

“On the line”

December 2005/January 2006

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Hello-Reunion Tournament - February 26, 2006

Hello everyone - it is time once again to mark your calendars for the annual "Hello Tournament" to be held on Sunday, February 26, 2006 (with a rain date scheduled for the following Sunday, March 5th).

It is a round robin format, so you do not need to sign up with a partner. Non-member guests are welcome to play, so this is a great opportunity to introduce your friends to SMTC. In addition, we are inviting former SMTC members (those who were not members in 2005) to join us as well, so please help us by contacting the former members you know and inviting them to this event. Trophies and prizes will be awarded, and dinner will follow at Earth, Wind & Flour. Also at this time, awards for the Club's 2005 Grand Prix points winners will be handed out.

So start the New Year right by meeting some new people and playing some good tennis. The entry fee for the event is \$27 for members and \$32 for guests and former members. There is also a "dinner only" option for just \$18. **As an added bonus, if your guest becomes a new member of the club, they may deduct \$5 from their membership dues (just pay \$50).** And remember, that for each member you bring to the club, you get a \$5 off coupon to be used for any future SMTC tournament. (If former SMTC members renew their membership, they will pay the full \$55 dues and their entry fee will be the \$27.) Be sure to sign up early as this annual favorite event is predicted to fill up quickly. If you have any questions contact Ron Elmer - cell (818) 903-2170 or relmer2000@yahoo.com.

December/January Calendar

Sunday Open Play*

December: 12/4, 12/11 and 12/18

January: 1/8, 1/15 and 1/22

NOTE: Since December 25th and January 1st are holidays, there will be no Open Play sponsored by the club, however, Reed Park will be open for individuals to make their own reservations.

***Winter hours start 1/8: Courts #1 & 2 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Court # 6 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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 at:

www.santamonictennisclub.com

2005 SURVEY

In order to better serve its members, the Club is conducting a Survey (see accompanying Survey Form in this newsletter). If you haven't submitted one already, please take a few minutes to complete and send the enclosed form. The board of directors is always looking for constructive suggestions to improve the club and your input is vital to achieve this objective.

Note: This newsletter covers two months. February 2006 will be the next newsletter you will receive.

Halloween Interclub Treat

Elaine's Tennis & Travel Group

On Sunday, October 30th, witches, pumpkins, doctors, cats, gunslingers, patriots, and also a few masquerading as tennis players, headed to the Studio City Tennis Center. Broomsticks, guns and stethoscopes set aside, 24 teams battled for two hours in order to establish supremacy. SMTC scared off the stiff competition by a mere 17 games overall. The teams of **Gwen Coleman/Ron Elmer** and **Jacque Schmidt/Ted Malek** earned joint top honors in their division. The **Linda Martin/Stephen Olson** duo served up an honorable second placing in their very competitive grouping. **Jutta Ruehl** was no pussycat on the courts, as indicated by her tail that swished with every stroke. Post-matches, **Elaine and Goran** hosted everyone at their beautiful home where the prize for best female costume was awarded to our very own board member, **Marguerite Jorgensen**, for her rendition of “*Holy Sheet!*”

Welcome New Members

Jerry Feldman* 4.0 310-839-8961
 Shahbaz Noorvash 3.5 310-445-1168
 Ashok Kanagasundram 4.0 310-367-3367
 Diane Hart 3.5 310-445-0099
 Debasish Sahoo 3.5 310-694-4750
 Kris Keaton 2.5 310-477-1028
 Jerry Rubinstein 4.0 310-472-6066
 David Azar* 4.0 310-429-8766
 Mary Chou 4.0 310-451-2556
 Emily Wang 3.5 310-482-0186
 Andrea Arnold 4.0 310-279-6300
 Barbara Sklar 3.5 310-823-9917

*Returning member

ANOTHER EXTRAORDINARY YEAR FOR SMTC

This is the last newsletter of 2005 and the end of my first year as SMTC president. As I reflect on the past year, many highlights come to mind.

Our inter-club tournaments came alive again after a long hiatus; members had a great time playing against some clubs we've never played at before, such as Lakewood and Riviera, and ended the year with a festive Halloween Inter-club with the “Tennis & Travel” group in the valley. Many of our members participated in tennis clinics provided by our main advertiser **Anneet Tennis**, inspiring us to plan more clinics in the future. Sunday Open Play continues to be a popular activity for club members and rarely provides a dull moment for participants! Our weekend club trips are always crowd favorites, prompting some folks to modify the well-known advertising slogan to: “What happens on SMTC trips stays on SMTC trips!”

I'd like to thank all the board members for their enthusiastic and tireless commitment to serve the club. Each member brings his/her unique talent and experience to the table, and works very hard to make SMTC the best as it can be. I hope you appreciate their contributions as much as I do. In addition to these hard-working folks, several non-board members (namely **Bob Shubert**, **Mary Durkin** and **Gwendolyn Coleman**) stepped up to the plate this year and ran tournaments (or assisted in running them). I'd also like to once again acknowledge Kathryn Spetner for hosting this year's Club Championship's party.

Santa Monica Tennis Club has flourished for over 77 years, and as other tennis organizations in our area struggle (and in some cases don't succeed) to stay afloat, your SMTC board is committed to the club's thriving future. With your continuing participation and support, the club can enjoy many, many more fruitful years.

My wish for the New Year is that all of you become more involved in the club's activities - after all, isn't that why we're all here?! It has been a rewarding (and learning) opportunity to be your president and I look forward to more exciting experiences in the coming year. Happy Holidays to each and every one of you and may your wishes for all aces come true!

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

SANTA MONICA CITY TOURNAMENT

The City of Santa Monica will sponsor its annual Senior Tennis Tournament on January 28-29 and February 4-5, 2006. This will be a USTA-sanctioned singles and doubles event for men and women ages 30 and above. Entry forms may be picked up at the Reed Park Reservation Booth. For further information, contact Bill Nissley at whnissley@hotmail.com

New Guest Pass Policy

SMTC now has a new guest pass policy which we are hoping will bring potential new members to our Sunday Open Play and motivate them to become members of our club. This suggestion was made by one of our club members at our yearly Open Board Meeting and as a board, the suggestion was well received. The passes are included with this newsletter and will also be available from SMTC Board Members at Open Play with whom you will do the transaction. Guests are invited to participate in Open Play for the entire day for a fee of \$10. If they should decide to join (and we hope they do!!!), the **\$10 will go towards the \$55 membership fee** if they sign up within 30 days of using the guest pass. The pass is only good for one day. So members, encourage your friends, even acquaintances, to come out and enjoy our club. Remember, if they join, you will get a \$5 gift certificate good towards one of our great events!

SMTC Kicks Off the Holiday Spirit

The Holiday season got off to the right start when 24 SMTC members met for cordial round robin play at the annual Turkey Shoot on Sunday, November 13. The players were divided into two teams, the Turkeys and the Hams, and each tried to win as many games as possible for their teams. After four rounds, the Turkeys had a big lead, but the Hams “beefed” up their play in the 5th and last round to make the final score close – Turkeys 117 games to the Hams 113 games.

The winning Turkeys each got a \$10 gift card to a supermarket to help offset their holiday dinners. In addition, prizes went to **Joanie Rippner** and **Anoosh Askari** for having the highest numbers of games for each gender.

Because this is the season to be thankful, a big box of canned and dry goods was collected and brought to the Ocean Park Community Center on 7th and Colorado. The folks there were very grateful. Some of the winning Turkeys contributed their gift cards and along with some cash thrown in, a \$55 donation was also made. Thank you to everyone for their generosity.

Thanks, too, go to **Carol Katz** and **Sam Herr** for filling in for injured players at the last moment, and to **Ron Elmer** for supplying the usual array of snacks and refreshments. Although Ron had to work and couldn’t participate in play, he still made sure that the refreshments were at the park on Sunday. What a responsible guy!

Sue Moore, Carl Gerichter, Bruce Janger, Stan Weinberg, Anoosh Askari, Marguerite Jorgensen and **Elizabeth Dorzback** all helped the Tournament Director before and after play, so thanks go to all of them.

As a reminder for future tournaments, please try to get your entry in by the due date requested. The tournament organizers have to determine a lot of details that take time and planning - the rotations, how many courts and prizes are needed, the amount of refreshments, etc. Make their jobs a little easier by getting your entry or notification in by the due date.

NEW EVENT - CARDIO TENNIS COMES TO SMTC

Santa Monica Tennis Club will be offering Cardio Tennis only to their members coming in the beginning of 2006 on Sunday mornings for an extra fee. This is a new way of breaking away from your gym routine - try Cardio Tennis, a program that blends aerobics, music and tennis. To the casual onlooker, Cardio Tennis resembles a playground for adults. In drills, participants run to different areas on the court to hit tennis balls fed by a professional instructor. Other times, participants jog in place, or play catch with a small, weighted ball while high-energy music rocks in the background. Cardio Tennis is designed to capitalize on the recent fitness craze, and targets participants who seek a one-hour, high-energy workout. Please look for details in the next newsletter or on the website.

Shadow Mountain Trip Recap

Our annual trip to Shadow Mountain has been a very successful one again. Friday started out with a ‘get-to-know’ cocktail party and a few new members joined the group. Some ladies followed the call and became dancing queens at night at a local hang-out. Saturday morning we had to rise early and - not only did we conquer the Monterey Country Club in the early morning hours on Saturday, we won the friendly match up with their members by a large margin. We promised to make this an annual event.

Saturday afternoon the pool and jacuzzi were frequented and then everyone followed the call to yet another party in one of the condos, hosted by **Shirley McClaine, Carol Reston** and **Carrie Gold**. Thank you ladies, it was appreciated by all! Sunday morning we played against the Marina City Club who brought their great players for the weekend to the resort and we had a friendly interclub with them and lot’s of 5:3 or 3:5 results.

The weather was a great collaborator and gave us all the sunshine we needed with balmy days and nice evenings.

If you didn’t join us this time, don’t miss out on all the fun - sign up for our next event on March 10 - 12, 2006. Look for details and entry form in the next newsletter. Please check out the photos on our website!

If your mailing label is highlighted, this is the last newsletter you will receive until you renew your 2006 membership. So to avoid a lapse in getting the latest news, don’t delay -
renew your membership today.



SMTC CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken November 21, 2005. Please see the website for current standings: 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. Jim Metzger (4.5)
7. Richard Levik (4.0)
8. Mike Germroth (4.0)
9. Josh Mallamud (4.0)
10. Bill Denecour (4.0)
11. Bruce Janger (4.0)
12. Park Liu (4.0)
13. John Raiss (4.5)
14. Rick DeWeese (4.5)
15. Michael Pulford (4.0)
16. Andy Shore (4.5)
17. Jerry Zamarin (4.0)
18. Joe Hanania (3.5)
19. Raymond Lopez (3.5)
20. 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
11/5/05	Jim Metzger	Richard Levik
10/28/05	Bill Denecour	Bruce Janger

Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
11/19/05	Russell Braunstein	Bill Denecour
11/16/05	Allan Greenberg	Bruce Janger
11/11/05	Mike Germroth	Bill Denecour
11/10/05	Josh Mallamud	Bruce Janger
11/6/05	Audree Clarke	Kay Mills

Welcome To:

Bill Denecour
Open Singles

Deleted at Own Request:

Bob Shubert
Open Singles

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

A remarkable streak ended on October 12, when **Bruce Janger** ended seven years of futility and defeated **Park Liu**, who had beaten Bruce 29 times in a row. Not recognizing the hopelessness of the situation, Bruce kept challenging Park and finally prevailed. No one beats Bruce Janger 30 times in a row!

You will be dropped from the ladder if you do not renew your club membership by January 31.
(This year’s subtle reminder)

SMTC Board Announced for 2006

As reported last month, four SMTC board-of-director terms expire December 31. In addition, the term of one previously vacated position also expires December 31, making a total of five positions on the board to be filled. Nominations were open to all club members through November 15.

Three incumbent directors whose terms will expire, **Bruce Schelden, Joanie Rippner** and **Ron Elmer**, chose to run again and were appointed by the president in accordance with the club's Bylaws. In addition, one member of the general membership, **Anoosh Askari**, placed his name in nomination by submitting a nomination form reflecting the signatures of five club members in good standing, as required by the club's Bylaws.

Therefore, an election is unnecessary since there are four candidates to fill five vacancies. A sincere "thank you" goes to Bruce, Joanie and Ron for affirming their commitment to the club and a heartfelt "welcome" is extended to Anoosh for joining the leadership team. These members will join **Elizabeth Dorzback, Bruce Janger, Marguerite Jorgensen** and **Jutta Ruehl**, whose terms have one more year to run, to make up SMTC's 2006 board of directors.

There is still one position on the board left to be filled. Anyone interested in being appointed may immediately contact Elizabeth Dorzback. A sincere "thank you" goes to outgoing board member **Gillian Cook**, who was on the board this past year. Gillian was instrumental in jump-starting the inter-club events again after a long hiatus and often lent a hand in various situations when needed, particularly by coordinating the outstanding party following this year's club championships. Her positive attitude and boundless energy will be missed and we thank her for her contribution.

Please welcome your 2006 board of directors and feel free to assist them in any way you can.



SMTC Annual Hello - Reunion Mixed Doubles Tournament Sunday, February 26, 2006

(rain date: Sunday, March 5, 2006)

Your Name _____ male female

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

Your NTRP level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 Open

Will you play up one division if necessary? Yes No

Guest Name _____

Guest E-Mail _____

Is Guest a Tennis Player? Yes No

Guest NTRP level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 Open

Enclose:

1) Check payable to "SMTC" for:

\$27 per person for members (for tennis and dinner);

\$32 per person for guests (for tennis and dinner) or

\$18 (dinner only) (Guests for dinner are also \$18 each)

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

Mail to:

SMTC, c/o Ron Elmer, 10724 Debra Avenue, Granada Hills CA.
91344



Mark Your Calendar!

Palm Springs Riviera Hotel Tennis Trip March 10 - 12, 2006!

Tickets for the Indian Wells Tournament will be available.

For questions, please contact Jutta Ruehl via email:

JR2LA@aol.com

2005 SANTA MONICA TENNIS CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

*** We value your input ***

It is the purpose of Santa Monica Tennis Club to provide tennis events for all levels of ability and all tennis interests. Please take a moment to answer the following questions so that we can better serve our members.

**Please mail the completed questionnaire to
Santa Monica Tennis Club, P.O. Box 2012, Santa Monica, CA 90406.**

Thank you for taking the time to give us your input.

GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION (please circle):

- Gender: Male Female Age: under 30 30-40 40-50 50-60 60-70 70 or older
- How long have you been a member of SMTC? 1 yr or less 2-5 yrs 5-10 yrs 10-20 yrs over 20 yrs
- How often do you participate in club events? once a year every few months once a month weekly
- What NTRP level are you? 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0 5.0+
- Please rank, from the following list, the SMTC activities in which you have participated the most ("1" being the highest):
____ Sunday Open Play ____ Doubles "Social" Tournaments (e.g., "Hello", "Turkey Shoot"), ____ Challenge Ladder
____ Friday Night Round Robins ____ Tournaments w/ other Clubs ____ Singles Round Robin ____ Weekend Trips
____ "Competitive" Tournaments (e.g., Club Championships, Spring Singles, Team Tennis)
- What activities would you like to see more of? _____

_____.
- Are there any tennis-related activities you'd like to have which SMTC hasn't done? _____

_____.
- What improvements can be made? _____

_____.
- SUNDAY OPEN PLAY**: If you don't come out on Sundays, why not? don't have time matches are too competitive
 matches are not competitive enough (too social) interferes with USTA league matches
 players manipulate the guidelines/unfriendly atmosphere other (fill in) _____
 bad experience from previous Sundays (please explain) _____
____ (Please check if applicable) I love Open Play – please don't change a thing!
- SUNDAY "SOCIAL" TOURNAMENTS (e.g., "Hello" / "Turkey Shoot" / "Anniversary Doubles")**
If you don't participate, please tell us why: matches are too competitive not competitive enough I'm too busy
 interferes with USTA league matches don't like playing with different partners don't like 8-game/"no-ad" scoring
 other (fill in) _____
____ (Please check if applicable) I like these types of events and would like the club to plan more of them

(please turn over to other side)

11. **COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENTS (e.g., “Club Championships” / “Spring Singles” / “Team Tennis”)**
 If you don't participate please tell us why: matches are too competitive don't like single-elimination tournaments
 I'm not in good enough shape too difficult to find a partner I don't like playing with same partner
 interferes with USTA league matches too expensive other (fill in) _____
 ____ (Please check if applicable) I like these types of events and would like the club to plan more of them
12. **LADDER PLAY:** If you don't participate on the ladder, please tell us why: don't have time ladder is too competitive
 too difficult to schedule matches players don't follow rules other (fill in) _____
 bad experience in the past (please explain) _____
13. **FRIDAY NIGHT ROUND ROBINS** If you don't participate, please tell us why: not available Friday Nights
 don't like changing partners matches not competitive enough have trouble playing/seeing at night
 other (fill in) _____
 ____ (Please check if applicable) I like the Friday Night Round Robins and would like the club to plan more of them
14. **TOURNAMENTS WITH OTHER CLUBS** If you don't participate, please tell us why: matches are too competitive
 don't like going to strange places / playing with people I don't know have difficulty getting a partner
 my chance of getting selected is too remote interferes with USTA league matches other (fill in) _____
 ____ (Please check if applicable) I like these types of events and would like the club to plan more of them
15. **SUMMER / SPRING SINGLES ROUND ROBINS** If you don't participate, please tell us why: don't play singles
 matches are too competitive not competitive enough interferes with USTA league matches
 players don't cooperate to set up matches too long a commitment (generally 10 weeks)
 too unorganized – I like a set day/time to play matches w/ someone else in charge other (fill in) _____
16. **WEEKEND TRIPS** If you don't go on the trips, please tell us why: resorts aren't to my taste too expensive
 too much organized tennis not enough organized tennis don't like sharing a room (or paying extra for single occupancy) other (fill in) _____
 I suggest that the club organize a trip to: _____
17. What kind of tournament formats do you like? Please rank with “1” being the best:
 single-elimination double elimination round robin/same partner round robin/switch partners
 “King of the Hill” more competitive more social I like the variety the club currently provides
18. Overall, how would you rate your experiences as a member of SMTC? Excellent Very Good Good Fair Poor
19. Any further comments or things you'd like to see at SMTC? _____

20. I realize the club is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers. Therefore, please contact me if I am ever needed.
 I have the following skills / abilities: _____
 I have the following equipment / supplies which the club may freely use: _____
 I am very good at: _____

Name (optional): _____



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.