

The Viewpoint Tennis Club was organized on December 9, 1986 , about 6 months after VP park opened, with 22 members. Ed Crudup was Elected President. A constitution and Bylaws was adopted. The only courts were the 4 West Courts. Players self rated as A, B, or C(lowest) players with 3 teams formed, with each team electing its own playing Captain. Hans Kusche of H.K. Tennis Clinics Inc lived in the park and was a teaching Professional. Members wishing lessons paid him directly. There was no free voluntary beginners program. Members contributed voluntary donations for food (50 cents for matches in park) and the park provided coffee. **Dues** were established as **\$1/year**. Court erosions problems, court use scheduling(one sheet per day, singles 1 hr limit, double 2 hour limit, no more than 2 advanced reservation sign up's/person **per week!!!**), wind screens, **self ratings** amongst the **newly formed EVTL were major concerns**. Royal blue was chosen as the club's colors for shirts with white short and socks for uniforms. At the final spring meeting March 31, 1987, it was announced that a **12x12 storage shed plus bleachers** were to be added at the SE corner of the tennis courts. Al Salloum and Warrene Pierce are still members in 2012-13

In 1987-88 Ed Crudep was reelected President with club membership expanding to 65. Club dues were increased to \$5/year—Courts 3 and 4 were repaired. Hans K remained the “pro”, a shed and **Ball machine** were added. Kitchen materials and equipment were checked out as needed by the teams. EVSTL matches were played on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Water jugs were also added to the courts.

!988-1989 Al Salloum was elected President, and membership increase to 72. The **First in Park tournament** was held, as well as the **First Spring Fling Banquet**. A spaghetti dinner was held to raise funds for the Tennis Club. Wind screens were added in January 1989, courts were repaired and lights added.

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1989-1990—no club membership total listed, but Gene Pauley was elected President. Clair Feiereisel arranged for U of Illinois Tennis team to visit Viewpoint.

1990-1991 – Membership increased to 100 with Harry Crane Elected President. Club **Dues were \$7 with \$5 to each team** for food at EVSTL matches. **Chris Langdon**, a Certified Professional Tennis Professional, was selected by the EVTL **to rate ALL EVTL players, using the USTA Skills numeric system**, for \$2/person. Many players unhappy with their ratings, especially those who were rated lower than they had self rated themselves. Spring Fling Dinner was catered at \$8/person. Han K still the in-park Pro.

1991-92 Membership still about 100 with Bill Dolan elected President. There are 6 VP teams(1- 2.0, 2-2.5,2-3.0, 1-3.5) Dues remained at \$7. A 12 man VPTC volunteer fencing crew repaired and replaced much fencing. **A fun Christmas tournament held for First time.** Don Foley arranged for ASU Women's tennis team to visit VP. Spaghetti banquet again held to raise funds for VPTC. (Raised \$1000). **EVSTL(name change with Senior added) ok's 45 y.o. as players, SCOREKEEPERS added, First SVE FARNSWORTH .** Patio canopy added.

1992-93 Roger Gray elected President with 106 members. **Dues increase to \$10/year- \$5 to Club and \$5 to team.** Also \$5 /player for hosting out of park teams at VP tournaments. EVSTL has 12 parks. **EVSTL Ratings still an issue** for VP even with a rating committee. Not all parks rate the same way.

1993-94 H. Monk Elected President- no minutes but lists of about 118 members. **FIRST mention of 1.5 team-** by coordinator Joe Mammino requesting court time. **First Breakfast in the Desert hosted by Dawson's.**

1994-95 Ruth Nelson elected president. **FIRST CANAM- in park tournament** VP has 124 members. EVSTL has 17 parks. EVSTL recommends all parks practice **tiebreakers** to avoid confusion during matches. Bill Dolan engineers (over 1000 hours of work) repainting courts, adding new fencing, posts, and gates.

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FIRST Adopted Charity at Christmas(a family). FIRST Breakfast in the Desert hosted by VP 2.5 White Tennis Team. U of Illinois Men's Tennis team visits VP. Tennis Club Fundraiser—IGOR's Jazz Band and Ice Cream Social.

1995-96 Nancy Nicola elected President with 116 members. Club Dues raised to \$15 (\$5 to team). Microwave and Refrigerator donated to club. Cracks on courts 3 and 4, wind screens need, **Casino night started as Fund Raiser.** Volunteers built tables for the event. **Nancy Nicola elected VP of EVSTL and league scheduler.** Breakfast in Desert at Usery Park.

1996-97 Doug Dehne elected President, with 167 members... New Court **Shed called the "LOVE HUT" donated by the Park.** Windscreens added to Courts 3 and 4, and a **new Ball Machine purchased by the Club(users paid \$5 a piece until paid off).** Monte Carlo(Casino night) raised \$1800. **Club participated for 2nd time in St. Patrick's Day Parade.** First time **Impark tournaments with SVE,VO, and Silver Ridge reciprocated** with events at their parks. **A Halloween Tourney, Sweetheart Mixed Doubles tourney and a Tennis Pool Party were FIRST time events.** Spring Fling was catered event with each team doing a skit. During this year, the 10th of the VPTC, a **"Hall of Fame"** was established with all past presidents honored.

1997-98 Ralph Bell elected President with 190+ members including about 20- 1.5's. Coached by Gary Bartleman. Christmas family everyone asked to donate \$5 plus some canned foods. Breakfast in Desert at Usery, **Park has purchased 30 additional feet** for possible **new East tennis courts** in the Future(possibly by **fall of 1999**) Crowded courts scheduling problem. **Court Courier (Tennis club newspaper started).** **Nancy Nicola elected President of EVSTL.**

1998-99 Ken Heide elected President with 239 members in club including 48- 1.5's with Stan and Karen Wood as coaches. Rating Guidelines were revised for VPTC. East Court construction started spring 1998. HK Pro left park.

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SVE no longer Farnsworth tournament... X-mas Family donations close to \$1000K. Casino night raised \$4000 for VPTC. West Courts resurfaced November 98—so team league play at Prospector park.**Breakfast in Desert moved to November.**

1999-2000 Peg Ranous elected President with about 300 members including **largest 1.5 group in Club history**—68 new players with 19 moving to 2.0 or 2.5 during the 99-2000 season—Linda and Bob Pigorsch were coaches along with Sandy Kincaid and Dick Johnson. **Casino night voted out.** Revised Ratings to move down with 35% games in line 4—lowest drop to 2.0. 11- VP teams from 1.5 to 4.0 team, **6 New East Courts available for play in November, Dedicated in December 1999, with new kitchen and two storage sheds. All East Courts also lighted.** No water in “Love Hut” at West Courts.

2000-2001 Garnett Hammer elected President. 294 Members(86 couples), with 13 teams from 1.5 to 4.0 Gene and Pat Sullins ran 1.5 team-19 players. Christmas Charity-\$1300 . No meeting minutes found

2001-2002 Dick Johnson elected President with membership at 289. West courts were resurfaced and a new West court storage shed built near horseshoe pits and court 10. **Dues at \$25 (\$15 for Club and \$10 for team).**Tickets for Sat tournament **\$4 +(\$1 late purchase fee)** and rating guidelines changed with move up if winning 50% in at least 6 games. **STAR team formed** and allocated 4 courts/week-12 members... No lights now on west courts. 1.5 team 28 members- Judy and Jerry Farr coaches.

2002-2003 Stan Wood elected President. 307 members with dues still at \$25 . Farris still coaching 1.5's with 30 members. **SUNSHINE ACRES becomes Christmas Charity.** Tennis Club is one of 8 VP clubs sponsoring Casino night—club earned \$878(most of any other club). 26 new scorekeepers added. **FIRST NEW complete REDRAW of TEAMS in Spring . Future redraws each year.** No sink at West Courts and **Club votes to purchase new Ball Machine** for WEST

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courts with old machine to go to EAST COURTS. **Largest Invitational ever at VP -359 persons with Greenfield.** East Court Sound system installed.

2003-2004 Larry Warnke elected President with 359 members- including 51 --1.5 players with Farr's coaches. A **new ball machine purchased(\$3162)** and **Food handlers permits required** if selling food(lunch tickets). Changed to a **PARTICIPATION FEE for In Park Tournaments of \$4/participant +\$1 late fee.** TRILOGY added to EVSTL. If #1 player in EVSTL gets winning % to move up but does not, **VPTC voted we may refuse to play that player.** Viewpoint voted to move **EVSTL league start times to 9:30 a.m. at VP** to allow for court use from 8-9:30 a.m. by club functions. Also voted to instruct VO that VP will not play at VO invitational's unless use the 1 hour format d/t no way to plan players start times otherwise. Tennis Club votes to support **TENNIS AGAINST CANCER tournament** in January 2004—ended up raising over \$10,000 for Cancer Research. Sunshine Acres Christmas fund raised over \$1200 plus furniture, clothing, food, and equipment donations. Rating Guidelines again reviewed and revised. Defibrillators on courts discussed. Larry Warnke collects cost data and recommends Replacement/**resurfacing of WEST COURTS** studied and recommended by VPTC to the Park. **FIRST BUDGET for VPTC** developed and handed out Spring of 2004 effective April 4,2004 for 04-05 season

2004-2005 Dale Bowen elected President with 351 members including 38 1.5's coached by Harry and Marie Bitman. **CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS were revised and adopted January 2005.** Tennis against Cancer tournament raised over \$17,000 this year due to efforts of 4 couples. Casino night again raised \$1045 for the club. Al Colter headed a **PRO SEARCH committee** that eventually **recommended Chris Langdon Sports** which was approved by the board and Membership for exclusive in park tennis professional lessons. **FIRST COMPLETE BUDGET report April 5, 2005** presented by George Peck, Treasurer. EVSTL discusses possibility of over 75 league.

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2005-2006 Judy Farr elected President with membership of 391 of which 71 are 1.5's with Jerry Gowen as Coach/Captain. VP has 18 teams from 1.5-4.0. Rating committee expanded to 6 members. Invitational participation fee increased to \$6 +\$1 late fee. VP Tennis 7 member Long range planning Committee established with Dale Bowen Chair, 1st meeting 11-21-05 and Report to Board February 7,2006.(Dale's meeting Minutes and personal notes from contacting other EVSTL Clubs) Also Lee McDougal and his committee Created the FIRST Tennis Club Inventory of equipment and courts.(Dale's private notes) submitted to Board January 2006.No minutes found for 2005-06

2006-2007 Ed Dewald elected President with membership of 426 and 1.5 team Coached by Jerry Gowen of 63 players. No minutes found for 2006-2007.

2007-2008 Sue Byrnes elected President with membership of 521 and 1.5 team of 105 and Jerry Gowen Coach and Captain. Self rating begins in March of 2008. Christmas fund raised \$2268 for Sunshine acres.

2008-2009 Jim Gerhardt elected President with membership of 281 and 1.5 team of 35 Coached by Jerry Gowen. Self rating club retroactive to Nov 3, 2008. 16 teams , and Christmas fund to Sunshine Acres of \$1375. No minutes found except January 19,2009 General meeting.

2009-2010 Clive MacRaild elected President with 405 members, and 41- 1.5 Members. Christmas Fund raised \$2347 for Sunshine Acres. Club Dues \$30(\$20 Club and \$10 Team). Meeting agenda's for Oct, Nov and January but no official minutes found.

2010-2011 Ralph Sharp elected President with 455 members including 45 -1.5 Members(Gowen Coach). Christmas Fund for Sunshine Acres \$2,800.

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2010-2011(Continued) Meetings were conducted between the Park and a Long Range committee about recommendations for replacement of West Courts. No meeting minutes found. Club Dues were increased by a vote in March of 2011(noted in personal notes of Oct 18, 2011 minutes) to \$50—(\$20 Club operation, \$15 to Club maintenance Reserves, and \$15 to Team)

2011-2012 Joe Morton elected President with 378 Members including 34-1.5 members(Dale Bowen Captain/Coach) and 55 STARs team members.

2012-2013 Del Stitt Elected President with 379 members including 53-1.5 Players (Bowen Captain) And Christmas Fund for Sunshine Acres raised \$2200,

VPTC History Update for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015

March 12, 2015 -- by Dale Bowen

2013-2014

Pres-Ramona Rees, VP- Deena Burns 373 members, Dues \$50/year

39 1.5 Members, 27 moved to 2.0 in March 2014, Dale Bowen , 1.5 Captain. Club installed new Sunscreens and Frames, on Courts 1 and 2(Park Purchased), Chris Langdon Tennis Professional contract renewed, VPTC Website installed and updated by Ben Wilford, Larry Beres, and Joe Sparrow. Ed Dewald and PPAC updated moveup/movedown policy , Spring Fling Banquet at Tia Royal Islanders honored 5(five) club members still playing tennis over age 90.

2014-2015

Pres- Deena Burns, VP – Bob Allan ,384 members, Dues- \$50/year ,

35 actual—(48 turned out to at least 2 practices) 1.5 members with 21 moved to 2.0 in March 2015, Steve Shults Captain, and Debbie Chang , Co-Captain. Member Conflict Resolution Policy adopted. Langdon had tennis Professionals working with 1.5's and 2 other teams at least one practice/week. Stars team had 62 members with Jim Eggen , Captain and Bev Latrace Co-Cpt. Major events of year—First Viewpoint Holiday Mixed Doubles held in January

2015 Directed by Judy and Ken Gamble. First "Under the lights" in-park Viewpoint tournament last week of February organized by Jody Sander. New Blue Awnings installed on East courts, 104 seat cushions fabricated by club members, Viewpoint on-line court registration premiered summer 2014, then utilized beginning after EVSTL season March 2015. Chris Langdon's Pro contract extended for another year, Ten-Cap member rating system discussed for experimental use by EVSTL parallel to current system for 2015-2016 season.