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Greetings!



A Message from our President....



Letter from the President

Happy New Year and welcome 2018! It has been a busy year for NVTA and all of the volunteers – thank you all! To those who put in time, money and service – we appreciate you! To those of you who play tennis, we appreciate your love for the game, and for spreading the love of our sport! Keep it up in 2018!

With our increase in dues this year, for the first time in over ten years, I thought I would share with you some of the accomplishments and fun things we all participated in and helped make happen at NVTA.

Here is a look at 2017 at a glance...

January

- We kicked off the New Year with celebration and thanks for our beautiful courts and our humble lil' clubhouse.
- Our four Board Members whose terms were up announced that they were running as incumbents: Fred Facchini, Dan Hunt, Bruce Lamoreaux & Bob Walsh.

February



It's our love for tennis that keeps NVTA going! Thank you to all our members, volunteers and those in the community who help spread the sport of tennis to the young, middle age and the "experienced"! We grow this sport by sharing our love for it with others. When you spend a day at NVTA – you can feel it and see it. Thank you all!

March



Thanks to Pam Bellefeuille and Pam Dodson, the Board Members were some of the first members trained on the AED, which was installed at the club. Over 70 members were trained in the coming weeks. Thank you Pam! You did a great job! Thank you Mark Stuart for engineering and building the protective box for our AED and John Swenson and Til Noeggerath for adding the final touches!

- We hosted our Annual Meeting with voting and tennis. All four incumbent Board Members were voted in to remain on the Board. Congratulations Fred, Dan, Bruce and Bob – and thank you for your time and efforts. We appreciate you!

April

- We sadly say "goodbye and good luck" to "our Izzy" and welcome Zack Miskell as our new PBI pro at NVTA. We are about to experience yet another PBI Pro that loves the game of tennis as much or more than we do – and Zack does!

May



With Bob DaPrato's help and guidance, we fixed our courtyard pavers for safety and aesthetic reasons. Thank you Bob – it really looks nice!

The stones also frequently double as "tablecloth weights"....

June



We had our new NVTAs sign installed at the entrance which proudly welcomes our members and the community. Along with this, we added a directional sign to assist those who have not been to our location before. The directional sign is located on the high school court fence. The entrance sign is beautiful – now we just need some shrubbery!



Zack and Wil kick off the HITS program for youth in our community. They enlisted volunteers to work with the kids. Lorraine was one of the volunteers working with the kids. Zack & Wil did this pro bono (as did the volunteers) – and on their very own time. Thank you Zack, Wil and our team of volunteers - Carmen Contreras, Kyle Cuddy, Lorraine Fazzolare, Alex Lorraine, Chuck Simonds, Yong Willendrup & Zdenek Zaradnichek.



We were the beneficiary of a beautiful new Weber grill for our courtyard in time for our summer Chillin' & Grillin' hosted by Zack. Thank you Marie Torkelson! We appreciate your generosity!



Our final touches were placed on our Water Hydration System. Thank you Kirk Geyer for spearheading this ... Dan Hunt, John Swenson and others who helped! Just in time for the Napa Valley Tennis Classic! We are saving thousands of plastic bottles from the landfills – and saving lots of time and energy lugging water to the Club. It is really a piece of artwork! Thank you again.

July



We hosted our 40th Annual Napa Valley Tennis Classic, once again expertly run by Lorraine Fazzolare and her team of volunteers. We had 127 entrants in 159 events! Great job Lorraine! It is a team effort and all the volunteers that helped are tremendous. We could not do it without each of you! Thank you!



We Be Jammin'! Zack Hosts a sold out Round Robin on the 21st. Not only Pro "extraordinaire", but Zack's final touches on his Jamaican Jerk Chicken made it oh so yummy! Thank you to everyone who participated! We had a fun day – and Zack & Wil had great "hair-dos" from the islands

- Our trees in the courtyard were "saved" by a well needed "trimming" – thank you Nancy Baty for your generosity! It is partially the trees that make our club such an inviting space – but it is also the people!



We learn of the loss of one of our Founding Fathers and Past Presidents of NVTA, Howard Jamison, after a battle against cancer. He was instrumental in the construction of the NVTA courts and gaining access to the funding for these courts. Tennis was "Howard's Love" ... along with his wife Geri and son Scott. We will keep him in our memories and honor all that he gave to the sport of tennis and to our community. Thank you Howard.

August

- Quinn organized the volunteers and prepared for the College Invitational kick off on Sept 7 – 10 at Silverado Country Club and NVTA. Thank you Christi Gianelli for being the point person at NVTA!

September

- We co-hosted the College Invitational 7th – 10th. Great players playing even better tennis! Thank you PBI, Quinn Saine, Silverado Resort, Christy Gianelli, Gila Freeberg, Alex Lorraine, Jane Matijasic for assisting and Lorraine Fazzolare and Suzanne Sandberg for feeding these hungry guys! That was not an easy task! We learned a lot and will be in a better position this year to know what to expect! Great job to all! Thank you Silverado Resort and PBI for donating the proceeds to NVTA!

October

- Mother Nature, who is always with us, decided to take a toll on our communities, lives and our friends and families in October. We weathered the fires as best as we could, and the only way we knew – together. If anything can bring a community together, unfortunately, it is tragedy. We did our best to support each other and prayers were said far and wide for the communities in Napa and Sonoma. Thank you First Responders for protecting what you could. We know you did your very best and we appreciate all your efforts – all over California.



On Dec 23rd, John, our Pro, hosted a Holiday Round Robin. We enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of sunshine with delicious food dishes and festive decorations. Thanks to everyone who brought a dish to share and played our favorite sport of tennis. We did not fill the courts, but we did fill our stomachs with holiday scrumptious food and wine after tennis! Thank you John! Happy Holidays to All! See you in 2018!!!

have done for NVTA. The gathering was great fun and we gifted them with engraved wood racquets as a gift. Thank you Bev Wilson for donating the special racquets and for the beautiful sign you designed and the fun balloons – the room looked great!

- We gave thanks during the Thanksgiving holiday season ... for what we have ... for what we were spared ... and for one another. Our gratefulness was especially needed this year with the fires that ravaged our communities here in Napa and Sonoma.



We installed "Howard's Bench", in loving memory of Howard Jamison, one of the Founding Fathers of NVTA. The bench between courts 2 & 3 is "Howard's Bench". Both benches look great at NVTA. It adds a nice touch and will be enjoyed in the sunny, summer months. Thank you Steve Stefanki and Bruce Lamoreaux for all your hard work in making this happen!

December



Quan, Laura Silva, Ray Snipes, Steve & Lee Stefanki, & Tom Steinman. Thank you all!

On the 3rd, we hosted a beautiful Dedication Ceremony for "Howard's Bench". Geri Jamison and son Scott were the guests of honor. We had over 60 people in attendance. We thank all of you who contributed to this beautiful memorial at NVTA – John & Sharon Boston, Chris Burditt, Gila Freeberg, Allison Hackett, Mike and Carolyn Hackett, Elizabeth Henderson, Ericka Iten, Geri Jamison, Mike & Eileen Jamison, Bruce Lamoreaux, Maher & Associates, Shay Martin, Vernon Matzen, John



We welcomed John Weston, our PBI Pro at NVTA! Welcome John! John is from the Napa/Bay area and we are excited to have him as part of NVTA. He offers free lesson/ meetings with each member. John will be a great addition to both PBI and NVTA. John, we can't wait to see what is in store for us!



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Thank you NVTA for a great 2017! Let's make 2018 even better! Happy New Year!

See You on the Courts,

Ericka

Welcome New Members!

Please pay your 2018 Membership dues.

We welcome the following new Members:



Stephen Itano sitano@mindspring.com

"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.

**As a reminder, your membership dues for 2018 is due January 31.
Individual Membership is \$125.00 and Family Membership is \$150.00.**

You may pay your dues by the following methods:

- Drop your check off with John 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.

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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.

Locking the Clubhouse Doors and Court Gates

As you leave the courts, please be sure all doors and gates are closed and locked. It is the captain's responsibility. If you are last at the courts with keys, you must lock the clubhouse. We work too hard to keep our club and courtyard beautiful, please don't encourage vandalism.

Reserving Courts for Matches

Captains: PLEASE email [John](#), 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.

Save the Date -- Napa Valley Tennis Classic!

Our Annual Napa Valley Tennis Classic has been designated as a **2018 NTRP Gold Cup Series Tournament!!** The tournament gains this recognition and status by obtaining the highest player evaluations and/or the most number of tournament of the year votes from the prior year tournament.

Ranking points will be worth two times the regular tournament value and all levels of play with have a playoff for 3rd and 4th place!

Save the date -- the tournament will be held **June 29-July 1, 2018.**

We need your Help!



Pickleball is not allowed on the NVTA courts (courts 1-8) at any time. Please check locally where you may play this sport where the courts are designed for pickleball.

There are a few locations, Las Flores Community Center being one. A pickleball league has been established in Yountville. Thank you for respecting our tennis courts designated solely for tennis at this time.

A Word from our Pro

From the Pro's Court

To begin, I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone I've met thus far from the NVTA for being so gracious and welcoming upon my arrival. My enthusiasm for being a part of this community has only been bolstered as a result of my interactions with those I have encountered, and I am very excited to get to know all of the NVTA members in the coming year.

As we turn the page to a new calendar year, it can offer up the perfect time to assess where we stand with our tennis game, and to that end, I would encourage those of you who have yet to do so, to reach out and schedule your complimentary 20 minute tennis lesson with me. This will serve the dual purpose of allowing me to get to know each of you personally, while also getting a sense of where you stand with your game, and what you hope to accomplish in the short and long term.



I would like to encourage everyone to inquire about clinic offerings, and scheduling group or semi-private lessons for their league team or simply, just your doubles partner. These lessons can be great ways to learn as a group, and to develop a sense of strategy as a team that can be put to use in match play.

This brings me to my topic for this first addition of the Pro's Court. In future offerings, I will discuss and delve into a particular stroke or strategy component of the game, but in this initial foray, I would like to describe how I view the game of tennis, both singles and doubles.

One of the things I love most about our sport is that it is a game of patterns and probabilities. And while no two matches, or no two points are exactly the same, there are certainly recurring themes that can be anticipated and incorporated into long term game strategy. One of the ways I like to view how a match is going to unfold, is to think of the percentage of points either player or team is likely to win. It doesn't take too much match experience to realize that one is unlikely to win every point that is served, and conversely and thankfully, not likely to lose every point either (although we've all had days where it might have felt close to that being the case).

I like to assume that in most matches, that you or your team will successfully execute your will around 40% of the time, and likewise your opponent is likely to exert their will and be successful on roughly 40% of points as well. Coming to grips with this notion serves a handful of useful purposes. The first is that minimizes our likelihood for beating ourselves up for not winning seamlessly every time on court, while also encouraging us to acknowledge and salute the strong play of our opponents. The other realization that I would hope this encourages is the understanding that we are all just wrestling over that

remaining 20% of the points that are actually up for grabs. We all know the feeling of playing a match that truly feels like a toss up, and a point here or there was all that separated victory from defeat. It is in that realm of the middle 20% where I think our practice and training and tactical decision making can separate us from our competition.

This is the greatest value I feel in understanding what the highest percentage play, or placement/positioning choice, or type of shot can yield in terms of results. The more that we learn about what constitutes the proper choice at the appropriate time on the tennis court, and enact those notions with concerted consistency, the more likely we are to come away with just a few more of those "up for grabs points", and find ourselves more pleased with how our matches play out. I very much look forward to having those being topics of discussion on the court as we enter a new year, and can't wait to start this as an ongoing conversation that we can have collectively about the nature of the game.

Here's to a wonderful year of tennis in 2018 at the NVTA, and I hope to see you all out on the courts very soon.

Yours,

John Weston

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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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