



# COURT REPORTER

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## Greetings!

## The Tennis Community Loses a Great Friend Mark Stuart 1953-2018



Mark Stuart was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, June 27, 1953. He passed away peacefully at his home on November 5, 2018 surrounded by his loving wife, Karen, and his family.

Mark was an avid beer and wine maker. He began making beer "when he got old enough to drink it". As he matured, his beer-making skills along with the sophistication of his equipment became legendary. He racked up dozens of blue ribbons at state and local fairs, including Best of Show for his Steam Beer at the Napa Town and Country Fair in 1996, and First place for his dry stout in 1996 and his stout in 1998.

After setting up a garage winery, he turned a barren acre of land into a garden and "gentleman's vineyard". Among his many wine-making blue ribbons, his 2009 Syrah won Best of Show at the Napa Town and Country Fair, and his 2012 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon won Double Gold at the Orange County Fair.

Mark had a generous and hospitable nature. He loved sharing beer, wine and food with friends at his home and even with friends of friends and even with friends of friends of friends. His sweet wife, Karen, always watched on with a smile and a look of admiration as Mark told stories and made everyone enjoy the moment.





Mark supported his wine and beer habit by working as a handyman. He was not daunted by any project, whether it was building small structures, maintenance on existing structures, or troubleshooting and reparation of any system, from plumbing and electrical to structural. His genius was in figuring out elegant solutions to difficult problems.

Mark was an active member of the Napa tennis community, serving on the board of the Napa Valley Tennis Association and offering his talents to make the NVTA tennis courts better, cleaner, and more beautiful. He spent untold volunteer hours helping to build trellises, the clubhouse deck, and other major improvements, as well as planting and maintaining the grounds around the tennis courts. When something needed to be built, Mark was always there to lend a hand.



At the Napa Valley Country Club, Mark was a member of the Tennis Committee for eight years. He was always a welcome sight when he showed up at tennis matches with a keg on the back of his truck or a magnum or two in his arms. In fact, the Mark Stuart Lounge outside the tennis courts at the Napa Valley Country Club was established in appreciation of the quality and generosity of his wine and beer contributions. He loved tennis, but he loved the social aspects of it just as much.

He will be missed, on and off the tennis court. Mark and his infectious smile will be remembered, when his friends raise a glass of beer or wine in the setting he loved so much.



There will be a Celebration of Life at the family home on December 1. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions in Mark's memory to the Community Foundation of Napa Valley or the Napa Valley Tennis Association.

## Quick Tennis Links

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## About Advertising

100% of the proceeds from advertising in the Newsletter will go towards NVTA's Tennis Fund. We encourage you to support our fellow NVTA tennis members.

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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