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Greetings NVTA member!



*We hope you are enjoying the NVTA eNewsletter! You can now conveniently check the NVTA Court Calendar and recent eNewsletter archives on our website, napatennis.org thanks to the volunteer services of our expert webmaster Gil Lima. Past newsletters are available in the archives. Thanks to Chuck Simonds, the COURT CALENDAR will be available on the website instead of being included in the newsletter. This way you will have the most up to date information. **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 or send me an email with the new*

info.

President's Serve



Another great event! We are getting spoiled as we just completed another great tournament. We hosted one of the four Adult Districts for the Northern California Section. The other three were held at Broadstone in Folsom, Las Palmas in Sunnyvale and Harbor Bay Club in Alameda. Competing were 32 teams and about 300 players. The weatherman cooperated with three very nice days, just a little hot on Sunday. The most unusual team was the goose pooper scoopers. More than once during the tournament the geese dropped=2 0by the courts.

My thanks to all of you who volunteered, the 6:30 am crew who put out the score tenders, single sticks, tables and chairs, filled the containers with water and ice, setup tents, dumped trash and recycle bins; the daily workers who manned the USTA clothing table, the food table and the Wine auction table. The list of volunteers is shown below.

Thanks also to those who donated wine, food and water to help make the event a financial success. Their names are listed below in the Districts article.

The players were very happy with our site and especially the wonderful shady patio. One comment from the USTA representative was that ours was" one of the best she had attended and the members are so friendly".

Bob Walsh

We Welcome New Members

- **Myles DeBoer**
- **Sean Day**
- **Shawn Downey**
- **Pamela Pugh**
- **Gabriel Reis, junior member**

Norcal Districts Hosted by NVTA - Just Like a Country Club!!

The Norcal Districts event could not have happened without the support of the following volunteer crew who set up and broke down every day-

- **Al Facchini**
- **Dick Guisto**
- **Chuck Simonds**
- **Mark Glickstein**
- **Fred Facchini**
- **Matt Forbes**

And the amazing group of volunteers stepped in to do everything from Court Monitors to picking up the trash!

- Til Noeggerath
- Carmen Mackey
- Cindi Glasier
- Jan Edwards
- Sheila Chapman
- Barbara Pahl
- Bruce Lamoreaux
- Gwen Pyle
- Julie and Phil Jerome

Many thanks to the following Wine Raffle donors-

- Barbara Woodbridge- "Gold" the rose wine with gold flakes
- Bob Sibley - Napa Ridge and Forest Glen
- Starmont - Starmont Wines

Thanks to these Silent Auction donors

- Nancy Coursen-Elyse and 5 bottles of other wines -
- Mike Smith-Georges de Latour 2 bottles

- Annie Moore-Silver Oak 750 Cab with 2 wine glasses
- Bev Wilson-Celebration Sparkling Wine Basket
- Al Facchini-Kunde 1.5L merlot

And these members who donated food and beverages-

- Mark Glickstein-Brownies
- Shelly Smith-CTYOMAX drinks
- Bruce Lamoreaux-Bagels, bananas & sandwiches
- Jan Edwards-Soda and Gatorade
- Bottled Water - Carmen Mackey, Tove Robinson, Jan Edwards, Browns Valley Market

Last but not least, our fearless leader and President Extraordinaire, Bob Walsh along with Tournament Director Dedee Winfield and Ref, Cathy Christo again showed they are the real pros. The NVTa members thank all of you.

We sincerely hope no one was left off this Thank You list!!

Pix from Norcal Districts





September Tournament in Sonoma

**Sonoma Valley Tennis
Association**

Marilyn Mertens Fall Tournament
Saturday
September 20, 2008

Sonoma Valley Tennis

**Association invites you to the annual Marilyn Mertens Fall Tournament Saturday
September 20, 2008**

Mixed Doubles Round Robin Format

Snacks and light lunch included. If you need help finding a doubles partner, please let us know.

- Saturday, September 20, 2008
- Maxwell Tennis Courts 100 W. Verano Ave. Sonoma
- Play is from 9:00am to 3:00pm
- Entry Fee: \$10 per player
- Checks payable to SVTA
- Send Checks to Judy Muller, 1114 Fryer Creek Dr. Sonoma, CA 95476

- Entries will close Sept. 18
- Reserve early, entries are limited
- Additional info: Judy Muller 707-933-8020
- Or visit www.sonomavalleytennis.org

**Please include your name, partner's name, email address and phone # along
with your check!**

Attention All Team Captains!

**Reminder to all captains of USTA Leagues and Sonoma Napa Marin Women's
Tennis League (playing at NVTA) - everyone who plays on your team must be a
paid member of NVTA!**

NVTA & SVTA Social Gathering and Fundraiser



Don't miss this party!! Support your Napa Valley AND Sonoma Valley Tennis Associations while enjoying an Italian Harvest Festival at the historic Oak Knoll Ranch. Bruce Lamoreaux and Barb Pahl have generously offered to host this Pot-Luck Fundraiser which will benefit both NVTA and SVTA!!

Theme-Italian Harvest Festival

Date-Saturday September 27th 3pm - 10pm

Activities- Bocci ball (of course), Mark Your Salami (it's a gas!), Paddle Tennis (great hit last year), Horseshoes, Croquet (Barbara's personal favorite), swimming & dancing (oh! La La).

Location-Oak Knoll Ranch, 2200 West Oak Knoll, Napa If you get lost call Bruce's cell - 337-2106
Directions: Hwy 29 to Oak Knoll Ave, turn west to the frontage road then head north on Solano Ave. Oak Knoll road runs adjacent to the large pick/fuchsia building, formally the Red Hen or Zare's but now vacant. The house is one mile back on this road. The road forks twice, take the right fork each time. You will cross two cattle guards. Follow the parking signs.

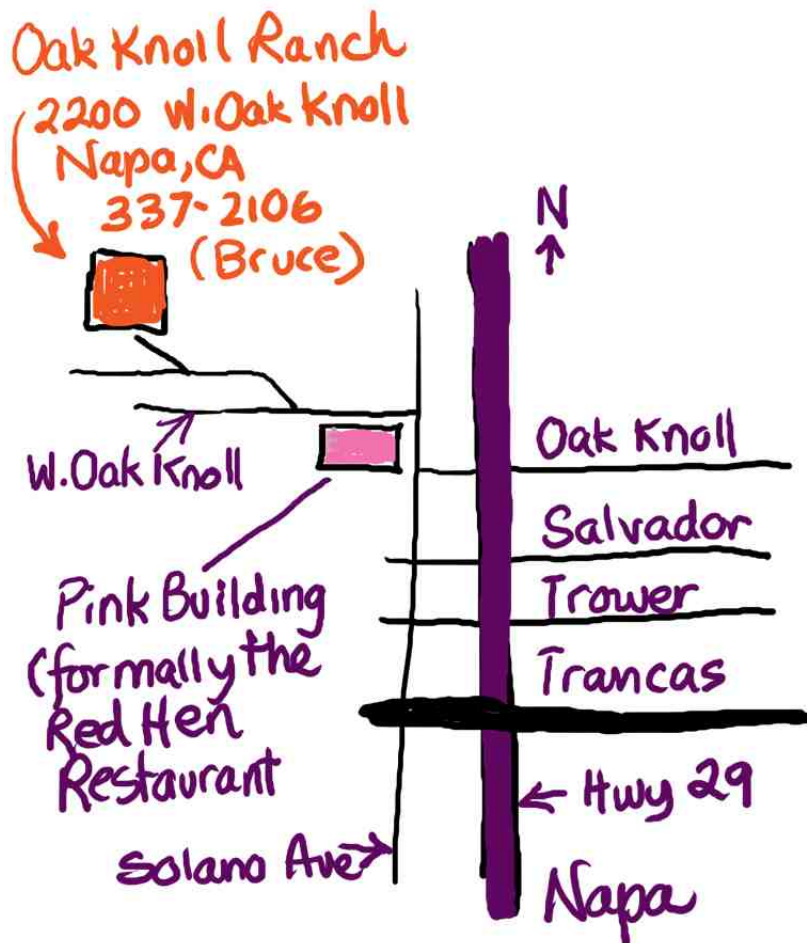
Fee-\$25 per person to be 100% donated to your tennis association. This is tax deductible using your association's non-profit Tax ID number. Bring a check paid to the order of either NVTA or SVTA. We will

have containers set out to hold the checks. If you want to send a check in advance please send to your association but write on the check "Tennis Social"

What to bring to the party- Pot Luck - Italian theme, anti-pastas, salads, entrées, desserts (please pick one) Wine, Beer or Soda (bring a Chianti or another Italian wine to share) Please bring an ice chest if your dish needs to be kept cold. Please bring folding chairs, we have a limited supply. Spouses and SO's invited. (No children please)

What will be provided (besides a really good time)- Beautiful pool side setting beside 1900's Plantation style home, rolling lawns, and views of hillside vineyards and gorgeous rose gardens. Plates, napkins, cups and utensils. Outside seating around the pool for all. Tubs of ice for beer, wine and sodas. Oven for heating but not for cooking.

Directions to Oak Knoll Ranch



Turn at the pink-fuscia building.
Take the right fork twice. Drive to the back of the house for parking.

Tennis at the College Anyone??

Napa Valley College's Fall Schedule of Classes awaits you! Be sure to register this week for the class of your choice. Please note; The catalog was incorrect in listing the second Saturday class (10:30) as beginning. This class and the Thursday night 6:00-7:50 class are designed for advanced students.

If you registered for the Saturday 10:30 AM class and you are not an advanced player, please go to the admin building or online and take care of changing your registration to the 8:30 class for training in the basic fundamentals of tennis. All students can learn in the 8:30-10:20 AM class by working on the basics--even the pro's work on their basics. This helps with muscle memory, safety, and longevity in the sport. Especially if you have only taken 1 or 2 semesters, please register for the Saturday 8:30 AM.

If you are playing on the 3.5 level (or better) locally or have permission from the instructor, sign up for one of the advanced classes. These classes have the least amount of people in them right now.

If you are "max'd out" on the computer (it says you can't take it anymore due to having taken 4 semesters or more), then come to class the first night and fill out a "special" registration card.

Okay, one of those scenarios fits for you. Looking forward to seeing you in class on the 18th of August.

See you on the courts, Rebecca

USTA League Pix



Clockwise: NVT 3.5 team party

Captain Smilin' Jan Edwards

Crane Park 3.5 team on a date in Folsom

Fred Facchini and his 4.0 team





USTA Captain's Corner

Captain Ben Caron Reports-The Fifty Mixed 6.0 completed a winning season with a record of 5-0. If any one needs to reach us October 3, 4 & 5 you can find us at the Tahoe Donner Tennis Center in Truckee, playing in the Section Championships. We are hoping to have company; come on 7.0 and 8.0 teams!

Captain Jan Edwards Reports- The NVTA Ladies 3.5 ended a great season by making it to the playoffs against Vacaville. The team was defeated but the team spirit was high and these photos of the Captains party for Jan and Lorraine says it all!

Captain Lorraine Fazzolare reports- The Upvalley Crane Park ladies 3.5 team went to Folsom to compete in districts for the third year in a row. What can we say? We came close but just barely lost all three matches. As always, the team took Bob out for dinner on Saturday night. The restaurant staff still can't figure out how he does it! There will be a lot of celebrating when this team gets together for their end of season party!!

Captain Sheila Chapman Reports- Our 50 mixed 7.0 team has had a great season. 7-1 going into playoffs. Hope all NVTA members can come and support the team on September 6 at 10:00am

Captain Dick Guisto Reports- Our 3.0 men's team finished a great season but lost in the first round playoffs to Vacaville. And the Super Senior 60, 7.0 team is currently in 2nd place and is guaranteed a spot in the playoffs.

Captain Bob Walsh Reports - Our Super Senior 65 3.0 Team will be competing in the Championships at Harbor Bay Club in Alameda on September 15-17. This is final event for this Northern California only league. And the Super Senior 60 6.0 team is undefeated with two wins and playing on Sunday, August 17th for a chance to go to the Section in October. And also the Combo 6.5 team is off to a good start with a 2 and 0 record.

Co-Captain Fred Facchini Reports- The men's 4.0 team ended a great season going all the way the NVTA districts. Congratulations to all the team members. Fred will be back this season captaining a Senior 4.0 team.

Heard through the Grapevine-Congratulations are in order for NVTA 4.0 member, Deb DeSousa. Her San Francisco 4.0 ladies adult team has made it to SECTIONALS!!!! WOW!!! She won two of her three matches at Napa Districts to lead her team to a 3-0 victory. WELL DONE, DEB!!!

Still Looking for a Camera!



Hey members! Are you upgrading your digital camera soon? We would love to put your old camera to good use and keep it in the clubhouse so we can photograph NVTAs history! (Instruction manual would be helpful!). Of course a new camera donation would also be welcome! (Donations are tax-deductible).

Please email Bev Wilson (address at bottom of page) if you can help!

The NVTAs Court Reporter newsletter will be published the first week of every month. Deadline for submissions is the 25th of every month. Please submit articles and photos to Bev Wilson.

See you on the courts!

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