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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 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 or send me an email with the new info.

President's Serve



Another year is swiftly coming to an end. 2008 has been a great year for NVTA. We have done extremely well in USTA Leagues with many teams in several leagues and then finishing the year with four Northern California championships. The patio area has improved with trees trimmed, gravel base added, clubhouse in the process of beautification and major

increase in membership.

It is time to thank several people whose efforts keep us going, the physical workers who are mentioned in the following article about the clubhouse project, Gil Lima who maintains our new very nice web page (see it at napatennis.org), Beverly Wilson who is the best newsletter editor and publisher in the west, Treasurer Julie Jerome who keeps track of all our money and records, Chuck Simonds who schedules the courts for us and Vintage High. And you know our super board of directors, Jan Edwards, Fred Facchini, Lorraine Fazzolare, Matt Forbes, Mark Glickstein, Owen Irwin, Julie Jerome, Bruce Lamoreaux, Carmen Mackey, Barbara Pahl and Gwen Pyle.

The monthly board meeting is held at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of every month at Phil & Julie Jerome's on MacDonald Street. Members are welcome to attend. Please contact Bob Walsh (bobwalsh@earthlink.net) if you plan to be guest at the meeting.

-Bob Walsh, President

We Welome New and Renewed Members

- Emily Pressnall, phone 812-4274
- Peggy Smith, phone 337-3494
- Mike Riddle, phone 259-1421
- Monica Mohn, phone 259-0508
- Pam Flippin, phone 257-0566
- Kook-Jin Chang, phone 501-7570

Turkey Trot a Smash!

Lorraine Fazzolare (new contributing reporter!) reports-Another incredible Turkey Trot! Let's hear it for Bruce and Barbara!!! They sure know how to party. First we thought they outdid themselves with the NVTA & SVTA Fundraiser at Chez Lamoreaux, (The Oak Knoll Ranch) a few months ago. But now we are once again reminded that these two are expert party throwers and they organize a great Turkey Trot event year after year. It was great to see such a wonderful turnout: getting together with old friends and meeting so many new members as well.

Bruce did a great job organizing the 56 players into seven flights and assigning creative 'themed' names

- The Over Stuffings flight was won by Annie Moore & Mike Fischer.
- The Delicious Drumsticks flight was won by Yong Suk Willendrup & Zedenek.
- The Squawking Turkeys flight was won by Tamara Krautkramer & Harold Zagunis
- The Couch Potatoes flight was won Terri Andrews & Rudy Portis
- The Sweetie Pies flight was won by Laura Silva & Ben Caron
- The Crazy Cranberries flight was won by Beverly Smith & Al Facchini
- In the overflow flight (The Endless Autumn Leaves) which players played doubles but switched partners the individual winner was John Jack.

Several flights had a combined playoff for prizes of wine which were donated by Bob Sibley or rose bouquets which were table decorations courtesy of Barb and Bruce. Those winners were Annie & Mike, Tamara & Harold, and Laura and Ben.

Many spectators showed up to enjoy and share the comradery followed by the party with delicious food and drink. Everyone was a winner with beautiful weather, lots of healthy exercise, numerous laughs and wonderful fellowship.

And how about the food and wine tables? There was a wonderful selection of food ranging from Chuck's world renowned Napa chili to Mark's memorable Brownies to Al's infamous Bloody Mary's. Thanks to everyone for bringing a great selection of foods for us to enjoy and for donating food to the Food Bank. The collection of non-perishable food for the Napa Valley Food Bank netted 197 pounds. That beat last year's total of 129 pounds.

The only thing missing was our fearless leader, Bob Walsh, who was working a tournament somewhere, donning more USTA insignias.

Bruce and Barbara have contributed so much to our association in terms of both spirit and funds to keep us going. Thank you for your generosity and for a wonderful day from the entire club.

Pix from the Turkey Trot



Renew Your Membership!

Members are asked to renew their membership as of January 1st. This saves your volunteer board of directors hours of time trying to track you down and mail out reminders.

PLEASE! help us out here!!

Dues remain the same as last year:

- \$125 Family
- \$100 Individual
- \$30 Junior (under 19)

Mail Check to:

- NVTA
- PO Box 2225
- Napa, CA 94558

Future Volunteers?!



Mike Mitchell Reports- I was working on the plumbing with Fred Facchini and Chuck Simonds (quite frankly, I did very little) . I got down on my hands and knees to dig a little deeper so Fred could see what he was dealing with. No sooner did I get in digging position, then I felt two little bumps on my back. It seems my Grandchildren, Isaiah and Gabriel Orozco decided to take advantage of the "Horsey" Grandpa's bare back provided. Fred snapped this picture with his cell phone. Their parents are Jose and Lindsay Orozco.

Captains' Corner



Captain Bob Walsh reports- The 3.0 Senior team is in first place after beating the team from Vallejo. Our record is 6 wins and just one loss. With five matches remaining we are shooting for home court in the playoffs.

Captain Jan Edwards Reports-The Senior 3.5A team is having a great season, we are just out of second place, after dropping from first place just this week. With only three more matches left, we are hoping we can regain at least our second place position so we can make it to playoffs. A special CONGRATULATION, to our dynamic duo of Tamara Krautkramer and Cheryl Sweeney, for being UNDEFEATED, after 6 matches together.

Captain Phil Lampe Reports-The senior men's 3.5 A team is having a tough year.

We are currently 3-6, with 3 matches left to play. Most guys are playing well and we are having fun.

SAP is Coming Soon

SAVE THE DATE! The SAP Open is scheduled for February 9 - 15, 2009 at the HP Pavilion at San Jose.

An Exhibition match between Pete Sampras and James Blake is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 9 at 7:00 pm.

Andy Roddick will be featured in the first round singles Tuesday at 7:00 pm along with the Bryan Brothers in the first round doubles.

Clubhouse Progress



The white lattice was recently added to the clubhouse to hide the foundation. Progress is being made every month by the core volunteer team of Bob Walsh, Al Facchini, Fred Facchini, Dick Guisto, Phil Lampe, Bruce Lamoreaux and John Blasingame.

Survey Now Online

The NVTA board has created an opportunity for you to comment on our organization. The survey is posted online at napatennis.org and takes just a few minutes to complete. Let us know what you like and what could be improved as far as programs and facilities. Member participation makes the club what it is!

napatennis.org

USTA Norcal Introduces 6-TENNIS For Kids

6-TENNIS is a local level junior team tennis league program supported by the USTA Northern California Section. These parent and volunteer run leagues are popping up all over the section offering an exciting new brand of local team tennis for beginners and novices.

The league offers three divisions Flight III catered to novice player's ages 8 to 10 years old. Flight II, targets beginner - intermediate players ages 11-12 and Flight 1, for children 13 to 16 years old. Transitional equipments such as spinner balls, low compression balls plus a shorter court allow children to rally back. Hence, learning to play tennis just became easier and fun.

We are seeking your help to administer and form a 6-Tennis Program in Napa.

If you want to volunteer in any capacity or want to know, more about 6Tennis please contact:

- Cheryl Silva
- USTA Northern California
- Community Tennis Coordinator - Junior Department
- Email: silva@norcal.usta.com
- Phone: (510) 245-8782
- Cell: (510) 224-7304

Check www.norcalteamtennis.com to see other junior team tennis league at Norcal.

New Players Meeting Planned for January

Are you new to the game of tennis or new to the area? Would you like to meet other players of your caliber in either a social or a competitive setting? If so, please join us in January for an informational meeting regarding USTA and leagues. USTA leagues offer men and women fun team match play in the country's largest recreational tennis league. There are many exciting formats, which include Men's, Women's, Combo, Seniors, Mixed, Flex and Tri-Level leagues.

The date, time and place will be announced later. Tell your friends. If you are interested in attending this meeting or would like additional information, please contact DeDee Winfield at (707) 481-0370.



The NVTA 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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