



# COURT REPORTER

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Greetings!

We will miss Wil & Zack!!

## A Picture Says a Thousand Words



These two guys brought our club together. We wish you well on your future endeavors and hope to see you on the courts again soon!

# A Message from our President....

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So much has happened in such little time. We have watched our friends, families and colleagues lose their homes, livelihood, treasures and memories. Some, lost their lives....some lost those they knew and loved. We are numbed ... awakened by generosity, kindness and simply ... reality. Material things can be replaced. Lives cannot.

As we heal, rebuild and unite as a community, we learn about ourselves and each other. We learn that life is short. That life isn't always fair. We learn that life offers us opportunities... and ... that life also takes some away.

We offer support to Zack, our Pro, who battled the fire and the effects from the fire in different ways. He was "forced" to make a decision that will effect his livelihood and his love for tennis - and all of us. Let's wish him well as he takes on the wine industry where he was offered an opportunity to continue living here in the Valley and use his skills and talents in a different way. We will miss you Zack.



We say goodbye to Wil, a bit earlier than planned. Wil escaped the smoke and fires to spend some time with family in Oregon. We gave he and Zack a "farewell party" on the 12<sup>th</sup> - and we enjoyed our time with each of them. This is what we needed - time with them to express our gratitude and appreciation for what they shared with us - the love of tennis.

As we move forward in our healing and recovery from the fires, we move forward from our loss of Zack and Wil. Katie (Dellich), PBI Regional Manager, is close to announcing our new Pro. I am excited for the opportunities that lie ahead of us and we look forward to her announcement on behalf of PBI.

As we celebrate the "introduction" of a new Pro, we celebrate and dedicate our newest addition to the club - a shade bench as a Memorial to Howard Jamison - one of the Founders of NVTA. Please join us at 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the NVTA courts for a Dedication ceremony. We are honored to dedicate a shade structure in Howard's memory. We are looking for your support in this endeavor in both attendance and donations (see article below).

Let's take some time to look around us ... and appreciate one another .... the beauty of where we live ... the efforts that are put forward on all fronts (thank you First Responders) ... and ... the support that we see, provide and receive. Let's celebrate every day ... and live life to the fullest ... and know that we always have today, but beyond that moment, we don't know what it is in store for each of us. So, live in the moment ... enjoy it ... and let's play some tennis, while we still can and enjoy each point ... each game ... each set ... for the love of tennis...

See you on the courts,  
Ericka

## Members -- We need your help!!

**Call for Donations In Memory of Howard Jamison  
A Founding Father of NVTA**

As voted on by the Board of Directors of NVTA, we will be installing two "shade cabana benches" on the courts at NVTA. One will go between courts 6 & 7 and the other, in Memory of Howard Jamison, will go between courts 2 & 3. Please consider making a donation in Howard's Memory as he is one of the Founding Fathers of NVTA. All donations should be sent to: NVTA, PO Box 2225, Napa, CA 94558. Please write in the memo section: In Howard's Memory.

*We will be hosting a Dedication Ceremony on courts 2, 3 & 4 on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm. Please join us as we dedicate the new shade cabana bench structure between courts 2 & 3 in the Memory of Howard Jamison. Refreshments will be provided.*

Thank you in advance, from the Board of Directors of NVTA, Howard's wife Geri, Mike Hackett, Steve Stefanki and Bruce Lamoreaux who all worked (and are working) behind the scenes to have this Memorial become a reality. Thank you for your support.

### **Howard Jamison - A Brief History**



Howard Jamison started playing tennis when he was 17 yrs. He continued playing during his 4 years of college and lettered in the sport at Sac State. He continued playing even during his 4-hr stint in the Air Force, taking a few trips to the east coast for tennis tournaments.

During the decade of the 70's, he played competitively, was ranked in Northern CA, coached the Napa College tennis team, became the owner of the 'Racquet Shop' (selling it to Tom Steinman in 1984, which later became known as Sportabout). Also, he built his own tennis court, which was featured in the May 1979 issue of Sunset Magazine. In the mid 1970's and during his reign as NVTA President, Howard located \$100,000 in State funds and with the support of Frank Silva (then Principal of Vintage High), land was donated for the 'first public courts' in Napa.

During this same period of time and once the courts were built, Howard as President and Eric Yarborough as Vice President, obtained the first 'sanctioned' NCTA 3-day tournament that became known as the Beringer Tournament and then eventually was renamed the Napa Valley Tennis Classic (sponsored by Starmont), as we know it today.

Howard loved the game of tennis so much that he wanted to be the best he could be so he studied under Vic Braden and Dennis Van Der Meer, both very well respected in the tennis teaching world. During this time (1983) Howard was named in Who's Who Tennis Book.

Also, during the 1980's, Howard was Producer/Director of Sybervision Systems that produced video tapes in various sports. In 1981, Stan Smith was filmed and then in 1991, Chris Evert became the model for the women's tennis tape. In 2012, Howard was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at Napa College.

Howard continued playing competitively with his last tennis match on January 17th of this year! Unfortunately, in April, Howard was diagnosed with cancer and passed away in July. His legacy will live on for his love, compassion and contribution to the world of tennis.

Today, these same public courts continue to be supported and enjoyed by NVTA. We are grateful for Howard's contributions that he has made to NVTA and the tennis community. We hope that you will consider a donation in his Memory that will be put toward the

purchase and installation of this cabana shade bench. All donations should be sent to: NVTA, PO Box 2225, Napa, CA 94558. Please write in the memo section: In Howard's Memory.

## Welcome New Members!

We thank all members that have paid their 2017 Membership dues. We welcome the following new Members:



Mark Green	<a href="mailto:mark@greenenvironment.com">mark@greenenvironment.com</a>
Charlotte Hart	<a href="mailto:ckhart37@gmail.com">ckhart37@gmail.com</a>
Susan Lauer	<a href="mailto:susanlauer@gmail.com">susanlauer@gmail.com</a>
Patrick Macken	<a href="mailto:patrickmacken@mac.com">patrickmacken@mac.com</a>
Emma Siegel	
Michelle van de Pol	<a href="mailto:michellevd@gmail.com">michellevd@gmail.com</a>

"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 2017 was due January 31. Individual Membership is \$100.00 and Family Membership is \$125.00.***

You may pay your dues by the following methods:

- Drop your check off with Zack 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](http://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.

### 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 [Zack](mailto:Zack), 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.

## Change of Guard - New Treasurer for NVTA

After providing his Treasurer report at the monthly NVTA Board Meeting, Bob (Walsh) looked up at all of the Board Members and stated "... all my friends are having more fun than I am." He then shared with us the years he was with his company and the year he retired.

As we all sat there wondering where he was going with this story, he then announced his retirement for a "second time" - from being the Treasurer for the NVTA. Bob was thanked by all for the time and energy he put forth over the past years. He will remain on the Board for the remainder of his term.

Please help us welcome Beverly Saxon Leonard as the new Treasurer for NVTA. Beverly, already a Board Member, was unanimously voted in by the members present. She will continue to be a great asset on our Board, as will Bob.

Passing the torch was bittersweet for Bob - but Bob, you are not out of the woods yet.. We have some grant writing for you! Thank you Bob and thank you Beverly for your service to NVTA!

## Nancy Baty to the Rescue again...

A great report from Jan Edwards....

There's been so much "sad news" lately, that I wanted to share how lucky we are to have a **TRUE HERO** among us ..

Nancy Baty and I went to Kennedy Park for a walk this afternoon ( our usual Silverado meeting place was of course closed due to the fires)..

We where chatting in the parking lot before saying goodbye, when we heard a woman screaming for help ... Nancy ran quickly over to the car and recognized that the older man was in serious distress - she had seen this happen before with her dad .. Today, his caretaker had panicked.

OUR NANCY, promptly started CPR - and yelled for me to call 911.. apparently he had no pulse (another bystander was a nurse) ... Nancy kept at the compressions (wouldn't even let the RN take over - but then we all know what a control freak Nancy is - grin) - just kidding ..

By the time the Paramedics arrived.. "Richard " was breathing !!! It was truly an amazing experienced to know WE TOO can be first responders!!

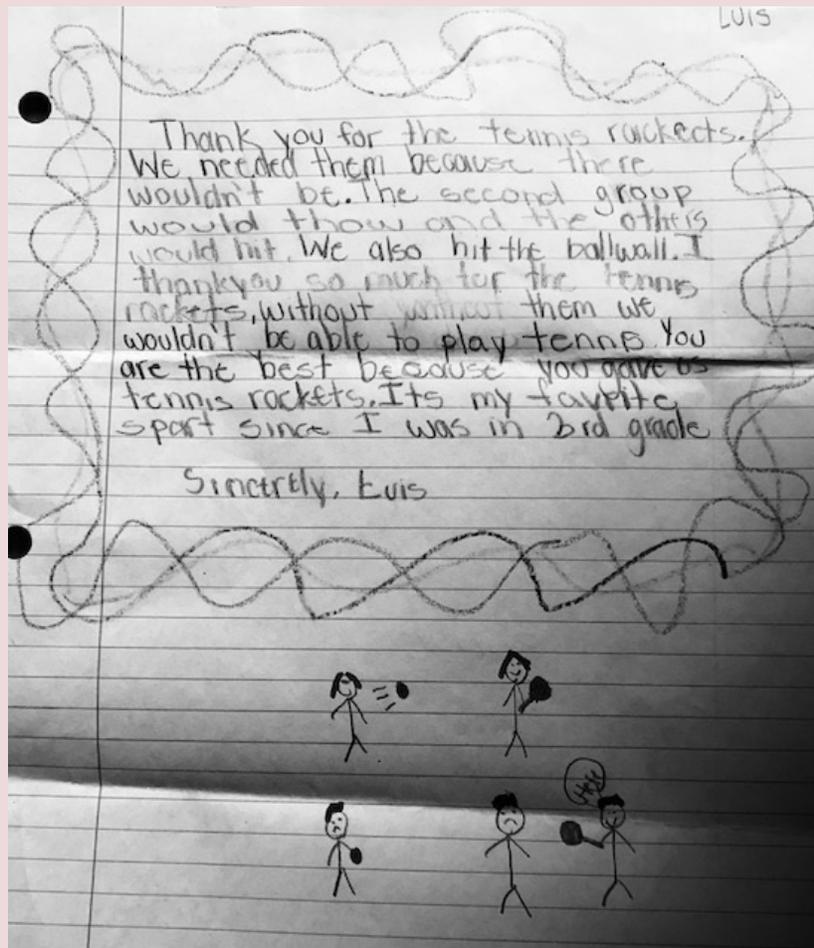
PI - I am SO PROUD OF of the way Nancy handled the situation and to know that because of Nancy, Richard will live to see another day .. (we found out later that Richard is a retired attorney with Parkinson's - his caretaker had taken him out for some fresh air)

Nancy - **YOU are a HERO in my book !!**



## Lisa Miller Brings Tennis to her School

Thanks to the NVTA members who donated tennis racquets for students at Lisa Miller's elementary school. And a special thanks to Lisa for inspiring the next generation of tennis players in Napa Valley. More to follow on this program.



Farewell to Longtime Board Members

Julie and Phil Jerome were an integral part of NVTA. They played on many teams and were both NVTA Board members for many years and Julie was the Treasurer.

A few months ago, Julie and Phil decided to leave Napa to live closer to their children and grandchildren in Redwood City. With only a few days notice, NVTA members were able to get together to say farewell!



Pictured Standing, left to right: David Margulies, Kathy Martin, Lou Martin, Bob Walsh, Bruce Lamoreaux, Alice Moreno, Howard Erickson. Seated, left to right: Donna Cohan, Lorraine Fazzolare, Phil Jerome, Julie Jerome, Ira Smith, Ange Moreno.

## September College Invitational

A Perspective from Alex Lorraine....

How many of you watched the College Invitational that was held at Silverado and NVTA recently? If you missed it you missed an excellent opportunity to see some wonderful tennis played by some awesome young men.

Did you also know you could have played with these young men?

I wasn't going to sign up, but decided that it was a good cause, tax deductible and who doesn't want to play more tennis...especially with and against some of these great players.

So I jumped in and I am so glad I did. The players were kind, gracious, encouraging and so appreciative. After playing some great tennis we were treated to an excellent dinner and very fun conversation with the college players. Many of them were from other countries and it was great to learn from them.

When the opportunity comes up next year, jump on it...we pay such low dues to have our wonderful tennis facility that this extra donation is really a great way to support our club, to play some very highly rated players and join in with old friends and meet new ones to celebrate our love of the game...

Hope to see you all there next year...playing or watching...

## Quick Tennis Links

[NVTA Website](#)

[Court Scheduler](#)

[USTA Norcal](#)

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

[ATP Tour](#)

[WTA Tour](#)

[Napa Parks and Rec](#)

NVTA Head Pro

## Coming Soon! NVTA Imprinted Apparel

We will soon have Nike shirts, hats and vests available for sale at reasonable prices.



## Sportabout is Our local Tennis Shop!

With tennis on hold for most people, I want to get the word out to anyone who has lost tennis gear, shoes, rackets, etc in the fires that Sportabout will do what we can to provide receipts for insurance purposes and to discount any equipment to replace that which was lost.

We want to be sure customers let us know their circumstances so we can help our tennis players get back to normal as soon as possible.

See you on the courts-and at Sportabout!

Tom at Sportabout  
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phone 255-8784



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If you are interested in advertising, please contact Lorraine at [napa10s@gmail.com](mailto:napa10s@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:napa10s@gmail.com).

See you on the courts!

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