

“on the line”

October 2005

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Halloween Interclub Sunday, October 30th Elaine's Tennis & Travel Group



Invite your favorite ghou or guy to head over the hill to Studio City for an afternoon of frightfully good tennis (4 to 6pm). Stay in costume and enjoy a catered party nearby following the matches. If you can't scare up a partner, we will attempt to dig one up for you. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes. Space is limited. Please respond by October 14th.

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Shadow Mountain Weekend Tennis Trip November 4 - 6, 2005

SMTC's next weekend trip is scheduled for November 4 - 7, 2005 at the Shadow Mountain Resort & Racquet Club in Palm Desert. This will be our 16th visit to Shadow Mountain, recognized by Tennis Magazine as one of Southern California's best resort, and top 50 resort in the nation.

We have reserved a block of two-and three bedroom condominiums (4 - 6 people per condo, double occupancy), all with fully equipped kitchens. We will try to match you with a roommate if you need one, but a match is not guaranteed.

There will be open tennis on Friday, and a "get-to-know" happy hour on Friday night. Please feel free to make dinner arrangements with other early arrivers at many of the fine restaurants in the area. A social interclub is planned with the "Monterey Country Club" at their location for Saturday morning, followed by organized tennis on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Saturday evening dinner is scheduled in Palm Springs and included in the price of \$225.00 per person/ double occupancy, \$365.00 for single occupancy. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, but must be received by October 15th.

Send the enclosed entry form, a check payable to SMTC, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to SMTC, c/o Jutta Ruehl, 625 Midvale Avenue, #4, Los Angeles, CA 90024

October Calendar

Sunday Open Play*

10/2; 10/9, 10/16; 10/23 and 10/30

Casa Via Mar Tennis Trip

9/30 - 10/2

Halloween Interclub

10/30

*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.

Annual Turkey Shoot Fun

Sunday, November 13

SMTC’s annual Turkey Shoot will take place on Sunday, November 13, 2005 at Reed Park. This is one of the Club’s most popular and long-running social tournaments with all players competing in a round robin mixed doubles format. Each player enters without a partner and plays on one of two teams, either the “Turkeys” or the “Hams”.

The scores of the two teams are accumulated throughout the day. After all matches are completed and the feathers have settled, each member of the day’s winning team will receive a \$10 gift certificate from a local supermarket to help towards their own Thanksgiving banquet.

As this is the season of giving thanks, a donation of non-perishable food items will be collected and given to a west-side food bank. If there is a volunteer willing to oversee this task, please contact Mary with your information.

All entries must be received by Saturday, November 4. Send the enclosed entry form and a check made payable to SMTC for \$18 per player to: Mary Durkin, 10860 Kingsland Street, Los Angeles, CA 90034. Please write your e-mail address legibly on the entry form, or include a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope with your entry.

After all entries are received, players will be notified via post or e-mail of their session and starting time.



Welcome New Members

Nick Arnds 4.0 310-463-7013
Pam Blakis 3.5 310-478-7007

New Phone Number:

J.Alfred Ritter 310-990-8988

2005 SMTC Board of Directors

Officers

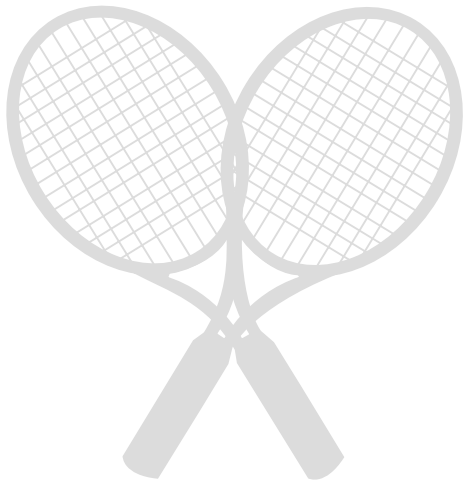
President	Elizabeth Dorzback	310-829-3293
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Directors

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

G-Man Impresses at Santa Monica Open

Our own **Jack Gorodetzky** reached the finals of the 4.0 Men's Singles in the recent Santa Monica Open Tournament. Several other SMTC members played in the tournament, but Jack was the only one to reach the finals. Well done, Jack!



TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP Application Enclosed

Once again it's time to renew your SMTC membership for the year 2006. A renewal application is enclosed with this newsletter. Please mail your application and check as soon as possible so that you won't miss any newsletters or events in 2006 (and to make it easier for us to process your application before the year-end rush.) Be sure all the information is current - **especially your e-mail address and phone number.**

The renewal fee is just \$55. And remember that for every new member you bring in to the club, you get a coupon worth \$5 towards the entry fee of any tournament; if you bring in five new members to the club, then your membership is free! Also, the holidays are just around the corner. A membership to SMTC makes an excellent holiday gift. Just photocopy the enclosed form for every new member you wish to bring to the club (or download it from the website: www.santamonikatennisclub.com).

BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Every December 31st marks the end of the terms for half our board members. These positions are therefore available to anyone in the club interested in joining the board or to these board members who may run for reelection. Enclosed is a nomination form. Nominees are elected to the board at large and not to a specific position. If you are a current SMTC member and would like to run for the board, nominations can be made as follows:

- (1) A member may nominate him or herself by submitting the form with the signature of five other SMTC members in good standing who support the nomination.
- (2) A nominating committee appointed by the president of SMTC shall make nominations

Nominations must be received by October 20, 2005. Ballot and instructions will be in your November newsletter.

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SMTC CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken September 24, 2005. Please see the website for current standings: www.santamonicatennisclub.com

Open Singles

1. Mike Schmidt (4.5)
2. Allan Greenberg (4.0)
3. Bill Roberti (4.5)
4. Marty Katz (4.5)
5. Russell Braunstein (4.5)
6. Richard Levik (4.0)
7. Mike Germroth (4.0)
8. Josh Mallamud (4.0)
9. Park Liu (4.0)
10. Bruce Janger (4.0)
11. John Raiss (4.5)
12. Rick DeWeese (4.5)
13. Michael Pulford (4.0)
14. Andy Shore (4.5)
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. Sherry Harrison (4.0) / Candace Tysdal (3.5)
2. Marie Lafayette (4.0) / Katherine Spetner (4.0)
3. Patti Kingston (3.5) / Sue Moore (3.5)
4. 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
9/14/05	Andy Shore	Jerry Zamarin
8/30/05	Allan Greenberg	Bill Roberti (default)

Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
9/22/05	Bruce Janger	Joe Hanania
9/16/05	Mike Schmidt	Richard Levik
9/9/05	Marty Katz	Bruce Janger
8/25/05	Mike Germroth	Bruce Janger

Welcome To:

Sherry Harrison / Candace Tysdal
Women’s Doubles

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Rejecting the old advice about starting at the bottom and working your way up, **Sherry Harrison** and **Candace Tysdal** entered the Women’s Doubles ladder at number one with a win over **Marie Lafayette** and **Katherine Spetner**. All hail the new queens, but don’t be afraid to challenge them.

A new ruler also sits atop the Open Singles ladder. **Mike Schmidt** took over after the abdication of **Raul Hernandez**, who compiled a record of 16-1 during his one-year reign of terror.

**SMTC Annual Turkey Shoot
Mixed Doubles Tournament
Sunday, November 13, 2005**

Your Name _____ male female

Phone (h) _____ (cell) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

(Please print legibly (or enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope))

Your NTRP level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 Open

Will you play up one division if necessary? Yes No

Enclose:

- 1) Check payable to "SMTC" for **\$18** per player
- 2) Stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope (not required if you furnish e-mail addresses)

Mail to:

Mary Durkin, 10860 Kingsland Street, Los Angeles, CA 90034,
(phone: 310-446-6393)

Deadline: Entries must be received by Saturday, Nov. 4, 2004

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

Before ___ During ___

Please bring one item of non-perishable food as a donation to a local food bank

**Halloween Interclub
Sunday, October 30th, 4PM-6PM
Studio City
Elaine's Tennis & Travel Group**

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+

Can You Drive Carpool? Yes No **How Many?** _____

Enclose:

- 1) Check payable to "SMTC" for:
\$22.00 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: October 14th



**Shadow Mountain Weekend Tennis Trip
November 4 - 6, 2005**

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:
\$225.00 per person (double occupancy), or
\$365.00 per person (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 for entry: October 15th



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**NOMINATION FORM
DIRECTOR OF SANTA MONICA TENNIS CLUB 2006**

I, (PRINT NAME) _____, place my name in nomination for a position of DIRECTOR of the Santa Monica Tennis Club.

I am currently a member of the club and the following members in good standing support my nomination:

Members who support the above nomination: (please sign your name on the left and print your name on the right)

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Nominee's Signature: _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone (home) (____) _____ (work) (____) _____

Mail to: SMTC Nominations, P. O. Box 2012, Santa Monica, CA 90406

Nomination forms must be received no later than October 20th, 2005 for placement on the ballot



Santa Monica Tennis Club

- ▶ Renewal Application for Membership - 2006
- ▶ Gift Membership Application - 2006

If you joined late in 2005

2004 members who joined the club on or after October 1, 2005 and did not play in the Club Championships are automatically paid-up members for the full year 2006 and may disregard this renewal request.

Please fill out the form(s) below and mail to:
Membership, Santa Monica Tennis Club, PO Box 2012, Santa Monica, CA 90406
If you have questions, leave a message at (310) 281-3196



Renewal Application for 2005 Membership -- Mail to: SMTC, PO Box 2012, Santa Monica, CA 90406

Name _____ Check if spelling change from current label
last first

E-Mail _____ Male Female

Check here if you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail

NTRP Playing Level (over): Circle one 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0 5.5 6.0 6.5 7.0

This is: My estimate Official USTA rating dated _____

Renew my membership for 2006: without any changes with the following changes

(Complete the following phone and address information only if you have changes):

Phone (home) (_____) _____ (work) (_____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please enclose a check payable to "SMTC" for \$55.00 Check# _____



Gift Membership (pay \$55) - Mail to: SMTC, PO Box 2012, Santa Monica, CA 90406

Please Issue a 2006 Santa Monica Tennis Club membership, as a gift, to:

Name _____ Phone (home) (_____) _____
last first

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail _____ Male Female

Check here if the gift recipient would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail

NTRP Playing Level (over): Circle one 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0 5.5 6.0 6.5 7.0

Please enclose a check payable to "SMTC" for \$55.00 Check# _____

SANTA MONICA TENNIS CLUB INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

Every adult tennis player, regardless of ability, is welcome to join SMTC. You do not have to be a resident of Santa Monica.

HANDBOOK

A Members' Handbook, including a membership roster, is mailed to all current members in the first quarter of the year. It is updated periodically throughout the year and supplements are mailed out with the club newsletter.

NEWSLETTER

"on the line" is issued monthly to all current members and includes announcements of all upcoming events, the latest ladder positions and entry blanks for the upcoming activities.

ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY OPEN PLAY

The club reserves three courts at Reed Park for "Open Play" every Sunday throughout the year, except when the courts are being used for tournaments or other sanctioned activities. These three reserved courts are for the exclusive use of members. Open play guidelines are printed in the handbook.

SMTC TOURNAMENTS

These tournaments are held throughout the year at Reed Park, usually one each month. Most are one-day, Sunday tournaments. Main events include the Hello Tournament in February, the Club Championships (two weekends) in the fall, the Team Tennis tournament in October, and the Turkey Shoot tournament in November.

INTERCLUB TOURNAMENTS

These one-day matches with other clubs are scheduled throughout the year.

CHALLENGE LADDERS

SMTC maintains singles, doubles and mixed doubles challenge ladders which are open to all current members, regardless of ability. Guidelines are published in the handbook and standings are posted each month in the newsletter.

BOARD MEETINGS

The board of directors meets monthly. Any suggestions, problems, or accolades should be brought to the attention of a board member who will present them to the board at the next meeting. A general meeting, open to all members, is held annually in the fall and announced in the newsletter.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

These include, but are not limited to, the Hello Tournament party, the Club Championships awards party and weekend trips to tennis resorts, usually in Southern California.

The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP)

1.0 - This player is just starting to play tennis.

1.5 - This player has limited playing experience and is still working primarily on getting the ball over the net; has some knowledge of scoring but is not familiar with basic positions and procedures for singles and doubles play.

2.0 - This player may have had some lessons but needs on-court experience; has obvious stroke weaknesses but is beginning to feel comfortable with singles and doubles play.

2.5 - This player has more dependable strokes and is learning to judge where the ball is going; has weak court coverage or is often caught out of position, but is starting to keep the ball in play with other players of the same ability

3.0 - This player can place shots with moderate success; can sustain a rally of slow pace but is not comfortable with all strokes; lacks control when trying for power.

3.5 - This player has achieved stroke dependability and direction on shots within reach, including forehand and backhand volleys, but still lacks depth and variety; seldom double faults and occasionally forces errors on the serve.

4.0 - This player has dependable strokes on both forehand and backhand sides; has the ability to use a variety of shots including lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys; can place the first serve and force some errors; is seldom out of position in a doubles game.

4.5 - This player has begun to master the use of power and spins; has sound footwork, can control depth of shots and is able to move opponent up and back; can hit first serves with power and accuracy and place the second serve; is able to rush the net with some success on serve in singles as well as doubles.

5.0 - This player has good shot anticipation; frequently has an outstanding shot or exceptional consistency around which a game may be structured; can regularly hit winners or force errors off of short balls; can successfully execute lobs, drop shots, half volleys and overhead smashes; has good depth and spin on most second serves.

5.5 - This player can execute all strokes offensively and defensively; can hit dependable shots under pressure; is able to analyze opponents' styles and can employ patterns of play to assure the greatest possibility of winning points; can hit winners or force errors with both first and second serves; return of serve can be an offensive weapon.

6.0 - This player has mastered all the above skills; has developed power and/or consistency as a major weapon; and can vary strategies and styles of play in a competitive situation. This player typically has had intensive training for national competition at junior or collegiate levels.

6.5 - This player has mastered all of the above skills and is an experienced tournament competitor who regularly travels for competition and whose income may be partially derived from prize winnings.

7.0 - This is a world class player.