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Ann W. Sheedy  
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Re: Wonderous Things In Region V

Dear Ann and all APTA Board Members,

Things are going great in Region V. Here are some of the highlights:

1. Platform tennis participation is still growing in the Chicago area. Another new 4-court facility has been added at the LaGrange Country Club. And many area clubs continue to upgrade their facilities. The Chicagoland Leagues now have 43 participating Clubs with most facilities having 4 courts and five facilities have 6 courts.
2. Tournament participation is strong with Charities, Milwaukee Open, IL States, Chicago Series Tourney all doing well.
3. A new tournament was added this year in Chicago, the Cabin Fever Classic. It is planned to take place every year between Christmas and New Year. The inaugural event was not a APTA Ranking Tourney, but it is the hope that in 2019 this will be a ranking tourney. Tournament Directors are Peter Rose & Ben McKnight. There is a request for some tourney rule modifications for this one day tourney. For Round 1 & 2 in the main draw, 3<sup>rd</sup> sets would be super breakers. And all back draw matches would be 3<sup>rd</sup> set super breakers. Projected rating would be between 2.0 and 3.0.
4. Minnesota is considering reinstating a tournament this upcoming season. It was my recommendation that this first year, that they not apply to be a ranking tournament. To first get all the kinks out of running a tournament, and then the following year, consider applying for a ranking designation.

Sincerely,

Charlie Usher