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Happy New Year NVTA member!



Enough Rain Already!

We hope you are enjoying the NVTA e-newsletter! We are still trying to collect all email addresses so if you know of a member who has not yet received the eNewsletter, please have them email me, beverlywilson@comcast.net, to be added to the database.

Members are invited to submit news and photos. 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.

C'mon captains! Tell us how your team is doing!! And notice that the court calendar has been added to the newsletter.

President's Serve



Dear Members,

2007 was a good year for NVTA. We saw great member participation in USTA Leagues and the Sonoma Napa Marin Women's Tennis League. Vandalism was down and your board of directors is looking at some improvements for the facility.

VANDALISM- Once school was out we padlocked all of the gates. When school resumed we stopped and had no trouble until November when someone opened the fence above the gate in back of the clubhouse and broke into the office. Then proceeded to mess things up in the clubhouse and took the key to the new storage shed and spread things around. The fence has been repaired and a new lock installed in the storage shed. More lights and motion sensors have been ordered.

PATIO AREA- The board is looking into some improvements to the patio/clubhouse area. Some of the items being considered are a new permanent cover for the bleachers at court 4 and possibly one for the tournament desk area. The tree limbs and roots need to be pruned and the pavers reset. The clubhouse needs some paint and window replacement. Let us know if you have any suggestions.

Come out to the annual meeting/round robin event on January 27th to elect officers for 2008 and have some fun! Details below.

-Bob Walsh, NVTA President

We Welome New Members



- Sue Smith, phone 933-9828
- Kathy Kennett, phone 996-5939

Left to right, new members Sue Smith and Kathy Kennett. Joni Kelly and Bev Wilson are on right.

Annual Meeting



The annual meeting will be held on January 27th at 1:00 pm including a round-robin tournament followed by a BBQ. There will not be a charge for this event. The meat is on us. Just bring a favorite side dish or dessert. The by-laws require that we have an annual meeting in the first quarter of each year to elect new board members. The meeting part of the event will be very short. Come on out and have fun.

In case of rain, an email blast will be sent out cancelling the event with a rescheduled date.

Get on the Bus to the SAPI!



NVTA is willing to arrange for a bus to go to the semi- finals on Saturday, February 23rd. With 40 people we can go for \$85 each. Sideline Lower Reserved seating! Some of the featured players are Andy Roddick, James Blake, Tommy Haas, John Isner, Mardy Fish and Bob and Mike Bryan. We will see one singles match and one doubles. Send your check to the NVTA, P.O. Box 2225, Napa 94558 or drop the check off at Sportabout with your name and phone number. Or call Julie at 224-6620.

We should leave by 4:30 PM. The program begins at 7 PM. Depending on the length of the matches, we should be home by 12 midnight or so.

There are food courts and shops for tennis gear aplenty at the Pavilion. Feel free to bring snacks and the beverage of your choice for the bus ride. It is a great trip and great tennis.

More Davis Cup Experiences!



David Angelovich shares his experience at the recently held Davis Cup matches held in Portland. He attended with friends Gary Chambers and Joyce Hing-McGowan.

I was lucky to get tickets and it helped to be a member of the USTA since the tickets were made available a week ahead of the rest of the world. I went on-line as soon as they went on sale and it took about 1 minute to complete the transaction. I left for

Portland on Friday morning - Up at 3:00 AM to catch the 7:00 AM flight out of Sacramento. There were six other tennis fans on the plane all trying to catch some sleep before the long day. We caught the train (great public transportation) to downtown Portland and went our separate ways to get checked in. Along the way, we passed the Rose Garden indoor stadium and could see that the crowds were starting to show up. When we got to the Rose Garden, there was a lot of excitement with bands, stilt-walkers and jugglers outside. When you go in, they hand you noise makers. The idea is to cheer for your team - unlike most tennis matches. The place was busy with souvenir shopping, food courts, beverages and face painting. We found our seats on the baseline and got to know our neighbors. Most people bought the three day passes and they sat in the same place. By the end of the weekend, we were all best friends. Gary and Joyce made flags for the weekend - separate ones for Roddick, Blake and the Bryan Brothers. If you want to get seen on TV, you need to have a flag. The atmosphere includes a house band specifically for the Davis Cup and the Netheads - a traveling group of fans that goes to all of the Davis Cup matches around the world whose job it is to make a lot of noise and keep track of the aces by our team.

Friday's matches were very exciting each in their own way. Roddick was dominant and Blake was resilient. Blake's match was the most exciting of the weekend with three of the four sets being tie breakers. If Blake could only win on Friday we could wrap up the Cup on Saturday with the Bryan brothers. That's how it worked out - but you never believed it until it was over.

Next day at breakfast, there were many tennis fans all dressed in red white and blue. They were all buzzing about Friday's matches and hoping that we would win today. I went over to Gary and Joyce's hotel to go to the match. It turns out that the Russian team was staying at their hotel. They sat next to the coach at breakfast and ran into some of the players on the elevator. It turns out that the American team was staying at another nearby hotel. We knew the "secret" of where the teams were staying in the Riverplace district. We went early to the Saturday match to see if we could get a good look at the actual Davis Cup - a four layered base as big as a washing machine with a large silver bowl on top. During the matches, we could see the Cup off in a corner - but you could never get close to it. Such was the case on Saturday morning - so we settled for getting our faces painted and having a beer. Saturday's match was exciting with the first set going to a tie breaker. Once the Bryant brothers won that set, it was all over and the crowd could sense it. After the match, fireworks went off and ballons and streamers filled the stadium. Roddick tried to get the silver bowl off of the Davis Cup - but he had to wait until Sunday.

Saturday night we went out to dinner and on the way home we stopped by the hotel where the American team was staying and in the bar was Roddick having a few drinks with his friends. Patrick McEnroe was there with his wife and Blake showed up later. The Bryan Brothers were somewhere else. Everyone was gracious - we got to shake hands and give congratulations to the team. The team left and we sat looking at ourselves wondering how we were so lucky to walk into this scene.

Sunday's matches were not as exciting - they are referred to as "dead rubbers" since the outcome had already been determined and they are only best of three. Bob Bryan who lost in straight sets played singles in place of Roddick. It was obvious on Saturday night that Roddick would not be in his best condition to play on Sunday. Blake's match proved to be really exciting. He lost the first set 6-1 and it looked like he wanted to go home. But the crowd wouldn't let him. He won the next two sets and the crowd was noisy all the time. Great fun and a great finish to the weekend. Then came the trophy presentations and it was all over. I headed off to the airport for the 8:30 flight back to Sacramento. You could spot the fans at the airport with there souvenirs and clothing. This was my fourth Davis Cup match and I highly recommend it to serious tennis fans!

[More Davis Cup Pix](#)



USTA Teams Looking Good!



8.0 Mixed team member Annie Moore Reports-This is a picture of NVTA's 8.0 team after their win against Vacaville on Dec 9th. The team is currently in first place with a record of 7-1. Winning teams were Yong Suk Willendrup and Zdenek Zahradnicek, Joni Kelley and K.C. Ensley and last but not least Captain Mike Fischer and Annie Moore. The 3 teams beat Vacaville 3-0. Also in the picture is Mikey Fischer, the captain's son who is also on the team.

Captain Tove Robinson Reports-The 3.0 ladies senior team is in the playoffs!

Captain Phil Lampe Reports-The 3.5 Senior Men are currently in 2nd place with a 6-2 record. 4 matches to go.

Captain Ben Caron Reports-The Senior Men's 3.0 is currently 4 and 1 with one league match remaining. Our last match was very close, being decided by Lou Martin and Ira Smith's 11-9 third set tie break win. The win means that we will host the playoff match on our courts.

NVTA 2007 League Review

NVTA entered 26 teams in the 2007 Leagues including 417 players. Of those teams 14 won at the local level and 8 of them won their playoffs. Here are the teams:

- Mixed 6.0 (two teams), 7.0 (two teams), 8.0
- Senior Men 3.0 and 3.5
- Senior Women 3.0 and 3.5
- Adult Men 3.0 and two 3.5 teams
- Adult Women two 3.5 teams
- Super Senior 65 Men 6.0, 7.0 and 8.0
- Super Senior 65 Women 6.0
- Fifty Mixed two 7.0 teams
- Super Senior 60 Men two 7.0 teams and one 8.0 team
- Combo Men 6.5 and 7.5
- Combo Women 7.5

42 of our teams have gone on to a league championship event since 1998!

Sonoma Napa Marin League News

There are three NVTA teams participating in the Sonoma-Napa-Marin-Women's Tennis League this 2007-2008 season: an A3 team captained by Jude Delorefice and co-captained by Annie Kubicka with 22 team members, a B1 team captained by Sharon Howell and co-captained by Sets Guillen with 19 team members, and a B2 team captained by Jean Montgomery and co-captained by Carolyn Redpath. The second half of the season starts the second week of January. The League has 56 active teams participating this year.

Financial Report

FINANCIAL REPORT 2007 RECEIVED OVER PAID

CASH RECEIVED	
Dues	\$20,634
Events (net)	\$8,835
Court Rental	\$1,000
Donations	\$645
Other	\$649
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$31,763
PAID	
New Storage Shed	\$2,381
Operations:	
Repair & Maintenance	\$7,754
Other	\$2,068
TOTAL PAID	\$12,203
RECEIVED OVER PAID	\$19,560
CASH ON HAND - 12/31/06	\$7,068
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CASH ON HAND - 12/31/07	\$26,628

Men's Dubs Team Finishes a Great Season!



Former NVTA President Howard Jamison (in white) (Folsom) and long time partner Mike Hackett (Angwin) have been ranked #2 for 2007 in USTA Northern California for the Mens 60 doubles division.

They won one tournament at Rio Del Oro/ Sacramento and earned enough points in other tournaments including 3rd place in the season ending Grand Prix to ascend to the ranking.

The photo is from the Pacific Coast Seniors at the Berkeley Tennis Club in April where they lost in the semis in 3 sets to the eventual winners.

Congratulations Guys!!

Got Refrigerator?

Do you have a working refrigerator that needs a new home? NVTA would welcome the donation! Contact Bob at bobwalsh@earthlink.net.

January Court Calendar

January 2008 Court Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	8 9:30 3.5A W Courts 5-7 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	9 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	10 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	11 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	12 9:30 3.5A Men Courts 2-4 9:30 4.0 Men Courts 5-7
13 9:30 7.0A Mixed Courts 2-4	14 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	15 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	16 9:30 3.5A W Courts 5-7 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	17 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	18 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	19 8:30 3.5M Cts 2-4 9:30 6.0X Cts 5-7 12:30 7.0X Cts 2-4
20 9:30 8.0X Cts 2-4 9:30 8.0X Cts 5-7	21 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	22 8:30 NVTA B2 Courts 5-8 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	23 9:30 3.5A W Courts 5-7 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	24 8:30 NVTA B1 Courts 5-8 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	25 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	26 8:30 3.5M Cts 2-4 9:30 7.0X Cts 5-7 12:30 6.0X Cts 2-4
27 9:30 8.0 Mixed Courts 2-4 1:00 NVTA Mtg Courts 1-8	28 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	29 8:30 NVTA B2 Courts 5-8 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	30 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4	31 9:30 3.5A W Courts 5-7 3:30 Juniors Courts 1-4		

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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