

“On the line”

March 2005

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FRIDAY NIGHT MARCH MADNESS

March 18 from 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Don't miss out! We are scheduling another Friday night tennis round robin for March 18th, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. It is a great way to wind down after a busy week, and to kick off the weekend with a little exercise and good friends. Following the tennis, we will be going to a local eatery to cap off the evening. Please make your check out to SMTC in the amount of \$10, and mail to Joanie Rippner, 921 10th St. #115, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The event is also open to guests for the amount of \$12. Deadline for registering is Monday, March 14th.

Spring Singles Round Robin

Changing of the Guard

Brian Page handed the reins over to me to run the Spring Singles Round Robin. If you haven't sent your entry form and check to Brian yet, please mail it now to: SMTC c/o Jutta Ruehl, 625 Midvale Ave. #4, Los Angeles, CA 90024. I will extend the deadline to Friday, March 4th, so that you will get be able to get started by Monday, March 7th with your play schedule! Encourage your friends to join and play!

Women and Men Singles Tournament

April 16 & 17

In spite of the predictions made on Groundhog Day, spring is teasing us here in Santa Monica and it is time to practice for the upcoming singles tournament for all 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 women and men. We plan a two day event starting on Saturday, April 16 for the early rounds and continue on Sunday, April 17 with the finals in all categories to be held on Sunday afternoon. Please be prepared to play a lot of tennis. To sign up for this tournament please send your check for \$20.00 to Jutta Ruehl, 625 Midvale Ave. #4, Los Angeles, CA 90024 together with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

March Calendar

Sunday Open Play*

3/13, 3/20 and 3/27

Friday Night March Madness

3/18

Riviera Trip

3/11 - 3/13

*Open Play hours are 8:00am - 4:00pm on courts 1 & 2, and 9:00am - 2:00pm on court 6. Court 1 is the Challenge Court.



FREE Doubles Clinic at Anneet Tennis!

Our sponsor, Patrick Anneet, has offered to host a free doubles clinic on Saturday, March 26, at 4:00 p.m., at his court behind his tennis shop at 2505 Wilshire Blvd.

Improve your strokes. Improve your strategy. Improve your line calls.

This is a good opportunity to meet Patrick, and welcome him to our SMTC family.

Maybe some kind member will host a party afterwards!

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MEMBER BULLETIN BOARD

I still have 5 extra pounds from the holidays. Anyone available midweek days to help me run them off? I'm a male 4.5 with good legs and a big appetite. (310) 822-9067. PS: Also looking for Bridge players.

Note: if there is a yellow mark on your newsletter, this is the last printed one you will receive as your membership expired 12/31/04 and we have not received your check.

Two Interclub Opportunities in April Mixed Doubles Format

One of the highlights of our recent trip to the Shadow Mountain Resort in Palm Desert was an impromptu tri-club event between the Cypress Tennis Club, La Mirada Club, and our illustrious SMTC. Both clubs have agreed to host us at their venues in April, so sign up for one or both. Food, fun, and competitive friendly tennis are promised - all for \$10.00 per person, per event.

▶ **Cypress Tennis Club**

Sunday, April 3rd from 9:00am to noon at the Lakewood Tennis Center

▶ **La Mirada Tennis Club**

Saturday, April 23rd from 9:00am to noon at La Mirada Regional Park

La Mirada was the stronger of the two clubs but can match all skill levels.

Sign up with a partner or we will attempt to find one for you. Please direct any questions you may have to Gillian Cook at 310-204-4091 or gillian_cook@hilton.com.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

The annual Dudley Cup is taking place at Reed Park during the week of March 22-26. This is a Juniors Tournament run by the city of Santa Monica. If you're available during the day, come watch the future Roddicks and Davenport compete on our home front. As a special bonus, for every hour that our club members volunteer at the tournament (as line judges, etc.), the club gets an hour's credit for open play court rental. If interested, contact Bill Nissley, the Dudley Cup Tournament Director, at 310-453-3009 and tell him that you're volunteering on behalf of Santa Monica Tennis Club. That way, we'll be sure to get credit for your time.

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Demented Dropshotters Win 4.5 City Championships

The Demented Dropshotters, a men’s 4.5 team captained by SMTC member **Mike Schmidt** and anchored by members Eben Ham, **Brian Paige** and former members Alan Berkowitz, Tod Feuerman, Howard Miller, Matt Ryan and Guy Prevost, went undefeated all year and won the championship of the LA City Men’s 4.5 Tennis League. This is the third time in the last six years the Dropshotters have won the title. Last year’s winner also featured present and former SMTC members **Harry Weiss**, Steve Kigawa and Jon Moody.

The LA Adult Tennis League matches are played in public park courts all over Los Angeles, and SMTC members interested in participating can contact Michael Davidson at:

MJDavidson@RAP.LACITY.ORG.

Two doubles and one singles are played at each team match. The Dropshotters were undefeated in doubles all year long, and lost only two singles matches during the course of the five-month season. This makes them, arguably, the most dominant tennis team since the great Australian Davis Cup teams of the early twentieth century.

Welcome New Members:
Monica Marin 3.5 310-899-2953
Randy Chow 4.5 818-766-9623
Joan Marks 2.5 310 434-0179
Leslie Quinn 4.0 310 444-1935
(Returning)

Riviera Resort & Racquet Club Trip - Palm Springs March 11 - 13, 2005

After a personal inspection of the Riviera Resort SMTC has planned a trip to Palm Springs again. All rooms have been renovated and all facilities have been brought to newest standards. The resort has received several Awards in the past two years. The Resort offers many on-site activities:

- Nine tennis courts (five lighted for night play)
- Two swimming pools with Jacuzzi
- Fitness Center
- The Grill, The Bar, Starbucks Espresso café
- Shuttle to/from Downtown Palm Springs
- A lighted 18-hole championship putting course
- Sand Volleyball
- Classic Croquet



SMTC members have in the past enjoyed great tennis at the resort. We plan on playing organized tennis Saturday all day and Sunday morning. Dinner and trophy ceremony are planned for Saturday night. The trip coincides with the **Pacific Life Open**, an ATP Masters Series and WTA Tour Event, March 7 - 20, 2005 at the Tennis Garden in Indian Wells. There will be sufficient time to attend some of the earlier rounds of the tournament with ticket prices starting at \$15.00, lots of special events going on that weekend. Please call me or go to the tournament website www.pacificlifeopen.com for more information. So, please sign up as soon as possible, as a limited number of rooms are available. Cost is **\$263.00** per person(double occupancy), **\$445.00** (single occupancy) includes:

1. Two nights hotel (double occupancy - If you need a roommate we will try to get one for you)
2. All organized tennis, trophies, balls
3. Saturday evening happy hour
4. Saturday night dinner

Deadline for the signup is March 1.

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Increase SMTC Membership: We Need Your Help

The Santa Monica Tennis Club is looking to increase our membership for the upcoming year. Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer for you to post at your place of employment, or to give out to anyone you think might have an interest in joining our club. As we all know, our club is a lot of fun, very inexpensive, and a great way to make new friends and play some good tennis. On the bottom of the flyer there is a space (Posted By:) for you to put your name. When someone gives your name as a referral, you will get a \$5.00 discount coupon good towards an upcoming tournament. So everyone, please get the word out and help make our club strong!

-Joanie Rippner (Membership Director)



SMTC CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken February 19, 2005. Please see the website for current standings: www.santamonicatennisclub.com

Open Singles

1. Raul Hernandez (4.0)
2. Mike Schmidt (4.5)
3. Allan Greenberg (4.0)
4. Steve Dorman (4.0)
5. Marty Katz (4.5)
6. Richard Levik (4.0)
7. Bill Roberti (4.5)
8. Peter Shustari (4.0)
9. Mike Germroth (4.0)
10. Russell Braunstein (4.5)
11. Josh Mallamud (4.0)
12. John Raiss (4.5)
13. Rick DeWeese (4.5)
14. Michael Pulford (4.0)
15. Park Liu (4.0)
16. Bruce Janger (4.0)
17. Jerry Zamarin (4.0)
18. Bob Shubert (3.5)
19. Joe Hanania (3.5)
20. Raymond Lopez (3.5)

Women’s Singles

1. Audree Clarke (4.0)
2. Carol Katz (4.0)
3. Elizabeth Dorzback (4.0)
4. Kay Mills (3.5)
5. Barbara Kobata (4.0)

Mixed Doubles

1. Phoebe Neil (4.5) / Mike Schmidt (4.5)

Women’s Doubles

1. Marie Lafayette (4.0) / Katherine Spetner (4.0)
2. Patti Kingston (3.5) / Sue Moore (3.5)

Men’s Doubles

1. Brian Page (4.5) / Mike Schmidt (4.5)
2. Mike Germroth (4.0) / David Morton (4.0)
3. Allan Greenberg (3.5) / Jim Metzger (4.0)

Newly-Won Positions

Date	Challenger	Defeated
2/13/05	John Raiss	Rick DeWeese
2/4/05	Allan Greenberg	Steve Dorman
2/2/05	Steve Dorman	Marty Katz
1/27/05	John Raiss	Bruce Janger

Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
2/15/05	Josh Mallamud	Bruce Janger
2/7/05	Raul Hernandez	Marty Katz
2/7/05	Rick DeWeese	Bruce Janger
2/2/05	Allan Greenberg	John Raiss
2/2/05	Park Liu	Bruce Janger
1/30/05	Richard Levik	Allan Greenberg
1/25/05	Bruce Janger	Jerry Zamarin
1/20/05	Russell Braunstein	Bruce Janger

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Yes, the ladders are all shorter this time. The reason is simple; if you don't renew your membership, you don't stay on the ladder, which is for paying members only. If **Roger Federer** doesn't pay his ATP dues, he's no longer ranked, is he?

Of course, the shorter ladders mean greater chances for instant high ranking for new ladder members. Read the rules in your directory and challenge someone. It's tennis, it's fun!

Special kudos to **Bruce Janger** for surviving nine match points against **Russell Braunstein**, only to fall in the tenth. The tape has been submitted to The Tennis Channel, and we're waiting to hear back.

Riviera Resort and Racquet Club

Tennis Trip
March 11 - 13, 2005
Palm Springs

Your Name _____ male female

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

Your NTRP level: 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5+

Guest Name _____

Guest E-Mail _____

Is Guest a Tennis Player? Yes No

Guest NTRP level: 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5+

Person You'll Share Room With: _____

Can You Drive Carpool? Yes No How Many? _____

Enclose:

- 1) Check payable to "SMTC" for:
 \$263.00 per person (double occupancy) or
 \$445.00 (single occupancy)
- 2) Stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope (not required if you furnish e-mail address)

Mail to: SMTC c/o Jutta Ruehl, 625 Midvale Ave. #4
Los Angeles, CA 90024

Deadline: Entries must be received by Tuesday, March 1

Women's and Men's Singles Tournament

April 16 - 17, 2005

Your Name _____ male female

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

Your NTRP level: 3.5 4.0 4.5

Will you play up one division if necessary? Yes No

Enclose:

- 1) Check payable to "SMTC" for:
 \$20 per person
- 2) Stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope (not required if you furnish e-mail address)

Mail to: Jutta Ruehl, 625 Midvale Ave. #4, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Deadline: Entries must be received by Saturday, April 9



Spring Singles Round Robin

Major Grand Prix Event
March thru May, 2005

Your Name _____

Circle: **Man** **Woman**

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

E-mail Address _____

Circle NTRP level: 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5+

Open Division Men's Division Women's Division

Enclose:

- 1) Check payable to SMTC
 (**\$10** per player)
- 2) Self-addressed stamped envelope
 (only if you haven't provided e-mail address)

Mail to:
Jutta Ruehl, 625 Midvale Ave. #4, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Deadline:
Entries must be received by Friday, March 4

