

Section 2 -- The Board of Directors shall consist of the following members:

The President
The President-Elect
The Secretary
The Treasurer

Section 3 -- The General Board shall consist of the following members:

The immediate Past President
The male and female representatives from each division
The committee members

The Board of Directors and the General Board are empowered to vote on all issues brought before both Boards.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1 -- The President shall:

call and preside at the annual meeting and other membership meetings.
appoint committee chairpersons (subject to Board approval).
oversee the activities of other Board members and committees.
be, ex-officio, a member of all committees.

Section 2 -- The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President at such times as the President is absent or unable to perform the duties. Upon expiration of the President's term, the President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the position of President. If a vacancy in the position of President occurs during the normal term of the office, the President-Elect shall automatically become the President.

Section 3 -- The Secretary shall:
keep the minutes of executive and membership meetings.
maintain records of club proceedings.
handle correspondence and distribution thereof.

Section 4 -- The Treasurer shall:
collect and receive all moneys paid to the club.
maintain a bank account.
pay expenditures approved by the President acting under Board policy.
keep a permanent record of financial transactions.
report at meetings on the club's financial condition.
prepare annual financial statements.

submit financial records for audit or examination upon request by the Board.

Section 5 -- The Division Representatives shall represent the MPTC members of their respective divisions at the Board meetings and shall participate as members of the Draw Committee.

Section 6 -- The duties of the Committee Chairpersons are described in Article XI.

ARTICLE VII—TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1 -- The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected to serve terms of two years.

Section 2 -- The President-Elect shall serve a term of two years: the first year as President-Elect, the second year as President.

Section 3 -- Division Representatives shall be elected each year for a term of one year.

ARTICLE VIII—BOARD MEETINGS

Section 1 -- Regular meetings shall be held during the week following the monthly tournament. The exact date, time, and location of the meeting shall be provided in the monthly newsletter.

Section 2 -- The President shall be required to call a Board meeting at the request of any three Board members.

Section 3 -- In order to conduct a regular meeting, it is necessary that at least eight members of the Board of Directors be present. A majority vote of the Board members present shall govern.

Section 4 -- Under special circumstances, the President may take a telephone poll of the Board members. This may be necessary:

because information that was used earlier by the Board members has now been superseded, or a decision by the Board must be made very quickly.

Section 5 -- A vacancy on the Board may be filled by a person approved by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. The new Board member shall serve out the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE IX—MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Section 1 -- The club shall hold an annual membership meeting.

The President shall set the time and place of the meeting and shall preside at the meeting. The President shall have the option to call other membership meetings. Notices of the meetings shall be mailed at least ten days prior to the meeting date and shall indicate the general nature of the business to be discussed.

Section 2 -- The President shall call a membership meeting upon the request of any twenty club members.

ARTICLE X—ELECTIONS

Section 1 -- Regular elections shall take place via ballot boxes placed at the tournament desk of the March tournament. Special elections can be called by the Board at any time.

Section 2 -- Nominations from the floor may supplement those from the nominating committee. The winner of the election shall be the candidate that receives the most votes—in the event of three or more candidates running for office, it is not necessary for one candidate to receive 50 percent (or more) of the vote in order to win the election.

Section 3 -- Candidates for office shall be a member in good standing for at least one year.

ARTICLE XI—COMMITTEES

To assist the President and the Board in conducting the affairs of the club, there shall be the following standing committees:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (chaired by the President-Elect): This committee shall nominate one or more members for every position for which there will be a vacancy and shall advise the membership of their selections prior to the election.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: This committee:

- recommends the schedule of tournaments (draw, scheduling, court procurement, umpires, advisory desk) to the Board.
- designates tournament directors for each scheduled tournament.
- is responsible for obtaining balls and trophies for each tournament.
- shall oversee proper conduct and sportsmanship during tournaments.

SEEDING AND RANKING COMMITTEE: Responsible for placing players in the proper divisions, seedings for each tournament, and maintaining tournament point records.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: Recommends the schedule of social events to the Board and plans and runs the social functions.

DRAW COMMITTEE (chaired by the Tournament Committee Chairperson): This committee determines the number of seeds for each tournament and performs the draws.

SCHEDULING COMMITTEE: This committee establishes the times and locations for tournament matches.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: This committee shall have two chairpersons—one for handling current members and another for handling new members. The Current Membership Chairperson shall be responsible for:

receiving renewing membership dues and forwarding them to the Treasurer,
maintaining the Current Membership List, and
preparing the annual MPTC Roster.

The New Membership Chairperson shall be responsible for:

maintaining the New Member Waiting List in chronological order,
advising those on the New Member Waiting List (by letter) when they are eligible for entry in the MPTC, and
receiving the completed New Member Applications (with dues), forwarding this membership data to the Current Membership Section, and forwarding the received dues to the Treasurer.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: This committee shall be chaired by the MPTC Newsletter editor. Its primary responsibilities shall be:

publishing the monthly MPTC Newsletter,
maintaining the MPTC bulletin board at the Phoenix Tennis Center, and
other tasks required as necessary to promote the activities of the club.

ARTICLE XII—AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any regular club meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, provided that:

the proposed amendments have been submitted to the Board for consideration and recommendation.
the recommended changes have been included in the notice of the meeting.

ARTICLE XIII—CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Robert's Rules of Order shall be observed at all times.