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Greetings!

H.I.T.S. Program



Coach Alex Lorraine (right) admires a young superstar's new forehand developed during one of the six H.I.T.S lessons. See H.I.T.S. article below.

A Message from our President....

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Here we are ... the end of August nearing us...harvest upon us. The days getting shorter as the sun moves quickly, dipping behind the mountains of our narrow valley. Farmers, or vintners as we call them in our "hometown", find the challenge of tending to their vines and vineyards as the daylight hours shorten. Many evenings, you find the lights of tractors dotted throughout the acres of our vineyards prepping for "the perfect harvest". And then there is us - the avid tennis player. With only eight courts, how do we get all of our matches on the limited courts that we have? When is there time for our Round Robin or Mixer? Will we have to skip a month... two ... or three? The challenges are all real - relative to our space and time at the moment and in life.

The Board of Directors have heard, and listened. We understand the need for court time - to just be able to "drop in" and play a fun or competitive game of tennis - during day light hours. We have come up with a simple solution of starting only one match at 9:00 am. This will allow for more court availability on the weekends for drop-ins. Zack is ready to attempt this feat, but he (and we) also understand that with the solution of one challenge, brings other challenges. As a captain, please understand that you will not be able to play all your matches at 9:00 am. They will be spread out throughout the day. We only have eight courts and limited daylight hours, and although we have made some improvements, lights have not been installed for evening tennis. Be supportive. Be understanding. The "why" of the scheduling changes is a result of the feedback we have heard from our members. So, come on down - play some pickup tennis, participate in some clinics or take a lesson - we will have courts for you!



As our Club membership continues to grow (we have over 340 active members), our stewardship is even more important. We have had several instances where the Clubhouse doors have been left unlocked, and in some cases, wide open. If you have a Clubhouse key (Captains and Board Members), please ask those who are left when departing the Club if they have a key to lock up, or ask if you should lock the doors of the Clubhouse - even if you did not open them. Many times, players will show up early in the morning who have keys to the Clubhouse, open the doors, and then forget that not everyone has a key. They don't. So please be a good steward of the NVTA and be sure that the doors to the Clubhouse are locked when you depart. We are working hard to improve our Club and what we offer to our members, but we need your stewardship and support. Thank you for your participation.

See you on the courts and at the Silverado College Invitational Sept 7th - 10th at Silverado Country Club and, this year, NVTA!

Ericka

Welcome New Members!

We thank all members that have paid their 2017 Membership dues. We welcome the following new Members:



Heather Teague

Christina and Jade Barrett jade.b.barrett@gmail.com

Scot Davis

Liza Rios Dinoffer

Susan German susaninpoway@cox.net

Philip Harrison p.harrison13@sky.com

Edward Peck

"One Team" memberships are a "one time" offer only to introduce the club to those who have not played at NVTA. If you had a "One Team" Membership in the past, you must now join as an Individual Membership or as a Family Membership.

As a reminder, your membership dues for 2017 was due January 31. Individual Membership is \$100.00 and Family Membership is \$125.00.

You may pay your dues by the following methods:

- Drop your check off with Zack at the NVTA Clubhouse
- Send your check, payable to NVTA to PO Box 2225, Napa, CA 94558
- Log on to our website at www.napatennis.org, click on Membership and scroll to the bottom to use PayPal.

We thank you for your continued membership and your support. If you have any membership questions, please call Dan Hunt at (707 326-3425.) We will see you on the courts!

Your NVTA Membership Dues is tax-deductible. NVTA is a 501(3)c non-profit-- Don't forget to include this donation on your taxes in April.

****If you are having difficulty seeing all the great photos in our newsletter, please be sure to click on "Display Images" on your computer.****

Captain's Corner

Got Filtered Water??

Yes and isn't it nice that you or your teammates no longer have to schlep a case of bottled water and ice up to the courts?! The new water filtration system was very expensive. The board felt it was a good investment in the long run and we are being environmentally conscious by eliminating over 500 plastic water bottles in only two months.

If your team is loving this new addition in the courtyard, why not think about a team donation to NVTA to defray the cost of the fountain?

All Players Must be NVTA Members

Please make sure all your team members are current NVTA members and have paid their annual dues. Please see our "One Team Membership" rule mentioned above.

Locking the Clubhouse Doors and Court Gates

As you leave the courts, please be sure all doors and gates are closed and locked. It is the captain's responsibility. If you are last at the courts with keys, you must lock the clubhouse. We work too hard to keep our club and courtyard beautiful, please don't encourage vandalism.

Reserving Courts for Matches

Captains: PLEASE email [Zack](#), our court scheduler, of cancelled matches so he can take the match off the calendar. It is inconvenient for other captains and NVTA members who check the calendar to see if matches are scheduled.

Please be considerate of your fellow captains and all NVTA members.

Members -- We need your help!!

The 6th Annual College Invitational will be held September 7-10 at Silverado Resort & Spa AND NVTA.

Are you an empty nester? An extra bedroom or two? The College Invitational is fast approaching and we still need housing for a few players and coaches.

You never know....I remember several years ago a friend housed a tall, lanky kid from Georgia. His legs hung over the edge of the bed but he didn't care; he was happy to be in a nice house with a nice family. And that kid grew up to be John Isner!! All you need to do is provide a bedroom, bath, a little tlc, breakfast snack and get them to their matches on time.

We also are looking for donations for our Silent Auction and wine donations for the wine tasting on Saturday, September 9 at Silverado. We need volunteers for the Tasting Lounge and the Silent Auction.

Can't house a player or volunteer? Donate Lunch one day for 16 hungry, growing, appreciative college players.

If you would like to house a coach or player (or a team) please [click here](#) to email Quinn Saine or call him at 707.257.5541.

Members -- Want to play with a college

player?

On Thursday, September 7, there will be a Pro-Am Round Robin from 5:30-7:00pm. Join in the fun and festivities by playing with the college players followed by dinner. The cost of this event is \$150 and the proceeds will go to the NVTA Court Fund.

Please [click here](#) to email Quinn Saine or call him at 707.257.5541 to sign up for this fun event.

The 6th Annual College Invitational will be held September 7-10 at the Silverado Resort & Spa AND the NVTA courts.

Please see article below for more detail regarding all the events of the weekend.

Jammin' July Mixer Round Robin

Another great Friday Round Robin Mixer





Pictured clockwise from upper left: The Winners Circle: Zack Miskel, Heidi Van de Ryt (ladies 1st place), Chris Robbins (men's 2nd place), Ingrid Swenson (ladies 2nd place), Wil Cochrane and Phil Harrison (men's 1st place); Rasta brothers Zack and Wil, Zack and Anna Peck, Prez Ericka Iten, Zack making Jamaica on our deck, Zack and Bev Wilson (winner of the blind serve contest); Phil and Cairn Harrison.

Special thanks to Zack and Wil for creating these fun round robins.

Alright, Alright August Mixer Round Robin

And another great Friday Round Robin Mixer





Pictured left to right, top to bottom: Line up all 32 players; warming up ala H.I.T.S. Training for Adults; The Winners Circle--Zack Miskel, Bruce Miller (men's 1st place), Chuck Simonds (men's 2nd place), Alex Lorraine (ladies 1st place), Wil Cochrane, Tracy Fischer (racquet control champ) and Kim Ward (ladies 2nd place); racquet control contest.)

"Sizzling" September Mixer Round Robin

Save the date: September 15, 5:00pm

"Sizzling September"

Spicy food pot luck

H.I.T.S. Program Ends its Season

The H.I.T.S Program was a huge success. It's a six week program, one hour every Saturday afternoon. We had two groups, one starting at 4pm and the next at pm.

Despite the fact that nearly every Saturday afternoon during the program we experienced 95+ degree temperatures, the kids had a great time and learned the foundation of tennis. They received a life lesson at the end of each clinic. H.I.T.S. is an acronym for Honesty, Inspiration, Teamwork and Sportsmanship.

This program will be offered again next summer and hopefully we will see some of our superstars return!

Led by coaches Wil and Zack, the volunteers were trained to be a H.I.T.S. coach. The coaches were: Wil Cochrane, Carmen Contreras, Kyle Cuddy, Lorraine Fazzolare, Alexandra Lorraine, Zack Miskel, Chuck Simonds, Yong Willendrup and Zdenek Zahradnicek.





Pictured clockwise from top left: coach Chuck is challenged by 'best dressed' T; coach Lorraine watches on as the girls lead the boys in the race to the net; coaches Lorraine and Kyle conduct a 'watch the ball' exercise; coaches Alex and Kyle give a yoga session focusing on stretching and balance; Bella Sims (Terrance's daughter) is loving her last day as she gives us a Starmont tattoo fist pump; coach Lorraine works on hand/eye practice; coach Kyle works with Odin Zahradnicek (Zdenek's grandson) and T; coach Chuck looks at young athletes wondering who will be the next Andre and Stefi; the coaches--Kyle, Chuck, Wil, Lorraine, Zack, Alex and Carmen (not pictured Yong and Zdenek)

A special thanks to Wil and Zack for volunteering their time and making this such a successful program for NVTA!

Watch a 2 minute video about why families are loving this new USTA NorCal program!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmyYNcM7EJ8&t=3s>

For More Information: <http://www.norcal.usta.com/HITS/>

Our Pros are AWESOME!

Wil Cochrane and Zack Miskel took on the pros at Silverado a few weeks ago. It was a great match and very close as all players stayed on serve until Will and Zack went ahead 5-4 and served out the match for an NVTA 6-4 victory over SCC's pros Quinn Saine and Ian Risenhoover.



Left photo: Wil Cochrane, Zack Miskel, Quinn Saine, Ian Risenhoover.

Right Photo: Wil serving, Zack at the net. Doesn't everyone's service motion look like Wil's? If not, you better get a lesson with Wil soon! Are you on your toes at the net? If not, you better get a lesson with Zack soon!

Zack is on the Winner's Platform Again

Zack Miskel and Saint Mary's college teammate Marco Sanchez were finalists in the 5.0 Men's Doubles at Silverado's NTRP tournament last week.



Courtyard -- Member Saves our Trees

A big thank you to member **Nancy Baty** for donating the tree trimming cost to take care of our trees! You may ask why this came about - we did! Once we thanked Nancy for her generosity, we then asked her what propelled her to decide to donate this service. Her response was:

"When I was working as referee for the Super Seniors Sectionals (at NVTA), Napa was having 100 degree temperatures. The trees saved the day for me. When Bob mentioned removing/trimming them, I knew that could not happen and I was determined to do something about it."

As we enjoy the shade from the hot summer sun, we will think of you and smile.

Thank you, Nancy for saving our trees.

NVTA Co-Founder Howard Jamison

We were saddened to learn that Howard Jamison passed away on July 3, 2017, after his brief battle with cancer. Our thoughts are with Howard's wife, Geri, and his family.

Howard Jamison was instrumental in developing tennis throughout the Napa Valley, starting on the Napa Valley College tennis team and later coaching tennis teams throughout the valley. Howard was an NVTA founding father. We thank Howard for his hard work and determination to develop NVTA, as we are currently in our 50 year Celebration. Howard was NVTA Board President in 1977 and again in 1983.

Howard was also responsible for starting the tennis program at Crane Park, in St. Helena.

USTA News -- Women's 55+ 6.0 Team

The Women's 55+ 6.0 team will face Napa Valley Country Club's team in playoffs in September! Shown in the photo from our first match is Jan Gates, Pam Bellefeuille, Jane Matijasic, Kathy Cole, Laura Coffman, Alex Lorraine and Victoria O'Donnell.



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[Zack Miskel](#), NVTA Head Pro

[Will Cochrane](#), NVTA Assistant Pro

Zack's Insights

Stay tuned for September Sizzlin' Specials!

Cheers,

[Zack Miskel](#)

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College Invitational Coming to Silverado & NVTA

We are proud to announce a partnership with Silverado Resort and Spa in expanding the 6th Annual College Invitational, September 7-10. This year the field will expand to 8 top Division I men's teams and half of the matches will be played at NVTA. Teams have included Arkansas, Dartmouth, Oklahoma State University, Pepperdine, University of Hawaii, University of Pacific and University of San Francisco.

The 4 day event will comprise of some of the best tennis teams coming to compete in head to head matches here in Napa and NVTA members will have a chance to play in a Pro-AM event and have dinner with the players.

Schedule of Events

- Thursday, September 7: 5:30pm - Warm up
6:00pm - Pro-Am Round Robin (at SCC and NVTA)
7:00pm - BBQ with teams
- Friday, September 8: 9:00am - Doubles followed by Singles (at SCC and NVTA)
- Saturday, September 9: 10:30am - Singles followed by Doubles (at SCC and NVTA)
10:30am - Wine Tasting at SCC
10:00am - Wilson Racquets Demo
- Sunday, September 10: 8:30am - Matches begin

The most important part is this tournament is an opportunity to fundraise for various tennis causes in The Napa Valley. This year we have decided to allocate our sponsorship funds to the NVTA Court Fund.

We will need to raise money through sponsorships, find accommodations for coaches and players, and provide lunch for players over the course of the 4 day event. **Who will join us in making this a wonderful event at NVTA?**

If you would like to donate or be a sponsor, please reach out to Quinn Saine at quinn.saine@pbtennis.com for more information. If you can't be on the committee, but would still like to help, we will be reaching back out with other ways you can be of service to this great community event.

Thanks,

Quinn Saine

SNMWTL News

This is a photo of from left to right:

Gail Silverman Co-Captain, Joan Sibley Captain and Jane Matijasic Club Rep for our SNMWTL. We won our division 6 and were moved up to division 5. Just when we thought we were done with division 6 the board combined division 5 & 6. It was quite an accomplishment.



Respectfully submitted, Jane

All Sonoma/Napa/Marin Women's Tennis League inquiries should be addressed to Area Rep Jane Matijasic:

janematijasictennis0114@gmail.com or call Jane at: 707.287.2809

Coming Soon! NVTI Imprinted Apparel

We will soon have Nike shirts, hats and vests available for sale at reasonable prices.



Sportabout is Our Local Tennis Shop!

We just Lowered Prices on 25 Rackets from Head, Prince, Wilson, Dunlop, Babolat, and Gamma. ALL more than **50% OFF!!**

String Specials: Save \$10 on any of 10 different kinds of strings, including polyester and multifilament. Your winning strings could be on this list!

We are already making room for new shoes, rackets, and bags for 2018. This means your current favorites could be **ON SALE Now!!**

The newest **Babolat Pure Drives** and **Pure Strikes** and **Wilson's** new **Ultras** are now arriving for your playing pleasure. All promise to reduce arm fatigue and provide amazing results.

See you on the courts-and at Sportabout!

Tom at Sportabout
3204 Jefferson St., Napa
phone 255-8784



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If you are interested in advertising, please contact Lorraine at napa10s@gmail.com

Please Keep the Gates Closed!!

Please check when you leave the courts that someone playing has a key to the Clubhouse doors!

Our Clubhouse has been left unlocked with doors wide open numerous times. If you have a key to the Clubhouse and you are departing the Club, please be sure that someone left playing is able to lock the Clubhouse doors (even if you did not open the Clubhouse initially!). Not everyone has keys to the Clubhouse, as keys are granted to Captains only.

Thank you for doing this simple task, even if you did not initially open the Clubhouse doors!

If you are leaving the courts, please make sure that you talk with those left at the Club to be sure that they have a key to lock up. If they do not, please be responsible and lock the Clubhouse doors and be sure the sheds are locked.

Not everyone has keys and it is important that we keep our Clubhouse and our courts safe and secure. Thank you for being a good steward for NVTA.

We appreciate each of you who support the club and enjoy using it. A few extra minutes of awareness assures that our Clubhouse is secure. Thank you.



The NVTA Court Reporter newsletter will be published monthly. Please submit articles and photos to Lorraine Fazzolare at napa10s@gmail.com.

See you on the courts!

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