

# “On the line”

November 2005

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## 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.



## It's Time To Renew

This is your reminder to renew your SMTC membership for the 2006 calendar year. 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. The renewal fee is just \$55.

Also, remember that a 2006 SMTC membership would make a terrific holiday gift. Simply photocopy the enclosed application or download it from the club's website: [www.santamonicateennisclub.com](http://www.santamonicateennisclub.com)

### November Calendar

#### Sunday Open Play\*

11/6; 11/20; 11/27; and 12/4

#### Shadow Mountain Tennis Trip

11/4 - 11/6

#### Turkey Shoot Tournament

11/13

#### Fall/Winter Singles Round Robin

Starts 11/15

#### Board Nomination Deadline

11/15

\*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.

**KEEPERS OF THE PEACE**

It's that time of year again - time to renew your membership and elect your board members. The terms of four current board members will end on December 31, 2005. They are: **Joanie Rippner, Bruce Schelden,** and newest board members, **Ron Elmer** and **Gillian Cook**. All are eligible to run for another two-year term.

Nominations are still being taken from the general membership - **the deadline for submission is November 15th**. Get involved! What are the qualifications? All you need is the desire to keep SMTC strong and be willing to do something about it. Nomination forms were included in last month's newsletter, but if you need one, then contact any board member for assistance and instructions.

Be part of the "in" crowd - join the Board!  
Voting ballots will be included in next month's newsletter.

**FALL AND WINTER 2005/2006  
SINGLES ROUND ROBIN  
Major Grand Prix Event  
Starts November 15**

Although Summer is officially over, it's not the time to pack in your tennis racket! Living in Southern California has its advantages and we will run a fall and winter season singles round robin. Get match tough and enjoy competition in your NTRP division from 3.5 - 4.5 women and men, as you schedule your own matches at your convenience throughout the fall and winter. Enter now! Entry fee is \$10 per player, send enclosed entry form along with the entry fee to Jutta Ruehl.

**Open Board Meeting Recap**

SMTC's annual board meeting took place on September 26. Two players from the general membership attended the meeting - which was very inspiring: an increase of 100% from last year! These members had suggestions regarding Sunday Open Play which the board will consider at its next meeting. Their attendance and input is greatly appreciated and we look forward to even greater participation from members at next year's open meeting.

**REMINDER**

Remember that for each new member you bring into the club, you get a \$5 coupon to use toward the entry fee of any SMTC tournament. PLUS, if you bring in 5 new members to the club in one calendar year, then YOUR membership is free!

Now's the time to act - bring in the players you take lessons with, ask your tennis pro to help spread the word, recruit your co-workers! Going to a clinic or a charity event? Take some membership applications with you and talk up the club. Everyone's a winner who joins SMTC!

**SMTC Survey**

Recently, a survey questionnaire was distributed to clubmembers via e-mail. Thank you to all those who sent it in. They are being reviewed and the results will be published in a future newsletter.

We want to hear from you! If you haven't sent in the questionnaire yet, there's still time. Go ahead and mail it to the club's P.O. Box. Also, a blank form will be distributed in next month's newsletter for all those who didn't receive it by e-mail.

**Summer Singles Round Robin  
2005 Results**

Thank you to all participants for signing up for the singles round robin. After 8 weeks of hard fought competition.

The winners were:

Men 4.5 - **Mori Takuji**

Men 4.0 - **Jack Gorodetzki**

Women 4.0 - **Sherri Harrison**

Congratulations to you and a gift certificate to one of the sporting goods shops was sent as your reward for the hard work.

**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

**Directors**

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

**Welcome New Members**

- Linda Lockard\* 4.5 310-836-6118
  - Diana Romero 4.5 310-401-0238
  - Mark Grossman\* 4.0 310-486-3820
  - Jody Brockway\* 3.5 310-823- 4175
  - Eric Rabinowitz 4.0 310-207-0543
  - Michele Denny 3.5 310-440-1709
  - Don Greene 3.5 310-827-0447
  - Ginny Johnson\* 3.5 310-450-1730
  - Jason Tropp 4.5 323-650-0744
  - Kara Glover\* 3.5 310-714-3952
- \*Returning member*
- J. Alfred Ritter - new phone 310-990-8988

## WINNING HIGHLIGHTS OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005

Santa Monica Tennis Club's Annual Championships took place this past September - complete with picture-perfect weather, competitive matches and awesome players. This year's championships were especially unique because, rather than conducting the tournament on two full weekends (as has been SMTC's tradition), the matches were scheduled on Sundays only. This new plan was implemented on a "test-run" basis in the hopes that Sunday-only matches would inspire greater player participation. First round matches were played on Sunday, September 11, and the final matches were played on Sunday, September 18.

There were several very exciting highlights of this year's event. Most notably in the 4.5 men's singles. As a result of the modified match schedule, **Mike Schmidt** was playing in his FIRST-EVER Club Championships (despite reigning at the top of the club challenge ladder for many years), and boy did he make up for lost time!! Also playing in this division was **Atul Sharma**. Both players had an extraordinary first day of matches! After prevailing in their respective first round matches at **9:00 a.m.**, these gentlemen went head-to-head in the **second** round shortly thereafter. But these fierce competitors arrived determined to win. In an extremely close, competitive match - with each player breaking the other on several occasions - these gentlemen duked it out for **3½ hours!** It was like watching a final match - yet it was just the second round! Long points, great shots and keen strategy executed by both players. But alas, all good things must pass and Mike prevailed with a score of 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. But that wasn't the end of the day for these gentlemen. After playing **two** grueling singles matches, each of these players paired up with their respective doubles partners for their first round **doubles match**. And who were they up against? None other than each other! This time, Atul had no intention of leaving Reed Park empty-handed, and with his partner, **Stephen Olson**, won the match. It was an extraordinary day of tennis for these guys; they didn't leave the courts until **6:00 p.m.!**

In addition to the "usual suspects" playing in the tournament, it was very exciting to see many "first timers" participating in their first club championships. We wish to welcome **Cyrus Namini, John Ritter, Pam Blakis, Elena Jensen, Monica Marin, Harry Deshpande, Greg Stackel, Dan Tyreus, Jack Gorodetzki, Jerry Zamarin, Jim Katz, Sasha Bogunovic** and **Mark Burrell** and look forward to seeing everyone again next year (plus more!)

Here are the final results of the tournament:

EVENT	CHAMPION(S)	FINALIST(S)
3.5 Men's Singles	Cyrus Namini	John Ritter
3.5 Ladies Doubles	Patti Kingston / Sue Moore	Gwendolyn Coleman / Brana Hall
3.5 Mixed Doubles	Gwendolyn Coleman / Bob Shubert	Carrie Gold / Bruce Schelden
4.0 Men's Singles	Dan Tyreus	Greg Stackel
4.0 Ladies Doubles	Anne Bazil / Joyce Cortese	Audree Clarke / Claudia Tossolini
4.0 Men's Doubles	Chris Clarke / Ron Elmer	Ron Hall / Jim Katz
4.5 Men's Singles	Mark Burrell	Mike Schmidt
4.5 Men's Doubles	Andrew Rubin / Harry Weiss	Stephen Olson / Atul Sharma
4.5 Mixed Doubles	Jutta Ruehl / Stephen Olson	Katherine Spetner / Harry Weiss

Those players who did not receive their trophies, please contact Elizabeth Dorzback at (310) 829 3293 to make arrangements.

After the final matches, all players gathered for a beautiful post-Championships party and Awards presentation at the lovely home of **Katherine Spetner**. Guests feasted on roasted chicken, baked salmon and other delectables, while enjoying a glass of wine and delightful conversation by the outdoor fireplace. Special thanks go to **Gillian Cook** and her crew for spearheading the party. It was a great evening and we thank Katherine for her generous hospitality. We also wish to acknowledge all those who spent countless hours on the phone inspiring participation in this year's club championships. It's thanks to these volunteers that keeps the club as strong as it is. See you next year!



# SMTC CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken October 27, 2005. Please see the website for current standings: [www.santamonicatennisclub.com](http://www.santamonicatennisclub.com)

## Open Singles

1. Mike Schmidt (4.5)
2. Marty Katz (4.5)
3. Allan Greenberg (4.0)
4. Bill Roberti (4.5)
5. Russell Braunstein (4.5)
6. Richard Levik (4.0)
7. Mike Germroth (4.0)
8. Josh Mallamud (4.0)
9. Bruce Janger (4.0)
10. Park Liu (4.0)
11. Jim Metzger (4.5)
12. John Raiss (4.5)
13. Rick DeWeese (4.5)
14. Michael Pulford (4.0)
15. Andy Shore (4.5)
16. Jerry Zamarin (4.0)
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. Anne Bazil (4.0) / Joyce Cortese (4.0)
3. Marie Lafayette (4.0) / Katherine Spetner (4.0)
4. Patti Kingston (3.5) / Sue Moore (3.5)
5. 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
10/27/05	Marty Katz	Allan Greenburg
10/15/05	Bazil / Cortese	Lafayette / Spetner
10/12/05	Bruce Janger	Park Liu
10/3/05	Jim Metzger	Bruce Janger

## Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
10/26/05	Bill Roberti	Bruce Janger
10/20/05	Richard Levik	Bruce Janger
10/1/05	Allan Greenberg	Richard Levik
9/30/05	Russell Braunstein	Bruce Janger

### Welcome To:

Andy Shore, Open Singles  
Jim Metzger, Open Singles

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Trivia Time: What is unusual (in fact, unique) about last June’s match between **Carol Katz** and **Kay Mills**? Time’s up. Answer: It’s the only match that has been played on the Women’s Singles Ladder all year. If we are to maintain a ladder for women who play singles, we’re going to have to see some women actually playing matches. It’s up to you.

It’s getting late in the year, so don’t put off renewing your club membership for 2006. The ladders are for members only. Don’t find that you’ve been cut for failure to renew.

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

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  male   
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**

**Fall/Winter 2005/2006  
Singles Round Robin  
Major Grand Prix Event  
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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: November 13th**



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