



GCTA Board Meeting
September 2023 Annual Meeting
September 19, 2023

Convened by Geoff Bibo @ 7:02 PM

Board Members Attending:

Geoff Bibo	Aaron Ockerman	Fred Duy
Linda Guyton	Eby Day	Lori Brown
Lenny Comeras	Bill Curry	Lois Dosky
Laurel Elmore	Cindy Ferrara	Beth Gibson
Jim Hendrix	Jane McMeekin	Mike O'Callaghan
Marty Pfeifer	Kris Susa	Brenda Toney

Annual Meeting

Nominations Committee Report: Aaron Ockerman

The slate of officers was presented. A Motion was made to approve by Lenny Comeras, and seconded by Mike O'Callaghan.

Welcome to new Vice President Lori Brown.

Geoff Bibo and Jane McMeekin were recognized for their years serving on the GCTA Board

Treasurer's Annual Report:

Fred Duy presented the 2024 budget. The plan is to bump up grants and increase parties for 2024. The goal is to spend more than we take in for 2024, as we have gotten a bit of a surplus. The Grant Committee will be looking at additional recipients. Mike O'Callaghan is talking to High School coaches about the logistics of GCTA providing a scholarship. There is money in the budget that could be used for the Clay Courts Championship, however, in the recent past, no one has volunteered to take this on.

Aaron motioned that the budget be Annual Budget be accepted as presented and Laurel Elmore seconded. The motion carried.

Jim Hendrix moved that the annual meeting be adjourned and continue to the quarterly meeting. Fred Duy seconded.

Quarterly Meeting

July Minutes Approval

The July minutes were reviewed. Fred Duy motioned to approve and Lenny Comeras seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Junior Team Tennis Report-Brittany Smolewski

Brittany reported that since the last meeting they have received the rest of the dues.

Grant Committee Report-Jane McMeekin

There have been no new applications since the last meeting. Kris will be looking for more soon. Buddy Up usually comes in soon. The final report from Champions 2023 Camp was received.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Duy:

All the money owed has been collected. We have \$147,000 in the bank. This is enough to cover expected expenses. We expect to spend roughly \$40,000 for the rest of the year.

Jim Hendrix asked about the court shortage. Linda replied that Jim Amick will be getting the OVRTA report out, and presenting the results. This is for outdoor courts in the city of Columbus.

Women's League: Lori Brown

At the banquet on 9/28, the women will celebrate 11 division winners:

2.5 daytime - Worthington Hills Country Club
3.0 daytime - New Albany Country Club #1
3.5 daytime - Scioto Country Club #1
4.0 daytime - Worthington Hills Country Club
3.0 career - Columbus Country Club
3.5 career - Scioto Country Club #1
4.0 career - Racquet Club of Columbus
Open career - The Players Club
Wimbledon Gold - Wickertree Tennis Club
Wimbledon French Open - Elysium Tennis Club
Platinum - Brookside Country Club

Nine of our locations are represented among the 11 women's champions. Bill and I expect our awards to be delivered to each of our homes tomorrow. This year, winning players will receive bag tags of similar size and shape as the ones from two years ago. They will also receive a small cooler with the GCTA logo on it. As always, winning locations will receive banners, plaques or both.

The GCTA will host three parties this winter. I will be sending out a "save the dates" email before October 1. The dates and formats are:

January 20 (women's doubles at RC)
February 3 (men's doubles at TPC)
February 24 (mixed doubles at RC)

Joy and Paul will return from NC to help us run the parties and our food crew will provide refreshments.

The women's board will meet on October 2. I am currently working on the agenda which will include some minor rule changes.

For me, this will be my last year as the women's chair. I am very honored and excited to become the VP and then the President. I very much appreciate the confidence shown in me and I look forward to my new positions. The goal now is to find someone to replace me and that I can work with throughout this winter and spring - especially during scheduling.

I received information from Tenniscores in April indicating that our scheduler Frank Garabo (aka the Cyber Doctor) was considering retirement although no definite time has been set. I'm not yet sure what that means for scheduling our teams, but we will keep in touch with them throughout the winter.

Men's League: Bill Curry

We have 14 winners being celebrated next week. 11 clubs are represented in these 14 winners. Great diversity of representation from all of the clubs this year.

League Winners

- Gold: Elysium Tennis
- Silver: Lakes Country Club
- Platinum: Northam Park Platinum Poachers
- Diamond: Northam Park
- 3.0: The Country Club at Muirfield Village
- 3.5: Racquet Club C
- 3.5: Champions Tennis Club
- 3.5 Plus: Olentangy Orange
- 4.0: Elysium Tennis
- 4.5: New Albany Tennis Center

Champ of Champ Winners

- 3.0: New Albany Country Club (Hanna & Poulos)
- 3.5: Champions Tennis Club (Augenstein & Eberlyn)
- 4.0: Scioto Country Club (Arthur & Holmquist)
- 4.5 Plus: Worthington Hills Country Club (Allison & Collette)

The Men's Board will be meeting on 9/21 to review the season and capture key feedback in preparation for the 2024 season.

There was discussion regarding interest in a Mixed Doubles league. USTA has a Mixed Doubles division but GCTA does not. There would be the question of when and where there would be room to do this. We could have a potential survey in January. Lori noted if people were looking for a social tennis event, there may be room for a summer Mixed Doubles Party similar to the Winter Parties.

Columbus Recreation and Parks-Linda Guyton

In the absence of a CRPD representative, Linda reported that CRPD has hired someone to be the rep for tennis. Her name is Kimmie Confar. When she is on board, Linda will be meeting to talk about our expectations, particularly of what they plan to do with the money from GCTA and they'll need to report how money was spent.

Website-Scott Gerber

Scott's full website report is attached to this email.

Executive Director's Report-Linda Guyton

This quarter the focus was on the Awards Ceremony, notifying the presenters and recipients of the awards, and ordering plaques and banners. Also, finalizing the menu with the caterer, purchasing items and gifts and working out the logistics with the venue, Everal Barn. Additionally, there was Onboarding of our newest board member Eby Day and miscellaneous administrative duties.

Jane noted that Banners have been submitted and the Program is ready to print. We are looking for a new banner design and maker for next year.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

There was no new business

Laurel Elmore made a motion and Jane McMeekin seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm by Aaron Ockerman

NOTE: Board Meeting Dates for 2024:

Tuesday, January 16, 2024
Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

GCTA Web Site Usage

September 18, 2023

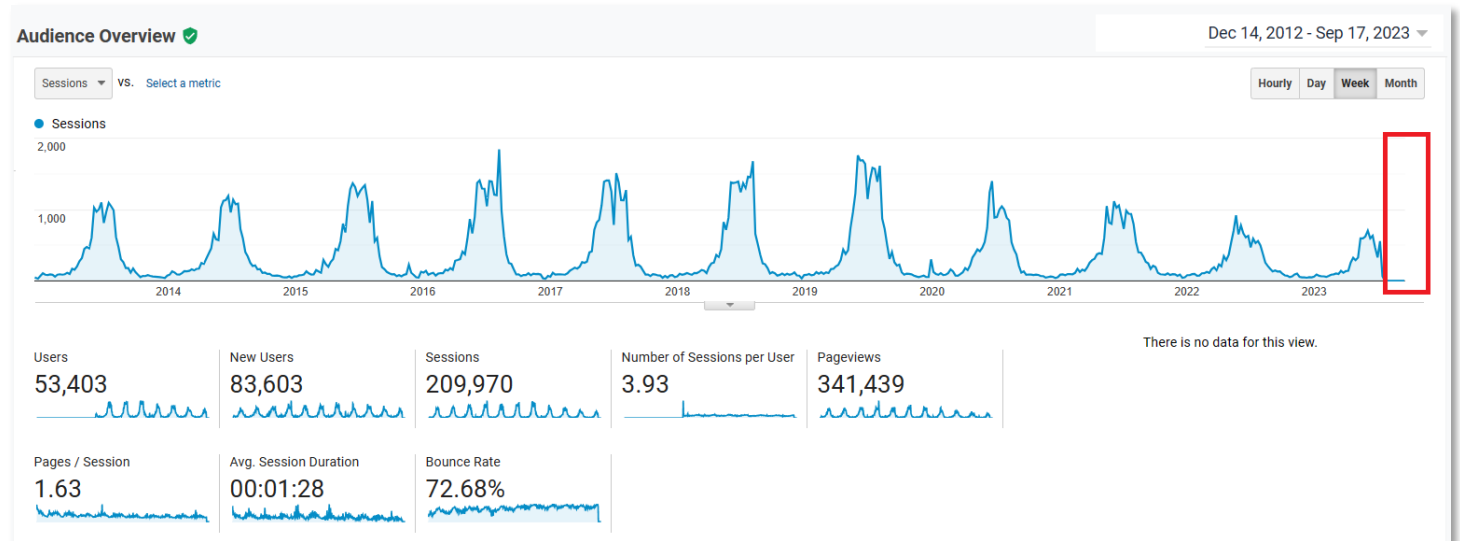
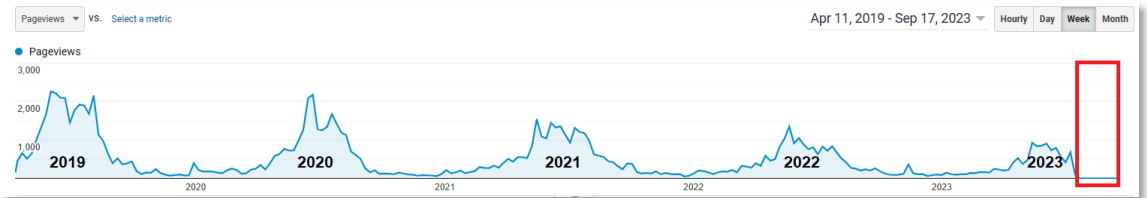
Last weekend, GCTA.net was modified to include the Google tags to support the move to Google Analytics-4 (or GA-4). The usage history, dating back to December 2012, will be wiped out with this move, and the future benefits of GA-4 are uncertain. It appears that this change was primarily done to support tracking of Apple and Android apps, which we do not have. I saved a

substantial amount of usage history in Excel spreadsheets, but it will be cumbersome to merge historical

activity with future usage. A service called Google 360 would offer more solutions for us, but the price tag is steep (\$12,500/month) and Fred would say "no".

I will tackle the OhioTennisZone changes after the girls season ends in late October. I may come up with new ideas to merge old data with new after I finish with that transition.

More photos were added to GCTA.net. They included a playoff match at Worthington Hills between WHCC and Scioto.



A quick view of GA-4 data after just a couple of days of activity.

