

February LF Tennis Informer Article

Tennis is in full swing! Tournament play, round robins and soon mixed doubles. Plus, Jan 20th and 21st will offer the return of the ELS "Good Neighbor" tournament with Pine Lakes and Lake Fairways joining together for a mixed doubles tournament. As always, food follows the 2-day event as well as prizes.

All these events and the running of the association requires the time and dedication of our volunteer members. But we can't survive with the same people giving of their time year after year. Please consider giving back to your association by agreeing to assume a role for the 2024-2025 seasons. We need a President, Vice President & Secretary. Please talk to any board member to express your interest...Dave Shultz, Carol Hartwell, Nancy Constantino, Lisa Bell, Judi Wills, Barb Flournoy or Bill Dillon. THANK YOU!

Before sharing the men's and ladies' teams news and standings, it is with a very heavy heart that I report the recent passing of Jack Dunmead. Jack was a beloved member of our tennis community both as a player and coach. I think I'm safe to say most every Lake Fairways tennis player benefited from Jack's talented influence both on and off the courts. May you ace every serve and nail every drop shot as you enjoy playing on your heavenly courts. You will be missed Jack.

Men's Teams' Report:

Lake Fairways is fielding three teams this year, one in the white division and two in the blue. The white division Lake Fairways Eagles has a current record of one win, two losses and three ties. Their set scores show a record of 17 sets won and 19 lost, and they are currently 4th in the 8 - team division.

All white division matches are played on Tuesdays, starting at one pm.

Lake Fairways fields two teams in the blue division. Captains Jean Marc Beneteau and Stephen LaFave lead the Cougars and the Ace Gators are led by captains John Donahue and Dom Vitticore. The blue division began competitive play January 4, with the Ace Gators facing Herons Glen and the Cougars opposing Admiralty. All blue division matches are scheduled on Thursdays, beginning at 1pm.

Bill Dillon and Jean Marc Beneteau

Ladies SWIFT team report

After the ladies Hot Shots team swept Pine Lakes 6-0 on January 11th, we now sit in first place with Del Tura and Tara Woods nipping at our heels just a few games back. Sabal Springs, Six Lakes, Pine Lakes and Herons Glen are all several games behind the top 3.

On January 18th we host Tara Woods & January 25th we travel to Sabal Springs. The week of January 15th will bring all players back, so we'll be at 100%! Go Hot Shots! Our home matches are Thursdays at 9AM.

Lisa Bell and Margaret Panzer

In closing, we'd like to recognize Bill Dillon and his crew of guys (Joe Frontiera, Henry Aubut, Jay Kraby, Steve Lafave and likely others) who have mended, replaced, installed, torn down and nurtured every aspect of keeping our courts safe and playable. Thank you, gents!

Love-Love

Lisa Miller Bell

