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Greetings NVTA member!

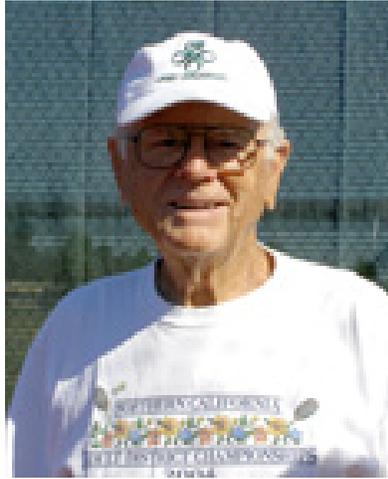


We hope you are enjoying the NVTA eNewsletter! We have heard that some browsers are not allowing our newsletter graphics to appear. View the newsletter online to see all the pix and graphics. You can now conveniently check recent eNewsletter archives as well as the NVTA Court Calendar on our website, 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



Looks like another big year for league tennis. While 5 mixed teams are wrapping up their season there are seven Adult teams and 4 Super Senior 65 teams ready to start their season next month.

It is important that you all know some new 2009 rating information.

1. The meaning of a Benchmark Player changed to include all who went to Districts or beyond.
2. Computer rated players and Benchmark rated players can no longer be dynamically disqualified based on three strikes.
3. Those who can be dynamically disqualified based on the three strikes rule are: A - All granted appeals. S - Self rated (which now includes medically appealed). M - Mixed exclusive players. T - Tournament exclusive players.

While we are talking about ratings, there is so much confusion about ratings. Dynamic ratings are maintained to the one hundredth of a point by USTA and published to the one tenth of a point. So the following rated players are listed as 3.5, (3.05, 3.10, 3.15, 3.20, 3.25, 3.30, 3.35, 3.40, 3.45 & 3.50).

The monthly board meeting is held at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of every month. The April 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 a guest at the meeting.

-Bob Walsh, President

We Welcome New and Renewed Members

- Sharon Harris
- Scott Butterfield
- Amy Taylor
- Peter Scott
- Clarence Gammage

Meet Your 2009 Board of Directors



First of all we must profusely thank our outgoing board members, Julie Jerome, Gwen Pyle and Owen Irwin for their service on the NVTA Board of Directors.

Julie was a board member for the past 7 years and served as our treasurer along with keeping track of new member addresses and emails. But that is only a fraction of her contribution to NVTA. She along with husband Phil, are always out at every NVTA event helping with all kinds of jobs from selling T-Shirts at the tournaments to emptying trash. Also they hosted the board meetings in their home for many years. Julie, you are a superstar!

Gwen was seen often her hands and knees weeding and maintaining the clubhouse garden area as she was on the courts.

There is a reason that our grounds always look so beautiful and manicured. Thank you for all those tireless hours Madame Green Thumb! (Is that how you keep in such incredible shape??)

Owen, as Chair of the Membership Committee, handled the many issues that go with the job, like getting after captains about their players dues, shuffling keys between members, etc. In the last several months Owen chose to play Grandpa to a new grandchild and spent considerable time in Utah and who wouldn't!

Please thank these members when you see them. They really deserve a round of applause for making the NVTa the Best Community Tennis Association. Remember, it is volunteer service of members like these that allows us to have this fabulous facility at such a low annual membership cost.

And welcome new members to the board Lis MacDonald, John Cooney and Ben Caron.

The board members pictured from left to right, back row are: Lis MacDonald, Ben Caron, Barbara Pahl, Bruce Lamoreaux, Matt Forbes, Fred Facchini. Front Row: Lorraine Fazzolare, President Bob Walsh, Membership Chair, Jan Edwards, Treasurer, Mark Glickstein. Not Pictured, Secretary, Carmen Mackey, and John Cooney (sorry, he was in the Cayman Islands!!!).

Sunshine for the Annual Meeting





Finally a break in the rainy weather allowed our club to hold its annual meeting, round robin and pot-luck party. Thank you Matt Forbes (pictured top) , Bruce Lamoreaux and Barbara Pahl for stepping up and organizing a really fun day.

Tennis was played for a couple of hours followed by the fabulous pot-luck. President Walsh held a brief meeting where the new board members were elected and the party resumed.

Larry Lasch (center) generously contributed his own brand of wine to the party.

The lower photo does not do justice to the gourmet spread set before us. Thanks to everyone for all the goodies!

Bubblicious is Going to Districts!





Captain Jan Edwards Reports-After a very close and exciting season, the Senior 3.5A team aka "Bubblicious", pictured below, won their playoff match (2-1) against the Napa 3.5B team, (pictured above). Sue Smith and Pam Bellefeuille played in the number one spot, and battled it out to win the third set 6-0. In the number two position, Cindi Glasier and Kathleen Williams almost pulled off a win, but lost the third set tiebreak. In number 3 position, Cheryl Sweeney and Jan Edwards had a solid 6-1, 6-0 win. We are off to Districts in Natomas on 4/17 - 4/19, and would love to have our fellow Napan's cheering us on!!

ps. Thank you Rusty Ducks, for being such gracious and competitive opponents! It could not have been a closer season.

Members of the Senior 3.5A team are: Terri Andrews, Pam Bellefeuille, Ruth Berggren, Sheila Chapman (co-capt) , Terry Christophel, Jan Edwards (capt), Lorraine Fazzolare, Cindi Glasier, Tamara Krautkramer, Susan Savino, Cheryl Sweeny, Karen Waite, Kathleen Williams.

A special thanks to all the NVTAs members that showed up to cheer on both teams!

Coach's Corner



Rick Hanover Reports-Looking for a couple more beginning ladies to join the 2.5 team. Practice is Thursday 5:30-7pm open to anyone interested.

Cardio Tennis starts next Monday 3/23 @ 6pm

Spring lesson special of 5 private lessons for \$300! Normally \$350.

Junior program for all levels and ages still only \$10 per hour of clinic.

Please call me to sign up or ask questions @ 337- 3193.

Napa Winos Prepare for Nationals!



sound for a plan of the day?

How does this

1. Get together with your buddies for a couple of hours of tennis in the morning.
2. Then go over to Al Facchini's where he serves you pasta, salad, garlic bread and wine for lunch
3. Apply the custom labels to the special wine bottles which you will be taking as gifts when you go to play at NATIONALS in Phoenix

- Top row: Graham Alcott, Tel Terry, Al Facchini
- Middle Row: Ken Civiello, Tony Kelly, Clair Palmer
- Bottom Row: Ira C. Smith, Bob Walsh, Dick Guisto

The NVTA Men's Super Senior 60's 3.0 team completed their season last October by defeating each of the following teams 2-1, St Mary's, Clubsport Valley Vista and Sunnyvale.

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.

Tennis for Life

Age Means Nothing to a Tennis Ball Tennis is for Life

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Thursday May 7th
9:00 a.m.

All 70 and older players welcome
Men's and women's team tennis



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The Harbor Bay Club of Alameda and USTA NorCal are planning the fifth Tennis for Life event for 70+ seniors on Thursday, May 7, 2009. The day will feature round robin play for men's and women's 6.5 and 7.5 combo doubles teams. Box lunches will be provided.

Ladies League A-2 Team Celebrates a Great Season



Led by fearless leader Jude Delorofice, who was sidelined with injuries almost all season, the NVTA A-2 team had a successful season ending up "somewhere in the middle", a solid improvement over last year's results!

The team looks forward to the fall season and thanks Jude for all her efforts. They will be partying at their end of season gathering next month.

BNP Paribas Was the Place to Be!!





Bev Wilson, reporting from Indian Wells-It can be hot, cold or windy. For the entire week except the finals day, it was perfect! If you haven't been, it's a great place to see the stars up close and personal. The practice courts are often as enjoyable to watch as the stadium courts.

We were there just one afternoon but were lucky enough to see the Roddick/Fish vs. Stepanek/Llodra match. A real thrill as our boys took the match in a close two setter.

I'm sure there were many NVTAs members around in the area, but why do I always bump into Pam Shultz when I'm there? Also on the grounds were Lorraine Fazzolare and I'm sure the Noegraths were there also...Colleen Romer and Pam Anderson were also spotted picking up doubles tips. We genuinely missed the Prices who had to cancel out due to injury.

Weather report during the week from Napa? Cold and rainy!!!

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 NVTAs Court Reporter newsletter will be published monthly. Please submit articles and photos to Bev Wilson.

See you on the courts!

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