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April 2005

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Women's and Men's 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.

It's Time For A "Spring Fling" Friday Night Mixed Doubles Round Robin - May 20 BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

The Friday Night Mixed Doubles Round Robins are so popular that we're doing it again! Mark your calendars for a "Spring Fling" on May 20 at Reed Park from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. The entry fee is just \$10 and includes balls, court fees, snacks and prizes. If there is space available, non-member guests **who are new to SMTC** may join the fun for just \$12. Send your entry fee and form to: Bob Shubert, 820 N. Acacia St., #104, Inglewood, CA 90302. Deadline for entry is Sunday, May 15th.

Morgan Run Resort Tennis Trip May 27 - May 29

Spend your Memorial Day Weekend with SMTC at Morgan Run Resort!

Again, on popular demand, SMTC has planned a trip to Morgan Run Resort in Rancho Santa Fe for Memorial Day Weekend, May 27 through 29. Morgan Run, is a beautiful boutique resort, and private club located in San Diego's most affluent community, Rancho Santa Fe. Set amidst majestic hills, embraced by perfect weather, this prestigious area, as well as the surrounding communities of Del Mar, La Jolla and Carlsbad, are heralded as the most exclusive spots for travel and recreation in the country.

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April Calendar

Sunday Open Play*

4/3; 4/10 and 4/24

Women and Men Singles Tournament

4/16 - 4/17

Interclub with Cypress Tennis Club

4/3

Interclub with La Mirada Tennis Club

4/23

**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.*

ALL A-BOARD !

Ahoy there Mates! There is yet one last perk-laden opportunity to join your SMTC Board. The position of Tournament Director is now available since Elizabeth Dorzback was voted President of the club. The Tournament Director is responsible for running the three grand prix tournaments in the calendar year * but good news! Volunteers have stepped up to run two of them, which only leaves the Club Championships left for this year's T.D. to oversee. There couldn't be an easier time to grab this coveted board position. Granted, being a board member involves a lot of work; but there are also a lot of entertaining stories and laughter too! Mentors are standing by. All interested parties should contact Elizabeth at 310-829-3293.

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PAL Tennis Tournament - April 4, 2005

This is a tournament sponsored for the benefit of Parents Against Leukemia and has been an annual affair for since 1974. This year they will have additional courts for mixed doubles, as well as the regular ladies' doubles. For this year they are presenting a perpetual trophy for the tennis club amassing the largest number of team participants. Every club entering at least five teams will be listed in the PAL souvenir program. Many of our Santa Monica lady members play in this tournament, so let's enter under our club name. We realize this is very short notice, however, you can call Evelyn Mendoza at (818) 780-2848 and enter. They will have the luncheon and it is at El Caballero County Club in Tarzana, along with the silent auction and raffle. This is a very worth while event which we should support. **Dorothy Meyer**, a long-time SMTC member is very involved in this event and would appreciate your participation.

Morgan Run Trip

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The cost of \$230.00 includes two nights (double occupancy), \$390.00 (single room), organized tennis, interclub tournament with members of the Morgan Run Tennis Club at the resort, tennis balls, prizes, happy hour and dinner on Saturday night.

To sign up for this tournament please send the enclosed entry form and your payment to Jutta Ruehl, 625 Midvale Ave. #4, Los Angeles, CA 90024 together with a self-addressed stamped envelope.



2005 SMTC Board of Directors

Officers

President	Elizabeth Dorzback	310-829-3293
Vice-President	Jutta Ruehl	310-208-6882
Secretary	Marguerite Jorgensen	310-454-2408
Treasurer	Bruce Schelden	310-306-7115

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Social	Ron Elmer	818-903-2170
Ladder	Bruce Janger	310-392-0680
Membership	Joanie Rippner	310-458-7368
Tournaments	Available	
Interclub	Gillian Cook	310-204-4091
Trips	Jutta Ruehl	310-208-6882

A Reminder...

Please remember to carry your membership card when participating in SMTC events at Reed Park. New membership cards will be mailed soon. It may be necessary to show an identification. In addition, if there is a change in your address, phone number, or e-mail, contact Joanie at Ellen117@aol.com. If you would prefer to review the monthly newsletter on line rather than have it sent to your home, contact Joanie Rippner as well.

2005 Hello Tournament Recap

The Hello Tournament started off with clear skies and 24 players in the morning session with all the courts full. The format consisted of two teams playing against one another: *The Crushers* and *The Smashers*; and they were within two games of one another all the way to the fourth round. *The Smashers* barely pulled out the win in the morning. First place for the women was **Gale Wientraub** (*Crusher*), 2nd place was **Jacquie Schmidt** (*Smasher*). On the men's side 1st place was **Sam Herr** who tied with **David Saft** (both *Smashers*); **Lokke Heiss** was the highest male *Crusher*. In the upper division afternoon session, again all the courts were full and there was some aggressive tennis. *The Crushers* managed to come back and win in the afternoon by 10 games. First place was tied by two *Crushers* **Stephen Olson** and **Rob Kaufman**. **Ron Elmer** was the highest male *Smasher*. For the women, first place was **Katherine Spetner** and 2nd place was **Audree Clark**, both *Crushers*. **Gillian Cook** was the highest female *Smasher*.

Tennis went well all day, followed by 40 players meeting at EARTH, WIND & FLOUR, for dinner and to watch the ACADEMY AWARDS. **Bruce Janger** ran the awards contest with 1st place to **Roger Noorthoek** with 24 picks, just squeaking past **Gwen Coleman** with 22. Special thanks to **Marguerite Jorgensen**, who helped run the tournament and dinner, **Gwen Coleman**, who helped with the arrangements for dinner, **Elizabeth Dorzback** for her help with the tournament and **Bruce Janger** for his help running the awards show contest. Also a special thanks to **Sue Moore**, who wasn't feeling well but stayed and played in the afternoon and also **Jim Dekel**, who filled in the afternoon session, when one member failed to appear.

Thanks to all the members for being there to kick off our 1st social tournament of the year. I hope to see you all at upcoming trips and events.

- Ron Elmer, Social Director

Palm Springs Riviera Weekend - "One of the Better Trips"

These were comments heard at the end of Sunday tournament at the Riviera Resort. Saturday started with picture-book weather and some competitive tennis. New SMTC members and first time trip participants **Gwen Coleman**, **Randy Chow**, **Chris** and **Audree Clarke** enjoyed the experience of playing lots of tennis, great weather and social life. There were rumors of 'slumber parties' in a certain suite, and performances by **Gwen Coleman** and **Elizabeth Dorzback**. The Saturday 'King-of-the-Hill' event was won by **Gillian Cook** and **Harry Weiss**, close runners-up were **Marguerite Jorgensen** and **Ron Elmer**. **Ron Elmer** regained his 'King-of-the-Hill' title in a hard fought competition with **Harry Weiss**. With all this action some members still had time to visit the Pacific Life Open and get some gambling and dancing in.

Welcome New Members:

Gregory Stackel 4.0 310-399-9415
Alfred Ritter 3.0 310-450-8899
Don Dorsey 3.5 310-396-7356
Sasha Bogunovic 4.5 310-980-1018
Charlene Atsumo 3.0 310-478-4180

New Phone Number:

Laura Horowitz 310-826-1033



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SMTc CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken March 27, 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. Peter Shustari (4.0)
5. Steve Dorman (4.0)
6. Marty Katz (4.5)
7. Richard Levik (4.0)
8. Bill Roberti (4.5)
9. Mike Germroth (4.0)
10. Russell Braunstein (4.5)
11. Josh Mallamud (4.0)
12. Bruce Janger (4.0)
13. John Raiss (4.5)
14. Rick DeWeese (4.5)
15. Michael Pulford (4.0)
16. Park Liu (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
3/25/05	Peter Shustari	Steve Dorman
3/16/05	Peter Shustari	Richard Levik
3/10/05	Bruce Janger	John Raiss

Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
3/23/05	Richard Levik	Bruce Janger
3/21/05	Raul Hernandez	Steve Dorman
3/12/05	Bill Roberti	John Raiss
3/10/05	Raul Hernandez	Richard Levik
3/9/05	Park Liu	Bruce Janger
3/8/05	Peter Shustari	Cyrus Namini
3/6/05	Mike Schmidt	Allan Greenberg
2/28/05	Bruce Janger	Cyrus Namini
2/23/05	Allan Greenberg	Bruce Janger

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Our currently reigning head honcho, **Raul Hernandez**, has compiled a 12-1 record since joining the ladder last May. Only a loss last August to **Mike Schmidt** stands between Raul and invincibility.

Glittering stats also belong to **Park Liu**, who is 16-1 over the last year and a half, 22-2 for the last two years, and 31-3 for the last three years. Only **Marty Katz** and former members Jesse Singer and Jon Pennington have beaten him in all that time.

**Morgan Run Resort
Tennis Trip
May 27 - 29, 2005
Rancho Santa Fe**

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:

\$230.00 per person (double occupancy) or

\$390.00 (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

**Friday Night Mixed Doubles
Round Robin
May 20th, 2005
7:00-10:00 p.m.**

Your Name _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

NTRP Level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0

Circle: Man / Woman

Guest Name _____

Guest Level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0

Circle: Man / Woman

Enclose:

Check payable to "SMTC" for **\$10 /member, \$12 /guest**

Mail to:

Bob Shubert
820 N. Acacia St., #104
Inglewood, CA 90302

Entries must be received by Sunday, May 15th

**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:

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\$20 per person

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Deadline: Entries must be received by Saturday, April 9

