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Hello Everyone,

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I can't believe how fast summer has gone by! Thank YOU to Karla, Kelly, Fran, Millie, Melissa, Mike Pitt & The whole staff, for all of their efforts to make this summer so successful!!!

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A HUGE Thank YOU to Richie Kernion & Larry Falgoust for the most Fabulous Seafood Fest we have ever had!!!

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We are still looking for some volunteers for the Bissonet Board. Our wonderful club needs you now!!!! Please call me or any other board member to discuss the possibility of helping out your club! Yes, we REALLY need YOU!!!!!!

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Tennis Court usage schedule is now available. Please look to see the league tennis schedule. This schedule is done monthly. It will let you know ahead of time when the courts will be used by league play. Call the tennis office to reserve your court time 887-3107.

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Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 25 for the general stock holders meeting. It will be held at Bissonet at 7 PM. If you are unable to make it, please send your proxy to the office. The proxy will be included with your October 1 quarterly dues statement, so be sure to look for it!

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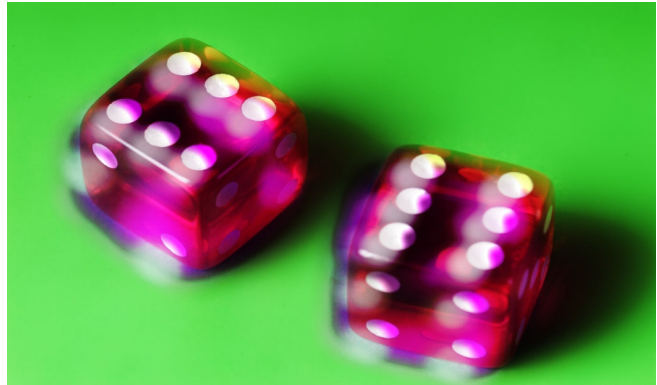
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Kerri Becker

Entertainment

The Seafood Fest/Luau held on August 22nd was a big success! Thanks to Larry Falgoust and Richie Kernion for organizing the event. Over 100 members attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. The Board would like to thank the following members for pitching in to make the event a success: Mike Landry, Judy Landry, Danny LeBlanc, Carl Silva, Billy Boutte, and Pat Bordelon. Having so many people help made the work easier on all, so Thanks Again!!!! Also big thanks to the Band who volunteered to play for their meal, what a deal!! They are “Hurricane Mike and the Pump Operators” and they were great fun!!!!

September 19th will be an Adult Bonko Party if we can get someone to volunteer to be in charge of it. Without a volunteer, this event may not happen!! RSVP to bissonetcountryc@bellsouth.net if you want to attend or if you would like to be in charge. It will be just like the last event \$10pp and cash bar with money prizes for the winners.



BISSONET MANED DOWNS 2009 DIRECTORY

THE DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP AT THE GATEKEEPER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON AFTER THAT, THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS.

There are a few errors in the directory that have been called to my attention. I apologize for these errors and encourage all members to make these corrections in their copy:

<u>Listing</u>	<u>Change to</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Change to</u>
Couget, Kathy	Couget, Ricky	-	Kathy
Giacone, Brad		Tracey	Tracy
Ledet, James		Diane	Susan
Ledet, Jeffery		Susan	Diane

Advertising typo—see listing for Nicole del Marmol (Realtor/Consultant) first pg of ads after final member listing Ziegler.

Email address correction: change to nikkidel@kw.com (change d to a k) all other ad info correct



MONDAY NIGHT
FOOTBALL IS
BACK AT THE
CLUB FOR
ANOTHER YEAR

COME JOIN US FOR THE GAME

Bar will open at 6:45 PM

GAME TIME IS 7:30 PM

Please bring an appetizer! Adult Members Only!!

Yes, you can invite guests to enjoy the game.

“Join all the regulars for a great sporting event”



BMDCC PART TIME POOL HOURS

SEPTEMBER: HOURS OF OPERATION

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4TH	5 P.M.— 10 P.M.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 5TH	10 A.M. – 10 P.M.
SUNDAY , SEPT. 6TH	11 A.M. – 9 P.M.
MONDAY, SEPT. 7TH	10 A.M.— 9 P.M. LABOR DAY
SATURDAY, SEPT. 12TH	10 A.M. - 10 P.M.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH	11 A.M. - 9 P.M.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

No new members this month. **MEMBERSHIPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!.**

Babysitters

The following members have requested that their names and numbers be listed as available for babysitting other members children:

- Madison Granito h-885-5732 c-352-7456 (age 16)**
- Taylor Granito h-885-5732 c- 352-5827 (age 16)**
- Nicole Robert h-889-1472 c-430-0763 (age 18)**
- Stephanie Sommers h-466-5285 (age 14)**
- Kimberly Watts h-304-9307 c-481-1995 (age19)**

Please give them a call if you need child care.

Volunteers needed to run for BISSONET BOARD

The Bissonet Board Members urgently request that club members consider serving our club as a board member for the upcoming term that begins October 2009-September 2011, a two year term.

The Board consists of 11 members, just like yourself, who work together to plan events, consider and make decisions about facility upgrades, monitor the financial and social health of our club, and see to it that staff is in place each year to serve your needs and make sure that you enjoy your investment. This upcoming election has potentially as many as 6 key board members leaving the board, some after several terms of service to our club.

The following KEY members are definitely stepping down at the end of their term:

Richard Kernion (6 years of service)

Larry Falgoust (4 years of service)

Tracy Giacone (2 years of service)

The following KEY members terms are expiring but have not yet definitely decided if they will serve for another term: (WE HOPE THEY WILL)

Eric Heidingsfelder (2 years of service)

Craig Berthelot (2 years of service)

Carolyn Hefner (2 years of service)

As you can see, we potentially will need to replace 6 out of 11 spots on the Board in just a few months. This past year one board position remained open, unfilled. Therefore, we will have between 4 and 7 positions to fill for October 1, 2009. **We cannot express the urgency of having club members step up and become more active. It is more important now than ever before.**

The Annual Stockholder meeting, where new Board Members are elected, will take place on the 4th Sunday of October per the By-Laws. This year that **Sunday is October 25, 2009.**

Members interested in filling open positions should contact the office or any Board Member. See contact numbers on the bottom of this e-mail. If you are interested in joining the Board, or would like to see what it is like to be a member, you are welcome to attend our next meeting on September 23, 2009 at 7pm.

Please consider giving of your time and energy to keep Bissonet the wonderful place we all enjoy. All members are owners of this Club, and taking care of our club is the duty of all members. Even new members are eligible of take a position on the Board. All that is required is a willing spirit and a dedication to the club for the future. Thanks for giving this request your fullest attention.

Kerri Becker President 453-5251

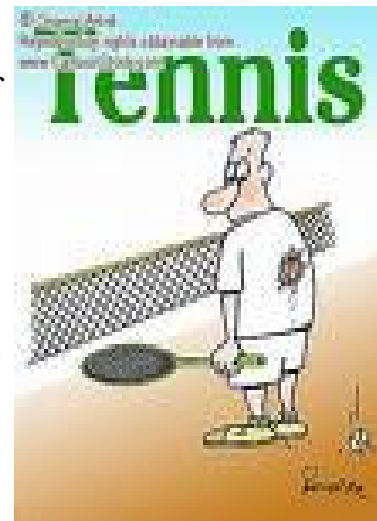
Richard Kernion Treasurer 473-3041

Larry Falgoust Vice Pres 231-9363

Kay Boutte Secretary 343-5024

Passing Shots by E. J. Barry

Summer is fading fast and the fall leagues are now beginning their play. As of September 1 you will find a monthly calendar of leagues, clinics, and court availability. This will be posted above the reservation book to help members in their quest for courts. Please remember for regular play reservations will be accepted 48 hours prior (24 hours for juniors). You may reserve courts in person or by phone. Remember, if possible, should you not need your reservation try to cancel so that other players might have a court. The junior clinic schedule can be found in the newsletter and any questions can be answered by a phone call to the tennis office, 887-3107. Once we clear tropical weather season some of the wind screens will be replaced. Please, please try to close the umbrellas when finished, and above all, close the tennis reservation book. Should the reservation book suffer wind or water damage it may become difficult to honor preexisting reservations. Don't forget to register your non-member guests. A guest reservation slip is available by the sign in sheet. See you at the courts. **Tennis Thought: When selecting a doubles partner make sure you have the same goals and work ethic.**



Manager's Corner

Hello Members,

Just a few weekends left to enjoy the club!! A good summer season once again!!

Remember to pick up your directory at the front gate or in the office once the club is closed for the regular season. Look for your e-mailed monthly newsletter and don't forget about our website. I will be working with a webmaster during the off season to learn how to make our website the most effective for communication with the membership. Call me at the office anytime. If I'm not in leave a message and I will call you back or e-mail me at bissonetcountryc@bellsouth.net.

Karla Farnet

TENNIS NEWS -SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NOTES/FALL JUNIOR TENNIS INFO

See calendar of league usage at the club PAGE 8. The “Tennis Calendar” will be posted at the tennis sign up book as well as posted on the web site and in the bulletin.

What was decided-

Junior tennis will play on Monday, Wednesday (4-6:30) & Sunday (1-2:30). They will use courts 3 & 4. Twice a quarter, the juniors will host another club for matches. These will take place during a clinic time or mid day on the weekend. 4 courts will be needed and notification to the general membership will be given in advance.

This will open up the courts for ALL membership on Tuesday & Thursday before league play begins.

In January- No USTA Ladies tennis night teams will be based out of Bissonet. This will completely open up Monday’s for general membership.

Adult members can reserve a court up to 48 hours in advance. A junior may reserve a court up to 24 hours in advance.

FALL JUNIOR TENNIS CLINICS

Beginning September 14

ADVANCED JUNIORS

Monday, Wednesday,(5:00-6:30 P.M.)

and Sunday (1-2:30 P.M.)

\$75 per month

10 and OVER BEGINNERS

Monday and Wednesday (4:00-5:00 P.M.)

\$40 per month

10 and UNDER BEGINNERS

Tuesday and Thursday (4:00-5:00 P.M.)

\$40 per month

5-6 YEAR OLDS

Fridays (4:00-4:45 P.M.)

\$20 per month

LIMIT 10 PER GROUP—CALL CRAIG @887-3107

Tennis news-FALL LEAGUES

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11—Generation Gap Tournament

Adult Ladies Tennis-

We are looking for ladies interested to play on Bissonet tennis teams-

Day- Wednesday or Thursday mornings **Night-** Thursday nights

Please contact Kerri Becker if available— 887-6971

September 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		<i>1</i> W-USTA CT 3&4 2-6:30/1-8pm	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> LABOR DAY	<i>8</i> M-JCCA ALL 4 CTS 6:30 TILL	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> J-4-5PM J-5-6:30PM W-USTA 3&4 2-6:30/1-8PM	<i>15</i> M-JCCA ALL 4 CTS 6:30 TILL	<i>16</i> J4-5PM J5-6:30PM CTS 3&4	<i>17</i> J4-5PM 3&4 W-TNT-ALL 4 COURTS	<i>18</i> J4-5PM 3&4	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> J 1-2:30PM 3&4	<i>21</i> J-4-5PM J-5-6:30PM W-USTA 3&4 2-6:30/1-8PM	<i>22</i> M-JCCA ALL 4 CTS 6:30 TILL	<i>23</i> J4-5PM J5-6:30PM CTS 3&4	<i>24</i> J4-5PM 3&4 W-TNT-ALL 4 COURTS	<i>25</i> J4-5PM 3&4	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> J 1-2:30PM 3&4	<i>28</i> J-4-5PM J-5-6:30PM W-USTA 3&4 2-6:30/1-8PM	<i>29</i> M-JCCA ALL 4 CTS 6:30 TILL	<i>30</i> J4-5PM J5-6:30PM CTS 3&4			
W- WOMEN'S LEAGUE PLAY M-MEN' LEAGUE PLAY J-JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAY						

Schedule of Events

SEPT. 7 Labor Day

SEPT. 19 Bonko Party

UPCOMING OCTOBER EVENTS

**October 25th General Membership Meeting and
Election of New Board Members**

October 30th HALLOWEEN PARTY (adults only)

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Pool open 5pm-10pm	5 Pool open 10am-10pm
6 Pool open 11am-9pm	7 LABOR DAY- POOL OPEN 10AM-9PM	8	9	10	11	12 Rental 9pm- 1am Pool open 10am-10pm
13 Pool open 11am-9pm	14	15	16	17	18	19 Bonko Party 7pm
20	21	22	23 Board Meeting 7pm	24 Rental 4:30- 8:30pm	25	26 Rental 7-11pm
27	28	29	30			
See Tennis Calendar on Page 8 of Newsletter for all Tennis events in September						

CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

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- All children using the baby pool must be accompanied by a person 13 years of age or older.
- The 10 minute break for the big pool is reserved for people at least 18 years of age and those holding or immediately supervising a child two (2) years of age or younger.
- Children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers or a diaper with rubber pants under their swimsuit.
- **Glass is not permitted outside in any area/Do not bring glass out of bar.**
- NO running at any time in the pool area.
- NO one shall be permitted in the pool when lifeguards are not on duty.
- NO pets of any type are permitted on club property.
- Talking to lifeguards or loitering at the lifeguard stands is strictly prohibited Only children 5 years old or younger may use the baby pool.
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- Ball playing in the pool area is at the discretion of the lifeguards on duty. NO WATER BALLOONS.
- No eating or drinking in the pools.
- Guests must be signed in by the sponsoring member when entering the club/facility. Guests must leave the club when the sponsoring member departs.
- All injuries, no matter how minor, must be reported to the Manager on duty.
- Children who are 9 years old or younger must be supervised by a person at least 13 years of age when using the pool facilities prior to 6:00 p.m.
- Children who are 10 through 12 years of age may use the pool unattended (prior to 6:00 p.m.) when they successfully pass the swim test provided by the pool manager and/or staff. The swim test will consist of:
 - Jumping in the shallow water feet first
 - Swim the length of the pool (25 yards) free style.
 - Float on back for one (1) minute.
 - Tread water for one (1) minute.
- All children 12 years of age or younger must leave the club at 6:00 p.m. unless accompanied by an adult.
- **TEEN ROOM: You must be at least 10 years of age or older to be in the game room from club opening time until 6:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. you must be at least 12 years of age to be in the game room. WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 12 YEARS OF AGE TO BE IN THE GAME ROOM.**
- **DIVING BOARDS:** Only one person at a time is permitted on the diving boards. Children who require a flotation device must be accompanied by a person at least 13 years of age.
- **SLIDE:** Children must be at least 48" inches tall to use the slide alone. Children less than 48" inches or who require flotation devices must be accompanied by a person at least 13 years of age.
- The front door of the clubhouse will remain locked at all times, all members and guests must enter through the gatekeeper.
- **All tennis guests must check in with the gatekeeper and pay a \$5 guest fee. In the off season, guest slips can be put in the box and fees will be charged to their account in the quarterly bills beginning with the October 1, 2009 billing cycle. Members caught bringing guests using the courts without paying guest fees will be charged \$50 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense, and suspension from the club on the third.**
- **We are a family club and want to maintain a family environment. Please dress accordingly when coming to swim and/or sunbathe on the club grounds. Management reserves the right to ask anyone dressed inappropriately to cover up or exit the grounds.**
- Play equipment is not supervised by Bissonet personnel. Parents are required to supervise their children on the play equipment. All activity is Play at Your Own Risk.

Board Minutes— AUGUST Meeting

BISSONET MINUTES – August 2009

TENNIS COURTS

The following members came to the board meeting to discuss tennis rules/court use: Bob Walsh, Chris Braud, Colinda Dupuy, Maureen Mason, Sid Trouard, Sidney Trouard, Angella Ruello, Krista Saunders, Donna Martel, Georgia Harrington, Don Soignet

Bob Wash addressed the Board concerning tennis court use. He and about twelve other members have been reserving courts for play at the same time for 25 years and recently have not been able to do so due to Junior play. He stated that this summer there were times when Junior Tennis Leagues were using all four courts for multiple days, and as a result, he and his friends had to play at City Park. Bob (acting as spokesman for his group of tennis mates) feels the issues would be resolved if Juniors were not allowed to reserve courts after 5PM including lessons, and leagues must confine their play to courts 3 & 4 before 7PM and courts 2, 3 & 4 after 7PM. He would like Courts 1 & 2 to remain open for general membership sign up, and no league play between 5-6:30PM.

Parents of children participating in the Junior program stated that their family membership affords their children the opportunity to use the courts as much as the adult members. They made the point that Juniors are the future of our tennis program, and we should all want tennis at Bissonet to be strong into the future.

Kerri Becker, Junior Tennis Rep. stated that the times being discussed involved make-ups due to rain-outs. The point was made that it was easier to schedule play during 4 – 5PM due to working parents and children's activities.

Don Soignet suggested that communication might improve the problems – send out an email in advance if all the courts will be used.

EJ suggested that new members might not be familiar with scheduling and rules about signing up for courts. This could be resolved by posting Tennis Rules on our website.

A motion was made that there be no league play between 4 – 6:30 PM.

SWIM/DIVE

Maura Owers gave an end of season swim report: The season ended successfully with 125 registered swimmers; 50% were under the age of 10. With these numbers, we will continue to need three coaches. The practice schedule worked well. Kay noted that more divers participated this year, due to coach recruitment. It was suggested that that Diving use 1 coach, and that more aggressive recruitment will increase numbers. Free clinics might generate interest

TENNIS

TNT(Thursday Night Tennis) Is like JCCA for women, members only. Bissonet was accepted for a 3rd team. TNT will use all 4 courts about 2 times a month. TNT is open to all members. Ladies USTA does not play at night. A motion was made and accepted: Four Courts on Tuesday and Thursday will be reserved for JCCA and TNT after 6:30. Motion was made and accepted: Beginning January 1, 2010, no spring USTA tennis will be allowed at the club.

There will be a Challenge Board for both JCCA and TNT.

JCCA men wanted Bissonet to provide drinks for guest teams. Board said no.

Motion was made to open the Bar for JCCA on a trial basis, evaluating usage at the end of 2 months. Motion accepted.

DIRECTORY REPORT

The Levy family printed the directories in exchange for ad space. the board was pleased with the directories.

TEEN NIGHTS

Teen Nights have been cancelled because no one was willing to take charge.

CAJUN LUAU

\$20 a person includes fish, crabs, charbroiled/raw oysters, salad, bread, ice cream bar, and live music.

SECURITY CAMERA

Bissonet received a \$1600 camera proposal. A motion was accepted to accept phase one of the proposal.

Future FUNCTIONS

Bonko 9/19

Adult Halloween Party 10/30

Motion was accepted to schedule another meeting on 8/25 to address The Pavillion and League Play.

Bissonet Maned Downs

5400 Irving Street

Metairie, Louisiana 70003

Office Phone: 504-887-9546

Gate: 504-887-0797

Tennis Courts: 504-887-3107

Bar: 504-887-9552

Fax: 504-887-9866

E-mail: bissonetcountryc@bellsouth.net

Website: bissonetcc.com

All the way with Bissonet!

Important Announcements

The Club now has wireless internet available in the bar and around the pool. If you wish to use your laptop while at the club, see the gatekeeper for the Access code.

Gatekeepers will have a list of members with outstanding balances and will check the list before allowing entrance into the club.

Your Board

Managers for Summer 2009

Kelly McGeehan (Head Manager)

Fran Huggins

Millie Hutton

Melissa Pollet

Please feel free to approach any of the managers on duty while at the club.