

Yes, I'd like to throw my hat in for Director-Ombudsman. Working to help the BOD and working to help keep our beautiful tennis facilities in tip top shape appeals to me.

I was born and raised in Sioux City, IA My parents divorced when I was young. Living with my mom and my brother, we moved next to a city park with some tennis courts. At age 9, I enrolled in the City's park & rec beginner tennis program. It was there that I learned to play tennis, and I've been playing on & off ever since then.

Sue and I recently moved back to SCHH after a 5 year absence. We lived here from 2012 'til 2018. During those 6 years, I was active in the tennis community here playing in all of the different leagues, tournaments, etc. I was on the SCTA board, serving as Vice President and President. During my time on the Board, I feel we accomplished some good things. Just a few highlights worth mentioning:

1. We had decided to stop hosting a USTA tournament and the Mix & Match Tournament was chosen to take it's place. This type of tournament was suggested by one of our members at the meeting as a fun and social type of tournament that I think the players really enjoy. It's my understanding that the Mix & Match Tournament is still one of our premier events of the year.
2. A previous Board's 5-year capital improvement plan included upgrading the seating at court 5 as a sort of premium viewing for tournaments and exhibitions. We had a different idea about spending that \$10K and went to the SCHH BOD to see if we could partner with them to create a better seating situation on court 1. The seating at court 1 was nothing but a bunch of \$20 patio chairs that were purchased at Sam's or WalMart. With the help of SCHH Board president, Tonja and resident Member Dr. TAB, the current seating arrangement that we have today was designed and eventually (it did take a while to get plans drawn up and money finally approved to build) approved at a +/- \$50K price tag. A perfect example of a great partnership and cost sharing project that looks awesome, in my opinion. I was gone before it was finished, so I don't know the exact dollars that the SCTA pitched in, but I know we got a great bang for the bucks we did invest on our end.
3. We had initiated the conversation between Gavin (TLC) and SCHH to bring TLC in to run a more comprehensive tennis program here in Sun

City. At that time, the bulk of the lessons were being taught by one person – Cindy VDB. We felt with around 800 SCTA members, there would be demand for more clinics, drill, small group lessons along with private one-on-one lessons if we had the people to put on those programs. Our initial plan to hire Gavin's company was rejected by the SCHHCA BOD as being too expensive. I had moved out of SCHH in mid-2018, so I'm not really sure what happened to change the BOD's mind and enter in to a contract with Gavin, but I'm glad it happened. My wife participated in one of the 2.5 clinics the other day, and said it was fun, informative and well worth the \$18 fee. I see Gavin, Brett or Cindy out teaching on the courts quite a bit, so I think it's working. So, whether you like Gavin being here, or not, I feel it is a good thing. But, it is also something that needs to be evaluated from time to time to make sure he is meeting the needs and wants of our members.

I have had several people ask me to get back involved with SCTA. Some (not all) have said things have gone downhill with the SCTA since I have left. Whether that's true, or not, is up to the feelings of the individual members, but I've heard it enough to feel somethings might be on the wrong track – so, I want to get involved again to see if I can help get things back on track. I have applied for the Ombudsman Director position. I feel this is right n my wheelhouse, as I am kind of OCD when it comes to keeping things in excellent working order around the tennis complex. It's the little things that seem to go unfixed, but it we can keep on top of those things, as well as the bigger things, we'll have a tennis facility that we can all be very proud of here in beautiful Sun City Hilton Head. I think routine maintenance, annual maintenance and capital upgrades should be accomplished by a team effort between the SCHH Community Association, Gavin's peeps and the 750 member strong SCTA. In the immortal words of Larry the Cable Guy – "Let's get 'er done!"

Thanks for the opportunity to serve on the SCTA BOD again.

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Correction / Clarification

It was brought to my attention by former SCTA President, Susan Kreick, that some information in my bio that was sent to the SCTA membership

pertaining to my running for a position on the SCTA BOD was incorrect and misleading.

In my comments, I stated that “the SCTA initiated the conversation between Gavin Cox (TLC) and SCHHCA to bring a more comprehensive tennis program to Sun City. At that time, the bulk of the lessons were being taught by one person – Cindy VDB. We felt with around 800 SCTA members, there would be demand for more clinics, drill, small group lessons along with one-on-one lessons if we had the people to put on those programs. Our initial plan to hire Gavin’s company was rejected by the SCHHCA BOD as being too expensive”.

I would like to clarify:

We (the SCTA) did not initiate a plan to hire Gavin’s company (TLC). We (SCTA) had no plan, or authority, to hire Gavin. Cheri Bronski, representing SCHHCA Health & Wellness, was investigating the possibility of entering into a contract with SCHHCA and TLC to bring some instructors in to add more lessons, clinics, etc. We (SCTA) were invited, by Cheri, to listen in on their conversation as we might have been able to offer some input.

Again, to be clear, we (SCTA) were not actively seeking to hire Gavin (TLC). We could not, and would not, do something like that unless we, as a Board, decide to even talk about it and ask membership for input, which we did not.

My comments may have, unintentionally, harmed the reputation of the SCTA Board of Directors and that was not my intent at all. I was just trying to provide some information as to my history on the SCTA BOD. I am sorry for my incorrect remarks and any confusion it has caused. As I stated in my bio, I’m just looking to help the SCTA move forward and serve the best interest of the membership.

I do not want anyone to think that I have an agenda to bring to the current SCTA BOD regarding the pros (or cons) of having Gavin and his company here in Sun City, or any other agenda as far as that goes.

Thanks,

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