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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 thanks to Gil Lima and Chuck Simonds.

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.

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

President's Serve



SPRING CLEANING

With Spring we get beautiful blooms and the need to clean things up. There are two major events coming soon. Our 31st Annual Napa Valley Tennis Classic on the Fourth of July weekend and a USTA Adult District on August 8-10. With each event we have the opportunity to show off our facility. In order to show off we need a work party. Today, May 3rd, we started to plant flowers in the front area. Listed below are the projects for you to consider:

- Patio paver problems caused by tree roots. We will need to lift the pavers , remove the dirt and/or cut the small roots and then replace the pavers. Today we did one tree area and it was not too bad.**
- Clean up the clubhouse including paint where necessary. Also need to repair the steps going into the bathroom side.**
- Wash courts after the current construction project. Also in the last week of June before the Fourth.**
- Clear weeds around the school courts (if they do not get it done).**
- Clean bathrooms in the old storage shed near court 1**

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.

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

- Rene Schlatter, phone 963-2436
- Jamie Adams, phone 935-3667
- Sharon Rose, phone 942-9110
- Tiffany Helena Banks, phone 225-7815
- Caroline Anderson, phone 953-8694
- Ken Civiello, phone 916-928-4595
- Ann Smith, phone 948-9774
- Rachael Chang, phone 425-7439
- Susan Shifflett, phone 963-0178
- Kathleen Williams, phone 963-3738
- Nancy Wong, phone 578-5689

Spring Fling Kicks off the Season!



Money does not grow on our pear trees!



This month the NVTA board would like to acknowledge the great job Rick Hanover and his assistant Ross Yarlott are doing. The board hears many compliments from our members regarding the high quality of tennis lessons both give. Thanks to Rick and Ross youth tennis is going strong. It is wonderful to see so many young kids enjoying themselves on the courts.

Did you know that the \$250 that Rick pays each month to the NVTA goes into a special court resurfacing fund? The NVTA is looking forward! We paid \$120,000 on our last re-surface job completely depleting our resources. We even had to borrow from our NVTA president to pay the final payment. So we immediately began building the fund for our next re-surface which will come way too soon for those of us who agonized over the cost of this last one.

We appreciate Rick's contribution each month. Rick has an office and storage area in the club house. He has the use of two courts for his lessons and full use of the clubhouse area including the bathrooms. Not a bad deal for \$250 per month. His daily presence in the clubhouse area helps to keep the vandalism down. Sounds like a win / win situation to me!

Submitted by Barbara Pahl, NVTA board member.

Men's Senior 3.5 Team Gets Close!

Captain Phil Lampe Reports-we won the league title with a 11-1 record this year and then won the playoff match. So it was on to Districts. The first match went well, as we took all three matches from a team from Palo Alto. Saturday didn't fare as well as we dropped our match 1-2. Losing a tough 3rd set tie-break. But all was not lost. Everyone in our flight was 1-1 after 2 days, but we held an individual match advantage. Sunday looked good, but once again we came up a little short, losing a tough 3rd set tie-break again. At least we know we were competitive and the matches were up to us to win, and not waiting for someone else to lose. We had a great season and we will be back next year more motivated and prepared than this year.

NVTA 3.5 Senior Ladies Get Close Too!



Captain Cheryl Richburg Reports-Congratulations to the Rusty Ducks for a terrific season and thanks to everyone for a great weekend at Districts held at the Natomas Raquet Club in Sacramento. We played so very well and did NVTA proud. Our support team was superb !!!!

Cindi and Bev were undefeated in 3 days! The teams of Nancy Waldeck/Joni; Kelly & Nancy Miyama/ Esther Guardado both played terrifically and got wins as well.... Sheila, Trish, & Kathy Hess played very

tough in their matches, those other ladies were just a little lucky.. Friday was 2-1 over Alpine Hills(Upper Peninsula League); Saturday was 2-1 over Gilroy Tennis Club(Monterey Bay League) ; and Sunday we were barely defeated 2-1.....we lost in a tiebreaker to those Harbor Bay USTA ladies, nice ladies but too tricky.

Thanks to the support team..you meant a lot to our successes.... Even though not playing, Diane Jenson and Carol Redpath were there all 3 days to root our team on The husbands...John Lyon, Larry Miyama, Jim Hess, Bob Guardado and John Richburg were so encouraging and helpful, Thanks so much. John Lyon was especially good on Sunday and had the champagne ready for us...good job John. Dick & Pat Giusto, Lou & Bob Walsh, Lorraine Fazzolare, and Tove Robinson were additions to our cheering section. We definitely had the most support, and the loudest as well. Coach and Driver Chuck was wonderful as always, giving sage words at the coaching opportunities and making sure everyone got to Sacramento on time. Thanks to Bruce and Barbara who joined us for dinner on Friday night and brought an incredible bottle of wine to dinner at the Rusty Duck as a first day victory celebration All in all we had a wonderful time and let's start practicing now for next year....we can do it, we can do it, we can do it, we can...

(The team would like to thank Cheryl for all her efforts...providing a "party suite" at the hotel, arranging reservations AND hosting the end of the year party for all team members.)

USTA Teams Check In...

Captain Mark Glickstein Reports-SS 65 3.5 team: Led by Ken Jones and Frank Cafferata, who have played in all our matches, and Sam La Monica and Paul Roberts, who are undefeated, the NVTA's SS 65 3.5 team is in first place. All uninjured players have contributed to our success. We look forward to facing our strong competition.

SS 65 4.0 team: Unfortunately, NorCal decided to forgo local league play for SS 65 4.0 teams. Thus, last year's NorCal championship team will defend its title at Sectionals in September without even having to hit one ball!

Captain Tove Robinson Reports-The Super Senior ladies are are doing well. We won our first 5 matches and we hope to continue to win and have a good time!

Captain Bob Walsh reports-The Super Senior 65+ 3.0 team is heading for the playoffs. Currently undefeated with 5 wins and no losses with three and 1/2 matches to go. The half match was rained out in the middle on 4/23. The team members are Graham Alcott, Dante Caron, Ging Chan, Ken Civiello, Rich Cunningham, Ron Downs, Lloyd Fox, Ed Free, Dick Giusto, Ralph Mann, Clair Palmer, Ira Smith, Telford Terry and Bob Walsh.

Captain Dick Guisto reports-NVTA Men 3.0 team standings are 2 and 2. We are now in third place with one match to go in the first round of play. We hope to move up to # 1 or 2 position by the end of local league play.

Captain Phil Lampe Reports-the Adult 3.5 men's league team is now 4-0 this season, after a thrilling 4-2 win over Vacaville last week. It didn't look good starting out with Napa losing the first set in 4 of the 5a

matches. but everyone played hard and fought out a great win. We've added some young singles legs for this year which helps out tremendously. Our next match is against Benicia on Saturday, at there home. Looking for another good outing.

Lost Items!

A member has lost TWO watches, one gold and one is a gold/silver combination. Also lost a gold hoop bracelet. The items were taken off when playing and must have fallen out of tennis bag. PLEASE! If you found these items contact Suzanne Becker Bronk: sbbronk@photodance.com or call 707.486.1004

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!

NVTA Website and Calendar!

Our web page is back on line! Our talented member, Gil Lima, has volunteered to get us back up and running. Check it out at <http://www.napanet.net/~nvta/> (see link in Quick Links column above) and let us know what you think. Past newsletters are available in the archives. This is a big step for NVTA!

AND!!! 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!

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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