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August 2005

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Minor Grand Prix Event

TEAM TENNIS STRIKES AGAIN

USTA League matches might be over for the summer, but you don't have to hang up your tennis racquets! Hustle a four-man team together (actually **two men / two women**) for some great competitive tennis. This year's *Team Tennis Tournament* is scheduled for Sunday, August 21 at Reed Park. Matches will be comprised of men's, ladies' and mixed doubles in a rotating round robin format against the other teams in each division. This year, one of the four players on your team may be a non-SMTC member guest. Trophies will be awarded to the team with the most games won. In keeping with SMTC tradition, a special prize will be awarded to the team with the most original team name. Past names have included *Double Jeopardy*, *Double Trouble* and *Lord of the Strings*, among others.

If you enjoy competitive match play, this is the perfect event for you. So, call your friends, consult your SMTC handbook or scout the players at Sunday Open Play in order to form your own formidable team. If you're having difficulty forming a team, you may sign up alone or with a partial team and the tournament director will **attempt** to put together teams from other partial entries. However, the surest way to play is to enter with a complete team.

The fee for this event is \$18 per player (\$72 per team); **entries must be received by Sunday, August 14**. Send the enclosed entry form, along with the entry fee made payable to SMTC, to Elizabeth Dorzback, 1417 18th St., #6, Santa Monica, CA 9404. Be sure to include your e-mail address **legibly written** or a #10 self-addressed envelope.

It's Déjà Vu All Over Again

As you may have noticed, we have fewer members than last year at this time. The population hardest hit has been the advanced players (4.5 and above). In order to stimulate resurgence in our membership, we have planned a very unique event. For the first time ever, SMTC will host a "Reunion Round Robin" on Friday, August 12th -- an evening of mixed doubles for **former SMTC members at the 4.5+ level**. Current club members are also invited to participate, however we are especially encouraging *former members* to return to their old stomping ground for an evening of fun-filled tennis. Hopefully, they'll see how much they've missed and will be inspired to join us once again.

Feel free to spread the word to all your former SMTC friends and encourage them to join the fun on August 12th. The entry fee is just \$10. Simply complete the enclosed entry form and mail it to SMTC, c/o Elizabeth Dorzback, 1417 18th St., #6, Santa Monica, CA 90404 by August 4th. If this event is a success, we will consider doing it again for players at the 3.5 and 4.0 levels.

... And Now... The Event You've All Been Waiting For...

SMTC's Annual CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - September 10 and 11, 17 and 18

Lights! Camera! Action! The peak of Santa Monica tennis action will take place this September at our annual Club Championships taking place over the weekends of September 10 & 11 and 17 & 18. **(Please make yourself available on all four days in order to participate in the tournament.)** This is the Club's most exciting tournament of the year with players competing in FIVE events: Men's and Women's Singles, Men's and Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. This is everyone's chance to test their mettle, challenge past winners (or defend winning positions, as the case may be) at the most competitive tournament the Club offers. All events will be single elimination, best of three sets. Trophies will be awarded to all champions and runners-up. This is a members-only event. Players are welcome to enter more than one event, but must be prepared to play back-to-back matches if they do.

For the first time in SMTC history, we're giving a price break for players entering more than one event. The entry fee for playing in one event is \$25; each additional event is only \$15 each. This covers court time, balls, trophies and the ever-climactic after party which follows the final matches. Whether you play or not (or get eliminated in early rounds), please come watch the exciting final matches on Sunday, September 18th. Non-playing members and/or guests are welcome to attend the party for \$10.

Because of the complexity of preparing the draw for this event, entries must be received **no later than August 28th.** Simply send the enclosed entry form, along with your entry fee made payable to SMTC, to Elizabeth Dorzback, 1417 18th St., #6, Santa Monica, CA 90404. Many volunteers are needed to run the show, so please check the "willing to volunteer" box on the entry form if you are available.

Get the word out - tell everyone you see to sign up NOW for the Club Championships, so that this year's event will be the most competitive and grandest of them all! See you on the courts!

2005 Santa Monica Open

The 76th annual Santa Monica Open will take place from 8/29-9/5 (adult events are on the weekends, juniors during the week). Adult events are men's and women's singles 5.5, 5.0, 4.5, 4.0 and 3.5. The tournament will be played at Reed Park and Ocean View park. Entry forms are available at the Reed Park Tennis Office. Info is available at whnissley@hotmail.com or by phone: Bill Nissley at 453-3009.

August Calendar

Sunday Open Play*

8/7, 8/14 and 8/28

4.5 Reunion Round Robin

Friday, 8/12

Team Tennis Tournament

Sunday, 8/21

2005 Santa Monica Open

8/29 - 9/5

**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 Professional Tournaments

Mercedes-Benz Cup

at UCLA
July 25 - 31

www.mercedes-benzcup.com

Acura Classic

at La Costa
July 30 - August 7

www.acuraclassic.org

JP Morgan Chase Open

Carson, CA
August 8 - 14

www.jpmorganchaseopen.com



Member/Guest Tournament A Mega Hit

The Member/Guest Tournament which was held on Sunday, June 26th, went off well, thanks in large part to the tremendous efforts of the tournament staff to put last-minute teams together, assist all players who signed up “solo” to find partners, and recruit additional teams in order to round out each division. It was a extraordinary feat that resulted in 52 participants (14 of which were guests) playing in three separate sessions.

In the morning division, 1st place was **Joan Matis** and **Sam Herr**; 2nd place was **Laurie Drake** and **Ben Rubenstein**, who had tied with **Carrie Gold** and **Bruce Shelden** in total game scores, however Laurie and Ben had won more games in the head-to-head match against Carrie and Bruce.

In the midday division, **Roxanne Pacino** and **Jim Katz**, both guests, won in a play off tie-breaker against **Carol Katz** and **David Morton**. This gave Carol and David a hard fought 2nd place. The afternoon division resulted in a family feud - tennis style - with **Phoebe Neil** and **Guy Prevost** (her partner, oldest brother and guest) sparring against **Mike Schmidt** (Phoebe’s other brother, as most of us know) and his guest, **Lety Acalawon**. After a hard-fought (and entertaining) playoff tiebreaker, Phoebe and Guy prevailed at 9/7. It was a very well played match and I would have liked to have it played as a full set as it was so high level. We may do this with our play off matches in the future, if time permits. There was a suggestion to award **Jacque Schmidt**, a long time member who came to watch her offsprings, a special award for having such good tennis genes.

I would like to thank **Gwendolyn Coleman** and **Elizabeth Dorzback** for their assistance, as they both brought in guests and helped with the tournament, as well as **Carol Katz** for donating gift certificates for each division for a drawing from her beauty salon C.M.K. I would especially like to thank **Marguerite Jorgensen**, who is my partner on all our tournaments. Additionally, thanks to all the members and guests who came out to play as we saw some good competition and sportsmanship.

- Ron Elmer, Social Director

Group Clinics Forming Now

On the heels of the success of the recent clinics conducted by our advertiser, Anneet Tennis, Patrick Anneet is offering further clinics in a more individualized setting. They will be held on Saturdays 12:00-1:30. If there are 3-6 players, the cost will be \$20/person. If 8 players, then just \$15/person. So, gather together other players at your level and contact Anneet to schedule your very own clinic. This is a limited time offer, so contact Patrick at (310) 315-0886 or www.anneetennis.com

Welcome New Members

Linda Chan 4.0 323-551-5991
 Sidney Krems* 3.0 310 395-0603
 Frank Crezee* 4.0 310-600-3959
 Candace Tysdal 3.5 310-230-3561
 Richard Kahn 3.5 310-822-5657
 Nancy Lazar* 3.5 310-459-6217
 *Returning member



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SMTc CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken July 18, 2005. Please see the website for current standings: www.santamonikatennisclub.com

Open Singles

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

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)
2. Elizabeth Dorzback (4.0) / Ron Elmer (4.0)

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)
4. Chris Clarke (4.0) / Ron Elmer (4.0)

Newly-Won Positions

Date	Challenger	Defeated
7/8/05	Allan Greenberg	Marty Katz

Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
7/18/05	Bruce Janger	Jerry Zamarin
7/17/05	Neil / Schmidt	Dorzback / Elmer
7/10/05	Page / Schmidt	Clarke / Elmer
7/6/05	Allan Greenberg	Bruce Janger
7/5/05	Richard Levik	Bruce Janger
6/25/05	Richard Levik	Cyrus Namini
6/25/05	Bruce Janger	Joe Hanania

WELCOME TO:

Cyrus Namini - Open Singles
 Chris Clarke / Ron Elmer - Men’s Doubles
 Elizabeth Dorzback / Ron Elmer - Mixed Doubles

DELETED AT OWN REQUEST

Peter Shushtari - Open Singles

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

We’re sorry to see **Peter Shushtari** withdraw because of other time commitments. But he will return soon, so the 17 players who moved up a spot shouldn’t get too comfortable.

Our number one singles players complain that no one is challenging them. Folks, do **Roger Federer** and **Lindsay Davenport** have to look for challengers to take them on? If you qualify, give it a shot. You qualify to challenge **Raul** if you’re within 6 of him on the open singles ladder. You qualify to challenge **Audree** if you’re a female member of the club.

**4.5 Reunion Round Robin
Mixed Doubles Tournament
Friday Evening, August 12, 2005
Reed Park**

Your Name _____

Phone (h) _____ (cell) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

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

Enclose:

Check payable to "SMTC" for **\$10 per person**

Mail to:

Elizabeth Dorzback, 1417 18th St., #6, Santa Monica, CA 90404

**SMTC Annual Club Championship
-Major Grand Prix Event-
September 10 & 11 and 17 & 18, 2005**

Your Name _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____ Circle: **Man** / **Woman**

Events

(circle a level for each event you wish to enter)

■ **Singles** 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 **Open**

Will you play up one division if necessary? Yes No

■ **Doubles** 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 **Open**

Will you play up one division if necessary? Yes No

Partner's Name _____

■ **Mixed** 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 **Open**

Will you play up one division if necessary? Yes No

Partner's Name _____

■ **Party Only**

Enclose:

1) Entry fee payable to "SMTC" of **\$25** for one event, **\$15** for each additional event. Attending party only: **\$10** per person

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

Mail to: SMTC, c/o Elizabeth Dorzback, 1417 18th St., #6, Santa Monica, CA 90404

Deadline: Entries must be received by August 28, 2005

I'd like to help out with this tournament: (check)

before during at the party



**Team Tennis Tournament
Sunday, August 21, 2005 at Reed Park**

Your Name _____ male female

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

(please print legibly)

Your NTRP level: 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5+

Enclose:

1) Check payable to "SMTC" for **\$72** (\$18 per player)

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

Mail to: Elizabeth Dorzback, 1417 18th St., #6, Santa Monica, CA 90404

Deadline: Entries must be received by Sunday, August 14, 2005

Team Info

Team Name _____

Member 2 _____ Phone _____

Member 3 _____ Phone _____

Member 4 _____ Phone _____

We will attempt to make up full teams from partial entries, but there are no guarantees - best to enter as a full team.