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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

USTA Norcal
Sonoma, Napa, Marin League
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In anticipation of the rain we have put new rollers on the squeegees. Many of you have not noticed that they have a hook on the handle. The hook is to be used when hanging them on the fence. When left sitting on the surface the round rollers become square!

The monthly board meeting is held at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of every month. The March 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 guest at the meeting.

-Bob Walsh, President

We Welcome New and Renewed Members

- Leslie Simpkins, phone # 224-1765
- Diane and D.J. Smith, phone # 226-2634
- Barbara Hall, phone # 938-2332
- Charlotte Hart, phone # 933-1621
- Carolyn Wilske and Craig Wilske, phone # 252-0613

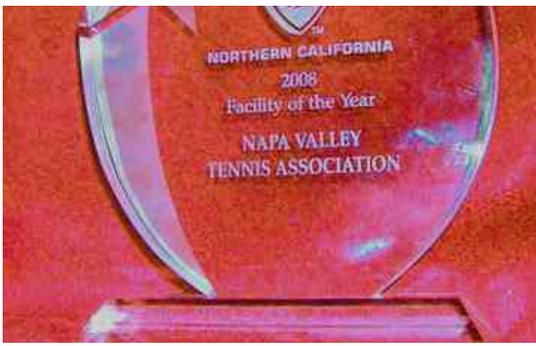
USTA Norcal Honors NVTA



It was an exciting evening for all who attended the 2008 Heroes Awards Banquet. This is the fifth year USTA Northern California has honored the outstanding volunteers, players, captains and organizations in our section. The evening was hosted by tennis legend, former Stanford coach, Dick Gould.

Facility of the Year Award was presented to the NAPA VALLEY TENNIS ASSOCIATION, Robert Walsh accepted the award. Also attending the festivities were Lorraine Fazzolare, Barbara Pahl and Bruce Lamoreaux. This award is presented to a club or facility that provides outstanding hospitality to our members at district and section championship events.





Annual Meeting and Afternoon of Fun-March 8

Annual Meeting and More!



- All NVTA members are invited
- March 8th
- Round Robin 2 - 4pm
- Pot Luck and Meeting 4 - 5pm
- No need to register for the Round Robin or Pot Luck- but if you know you are coming, make it easier for Matt Forbes by emailing him with your name, partner (if you have one) and level of play. Forbesmg@comcast.net. Matt will assign the matches and courts
- Bring what you want to drink
- Plates, utensils, napkins and cups will be provided

- Pot Luck as follows
- A - K Salads or cheese & bread
- L - R Casseroles or pasta
- S - Z Desserts

Housekeeping

Calling all members, Captains, Co-captains-

OK guys, We really need your help here. The trash cans are not being emptied frequently enough so the board has asked that all Captains assign a team member to EMPTY THE TRASH buckets before beginning your match.

Also, the team storage areas in the shed are very disorganized-anything not properly put away will be tossed or given away.



Remember we are all volunteers. Let's continue to make our facility as nice as any private Country Club!

3.0 Senior Ladies Headed to Districts!



- (top) Lis MacDonald gleefully celebrates victory as she congratulates her partner, Barbara Pahl.
- (center, l to r) Diana Corrigan, Tove Robinson (capt.), Maureen Cox, Dolly Grupalo, Carol Cole, Lis MacDonald, Barbara Pahl, Kathy Hess, Laura Silva (co-capt.)
- (bottom) Team members congratulate Lis and Barbara



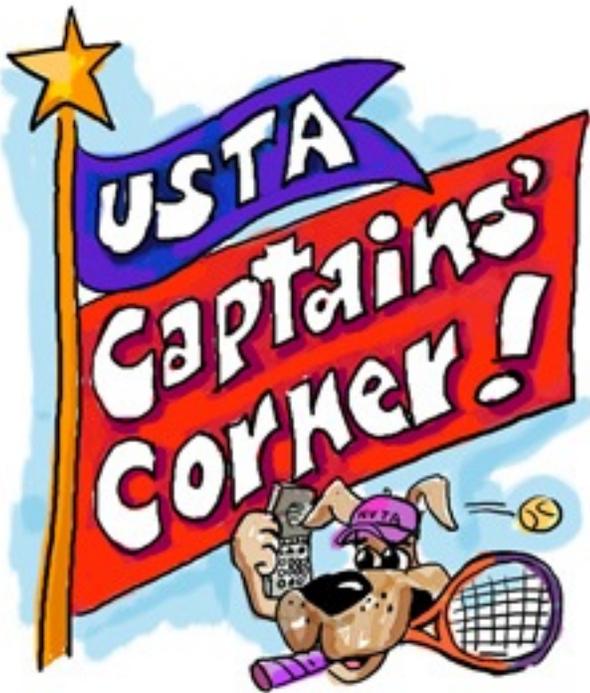
NVTA 3.0 Women's Senior Team won a nail-biter at LaCantera Racquet Club Santa Rosa on Sat. Feb. 21. This win earned them a spot as a wild card in the Senior District Championships at Natomas Racquet Club in Sacramento to be held April 17-19. The match with La Cantera came down to the final two points in a tiebreak. Carol Cole and Dolly Grupalo won in 2 sets, the second set decided by a tiebreak. Kathy Hess and Maureen Cox split sets and lost in the third. Barbara Pahl and Lis MacDonald played No. 1 position on the main court unperturbed by a combined rooting section of about 30 enthusiastic rooters for both



teams. They split sets and their 3rd set went to a tiebreak which they won 7-5. Bruce Lamoreaux, who had come to the match as a spectator, was recruited to serve as team coach.

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

Captains' Corner



Captain Bob Walsh reports- Our 3.0 Senior team swept the last match and will host Vallejo in the playoffs this Sunday, Feb.22, weather permitting.

Bob also reports-The 6.0 Mixed team was rained out in their final match of the first round. With 6 matches to go their record is 2-2.

Two of the 3.5 senior ladies teams will playoff for a spot at districts! An incredibly close season put Bubblicious captained by Jan Edwards in first place with one match to go against second place Vacaville. After several rain reschedules, their match was supposed to be played on Sunday but once again the rains came and there was no opportunity to play before the deadline of Feb 17th! Both teams received a loss resulting in a season ending record of 7-5 for Vacaville, NVTA Bubblicious and NVTA Rusty Ducks! Both Napa teams had exactly the same number of individual match wins as well so the count went to individual games won and Bubblicious came out

as #1, Rusty Ducks took second. The NVTA C team captained by Sets Guillen ended with a 6-6 record so all teams were very close and in the running. The two teams are scheduled to play Saturday, Feb. 28th. Come and cheer for an all NVTA showdown!

USTA Mixed Team Rain Rules



With all the rain, here are reminders of the rescheduling rules!!

- RESCHEDULING MATCHES- Every season, new captains and experienced captains alike face the challenges of our very wet winter weather. Here is a review of how to handle rescheduling a match that is postponed or interrupted by rain.

- WHO DECIDES IF A MATCH IS RAINED OUT? The home captain

determines whether a match should be cancelled or not. Sometimes he/she

will make the right call, sometimes not. Sometimes the clouds spit and sometimes they pour, and he/she makes the best call he/she can. Don't complain if the home captain makes the wrong call. You will be in his/her shoes someday.

- WHEN DOES A CAPTAIN DECIDE THAT A MATCH IS CANCELLED? Use common sense here. Cancelling a match one week ahead raises suspicions. A lot depends on just how far the away team must travel. If rain is forecast for a match day, captains might agree ahead of time that they will be in phone contact the night before, or the morning of the match. Home Captains, do not cancel a match by email. Your opponent might not be at his computer. Use the telephone. (Do you have each other's current phone number?)
- WHO DECIDES IF THE COURTS ARE TO WET TO CONTINUE PLAY? Any player on the court may stop a match because the court conditions are dangerous.
- HOW DO YOU RESTART AN INTERRUPTED MATCH? For each individual match, make a note of exactly what the scores are, who is serving, who serves next, what end of the court each team is on, what each player is wearing (just kidding). When the teams meet again, they will start exactly where they left off.
- HOW TO RESCHEDULE- The rules for rescheduling a match are quite explicit, and are included in the LLAR, Rule 29 Rescheduling. It is important to follow the deadlines, both for offering make-up dates, and for accepting one of those dates. Yes, you are all nice people and pride yourselves on being flexible and cooperative, but not a season goes by that we don't hear of problems that come up because the captains were quite casual about this, and then later in the season, when that particular match became very important for standings, things got oh so ugly. You can still be nice, and flexible, and cooperative, but protect yourself by following the rules.
- SEASON DEADLINE- All local league matches must be completed by April 5. Matches not completed will be counted as losses in the standings. You do not want to miss out on playoffs because one critical match didn't get played, so please, re-schedule wisely and don't assume that it will not rain on April 5. Don't wait until that last date to finish your season.

Senior Team League Playoff Rules

FLIGHTS THAT HAVE A SINGLE WEEKEND OF PLAYOFFS (#1 vs. #2) The designated weekend for your playoff match is this coming weekend, February 20-22. If you are rained out, you have until Sunday, March 8, to get your match completed. The home team must offer the visiting team at least two different dates. (The two dates must be offered at the same time and must conform to the day/time parameters in the local league rules.) Within three days of receiving those options, the visiting team must choose one date. If you leave the match until the very last minute, and it rains, the match will be decided by a coin flip in the office. No one wants this, so please, be smart and re-schedule promptly and wisely.

FLIGHTS THAT NEED TWO WEEKENDS FOR PLAYOFFS (#1 vs. #4 and #2 vs. #3) If you are rained out this weekend (2/20-22), you have until Sunday, 3/1, to complete this first round match. The home team must offer two dates and the offer must be made to the away team no later than Tuesday, the 24th, midnight. (The two dates must be offered at the same time and must conform to the day/time parameters in the local league rules.) The away team must accept one of the offers within 48 hours of receiving them. Suggestion: If it looks like rain, the home team captain would be smart to have the two alternative dates all set up, ready to offer ASAP. This gives both teams more flexibility in getting the match played.

AND AFTER THAT- If there is significant rain both this weekend and the following weekend, we will send further directives out to you. The issue of flights with wildcards will be addressed then. For now, keep your fingers crossed for the window of dry weather that will allow you to get out and play these first round matches.

Good luck. We wish you all dry courts and great matches.

Penn Offer for Norcal Caps and Co-Caps



Penn Championship Extra Duty balls are available now at a special price to all USTA Northern California league captains and co-captains. The cost is \$2.12 per can or \$50.88 for a case of 24 cans, plus shipping. Penn Championship Extra Duty has been named the official ball of USTA League play. The minimum order is one case. Orders may be placed by captains and co-captains only. To order call Eric Won, District Sales Manager, Head Penn Racquet Sports, at 650.573.9830. Be prepared with a valid credit card (Visa, MC, AmEx) and shipping address. The balls are usually delivered within one week.

News from Lake Chapala



Long time life member and former NVTA President Howard Jamison (pictured on right) reports from Lake Chapala-

Howard Jamison was spending the winter at Lake Chapala, Mexico and decided to enter the 26th Annual Senior Doubles Tennis Tournament at the Guadalajara Country Club in February. It is a first class round robin tournament played on red clay. Players come from all over Mexico and the USA.

He teamed up with a very good local player - Rene



Garcia. (Rene speaks little English and Howard little Spanish so it made for some interesting communication situations). They won the first two rounds and were well on their way to winning the division (M55A) when Howard injured his shoulder and could not continue. An MRI showed a major tear in the rotator cuff so Howard is headed back to California for surgery.

It was Howard's first clay court tournament. He said it was a great experience and he hopes to return next year after rehab! Any one from Napa interested in playing next year should contact Howard for details.

NVTA wishes Howard best luck with his surgery!



Ladies Looking for More Tennis!

For those women just joining or those who would like to get back into the game, you would be welcome to join a group that plays on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Play is on a drop in basis. Start time varies to accommodate the weather conditions. Please call Peggy Beer at 252-8653 or Jan Novotny at 252-9416 for start time and more information. Give us a try. We have a good time!

First Aid Kit



We have added a First Aid Kit to the supplies in the clubhouse. It is located in the small cabinet just right of the kitchen door.

News Flash-Oops, it is borrowed or stolen as it could not be found on Saturday. Please return it!!

B-1 Team Container Missing

Have you seen the Ladies League B-1 Team container ? It is clear plastic with all the necessary items for match play including 2 or 3 tablecloths.- Please respond to this newsletter (see bottom for email address) if you have seen it.

Tennis Trivia



Q-How long was the longest singles match in recorded tennis history?

A-In the 2004 French Open Fabrice Santoro and Arnaud Clement (both French) played the longest match since the Open era of professional tennis began in 1968. The match began on Monday, May 24 but play was suspended in the 5th set when darkness fell. The game resumed the next day and Santoro finally beat Clement 16-14 to win the fifth set. The 71 game marathon lasted a total of 6 hours, 33 minutes on court (eclipsing the former record of 6:22 played by John McEnroe and Mats Wilander at the 1982 Davis Cup). The match score was: 6-4, 6-3, 6-7 (5), 3-6, 16-14

NVTA 2008 Cash Flow Report

RECEIVED		
Dues		\$ 21,930
Events (net)		\$ 7,604
Court Rental		\$ 1,950
Donations		\$ 240
Italian Harvest Festival		\$ 1,090
Interest		\$ 288
TOTAL RECEIVED		\$ 33,102
PAID		
Building Costs		\$ 2,069
Maintenance & Repairs		\$ 7,722
Other		\$ 3,997
TOTAL PAID		\$ 13,788
RECEIVED OVER PAID		\$ 17,714
ON HAND 12/31/07		\$ 26,628
ON HAND 12/31/08		\$ 44,760

Your board has established a major repair fund for future resurfacing. Court rental fees are added to that fund. The balance at year end was \$13,560.

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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