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Greetings NVTA member!



We hope you are enjoying the NVTA eNewsletter! You can now conveniently check the NVTA Court Calendar and recent eNewsletter archives on our website, www.napatennis.org thanks to the volunteer services of our expert webmaster Gil Lima.

Members are invited to submit news and photos. Got news about a recent tennis trip? Please pass on the story! 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 or send me an email with the new info.

C'mon captains! Tell us how your team is doing!!

President's Serve

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Spring is finally here and the flowers are blooming. As I write this we are just 5 weeks away from our 31st Annual Napa Valley Tennis Classic. We are happy to say that Merryvale/Starmont Wineries have agreed to be our prime sponsor for the next 5 years.

On Monday, June 9th the contractor is to begin fixing the school courts. In these next 5 weeks there is a lot of work to do. Here are the specific projects which can be done separately or all in one day. It all depends on the response I get:

- As soon as most of the construction dirt is moved we will be washing our 8 courts.**
- Prepare clubhouse exterior for painting, then paint.**
- Lift pavers under trees and remove dirt and/or cut small roots.**
- Wash chairs and tables in patio.**
- Weed flower beds.**
- Clean and polish bathrooms and kitchen**
- Wash buckets at the nets**

Perhaps some of you would like to volunteer and these jobs can be done at your schedule. If no one volunteers, I will schedule a Work Party. Please pick a project and volunteer by calling (255-2794) or emailing Bob Walsh (bobwalsh@earthlink.net).

The monthly board meeting is held at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of every month at Phil & Julie Jerome's on MacDonald Street. Members are welcome to attend. Please contact Bob Walsh through our new website (see Quick Links at left) if you plan to be guest at the meeting.

-Bob Walsh, NVTA President

We Welome New Members

- George Wakerlin, phone # 226-7745
- Karen Waite, phone # 415-309-0019
- Judy Muller, phone 933-8020
- Donna Rubin, phone 747-6954
- Rodger Schuester, phone 567-1594

Enter the Tennis Classic Tourney Today!

Napa Valley Tennis Classic



Don't miss the biggest and best tourney of the year. NVTa will once again host the Wine Classic July 4-6 with the generous sponsorship of Merryvale/Starmont Wineries.

You must be a USTA member to enter. All levels of singles, doubles, mixed. All idetails and entry info are online. See tournament link in Quick LInks column.

Entries Close Monday, June 23, 2008 11:59 PM

A Little Roland Garros History



Officially named in French the Les Internationaux de France de Roland Garros or Tournoi de Roland-Garros (the "Tennis French Internationals of Roland Garros" or "Roland Garros Tournament" in English), the tournament is often referred to as the "French Open" and sometimes simply as "Roland Garros." The event began as a national tournament in 1891 as the Championat de France International de Tennis. The first women's tournament was held in 1897. In 1912, the French tournament was held with a different surface (at the time all tennis played was lawn tennis), a red clay

("terre battue"), made up from the crushed wastes of red brick. The tournament was open only to tennis players who were licensed in France through 1924.

In 1925, the French Championships opened itself to international competitors with the event held on a grass surface alternately between the Racing Club de France and the Stade Francais.[6] After the Mousquetaires or Philadelphia Four (Rene Lacoste, Jean Borotra, Henri Cochet, and Jacques Brugnon) won the Davis Cup on American soil in 1927, the French decided to defend the cup in 1928 at a new tennis stadium at Porte d'Auteuil. The Stade de France had offered the tennis authorities three hectares of land with the condition that the new stadium must be named after the World War I pilot, Roland Garros. The new Stade de Roland Garros, and its Center Court, which was named Court Philippe Chatrier in 1988, hosted that Davis Cup challenge.

In 1968, the French Championships became the first Grand Slam tournament to go open, allowing both amateurs and professionals to compete. Since 1981, new prizes have been presented Prix Orange (the most fair-play and the most press friendly player), Prix Citron (the player with the strongest character, personality) and Prix Bourgeon (the tennis player revelation of the year). Another novelty, since 2006 the tournament has begun on a Sunday, featuring 12 singles matches played on the three main courts. Additionally, on the eve of the tournament's opening, the traditional Benny Berthet exhibition day takes place, where the profits go to different charity associations. In March 2007, it was announced that the event will provide equal prize money for both men and women in all rounds for the first time ever.

Host a Tennis Playing Exchange Student!



STS Foundation, is a not-for profit organization that has placed international exchange students all over the US for over 20 years.

We have sponsored these young students to spend his or her high school exchange year here in the US and we are still looking for the best family and school for them. We would like to position them to be able to continue playing tennis, possibly live with a family which shares the same passion for tennis as they do.

STS Foundation would be happy to share student profiles with you or any families who might consider hosting any of them. Please let us know of any thoughts you might have and/or if you know of anybody to might be interested in opening their hearts and home for these young international students.

Lillian Clemente, Regional Coordinator

1800-522-4678, Fax - 1800-572-4678, www.stsfoundation.org, Scottsdale, AZ

Volunteers Make Things Happen!



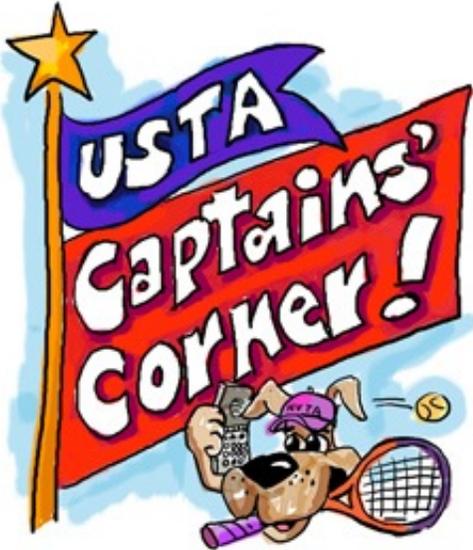
Thanks to Fred Facchini for the new stairs to the clubhouse entrance. The crew to pick up and install them was Bob Walsh, Telford Terry, Al Facchini, Clair Palmer and Fred Facchini.

And the painting project is turning the clubhouse into a SHOWPLACE!! Many thanks for all the hours of prep and painting-

- Chief - Phil Lampe-(at this time over 40 hours of volunteer time!)
- Prep Crew - Julie Jerome, Jan Edwards, Carmen Mackey, Mark Glickstein, Al Facchini and Bob Walsh
- Painter helpers - Bruce Lamoreaux, Mark Glickstein, Al Facchini and Bob Walsh

Please take a moment when you see these members to thank them for their efforts and please consider helping with any of the jobs listed in the President's Serve article.

USTA Captain's Corner



Captain Mark Glickstein Reports-The SS 65 3.5 team continues its winning ways. We are now 6-3 with three matches to go. All of our players have contributed to our victories. Some have played and won despite injuries. My thanks to our team. Way to go guys. Keep up the excellent play.

Captain Jan Edwards Reports-As of June 1st, the Ladies 3.5 A team is 5-2... We've had a great season so far, and with only two more matches left, we have a good chance of making it to the playoff rounds on July 11th- 13th and 18th -20th. Come on out and cheer us on for our very last match on 6/22 at 1:00.. (it will be against our toughest team yet, Benicia, who is currently 7-0!!)

Captain Tove Robinson Reports- Our ladies 3.0 Super senior team is currently in first place with a 7-1 record and 3 matches to go.

Captain Bob Walsh reports-The Super Senior 65 3.0 team is going to host the playoffs after winning all 8 matches to date. One match was rained out in the middle and that will be finished on June 18. The playoffs will be at NVTA courts on July 16th at 11:00 am. The players on the team are Graham Alcott, Dante Caron, Ken Civiello, Rich Cunningham, Ron Downs, Al Facchini, Lloyd Fox, Ed Free, Dick Giusto, Ralph Mann, Clair Palmer, Ira Smith, Telford Terry & Bob Walsh.

Captain Dick Guisto reports- NVTA Adult 3.0 men's team now in first place with two matches left to play. If we win one of our last two matches we will stay in first place for the playoffs. This season has been exciting with two players on different teams being disqualified the standings change over night. When I left to go on vacation for a week we were in fourth place. When I got back we were in first place. I think I will go on another vacation and when I get back maybe we will be in the District Championships.

Captain Phil Lampe Reports-The men's 3.5 adult team has had a great 3 days to start June. On Sunday we beat Greater Vallejo 4-1. Thanks to everyone that came out to cheer us on. On Tuesday we traveled to Vacaville and came away with another 4-1 win. Four 3 set matches. The guys played well and kept their focus. We are now 7-0, with 3 matches to go. Our next match is Sat. June 14 at 1, and we invite everyone to come and cheer us on. A win clinches the regular season title for us. We want to thank everyone for their support. Go Napa!

Captain Sheila Chapman Reports-Our 7.0 Mixed team got off to a really good start. Our opponents, Rancho Solano, brought out what they "thought" was a winning team. Our #2 doubles team of Cindi and Sam, playing together for the first time, pulled off a very quick win over two really tough opponents 6-2, 6-3. Our #3 doubles team of Jan and Larry G. lost against a very tough team 5-7, 4-6. Now for the rubber match, the #1 doubles Alex and Esther. After winning the first set very efficiently 6-4, the opponents decided they'd better bring on their game. Second set 3-6. The third set was very close with Alex and Esther pulling it out at 7-5. What a way to start the season. GREAT JOB TEAM

Captain Fred Facchini Reports-The Senior Mixed 8.0 Team will start this season in a couple weeks with teams from La Cantera, Analy and Marin Tennis Club participating.

Junior Programs



Don't forget we have a year round junior program run by Rick Hanover for all ages and levels. Information can be obtained by calling Rick @ 707-337-3193 or by going on-line @ naparec.com. Click on Recreation Programs and select Youth Programs and scroll down to Tennis. Classes for summer begin June 16th and they may sign-up through Rick or the recreation department. They don't have to wait until summer to start classes!

New Web Domain Name

Our new web address is www.napatennis.org

Past newsletters are available in the archives. Thanks to Chuck Simonds, the COURT CALENDAR will be available on the website instead of being included in the newsletter. This way you will have the most up to date information.

Thanks Gil and Chuck!

King for a Day!



The Crane Park 3.5 Ladies Team celebrates Captain Lorraine's dad, Peter's 91st Birthday! The team came up with a win in his honor. Never mind that Bev and Cindi were serving for their match when "Happy Birthday" started up and they lost that set!! (that's just a lame excuse). Had to postpone the third set because of darkness!!

Speaking of 91st birthdays, Happy (belated) Birthday to our 3.0 Super Senior team player and Life Member, Dante Caron!

Some NVTA History



DURING SUNDAY following finals of the 1967 Napa Register-Napa Valley Tennis Tournament are some of those who played a role in the event—including the winners. Left to right are Carol Porter, who was edged out for women's singles title; Bruce Cassayre, senior men's singles champion; Ross P.

Game, Register editor, who made trophy presentation; Mrs. Sarah Gianelli, women's singles champion; and Dr. John Fittopoldi, who lost men's doubles title to Cassayre. Finals were held at Silverado Country Club. (Register Photo)

Detroit Nets Tie With GB

By The Associated Press
Johnny Dennis gave a record-making performance — but his Baltimore teammates presented the game all to another player. Chicago's Gale Sayers carried

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STAVE OFF VIKE THREAT—

SF Nips Minnesota, 27-21

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The The O'bery straddled in the final job. Young Davis missed a 24th

This picture from the 1967 Register was submitted by Howard Jamison. Players are left to right: Carol Porter, Bruce Cassayre, Ross Game, Sara Gianelli (Laurie Gholson's mom), and John Fittopoldi

Lost and Found

A gold Timex watch with calendar has been found at the courts. Please contact Bob Walsh to claim it. bobwalsh@earthlink.net

Junior and Family Event this Weekend at College Courts

The USTA Parks Program has asked the NVC Tennis Club to host the Northern California Tennis Tournament and the students agreed! This weekend, the family and junior events will be held at the Napa Valley College courts. This is a non-sanctioned event, USTA membership not required.

There are still openings in the Junior and in the Family events for this weekend. Anyone wishing to enter should call Rebecca Thompson directly at 255-7786 as soon as possible.



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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