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Greetings NVTA member!

We hope you are enjoying the NVTA eNewsletter! We have heard that some browsers are not allowing our newsletter graphics to appear. View the newsletter online to see all the pix and graphics. You can now conveniently check recent eNewsletter archives as well as the NVTA Court Calendar on our website, napatennis.org thanks to the volunteer services of our expert webmaster Gil Lima and calendar chairman, Chuck Simonds



Members are invited to submit news and photos. Got news about a recent tennis trip? Please share the story with us! The eNewsletter will be published monthly and the deadline for submissions will always be the 25th of the month. For those members who do not use email, a printed copy will also be available at Sportabout.

Changing your email address? You can update your address at the bottom of this newsletter.

President's Serve



I guess your mother or spouse does not ask when you get home "where is your jacket?" because we are almost ready to open a clothing store! If you are missing clothing please check with Lis MacDonald or Lorraine Fazzolare or any board member and they will show you what is available. All items not claimed by the end of May will go to Community Projects.

The monthly board meeting is held at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of every month. The May meeting will be held at the home of Fred Facchini. Members are welcome to attend. Please contact Bob Walsh

(bobwalsh10@comcast.net) if you plan to be a guest at the meeting.

-Bob Walsh, President

We Welome New and Renewed Members

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3.5 Senior Ladies Headed to Nationals!



The 3.5 Senior (Barely) Women's Team, captained by Jan Edwards, swept through Sacramento with 3 days of victories. At times, Jan felt like she was trying to control her third grade class on a field trip as the "girls just want to have fun"! There was plenty of great tennis and a lot of great celebrating. After a team win on Friday, the group celebrated dinner with an abundance of champagne and wine, feeling they needed to represent Napa Valley appropriately. The 12 teammates, and one lucky spouse, Harold Zagunis, had the restaurant hopping. Our entourage soon became known as "Harold and his Harem"! They even got the waiter to show us his "hidden" tattoos after he saw our "Tennis Chicks" tattoos. There was only one empty seat, waiting for Bob!

The "Bubblicious" team was well-represented throughout the weekend with captain Jan Edwards at the helm, Terri Andrews, Pam Bellefeuille, Ruth Berggren, Sheila Chapman, Lorraine Fazzolare, Cindi Glasier, Tamara Krautkramer, Sue Savino, Sue Smith, Cheryl Sweeney and Karen Waite making the trip. They were only missing Terry Christophel and Kathleen Williams.

The dynamic duo team of Lorraine and Terri did not drop a set all weekend. Friday and Sunday were cakewalks, but they had a nail-biter on Saturday when they won the first set tie-break 9-7 and were down 0-4 in the 2nd set. They must have been thinking it was getting close to champagne hour because they came back to win the next six games to win their match!

The team of Cheryl and Tamara also won all three of their matches, continuing their undefeated season. There were some close moments: in Friday's match they were in a 3rd set tie-break, down 4-7. Tamara had one of those overhead-drop shots, use all the racquet type of shot and the ball landed in, to all of our amazement! We knew this was the turning point of the match. From that point on, they were re-energized and closed out the match to give us the team win on the first day. On day two and three, they were right on the tails of Lorraine and Terri, closing out their short matches just moments later to give us the team win both days. These gals may be from the other valley (Sonoma) but they sure did make us proud to be on the NVT A team.

Cindi and Pam represented our third team. They were our 'little engines that could' team. They came up on very tenacious opponents the first day and barely lost in the 2nd set tie-break. On day two they came out strong and brought their opponents to a 3rd set tie-break. They kept believing-'I think we can, I think we can' and sure enough, on the 3rd day they came across their toughest opponents. Against two very crafty players, they pulled off a definitive win.

Three days, three team wins and a three match sweep on the final day!! A picture is worth a thousand words. We're off to Sectionals on May 15th in Walnut Creek! Cheerleaders welcome!

PS, The only bad news is that somehow Captain Jan broke her hand. She says it got caught in a chair while she was getting up to turn in the line up but she probably made it worse with all that hand clapping fro the team! Get well Jan!

3.5 Senior Ladies Are Celebrating Bigtime!



3.0 Senior Ladies Get SOOO Close!

It was in the mid to high 90's (a record for that date) at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 18th when the 3.0 Senior women took to the courts at the Natomas Racquet Club to play Cupertino. This match was to determine which of the two teams would go on to Sections. It could not have been closer with Napa losing in a third set tiebreak.

Our players deserve high praise for the fortitude they showed in playing so intensely and so well under pressure in the extreme heat. We had heard from one of the victorious 3.5 Seniors (who was already back home in Napa before we left to go to our match) that they had won and we really wanted to make it a sweep for Napa.

Nevertheless, the entire weekend was a wonderful experience for all of us. Three of our injured players stayed for the entire weekend. Jim Hess and Jack MacDonald braved the gaggle of women to cheer on their respective spouses and helped liven the party. We were surprised by the arrival on Friday of 3 NVTA rooters and then again on Sunday of another who drove up for the day to support us. They shall forever be honorary members of The Sisterhood of the Tennis Racquet.

We came home proud and tired with great memories of a job well done and a weekend of fun and camaraderie.

Members of the NV TA Senior 3.0 Women's team are: Carol Cole, Diana Corrigan, Maureen Cox, Nancy Gardner, Dolly Grupalo, Kathy Hess, Beverly Leonard, Teresa Levin, Lis MacDonald, Jane Matijasic, Jean Montgomery, Barbara Pahl, Joanne Polglase, Tove Robinson (captain), Barbara Rosenblum, Laura Silva (co-captain), and Bev Van Polen.

Below, players and spectators try to find a bit of shade under one umbrella while waiting for the match to start.

3.0 Senior Gals Before the Match



Winos at Nationals!

If ONLY we had won one of the first round matches we would have gone to the playoff round and who knows? It was a close match and we all had a great time. It was hot and dry (90+ on the court) and the Surprise Tennis Complex was terrific with 25 new courts. It is customary to give your opponents a gift representing your part of the country. We were the gift hero's of the event with our wine bottles. Teams were saying "Boy I wish we could play you guys".

On Monday night we re-connected with our old friend Mike Jameson and his wife Eileen. We went to their home for appetizers and what a lovely home. Then we went to a Rutherford Grill replica called Lyon's English Grill near their home for a super dinner.

Our rooting section included wives Pat Giusto, Ginny Civiello, Joann Facchini, Audrey Palmer with her sister in law, daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren, Mike and Eileen Jamison.

Match Summary:

Match #1 against Eastern Section (our flight winner). Ken Civiello and Graham Alcott won in a third set tie-break in #1, Dick Giusto & Telford Terry lost in a third set tie-break in #2, Clair Palmer and Bob Walsh lost in a third set tie-break in 3rd doubles.

Match #2 against the Southern Section. Ken Civiello & Graham Alcott won 6-1, 6-2 in #1 doubles, Dick Giusto and Ira Smith lost 6-4, 6-3 in #2 doubles. Al Facchini & Tony Kelly won 6-1, 6-0 in number three doubles.

Match #3 against the Missouri Valley Section. Graham Alcott and Clair Palmer won 6-1, 6-1, Ken Civiello & Bob Walsh won 6-0, 6-0 and Dick Giusto and Telford Terry won 6-1, 5-2 (retired due to injury).

The trip home was eventful. Four of us left Phoenix at 3:00 pm scheduled to land in Sacramento at 5:10pm. Just before the halfway point they turned around and headed for Phoenix saying that the airplane had generator problems and we must switch to another aircraft. You always wonder "what is the real story?" Anyway after switching to another plane we finally arrived home in Napa at 9:30 pm.

National Champs of Partying!



Senior 3.0 Team Gets in Through the Back Door

Captain Bob Walsh Reports-We won a spot at the Senior Section by coming in the back door. The top two in a flight of four teams were scheduled to move on to the Section in May. We lost 1-2 the first day to Clubsport Valley Vista from Walnut Creek. The second day we beat a team from Sunnyvale 3-0 while Walnut Creek lost 1-2. So on the final day we had to beat the undefeated Courtside team with the same result as Walnut Creek who was playing the team that had not won. We lost 1-2 and walked down the long walkway feeling depressed because there was no way that Walnut Creek would lose. Wow, we got to the desk and were told that they lost 1-2 and we won the wild card. So every point is important.

The team members are Graham Alcott, John Blasingame, Ben Caron, Ken Civiello, Ron Downs, Al Facchini, Dick Giusto, Tony Kelly, Michael Klesert, Clair Palmer, David Roust, Rodger Schuster, Telford Terry and Bob Walsh.

Mixed 6.0 Team Ends a Great Season

Co-Captain Tony Kelly says regarding our 6.0 Mixed Team:

We gave it all - but came up short. Thanks to all who played this season and especially to our leader Bob!!!

Diane/Ben had a hard hitting 2 set match and came very close with a 5/7 second set. Terri/Mike in color coordinated outfits gave them a run and nearly pulled out in a 2nd set tie breaker.

At that point Tony acting as Captain, volunteered to surrender himself to the Pirates if they would release all the NVTA non self-rated hostages, but Jane's play mitigated this necessity and brought us to within 2 games of winning the 3rd set/match, after our easy first set win.

Coach's Corner



Rick Hanover Reports-Looking for a couple more beginning ladies to join the 2.5 team. Practice is Thursday 5:30-7pm open to anyone interested.

Spring lesson special of 5 private lessons for \$300! Normally \$350.

Junior program for all levels and ages still only \$10 per hour of clinic.

Please call Rick to sign up or ask questions @ 337- 3193.

Junior Tennis League to Start June 16



The Napa Valley Community College courts will host the Junior Team Tennis League Summer 2009 season. The league is for boys and girls eight to ten years of age

Registration will be held May 14 from 6-8 pm and May 16 from 9am-12pm. There will be a \$50 fee required at registration.

Registration closes May 16.

The first 30 players to register will receive a FREE Wilson racket!

For more information, email Heath Rosa at napajuniortennis@gmail.com or call Gwen Knudson at 337-4044. Interested individuals can also visit www.norcalteamtennis.com

More Team News



Senior 70's Captain Bob Walsh Reports- Today, May 7th my 70's team won the Northern California Championship in the 6.5 Men Division at the Harbor Bay Club in Alameda. We won 55 games out of a possible 72 and beat the second place team by 15 games. Currently there are two such events each year and USTA is considering a 70+ League. Our teams were Al Facchini & Louis Martin, Clair Palmer & Ira Smith and Paul Roberts & Bob Walsh.

Super Senior 65 Team Captain Bob Walsh Reports- On Wednesday, May 6th we had a scheduled match at the California Tennis Club in San Francisco so we rented a

van. As we were leaving the parking lot their captain called to say that the misting and overcast made the courts unplayable. So what to do with a rented van and six discouraged players. We decided to head for Fishermen's Wharf for lunch. On our way we spotted the Nantucket under the Carquinez Bridge so we had a wonderful lunch and got home before the traffic.

Please do YOUR Part!

Another reminder about locks and trash. Please close the gates when you leave. Please secure the storage building and clubhouse when you are finished. Instead of putting tennis ball containers in the buckets, take them home and recycle.

The NVTA Court Reporter newsletter will be published monthly. Please submit articles and photos to Bev Wilson.

See you on the courts!

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