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Greetings!

it may be raining now,



but the sun always
comes out.

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A Message from our President....



Dear NVTA Members-

Happy New Year to each of you and your families! We are in a time of change...in our lives... our environment ... the weather patterns... our country. Change swirls around us, causing uncertainty, anxiety in many... and ... fear in others. Let's embrace our changes and recognize that the only thing that really is constant, is change.

So if you'd like to be a part of change - a part of the solution driving the change, perhaps you will consider running for a seat on our NVTA Board of Directors. We are seeking nominations for the 2017 year. Be brave ... step out... have fun ... come join us. If you wish to place a nomination, let us know by emailing Ericka.iten@gmail.com.

2017 promises to be a year of great tennis - both playing and spectating. Many of your fellow members and teammates will make the trip to Indian Wells in March. It is always a great tournament and offers some top-notch players. Let Izzy know if you plan to attend. PBI will be down at the tournament and they may still have some spots left for clinics or lessons!

I wanted to personally thank each of our members for their support and generosity. Our Club exists because of each of you and the many volunteers that work effortlessly to keep it going. Thank you. You are appreciated and

sometimes, we forget to tell you.

See you on the court!

Ericka

Welcome New Members!

We thank each member that has paid for their 2017 Membership dues. We also welcome the following new Members:



Doris Avalos dorisavalos1@aol.com

Celia Welch celwelch@comcast.net

As a reminder, your membership dues for 2017 are due by January 31st. Individual Membership is \$100.0 and Family Membership is \$125.00.

"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

You may pay your dues by the following methods:

- Drop your check off with Izzy 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

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.

Reserving Courts for Matches

Captains: PLEASE email lsriz, 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.

Quick Tennis Links

[NVTA Website](#)

[Court Scheduler](#)

[USTA Norcal](#)

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

[ATP Tour](#)

[WTA Tour](#)

[Napa Parks and Rec](#)

[Isriz Balase](#), NVTA Head Pro

We Need your Input!!

OPEN HOUSE

FOR
GARFIELD PARK
MASTER PLAN



JANUARY 26, 2017/6:00PM

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

The City of Napa, Parks and Recreation Services Department is hosting an open house to kick off the master planning project for Garfield Park. The open house will include discussion of existing facilities and new recreation opportunities. Your input will help guide the Garfield Park Master Plan, which will provide an updated vision and clear direction for future development of the park.

What is **your vision** for the future of Garfield park? Attendees can share comments and ask questions about the park improvements. Interested in **learning more** or **sharing your opinion**?

WHEN: Thursday, January 26, 2017 / 6:00pm

WHERE: Vintage High School, Room S7
1375 Trower Ave
Napa, CA 94558
Light refreshments will be provided.

Take our **online survey** and visit the **project website**:
naparec.com/garfieldparkmasterplan

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact the City: (707) 257-9529



USTA News -- 55+ 6.0 Mixed Going to Sectionals

Victoria O'Donnell Reports--

The 55+ 6.0 A Mixed Doubles Team is going to Sectionals on February 10-12. The team includes David Roust, Captain, Victoria O'Donnell, co-captain, Robert Farver, Carmen Contreras, Angeli Stanwick, Tony Kelly, Stan Boehm, Naomi Dreskin, Jess

Bulato, Jan Gates, David Freeman, John and Vi Gianaras, Jacynthe Hamel, Teresa and Marc Levin, Colleen Winters, Ira Smith, and Jack Ring. This is a very cohesive team, many of our players have played together for years. We expect to have a great deal of fun.

USTA News -- NVTAs to Host 70's League Playoff Match!

Wednesday, February 1, at NVTAs Courts

The self-organized Age 70+ NTRP 7.0 "unofficial/unsanctioned" playoffs/Sectionals began one year ago when former USTA NorCal Director Bill Hansen (captain of the Mission Hills AC/Fremont team) contacted the other three 2015 7.0 League winners to propose a championship playoff. All teams agreed to semifinal and finals with pairings determined by geographic proximities. NorCal's Adult Leagues Manager Tamara Ramos was supportive and posted scorecards on the Section's web site.

Bob Walsh's NVTAs team met Bill's Mission Hills squad February 12th at the Diamond Hills Spare Time Club in Oakley. Bob's team won the semifinal, 2 - 1 and played the Sunnyvale Tennis Club team two weeks later in the finals. Sunnyvale prevailed, 2 - 1.

This year, the Napa Valley Tennis Association (NVTAs) Board voted to host another 70s League semi-final at 11:00 am on Wednesday, February 1st at the NVTAs courts. This match will feature Bill's Mission Valley AC team versus the Santa Rosa TC/Galvin Park team, captained by Ed Weber. C'mon out and watch the old guys rock!

Izzy's Insights

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Are you catching some Australian Open action?! Federer is looking like his old self again, and is on the road to a possible final appearance against Nadal! That is really exciting to look forward to! One player's game that really intrigues me is Mischa Zverev, the older brother of 19-year old phenom, Alexander Zverev. He served and volleyed on 100% of his service points to upset the world number one, Andy Murray. How did Zverev manage to use an "old school" strategy against the top player of the world? John McEnroe, said it best, stating that Zverev did not allow Murray to get into a comfortable rhythm. It couldn't be that easy, right?! But it was. Let's dive deeper into each player's playing style, and key statistics.

Andy Murray is a counter puncher who is very comfortable at the baseline. M. Zverev is someone who is very confident at the net, and has the baseline game to rely on when needed. Keep these styles in mind as I address some key statistics from the match.

Murray won a total of 136 points, while Zverev won a total of 146 points, equaling 282 total points played. Of the 146 points Zverev won, he was at the

net for 118 of those points (81%) and won 65 out of 118 points at the net (55%). Surprisingly, Murray won a higher percentage at net, winning 29 of 44 points (66%). Murray hit more winners than Zverev, 71 to 52. Unforced errors were pretty close with 28 for Murray and 26 for Zverev.



THE FORCED ERRORS TELL THE STORY!

Murray had 42 forced errors compared to Zverev's 17. That results in 70 total errors for Murray and 43 total errors for Zverev. Why such a discrepancy?

Zverev applied pressure to Murray by coming into the net, A LOT, which took Murray out of his comfort zone, and forced him to take more risks with his shot selection. The risks that Murray took resulted in more winners, yet more errors as well. As stated, Murray prefers to be in baseline rallies, but Zverev limited his time at the baseline so Murray could not get comfortable. Zverev played most of his points from the baseline on return points. Zverev gave Murray two different looks by coming in behind his serve, then changed up his strategy by staying back a few more times during receiving games, but still moving forward off the return when given the chance. The take away is that Zverev mixed up his game enough to disrupt Murray's plans to advance to the Quarterfinals. Lesson: Make your opponent Uncomfortable!

How can we incorporate Zverev's tactics into our practices and matches? Ask yourself: Do I have the tools to make any type of player I encounter uncomfortable? It doesn't mean you must serve and volley on every point, but take mental notes of what your opponent is comfortable with during the warm-up. If he or she does not like volleys, bring them to the net. If they like the net, find ways to keep them back or force them to hit defensive volleys. And lastly, if you come up with a game plan, don't abandon it if you lose the first few points doing it. Zverev lost 53 points at the net, yet still stuck to his plan. If you find yourself like Murray, adjust your game accordingly in response to your opponent's tactics and don't get disgruntled that they are putting you in an uncomfortable position. Get comfortable with being uncomfortable to succeed.

I hope this example set by Zverev allows you to expand different areas of your game!

Isriz Balase

College Invitational Coming at Silverado

Dear NVTAs Members,

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 NVTAs. Teams have included Oklahoma State University, University of Hawaii, Pepperdine, Arkansas, University of Pacific and The University of San Francisco to name a few. 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 NVTAs members will have a chance to play in a Pro-AM event and have dinner with the players.

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 Napa and Vintage High School Tennis Teams.

We will be asking for your assistance in forming a tournament committee at NVTA. We will need to raise money through sponsorships, find accommodations for coaches and players, create a special event for local high school 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 be on the tournament committee please reach out to Quinn Saine at quinn.saine@pbitennis.com for more information. Meetings will commence in February. 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

NVTA will soon have an AED!

Our Very Own AED is On It's Way!!!!

A big "thank you" to our members who contributed to the fund to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for our Clubhouse!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the NVTA Membership, our sincere appreciation and gratitude goes out to:

Sandy & Patrick Eggers
Al Facchini
Fred Facchini
Lorraine Fazzolare
Lynette & Dan Hunt
Ericka Iten
Shay Martin
John & Ingrid Swenson
Bob Walsh

With the above donations, we will have an AED, maintenance and we will offer training on how to use the AED and optional CPR classes. Keep a look out as we will be announcing these soon. More information will be forthcoming.

SNMWTL News

As of January 1, 2017 Jane Matijasic is the new Sonoma/Napa/Marin Women's Tennis League Club Rep for NVTA. All inquiries should be addressed to:

janematijasictennis0114@gmail.com

or call Jane at: 707.287.2809

Jane says: "I would like to acknowledge and thank Nancy Gardner for the many years she filled the position for SNMWTL. I'll have some big shoes to fill following her footsteps."

Sportabout is Our Local Tennis Shop!

Sportabout is full to the brim with new products for Spring of 2017. The long-awaited Asics Tennis shoes for men and women will arrive within the week. Meanwhile, the new Prince T-22 Lite shoes and K-Swiss's Big Shot Light are two models currently in stock with lots of positive feedback.

Racquets recently getting great reviews include the newest Wilson Blades, the Head Speed Touch and Instinct Touch, Babolat Pure Aero and Pure Drive, and of course any of the new Wilson Pro Staff 97 models. Demo fees as always are deducted from purchase price.



For those who love their current racquets but find out they are discontinued, it is possible we still have some in stock now \$50 to \$100 lower in price. Our Sale Basket and wall contains about 30 prior season's models as well as past season's Demos marked way down in price.

As always, we now price rackets and shoes the same as the lowest price you will find on-line. Finally, let's think "sunshine" and be sure to give yourself the best advantage with fresh strings and a grip that grips you back. We will help you choose what's best for your kind of game.

Happy Shopping!!

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

Advertising Corner ~ Support fellow Members!

Happy New Year wishes to my NVTA friends!

May you find fulfillment and joy all year long! I am here to help you with your real estate dreams and goals.

Sincerely,
Marcus

Marcus Hamilton Perry
Real Estate Broker/Owner
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About Advertising

100% of the proceeds from advertising in the Newsletter will go towards NVTA's High School Tennis Scholarship 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!!

If you are the last to leave the courts, please make sure the gates are closed and locked. We have found them left open overnight several times recently as well as the clubhouse doors.

Vandalism has been a big problem in the past and we have spent a great deal of money on secure fencing and motion lights. PLEASE help keep your courts in good condition by locking up! None of us want extra repair expenses, right?

Also, please remember to return the NEW rollers to the protective covers hanging on the fences.

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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