

“On the line”

February 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-Reunion 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, Grand Prix points winners will be announced and prizes not already given out, will be distributed.

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.

Interclub Tournament with Westchester Tennis Club March 12, 2006 at Reed Park

According to my records we haven't played a tournament against the Westchester Tennis Club since 2002! We will be renewing acquaintances on Sunday, March 12 at Reed Park. Sign up with, or without, a partner and we will put together the pairings based on signups received from both clubs. The cost is only \$15 per person.

We hope to have 4.5, 4.0 and 3.5 sections and will probably play mostly mixed doubles and some same-sex pairings. Please send your entry form included in this newsletter and fee (by March 3rd so we have time to put this together) to Bruce Schelden. Early entries get preference.



February Calendar

Sunday Open Play*

2/12; 2/19

Santa Monica Seniors Tournament

2/4 & 2/5 (No Open Play)

Hello-Reunion Tournament

2/26

(3/5 Raindate - otherwise Open Play)

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

Riviera Resort & Racquet Club Trip March 17 - 19, 2006

It's less than 60 days to the first serve at Indian Wells Tennis Garden - and SMTC members have a chance to see the best tennis players on the women and men's tour!

Again we have scheduled a trip to the Riviera Resort in Palm Springs for March 17 - 19, 2006. The resort has received several awards in the past three years and has many on-site activities to offer: nine tennis courts (five lighted for night play), two swimming pools with Jacuzzi, fitness center, the Grill, the Bar and Starbucks Espresso Café, a lighted 18-hole championship putting course, and volleyball and classic croquet.



SMTC members have in the past enjoyed great tennis at the resort and we promise action, action and more action on and off the courts. We plan organized tennis on Saturday and Sunday mornings; court time will be available for early arrivals on Friday. Dinner and winner's recognition is planned for Saturday night. The trip coincides with the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden. I would like to get tickets for Friday's day and night matches. Please call me if you are interested to join the group or go to the tournament website: <http://www.iwtg.net> for more information. Please sign up as soon as possible, as limited number of rooms will be available.

\$275.00 per person includes:

1. Two nights hotel (double occupancy - if you need a roommate we will try to get one for you)
2. All organized tennis, balls
3. Saturday night "Happy Hour"
4. Dinner and wine on Saturday night

Deadline for sign-up is March 8, 2006. Deadline for refund is March 5, 2006.

Welcome New Members

Margaret Liu 4.0 310-471-6111
 Russell Silver 3.5 310-210-2172
 Yosh Kambe 4.5 310-907-6902
 Diane Hart (correction) 3.0

New Year's Revelry in Palm Desert

How do they say: "When SMTC members travel the sky is smiling" -- well, that is what happened on this trip. Twenty tennis club members took the trip to Shadow Mountain to celebrate the New Year. While other Santa Monica people back home got drenched in rain, our members played tennis and enjoyed the pool in the desert sunshine.

On Friday night, some early arrivals hit not only the tennis courts but also the local eateries and dancing places. "The Nest" had a great reputation and several ladies chatted up some out-of-towners, sipped champagne and danced the night away. On Saturday, the rest of the gang arrived and shared some tennis with players from Tennis & Travel. The New Year's celebration started with an extensive champagne-filled happy hour, a tradition of the SMTC travel group, and then a walk to the restaurant. After good food and wine, with party hats and New Year's noise makers, everyone ventured to Tommy Bahamas where SMTC member **Jimmy Dale's** band heated up the dance floor, and the members stayed to welcome the New Year.

New Year's Day started with some tennis, though not everyone's game was up to par due to the prior night's events. (We won't go into details or name names -- what happens in Palm Desert, stays in Palm Desert.) The evening ended for all participants in a relaxed "dinner and movie night," thanks to Sherry Harrison, who had the foresight that we all needed a break after partying the night before.

After tennis on Monday, everyone had to get on the road to avoid the storm that finally made its way to Palm Desert during midday but fortunately did not interfere with our tennis games.

Thank you for all the friendly thank you notes, we definitely will do this again this year! Please see the link to the photos on our website, and don't miss out on our next trip in March!

2006 SMTC Board of Directors

Officers

President	Elizabeth Dorzback	310-829-3293
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Interclub	Available	
Trips	Jutta Ruehl	310-208-6882

Grand Prix Point Totals for 2005

Behold in this issue everyone's Grand Prix points for 2005. If you did anything pointworthy during the year, it is listed. (Your directory contains the formula for awarding points.) **Bruce Janger** and **Audree Clarke** win gift cards as the top man and woman on the list. Play in lots of events, and you could be the winner for 2006.

Bruce Janger 1040	Ron Elmer 230	Elizabeth Dorzback 90
Atul Sharma 760	Anoosh Askari 220	Brian Page 90
Audree Clarke 620	Marty Katz 210	Marie Lafayette 85
Cyrus Namini 530	Katherine Spetner 205	Joe Hanania 80
Richard Levik 520	Bruce Schelden 200	Randy Chow 80
Jack Gorodetzki 480	Carrie Gold 200	Joanie Rippner 80
Mike Schmidt 440	Claudia Tossolini 200	Elena Jensen 80
Sherry Harrison 410	Anne Bazil 170	Pam Blakis 80
Allan Greenberg 410	Joyce Cortese 170	Monica Marin 80
Mark Burrell 400	Chris Clarke 165	Harry Deshpande 80
Peter Shustari 390	Patti Kingston 160	Lance Clarke 80
Kay Mills 360	Sue Moore 160	Gene Parks 80
Stephen Olson 340	Dennis Mooney 160	Jim Dekel 80
Phil Flexo 320	Bob Shubert 160	Rosette Sperling 80
Nancy Greep 320	Danny Walters 160	Stephan Sperling 80
Cooper Samuelson 320	Jim Metzger 160	John Raiss 80
Jonathan Gardner 320	Ted Malek 160	Bill Denecour 70
Daniel Tyreus 320	Sasha Bogunovic 160	Steve Dorman 70
Mori Takuji 320	Jutta Ruehl 160	Linda Martin 65
Gwen Coleman 280	Park Liu 150	Laurie Drake 60
Harry Weiss 280	Carol Reston 140	Josh Mallamud 60
Russell Braunstein 280	Jerry Zamarin 140	Mike Germroth 40
Des Mihailova 240	Brana Hall 120	Rick DeWeese 30
George Kimura 240	Ron Hall 120	Carol Katz 30
Marguerite Jorgensen 240	Jim Katz 120	Raymond Lopez 20
John Ritter 240	Raul Hernandez 120	Andy Shore 20
Greg Stackel 240	Bill Roberti 110	Diane Hart 10
Andrew Rubin 240	Candace Tysdal 90	Phoebe Neil 10

So they say Tennis is Going to the Dogs?!?!

Well go ahead, I say - no worries here! Because it's 2006, and if you follow Chinese Astrology that means this is the "Year of the Dog." According to a Chinese astrological website, since the dog is typically known for its loyalty (as well as its playfulness), this year should bring "an increased sense of right and wrong to everyone...inspiring all of us to stick firmly to a code of ethics."

Sounds good to me! And what better place to practice such noble values than on the tennis court?! Your board of directors has put together an **exciting** year of events in order to provide **ample** opportunity to develop fairness - and fun(!) - to your game. Of course each monthly newsletter will contain details about immediately upcoming events, but if you **clip and save** the "year-at-a-glance" calendar included on last page of this newsletter, you can reserve the dates in advance.

So this year, be a player of virtue and skill -- join your SMTC friends in all the fun-filled events the club has to offer.

To all Singles Round Robin

Participants: How are you doing with your matches in the Fall/Winter Singles Round Robin? Please keep your schedules so that we can end on time!

"NEWSFLASH"

Guest passes for Sunday Open Play are now here! For only \$10, your friends can play as many rounds as they would like throughout the day and then apply the guest fee towards a membership to the club. Guest passes included in this newsletter.



In Remembrance

We wish to offer our condolences to the family of Carl Richter who passed away suddenly on January 7th. His pleasant demeanor and willingness to help will be missed. A five-year member of SMTC, Carl regularly played in the club's social tournaments and especially enjoyed the annual "Hello" tournament and "Turkey Shoot."

SMTC CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken January 22, 2006. Please see the website for current standings: www.santamonicatennisclub.com

Open Singles

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

Women’s Singles

1. Elizabeth Dorzback (4.0)
2. Carol Katz (4.0)
3. Kay Mills (3.5)
4. Diane Hart (3.5)

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. Elizabeth Dorzback (4.0) / Linda Martin (4.0)
5. Patti Kingston (3.5) / Sue Moore (3.5)

Men’s Doubles

1. Brian Page (4.5) / Mike Schmidt (4.5)
2. Chris Clarke (4.0) / Ron Elmer (4.0)

Newly-Won Positions

Date	Challenger	Defeated
12/30/05	Cyrus Namini	Raymond Lopez
12/28/05	Bill Denecour	Richard Levik (defaulted)
12/11/05	Elizabeth Dorzback	Carol Katz
12/8/05	Jim Metzger	Marty Katz
11/23/05	Park Liu	Bruce Janger

Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
1/22/06	Harrison / Tysdale	Kingston / Moore
1/21/06	Jim Metzger	Marty Katz
1/16/06	Mike Germroth	Park Liu
1/7/06	Jim Metzger	Russell Braunstein
12/28/05	Park Liu	Bruce Janger
12/25/05	Bruce Janger	Jerry Zamarin
12/20/05	Jerry Zamarin	Raymond Lopez
12/15/05	Jim Metzger	Bruce Janger
12/13/05	Allan Greenberg	Bill Denecour
12/12/05	Bill Denecour	Bruce Janger
12/9/05	Mike Schmidt	Allan Greenberg
12/2/05	Kay Mills	Diane Hart
12/1/05	Russell Braunstein	Bruce Janger

Deleted at Own Request:

Audree Clarke
Women’s Singles

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Bruce Janger pulled another upset by winning the 2005 ladder points title for the men with 480 points, edging out **Allan Greenberg**, who scored 250, and **Marty Katz** with 210. **Kay Mills** took the women’s crown with 40 points. Tied for second with 30 points each were **Elizabeth Dorzback** and **Carol Katz**. Bruce and Kay win gift cards. You could do the same by playing ladder matches this year.

Elizabeth Dorzback takes over at the top of the women’s singles ladder after the abdication of **Audree Clarke**. **Mike Schmidt** starts the year as number one among the men. But the palace stirs with rumblings of coups being plotted against both. Stay tuned.

2006 SMTC CALENDAR - "YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE"

--- CLIP AND SAVE ---

JANUARY

28-29 S.M. City Seniors Tournament

FEBRUARY

4-5 S.M. City Seniors Tournament

26 "Hello/Reunion" Doubles Tournament
and Awards Dinner (Social)

MARCH

5 Raindate for Hello Tournament

12 Interclub with Westchester Tennis Club

17-19 Trip: Riviera (Palm Springs)

31 Friday Night - April Fools Round Robin!

APRIL

Spring Singles RR begins (Major Grand Prix)

2 Cardio Tennis Workout

10-14 Dudley Cup (Santa Monica Junior Tournament)

16 Interclub at Mountaingate Tennis Club

28 Friday Nite Spring Fling Round Robin

MAY

21 Doubles Tournament (Minor Grand Prix)

(to coincide with French Open May 29-June 11)

27-29 Trip: Morgan Run (San Diego)

JUNE

7 Instructional Clinic at Reed

10 Interclub at Riviera Country Club

18 Team Tennis Tournament (Minor Grand Prix)

23 Friday "Wimbledon" Night Round Robin

(to coincide with Wimbledon June 26-July 9)

JULY

Summer Singles RR begins (Major Grand Prix)

1-3 Trip: Casa Via Mar

23 Member/Guest Tournament (Social)

AUGUST

25 Friday "Made in the U.S.A." Night

(to coincide with U.S. Open Aug 28-Sept. 10)

26-27 Santa Monica City Open

SEPTEMBER

2-3 Santa Monica City Open

9-10 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (Major Grand Prix)

16-17 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (Major Grand Prix)

25 Open Board Meeting

OCTOBER

Fall Singles RR begins (Major Grand Prix)

15 Instructional Clinic at Reed

27 Friday Night Halloween Social Round Robin

NOVEMBER

3-5 Trip: Shadow Mountain

12 Turkey Shoot Tournament (Social)

DECEMBER

3 Tri-club

29-31 Trip: New Year's Eve

Items in Italics are Tentative

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

Entries must be received by February 18



Interclub Tournament Westchester Tennis Club

Sunday, March 12, 2006

Reed Park

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 _____ male female

Partner E-Mail _____

Partner NTRP: 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5+

Enclose:

- 1) Check payable to "SMTC" for **\$15 per person**
- 2) Stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope (not required if you furnish e-mail address)

Mail to: SMTC, c/o Bruce Shelden
8128 Manitoba St. #101
Playa del Rey, CA 90293

Entries must be received by March 3

Riviera Resort & Racquet Club Trip

Palm Springs

March 17 - 19, 2006

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 **\$275.00 per person**
- 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

Entries must be received by March 8

Deadline for refunds is March 5



Board of Directors Announced for 2006

As previously reported, the terms of four current SMTC board of directors expired on December 31, 2005. In addition, another position which had remained vacant for the past year also expired on December 31, making a total of five positions on the board to be filled for 2006. Nominations were open to all club members through November 15, 2006.

Three incumbent directors whose terms expired, **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.

As a result, an election was unnecessary and all four candidates were voted onto the board by proclamation. 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**, who each have one year remaining on their current term, to comprise 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.