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Member-Guest Mixed Doubles Social Tournament Sunday June 26 at Reed Park

It is once again time for the SMTC Member-Guest mixed doubles tournament! The tournament will be held at Reed Park on Sunday, June 26th. The format is mixed doubles round robin play. You must enter with a partner, and the cost is \$36.00 a team (\$18.00 per player). You may play with any club member, however we encourage you to invite a guest so they can see how much fun our club is and be encouraged to join.

Besides all the usual beverages and snacks, there will be awards and prizes for winning teams. Please try to get your entry in early and locked in with a partner - but if you want to play and are having trouble getting a partner, we will try to help you find one. There will probably be two divisions - morning and afternoon - and after the tournament, we will find a nearby eatery to meet for food and drinks.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me either via e-mail at relmer2000@yahoo.com or by cell at (818) 903-2170. Summer is here - those annoying rains are gone - and it's time for some serious tennis fun! We look forward to seeing you on the courts!

- Ron Elmer, Social Director

Malibu Racquet Club Interclub Tournament Saturday, July 23rd at Malibu Racquet Club

Celebrate summer with a mixed doubles tournament and BBQ. The Malibu Racquet Club members have hosted us for many years and put on a great event - just bring a BBQ item - everything else is provided (please sign up with a partner). Tennis begins at 4pm, and after three hours on the courts you will be rewarded with great food and refreshments - all for only \$17.50 per person. Please send the entry form enclosed in this newsletter along with your entry fee to Gillian Cook. Deadline for entry is July 8th.

June Calendar

Sunday Open Play*

6/5, 6/12 and 6/19

Member/Guest Social Tournament

June 26

*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.

Upcoming ATP Tournament

Mercedes-Benz Cup
at UCLA

July 25 - 31

www.mercedes-benzcup.com

Serving Members A Hero in Our Midst

During open play on Sunday, May 1st, four members were sitting on the bleachers - three women (one known to have basic tennis skills) and one man. At the gentleman's suggestion, we moved our foursome to court 6. Electing to play with the weakest woman, he gently coached her and both were elated with the instant progress. Following the match, David Morton was seen on the challenge court exchanging shots with the best of them. David - thank you for a lesson by which we can all learn and grow.

- Gillian Cook

*** SAVE THE DATE ***
July 15: "In the Heat of the Night"
Friday Night Tennis

Just In Time for Summer In the Heat of the Night - Friday, July 15

Join us for another Friday Night of Fun on July 15 at 7:00 pm at Reed Park. As with previous Friday night events, the entry fee is just \$10 for SMTC members and \$12 for non-member guest **who are new to SMTC**. Send your entry fee and form to: Bruce Schelden, 8128 Manitoba St., #101, Playa del Rey, CA 90293. Deadline for entry is Sunday, May 10th.

Have you moved? Do you have a new e-mail address or phone number? Would you like to start receiving your newsletter online rather than through the mail? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, please contact Joanie at Ellen117@aol.com.

New Women's and Men's Singles Champions Awards

Our first Grand Prix Tournament of the year took place on the weekend of April 16-17 at Reed Park. This singles tournament boasted some competitive matches and attracted many new members of the Club. With a tight schedule and two matches played each day, the new champs were crowned. In women's singles, Kay Mills was the winner, and Des Mihailova was the runner-up.

The men had some hard fought matches but **Couper Samuelson**, new SMTC member, walked away with the trophy in the 4.5 division. The runner-up was **Atul Sharma**. **Jonathan Gardener** won the 4.0 division, runner-up **George Kimura**. Consolation round winners were: women - **Mary Durkin** with runner-up **Yoko Takasumi**. Men 4.5 division - **Harry Weiss** with runner-up **Steve Dorman**; men 4.0 division - **Mike Germroth** with runner-up **Greg Stackel**.

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The Benefits of 2-on-1

By Jon Levey, Senior Editor, TENNIS Magazine

Tennis is not a game for an odd number of people. One player is too few and five is too many. Yet having three players on the court can have its advantages. It's a bit more social than singles, the cost for the court is split three ways, and you have the opportunity to do 2-on-1 drills. You're on one side of the court, and your practice partners are on the opposite side. They get to team up and stretch you all over the court, working your coverage skills, consistency, and endurance. These are great drills for many reasons.

More balls: Because the opposing players are covering only half the court, they will probably be more accurate and reliable with their shots. This means the solo player is going to have double the workload. Whether positioned at net or on the baseline, the result will be a heavy dose of strokes and lots of movement.

Diverse play: Every player hits the ball in a unique fashion. When playing against just one other person, you become accustomed to a particular set of strokes. But if you add another player, there are two sets of forehands, backhands, volleys, spins, and every other nuance of the game. This raises the degree of difficulty of your practice.

Super workout: Many people use tennis to stay in shape. Ten minutes of 2-on-1 drills will do more for your stamina than an entire set of singles. And with all the running and directional changes involved, your footwork will improve.

This is a "Tip of the Week" from tennis.com, reprinted with their permission. Visit www.tennis.com for more great tips!

La Mirada Interclub - Recap

On Saturday, April 23rd, an overturned truck on Hwy 10 could not deter a hearty group of SMTC members from reaching their destination. Upon arrival, we enjoyed a very generous warm-up session and then spent the next few hours exchanging many memorable shots. A hearty lunch was enjoyed before returning to the courts for a couple of sets before the journey home. Everyone was a winner (and our knowledge of local geography has certainly been enhanced).

We were introduced to members of both the Cypress and La Mirada Tennis Clubs during our club trip to the Shadow Mountain Resort in Palm Desert last year. Sign up and enjoy the maximum return from your membership by participating in these events.

- Gillian Cook, Interclub Director



Member Bulletin Board

Male 4.5 looking for mid-week, midday, tennis. Singles, doubles, or just hitting. Also for a partner who wants to play hi-level doubles and not just H&G. (310) 822-9067.

**Summer Singles Round Robin
Major Grand Prix Event
Starts July 1**

Singles players take note, SMTC's Summer Singles Round Robin is coming. Be a player! Get match tough and enjoy competition in your NTRP division as you schedule your matches at your convenience throughout the summer!! Enter now! Entry fee \$10.00 per player. Entries must be received by June 15th. No late entries will be accepted! Send enclosed entry form along with the entry fee to Jutta Ruehl.

Welcome New Members

- Florence Foote 2.5 310-455-2610
- Shirley Norkin 3.5 323-467-5462
- Des Mihailova 3.5 310-288-0185
- Andrew Shore 4.5 310-459-9179
- Jack Gordgetzki 4.0 310-394-3460
- Couper Samuelson 4.5 310-309-5716

Phone Number Changes:

- Carol Katz 310-437-9334
- Joyce Cortese 310-277-5323

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SMTc CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken May 29, 2005. Please see the website for current standings: www.santamonikatennisclub.com

Open Singles

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

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
5/17/05	Peter Shushtari	Marty Katz

Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
5/25/05	Richard Levik	John Raiss
5/25/05	Raul Hernandez	Allan Greenberg
5/10/05	Peter Shushtari	Bill Roberti
5/6/05	Mike Schmidt	Allan Greenberg
5/6/05	Marty Katz	Steve Dorman
4/27/05	Raul Hernandez	Steve Dorman

Deleted at Own Request:

Steve Dorman
Open Singles

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

This week’s ladder quiz: Of the current club members not named **Hernandez**, who was the last to beat **Mike Schmidt**? Time’s up. It was **Peter Shushtari**, who knocked him off on June 24, 2001. We are submitting this question to ESPN’s “Stump the Schwab.”

In case you haven’t noticed, **Mike** and his sister, **Phoebe Neil**, look entirely too comfortable as the only team on the mixed doubles ladder. Isn’t there another team in all the land looking for a challenging match?

**Annual Member/Guest
Mixed Doubles Tournament
June 26, 2005**

Your Name _____

Phone (h) _____ (c) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

Your NTRP level: 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5+

Partner Name _____

Partner E-Mail _____

Phone (h) _____ (c) _____

Partner NTRP level: 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5+

Check here if you need us to try to find you a partner

Enclose:

1) Check payable to "SMTC" for: **\$36** per team (\$18 per person)

2) Stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope (not required if you furnish e-mail address)

Mail to: Ron Elmer, 10724 Debra Ave., Granada Hills, CA 91344
For Questions Call: 818-903-2170

**Summer Singles Round Robin
Major Grand Prix Event
Starts July 1, 2005**

Your Name _____

Circle: Male Female

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

Deadline for entry: June 15th

**Interclub with Malibu Racquet Club
at Malibu Racquet Club
Saturday, July 23 4:00 pm**

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+

Partner Name _____

Partner E-Mail _____

Partner NTRP level: 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5+

Enclose:

1) Check payable to "SMTC" for:
\$17.50 per person

2) Stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope (not required if you furnish e-mail address)

Mail to: SMTC, c/o Gillian Cook, 10648 Cushdon Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90064 -- **Deadline for entry: July 8th**



**In The Heat of The Night
Friday Night Tennis**

Reed Park - July 15th, 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: Male Female

Guest Name _____

Guest Level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0

Circle: Male Female

Enclose:

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

Mail to: Bruce Schelden, 8128 Manitoba St., #101,
Playa del Rey, CA 90293

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