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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



I guess I will never get tired of hearing how nice our facility has become. I played with an individual the other day who had not been to the NVTA courts since before the patio and he could not believe the changes.

Soon we will send a directory file to each of you. This file will include your name, phone

number and email address. If you have a problem with that please let us know.

During the USTA District event last month many players as well as USTA staff commented on our beautiful facility. You should continue to be very proud.

Attention Captains! All NVTA team players must be members of NVTA before they can play in any matches. There are new teams starting up, Senior, Combo and 50MX. New members will pay a pro-rated \$25.00 for Oct - December 2009.

Please contact Bob Walsh if you wish to attend any of the monthly board meetings.
bobwalsh10@comcast.net or 707-255-2794.

-Bob Walsh, President

We Welcome New and Renewed Members

- Lauren Robson 299-0262 (correction from last month's newsletter)
- Robin Bender-Hanover 337-3194
- Ken Wildung 628-9269
- Jose Hurtado 252-8979 (h), 328-0700 (c)
- Sharon Quick 738-2472
- Nancy Tracy 255-7966

Adult League Districts Hosted by NVTA

The adult districts were held at our courts last month and the entire weekend went smoothly thanks to our expert tournament staff and the efforts of many NVTA volunteers.

Many thanks to Bob Sibly, Mike Smith, and Barbara Woodbridge for donating wine for the Auction and Raffle Ticket fundraisers. Maybe it was a sign of the times, but sales of raffle tickets and bids on wine were very sluggish the first two days, until the Napa 3.5 Women's "Blue Angles" flew in to the rescue! Before heading out to courts on the final day, the ladies bid on wines and bought lots of raffle tickets for mostly wine prizes, even though many don't even drink. Way to support the home team!

Special thanks to Tamara and Harold for organizing and manning the silent auction and raffle booth! They spent many many hours on



this successful project. Carmen and Sets manned the USTA merchandise booth for many hours. Julie and Phil Jerome of course at the food table. Gwen Pyle (pictured at left), Tove Robinson, Carol Cole and Cindi Glasier helped with food and auction tables. Diana Corrigan helped at the USTA table. Tony Kelly helped at the food table. Al, Matt, Lorraine, Chuck, Dick, Til, Ben Caron, Lis Macdonald....all were seen helping in some way. Quite a crew! Bob, Dick, Til, Angie, and a couple other guys were out there cleaning the courts before the big weekend....it takes a village, doesn't it?

Apologies to anyone we left off the "Thank You" List!

Meet New Players at a Club Exchange!

Interested in doing a fun exchange with the Chico Racquet Club? There are no set dates yet. Please email Chuck at chucksimonds@sbcglobal.net if you would like to participate!!

Blue Angels Come Close at Districts

The 3.5A Womens team aka "Blue Angels" had a blast at Districts here in Napa, the weekend of August 14th -16! The first day was amazing, we had a clean 5-0 sweep against



women! Capt'n Jan

ClubSport Pleasanton. Unfortunately, we lost Saturday 1-4, against Orange Park from San Francisco, and 2-3 on Sunday against Rolling Hills. (who went on to Sectionals). A SPECIAL thanks to the MANY NVTA members who came out to cheer us on! Members of the "Blue Angels" are: Terri Andrews, Pam Bellefeuille, Ruth Berggren, Sheila Chapman, Jan Edwards, Lorraine Fazzolare, Cindi Glasier, Esther Guardado, Barbara Hall, Sharon Harris, Charlotte Hart, Joni Kelly, Tamara Krautkramer, Whitney Miller, Susie Savino, Laurence Schlatter, Sue Smith, Cheryl Sweeney, Karen Waite, Cathie Witters.

Thanks again teammates, for being such a wonderful group of

Great Fun at the Fundraiser!

Pictured top- Bruce and Dick wheel in the guest of honor. Pictured center- Next best thing to a tennis match! Pictured bottom- Could anyone be bluffing at this table?

This event was held September 6th at Oak Knoll Ranch and was another success for the NVTA and SVTA. Over \$1,000 was donated for



NVTA and over \$400 for SVTA. Thanks to Al Facchini and his Poker boys for manning the poker tables and bringing in extra donations. Paddle tennis was a hit again this year and there were suggestions that a paddle tennis court be added at Vintage. Horseshoes and croquet were enjoyed by a few but most of us "smoozed" and enjoyed all the wonderful wines and appetizers available for our tasting. Again the dinner was fabulous, everyone out did themselves in bringing delicious dishes that would accompany the

"Pig". The Pig came a little late to the party. The pig's generous thighs cooked slower than the rest of the meat so we had to put her back into the roaster after carving off all the forward sections. We apologize for those whose dinner was delayed but those luscious thighs were worth waiting for.

The music began after dinner and many of us worked off the evening feast by dancing to 60's and 70's music. Special thanks to all the people who helped to make this event a success.

- General lugging around and poker guys; Al Facchini, Dick Giusto and Telford Terry
- Chair and table donations: Beverly Wilson, Ben Caron and Al Facchini
- Master Pig Servers: Yong Suk Willendrup (chef extraordinaire) and Lis MacDonald (surgeon extraordinaire).
- Caja China Pig Roaster: Tamara and Harold Zagunis
- Music CD's; Matt Forbes

And many thanks from all tennis players go to Barbara and Bruce for hosting this unique event and providing so much (including the pig) for the party. They continue to work tirelessly to contribute to tennis in Napa and Sonoma. BTW, Congratulations to Barbara on her retirement from Sebastiani!

More Oak Knoll Ranch Party Pix



Live From Flushing Meadows!



Our NVTA Newsletter correspondent Lorraine Fazzolare Reports:

A FEW DAYS AT THE OPEN- The Big Apple and the US Open saw a few Napans this year. Lorraine spotted Nancy Baty (pictured top) on Court 10 making line calls -- it's not so easy to see where the ball bounces when



the ball is moving over 100 mph. Lorraine was lucky to have seats in the 3rd row and to watch Marat Safin (and yes, ladies, he looks better in person) play his last match at The Open. Lorraine's favorite match was Kim Clijsters win over Bartoli in three sets.



Lorraine tried to lure Nancy to the Gray Goose Stand for a "Honey Deuce" every afternoon for cocktail hour, but Nancy was on the job until late in the evenings.

Lorraine was also seen schmoozing with Jimmy Connors and Bud Collins. John Cooney was also at The Open, we're not sure how many Honey Deuce's John knocked down but I'm sure he found his way to The Red Star (Heineken) Bar.



Next year, let's plan a larger contingency to go to The Open from NVT! There is nothing like it...and, oh yeah, there's this place called New York City that's just a short subway ride away!





Anyone Interested in a Club Ladder?

We are thinking about starting a club ladder at NVTA and we want to know if players are interested in participating in a singles ladder (perhaps 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 ladders) and a mixed doubles ladder. Naturally, there are two important elements to have a successful ladder-first of all, we need to have a significant interest in starting a ladder and, secondly, we need a few volunteers to help us get it started. If you fall into either of those categories, please contact John Cooney, jmc1999a@yahoo.com or Lorraine Fazzolare, lfazzolare@santarosa.edu

Captain's Corner



Captain Robin Bender-Hanover Reports-The 5.5 combo team has had a great season this summer. The team is currently in first place with two more matches to go. Rick Hanover Coach says " We have really come together as a strong team and are having a lot of fun". Our goal is making it to districts which I feel we can do. Keep your fingers crossed!

Captain Dick Guisto Reports- Our SS60 7.0 Men's team has two matches left in our season. But we have no chance to make the playoffs. We could end up in a tie for second place with Rancho but they have us beat in the first tie breaker. They have 16 matches won and we can only get to 15 matches won. This is just another lesson that every game, set, and match counts each and every time you play. A

BIG THANKS to all my players for a good season. I hope to have you all back on my next SS 60 team.

Captain Mark Glickstein Reports-The SS 60 8.0 team will be the wildcard team at Sectionals in Carmel October 30-November 1. Congratulations to Bob Myers, Bruce Lamoreaux, Chris Cammisa, Ed Farver, Ed Kohos, Jack Newell, Jim Barringham, Ken Freer, Ken Jones, Rudy Portis and Zdenek Zahradnicek for this accomplishment.

Captain Mark Glickstein Reports-The SS 65 4.0 team will be playing in Sectionals at Harbor Bay Club in Alameda on September 21st and 23rd. Dave Blake, Ken Freer, Ken Jones, Greg Kohles, Henry Lancaster, Jack Newell and Al Pierce will be representing the NVTA.

Captain Bob Walsh Reports- Our Super Senior 3.0s will play in the Northern California Championship for players 65 and older on September 21-23 in Alameda. This is our swan song at the 3.0 level because most of the team are now struggling 3.5s.

NVCC Tennis Event to Benefit a Good Cause

First Annual "Fall Classic" Tennis Event



First Annual "Fall Classic" Tennis Event at Napa Valley Country Club

Sponsored by: Rocca Family Vineyards and Napa Valley Country Club

Benefiting HealthRoots, The Foundation for Global Health and Community Development. HealthRoots, founded by Dr. Eric Grigsby and Dr. Mary Rocca, is currently engaged in development of Hospice and Palliative Care, Dental Care, and Medical Education in Malawi, Central Africa.

Saturday and Sunday, September 19, 20

Napa Valley Country Club
3385 Hagen Road
Napa, California

Head Tennis Professional Sam Levy

Featuring:

- Organized Free Play and Reception on Friday
- Competitive Round Robin for all levels on Saturday
- Pro-Am Round Robin Tournament on Sunday
- Evening Barbeque and Cocktails on Saturday
- Wine Tasting of Award Winning Napa Cabernet

Schedule:

Friday

Meet and greet and hit with cocktail reception.

Tennis: 2:00pm-4:00pm

Cocktails: 4:00pm.-5:30pm

Saturday:

Morning Round Robin (all levels with competitive/comparable pairings): 9:00am-12:00pm

Lunch (limited menu or bbq provided by club): 12:00pm-1:00pm

Afternoon Tennis Clinic: 1:15pm-3:15pm

Saturday Night Dinner and Wine Tasting

Sunday Morning

Pro-am Tournament 9:00am-12:00pm

Each attendee will be paired with a tennis professional for Competitive Play

Event Limited to 32 players

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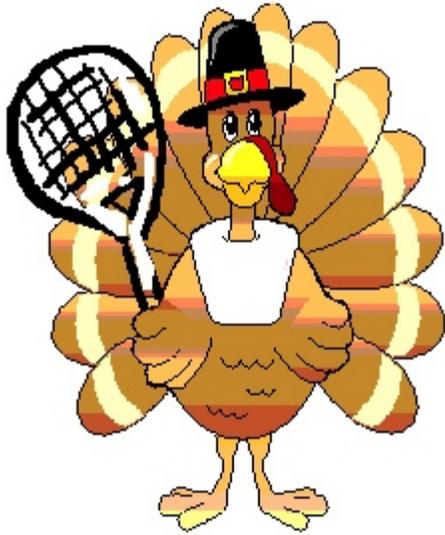
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Get Ready for the Turkey Trot, Nov 15th!!

Save the date for the Turkey Trot Nov 15th. Once again Bruce and Barbara have generously volunteered to organize and run this popular mixed doubles event. Find a partner now and get ready for a day of fun! Details will be in the next newsletter.

Please consider donating something for the raffle! Anything goes and almost everyone gets a prize.



Annual Hanna Boys Center Event

FOR the LOVE of Hanna!

This annual event is the Center's major fundraiser, helping to raise money for the residential treatment program for at-risk boys from around the Bay Area - and throughout California. Hanna Boys Center's unique program provides care, education and counseling for over 100 boys between the ages of 13 and 18 years.



Calling all tennis players: The time is drawing near for our annual Hanna Boys Tennis and Golf tourney at Silverado Country Club. I hope you will once again consider supporting Hanna Boys Center this year. It's a full day - continental breakfast, tennis, fabulous participant gifts, lunch, and dinner.

Please sign up either by following the links below on the Hanna web site or by contacting me via e-mail (CSimmons10s@aol.com) or via cell phone (707) 494-6645 if you have any questions or need assistance in signing up.

If you belong to a team, or a club, or know of anyone who might be interested, please forward this e-mail to them.

If you are able to participate in the tennis/lunch activity, but unable to attend the dinner I can make an adjustment to the entry fee if you contact me.

If you are unable to commit to playing at this time but will agree to be "on standby" for the tennis in case I need you to fill out the lineup with notification on the 16th or 17th of September please advise. I do have some tennis sponsorships available to use to fill in these last minute slots.

I recognize that the economic climate is very challenging at this time. which makes your continuing support of Hanna Boys Center even more valuable. Your contribution does makes a difference in the lives of troubled boys.

Thanks so much! Hope to see you on the 18th.

Caroline Simmons

Do You Know This NVTA Member??



You probably do! Take a guess!!

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

See you on the courts!

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