

Chuck Hirsch

My name is Chuck Hirsch, and I am submitting my resume/application for SCTA interim president. Many of you know me, while some of you may not. My wife, Sue, and I lived in Sun City from 2012 to 2018. We then returned in July of last year. I have always been a member of SCTA and served as VP/President in 2016/2017. During that time on the SCTA BOD, we accomplished a lot of good things. One of our most popular events, the Mix & Match tournament was started back then under Susan Kreick's presidency. SCTA used to host a USTA tournament each spring. The last year for the USTA tournament was 2015. Pete Albero ran that tournament for a number of years and did a great job with it. In 2016 it was decided not to host our usual USTA tournament because it was getting harder and harder to find a tournament coordinator and volunteers. On top of that, about 80% of the players were from Sun City anyway. We had a meeting with several SCTA members, and out of that meeting, the Mix and Match was born. The idea came from, I believe, Neil Shannon. He had experience with that type of tournament up north, so we went with it. I believe it is the biggest event we have each year, and the participants love it. We also worked hand-in-hand with our community association to cost share with the beautiful seating area on court one. For those of you who have been here long enough, you remember the \$20 WalMart chairs sitting where our nice bleacher seats are now. Every time it got windy, someone would have to go gather the chairs that had blown around and put them back where they belong. Once or twice a year, someone would head to Walmart to get 6 new ones. The shade awning was similar, just larger, than the ones on court 5. They were extremely hard to roll up, so much of the time they stayed open during a rain. Afterwards, they had a nice puddle of water filling up the center of the awning. You never knew when the wind blew hard enough if you might get a shower sitting underneath said awning. The entire new and improved seating area, with bleachers, pavers and the cantilevered awning was a joint venture between SCTA and the Community Association. The total cost was around \$50K, while our contribution was only \$10K. We also cost shared with new court brooms and scoring towers. Great things can happen by building relationships and working together, which we did.

Fast forward to now. We currently need an interim president from now until the end of the year when your new president will get duly elected during the annual election for all open positions. We need someone with experience, not a novice, to step in and keep the BOD moving forward as we have several events planned for the rest of the year. I believe I will bring the experience and leadership that is needed right now. If you put your trust in me, I can hit the ground running. First thing I will do is to meet with the current Board members to see where we stand with all the events currently planned - to see if the coordinator and volunteers of each event are comfortable where they are in the planning process, or if they need more help. I will also meet with the treasurer to see where we're at with our 2024 budget. I'm assuming everything is fine, but our fiduciary responsibility with your dues is paramount, and it's important for the new president to check in with Martha to know where we stand, budget wise. Remember what Ronald Reagan said trust, but verify, that's all I'm suggesting. By doing some research for

applying for this position, it has become apparent to me that our bylaws need some tweaking. I was a fire code official for nearly 20 years, a union VP and on our fire department's management team, so I understand rules, codes, contracts, bylaws and P&P's. If there is ambiguity, or if they aren't crystal clear, they should be looked at. I feel ours need to be looked at, with some language tightened up a bit. Not drastic wholesale changes, just some tweaking. I will appoint 2 members to work with me on this and recommend changes to the BOD, then to the membership.

In closing, we have a great club, with great members. We also have a great past and a great future if we will work together toward a common goal. I would appreciate your support and vote. In return, I will do my best to steer the ship as straight as possible until the end of the year.

Thank you,
Chuck Hirsch