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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, napatennis.org thanks to the volunteer services of our expert webmaster Gil Lima. 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.



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 or send me an email with the new info.

President's Serve

Napa Valley Tennis Classic
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All is well on the courts and I hope you are having a great season of tennis at our beautiful volunteer supported facility!!

Please take time to thank our energetic board of directors when you see them. They have done an amazing job of keeping the courts and clubhouse in great shape.

-Bob Walsh, President

We Welome New Members

- **Thomas Knight, phone # 738-2876**

Nancy Baty Celebrates Her 12th US Open



NVTA member, Nancy Baty pictured here, at her 12th US Open tournament event. Nancy is a USTA official and acts as linesperson and chair umpire for many pro matches.

Nancy says the weather was (mostly) great, she worked 11 days of main draw, did one chair & called lines for the likes of Nalbandian, Del Potro and Davenport to name a few. Stood right next to Jankovic in her bright blue outfit in her player's lounge. Not a bad job!

Fifty Mixed Team Heading to Donner!



The NVTA Fifty Mixed team captained by Sheila Chapman won their playoff match against Rancho Solano on September 6th. That means they are headed for districts at the Tahoe Donner Tennis Center in Truckee Oct 3-5. Team members are here celebrating with some bubbly while Co-Cap Dick Guisto calls Sheila to tell her the good news. Pictured left to right are Alex Reynoso, Karen Waite, Terri Andrews, Dick Guisto, Larry Lasch, Rudy Portis, Bev Wilson, John Liles and Cindi Glasier. Not pictured are Sam LaMonica, Nancy Baty, Larry Gabel, Jan Edwards, Esther Guardado, Ron Wilske, Sheila Chapman and Bruce Lamoreaux. The team had a

large number of spectators to cheer them on to a 3-0 victory against Rancho Solano in the local league playoff. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Good Luck!!

Attention All Team Captains!

Reminder to all captains of USTA Leagues and Sonoma Napa Marin Women's Tennis League (playing at NVTA) - everyone who plays on your team must be a paid member of NVTA!

NVTA & SVTA Social Gathering and Fundraiser





Don't miss this party!! Support your Napa Valley AND Sonoma Valley Tennis Associations while enjoying an Italian Harvest Festival at the historic Oak Knoll Ranch. Bruce Lamoreaux and Barb Pahl have generously offered to host this Pot-Luck Fundraiser which will benefit both NVTA and SVTA!!

Theme-Italian Harvest Festival

Date-Saturday September 27th 3pm - 10pm

Activities-Bocci ball (of course), Mark Your Salami (it's a gas!), Paddle Tennis (great hit last year), Horseshoes, Croquet (Barbara's personal favorite), swimming & dancing (oh! La La).

Location-Oak Knoll Ranch, 2200 West Oak Knoll, Napa If you get lost call Bruce's cell - 337-2106
Directions: Hwy 29 to Oak Knoll Ave, turn west to the frontage road then head north on Solano Ave. Oak Knoll road runs adjacent to the large pick/fuchsia building, formally the Red Hen or Zare's but now vacant. The house is one mile back on this road. The road forks twice, take the right fork each time. You will cross two cattle guards. Follow the parking signs.

Fee-\$25 per person to be 100% donated to your tennis association. This is tax deductible using your association's non-profit Tax ID number. Bring a check paid to the order of either NVTA or SVTA. We will have containers set out to hold the checks. If you want to send a check in advance please send to your association but write on the check "Tennis Social"

What to bring to the party- Pot Luck - Italian theme, anti-pastas, salads, entrées, desserts (please pick one) Wine, Beer or Soda (bring a Chianti or another Italian wine to share) Please bring an ice chest if your dish needs to be kept cold. Please bring folding chairs, we have a limited supply. Spouses and SO's invited. (No children please)

What will be provided (besides a really good time)- Beautiful pool side setting beside 1900's Plantation style home, rolling lawns, and views of hillside vineyards and gorgeous rose gardens. Plates, napkins, cups and utensils. Outside seating around the pool for all. Tubs of ice for beer, wine and sodas. Oven for heating but not for cooking.

Directions to Oak Knoll Ranch

Turn at the pink-fuchsia building.
Take the right fork twice. Drive to
the back of the house for parking.



Tennis Fashion History!!





Fashion disaster, Bethanie Mattek

NVTA Super Senior 65 Women AND Men are Crowned Norcal CHAMPS!!



**Alameda CA,
September 18,
2008 - More than
350 tennis players
on 37 teams
competed in the
2008 US. Tennis
Association,
Northern
California Super
Senior 65 Section
Championship,
September 15 -
17, at the Harbor
Bay Club in
Alameda,
California.**

This year's event featured the best women's and men's Super Senior 65 tennis teams from throughout Northern California and Northern Nevada. The teams, which represent various clubs, parks and recreational departments and community tennis associations, won local league playoffs held earlier this year and were vying to be crowned champions of USTA Northern California Section.

The Napa women 3.0 Super Seniors 65 and over captured the championship at the 3 day Sections on Sept. 15, 16 and 17 at Harbor Bay Club, Alameda. By virtue of winning the East Bay league the team advanced to Sections. Every one of the members of the team who were available played in the championship. The success of the Super Senior 65 and over team is due to the participation of its thirteen members throughout the season and in post league play: Genevieve Blanchard, Carol Cole, Diana Corrigan, Maureen Cox, Dolly Grupalo, Jean Montgomery, Judy Muller, Joanne Polglase, Barbara Rosenblum, Bev Van Polen, Bev Smith, and Captain Tove Robinson and co-captain Laura Silva. It was a successful team effort.

The men's team from Napa Valley Tennis Association was crowned Section champion at the 3.0 level, after three days of round-robin team competition. The team is captained by Bob Walsh and co-captained by Richard Giusto. Team members include Graham Alcott, Dante Caron, Ken Civiello, Richard Cunningham, Ronald Downs, Al Facchini, Lloyd Fox, Edward Free, Ralph Mann, Clair Palmer, Ira Smith and Telford Terry.

Captain Bob Reports- We had a bad start losing 2-1 on Monday. The team was sparked by the deciding match on Tuesday when Clair & Bob were down 5-1 in the second set and all the rest of the team left to get a hot dog so they could come back and see a tie-break. They got back to see the match was at 5-5 and then we won 7-5. And on Wednesday the final day we had a similar experience when Dick Giusto and Tal Terry sealed the win with a very nervous but successful 10-8 tie break.

The Super Senior 65 League of USTA Northern California is for players 65 years or older. An individual team usually consists of 8 to 15 players of the same gender and competes against other local teams. Each team match consists of three individual doubles. The regular season began March 24 and ended July 6, 2008. Over 1,400 players on 112 teams played during the regular season, with 37 teams advancing through local league playoffs to the 2008 section championship. The 2008 Super Senior 65 League had a 6% increase in participation over 2007.

Bob Walsh, Volunteer Extrordinaire



USTA Norcal wrote this moving tribute to our President, Bob Walsh. I'm sure you will agree we are one lucky Community Organization to have him as our leader and friend!

Most of the teams competing at the 2008 USTA Super Senior 65 Section Championships hail from private clubs. One that doesn't is Napa Valley Tennis Association's Men's 3.0 team, captained by Bob Walsh.

"I call our team 'the Old Winos,'" states Walsh. "We're part of a long-standing community tennis association," continues the Napa resident. "Our association was founded in 1967 and the most of our activities are based at the tennis courts at Vintage High School in Napa. We're 320 members strong and we have a contract with the city and the school district to fully operate and maintain the eight courts at Vintage High, making them accessible to the public. We've got a 29 teams in the USTA League this year and our pro, Rick Hanover, also operates the tennis programs for our local park and recreation department."

Walsh's earliest recollection of playing tennis was on the high school tennis team in 1941. His brother played singles and he was part of a doubles team. His father was a Bobby Riggs type. He would take the boys out on the court and then finesse them to death.

Walsh attended Santa Barbara Community College and played on the tennis team after World War II. He said he made the team because many of the young men were just getting back from the war.

At the ripe old age of 33, Walsh decided that he was too old to play tennis any longer. He also stopped playing due to the demands of family and work. After a seven-year hiatus, he jumped back in with both feet and hasn't stopped since. He began volunteering with USTA Northern California initially working for USTA League coordinator, Joyce Pournaras, as a score keeper for the Senior and Mixed Doubles league.

Walsh became a volunteer Area League Coordinator for the Napa/Solano area in 1996 and two years

later his duties were increased to include the Sonoma/Mendocino area. He continues to hold this position and in 2001 he added to his duties, assuming the position of Super Senior League Coordinator for USTA Northern California.

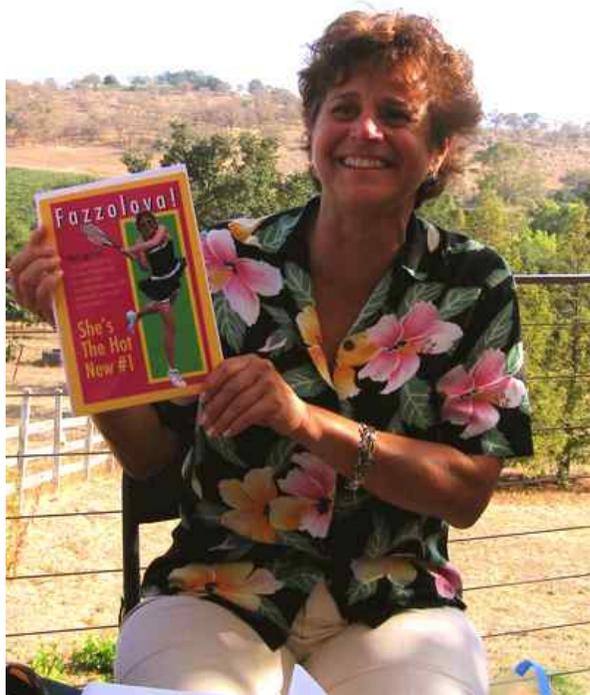
Peter Herb, the longtime former Executive Director of USTA Northern California, trained Walsh to run USTA League Senior Section Championship in 1997. Since then Walsh has worked many of the Adult, Mixed, Fifty Mixed, Senior and Super Senior districts and section championships. In 2001 he began volunteering at the USTA League National Championships, working events in Scottsdale, Tucson and Palm Springs. Walsh has served on numerous committees for USTA Northern California, including Grievance, Appeals and Planning.

Lastly, he's been a key player in growing the Napa Valley Tennis Association, serving on its board since 2000 and acting as president since 2003. Under his leadership, the board, fondly nicknamed the "Do Something Board" has converted a storage building with one bath into an improved building with two bathrooms, added a converted trailer which is now the club house equipped with an office, two bathrooms and a kitchen, and added a 40' by 40' viewing patio surrounded by trees and shrubs. Walsh was instrumental in leading the drive to resurface the eight courts at Vintage High School, single handedly raising over \$125,000 through grants and fundraising activities. When the balance of \$5,000 came due, Walsh took out a personal loan to cover the debt. The association repaid Walsh by holding a "B.O.B." (Bail Out Bob) fundraiser.

Walsh's great grandson has now taken up the tennis and may, in the future, carry the tennis torch and continue the great works that his granddad started.

Crane Park 3.5 Ladies DO Know How to Party!

The 3.5 ladies adult team held their "end of season" party last weekend. Captain Lorraine "Fazzolova" has just received her thank you card...that's Lorraine on the top of the figure and Sharapova from the neck down! This was given to her AFTER she hosted the awards ceremony with a collection of wonderful and witty gifts for team members. The wines flowed and the food was in true "Crane Park" style. A great ending to a terrific season for this team.



Captain's Corner



Captain Jan Edwards Reports-This season NVTA will be the home court to THREE Ladies 3.5 Senior teams!! ...it will be hard to root for or against any one of them!! Good luck to all. This might be an NVTA record!

Captain Mark Glickstein Reports- Our ss 60 8.0M team was very consistent. It played the same team (La Cantera) four times and lost all its matches 1-2. Two of our players, Ed Farver and Zdenek Zahradnicek were undefeated. Also, enjoying league play were Al Pierce, Bill Taylor, Chris Cammisa, Hugh Carpenter, Irl Seifer, Ken Freer, Paul Roos, and Tobe Wolf. We had a very strong team but unfortunately La Cantera was just a tad stronger. Hopefully, next year we will have more opponents and return to Carmel.

Captain Bob Walsh Reports-The SS60 6.0 Team finished the local league 4-1 against a team from La Cantera and will be competing at the Section in Carmel next month on October 10-12. Al Facchini, Dick Giusto and Telford Terry were undefeated for this season.

Captain Dick Guisto Reports-Our NVTA SS60 7.0 team ended the local league season with 7 wins and 3 losses. This was good enough for second place and home court advantage for the first round playoff match. We will play Green Valley on September 21 at 10:00 AM. Please come out and cheer us on having your support is a big part of home court advantage.

Captain Bob Walsh Reports-The Combo 6.5 team is in second place after 7 matches with a record of 6-1. This is the halfway point in this division of fourteen teams.

Thank You!

Annie Moore and Cindi Glasier generously donated their digital cameras to NVTA. Thanks so much... now let's make sure they get some use out there!!