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Greetings!

Dedication This Sunday, at 1pm

Call for Donations In Memory of Howard Jamison A Founding Father of NVTA

As voted on by the Board of Directors of NVTA, we will be installing two "shade cabana benches" on the courts at NVTA. One will go between courts 6 & 7 and the other, in Memory of Howard Jamison, will go between courts 2 & 3. Please consider making a donation in Howard's Memory as he is one of the Founding Fathers of NVTA. All donations should be sent to: NVTA, PO Box 2225, Napa, CA 94558. Please write in the memo section: In Howard's Memory.

We will be hosting a Dedication Ceremony on courts 2, 3 & 4 on Sunday, December 3rd at 1:00 pm. Please join us as we dedicate the new shade cabana bench structure between courts 2 & 3 in the Memory of Howard Jamison. Refreshments will be provided.

Thank you in advance, from the Board of Directors of NVTA, Howard's wife Geri, Mike Hackett, Steve Stefanki and Bruce Lamoreaux who all worked (and are working) behind the scenes to have this Memorial become a reality. Thank you for your support.

Howard Jamison - A Brief History

Howard Jamison started playing tennis when he was 17 yrs. He continued playing during his 4 years of college and lettered in the sport at Sac State. He continued playing even during his 4-hr stint in the Air Force, taking a few trips to the east coast for tennis tournaments. During the decade of the 70's, he played competitively, was ranked in Northern CA, coached the Napa College tennis team, became the owner of the 'Racquet Shop' (selling it to Tom Steinman in 1984, which later became known as Sportabout). Also, he built his own tennis court, which was featured in the May 1979 issue of Sunset Magazine.



In the mid 1970's and during his reign as NVTAs President, Howard located \$100,000 in State funds and with the support of Frank Silva (then Principal of Vintage High), land was donated for the 'first public courts' in Napa.

During this same period of time and once the courts were built, Howard as President and Eric Yarborough as Vice President, obtained the first 'sanctioned' NCTA 3-day tournament that became known as the Beringer Tournament and then eventually was renamed the Napa Valley Tennis Classic (sponsored by Starmont), as we know it today.

Howard loved the game of tennis so much that he wanted to be the best he could be so he studied under Vic Braden and Dennis Van Der Meer, both very well respected in the tennis teaching world. During this time (1983) Howard was named in Who's Who Tennis Book.

Also, during the 1980's, Howard was Producer/Director of Sybervision Systems that produced video tapes in various sports. In 1981, Stan Smith was filmed and then in 1991, Chris Evert became the model for the women's tennis tape. In 2012, Howard was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at Napa College.

Howard continued playing competitively with his last tennis match on January 17th of this year! Unfortunately, in April, Howard was diagnosed with cancer and passed away in July. His legacy will live on for his love, compassion and contribution to the world of tennis.

Today, these same public courts continue to be supported and enjoyed by NVTAs. We are grateful for Howard's contributions that he has made to NVTAs and the tennis community. We hope that you will consider a donation in his Memory that will be put toward the purchase and installation of this cabana shade bench. All donations should be sent to: NVTAs, PO Box 2225, Napa, CA 94558. Please write in the memo section: In Howard's Memory.

The Courtyard

Court Jesters

Please do not place the pavers in the lawn over the sprinklers. This damages the mower as the landscaping team can't see the pavers and damages their mower.

Thank you!

Quick Tennis Links

[NVTA Website](#)

[Court Scheduler](#)

[USTA Norcal](#)

[SNMWTL](#) - Sonoma, Napa, Marin League

[ATP Tour](#)

[WTA Tour](#)

[Napa Parks and Rec](#)

NVTA Head Pro

Coming Soon! NVTA Imprinted Apparel

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



Sportabout is Our Local Tennis Shop!

With tennis on hold for most people, I want to get the word out to anyone who has lost tennis gear, shoes, rackets, etc in the fires that Sportabout will do what we can to provide receipts for insurance purposes and to discount any equipment to replace that which was lost.

We want to be sure customers let us know their circumstances so we can help our tennis players get back to normal as soon as possible.

See you on the courts-and at Sportabout!

Tom at Sportabout
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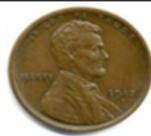
Advertising Corner ~ Support fellow Members!

Look who's here
for the Holidays!

Annie, a young girl with curly blonde hair, is smiling and holding a large, fluffy brown dog. They are positioned above the word "Annie" in a large, red, bubbly font with a white outline. The background of the entire advertisement is a grayscale cityscape.

Annie

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100% of the proceeds from advertising in the Newsletter will go towards NVTA's Tennis Fund. We encourage you to support our fellow NVTA tennis members.

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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