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April 2006

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April 9th - WE GO THE MOUNTAIN!

On Sunday, April 9th, we will have an interclub tournament with Mountaingate Tennis Club. They will host at their great facilities. The event will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, immediately followed by lunch at their clubhouse restaurant, which is included in the entry price. Needless to say, they have a very strong membership and they will be fielding their best teams. SMTC will provide four teams each of 3.5's; 4.0's and 4.5's and we should show them that we are capable of beating (or holding our own) against their best. There will be two sets of mixed doubles and then sets of men's and ladies' doubles. If time provides there will be two sets each of these.

In my limited knowledge, I think this is the first time we have been invited up there to play an interclub and we should show them that we could make this an annual event.

Please sign up with a partner on the entry blank in this newsletter. The person in charge of this event is your secretary, Marguerite Jorgensen. You can email your requests to her mjorgensen@nettlehip.com or call her 310/454-2408.

GO SMTC!!!!

Cardio Tennis at SMTC! Get Fit, Have Fun! Saturday, April 22 at Reed Park

The excitement and action of cardio tennis, the ultimate tennis workout, has arrived at Santa Monica Tennis Club. If you would like the benefits of an aerobic workout combined with the skill and stimulation of playing tennis, we have the class for you. Imagine burning 400 or more calories while enjoying a great outdoor activity! Whether you've never played before or are a seasoned veteran, this class will get you moving, give you a chance to work your game and shed unwanted pounds quickly. Best of all, it feels like the class goes by in a flash because although you are exercising vigorously, you are so busy hitting the ball that you don't even

notice how much exercise you are getting! Gene Desrochers is the Pro at the Marina City Club and a USPTR Certified Pro.

Santa Monica Tennis Club, always on top of the newest trends, is offering our members this great workout on Saturday, April 22. We have two groups scheduled from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon on court 1 at Reed Park.

Please sign-up by April 15 and send your check for \$18 per person/per session to Jutta Ruehl, 625 Midvale Ave. #4, Los Angeles, CA 90024. Contact Jutta for more information and class schedule by e-mail: JR2LA@aol.com.

April Calendar

Sunday Open Play*

4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23 and 4/30

Interclub Tournament at Mountaingate

4/9

Cardio Tennis

4/22

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

Hello-Reunion Tournament Wrap-Up

I would like to start by thanking everyone who participated in the Hello-Reunion tournament. We met some new players and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We had a good turn out and all the courts were used in both divisions.

We started the morning session with an 8:30 warm up and 9:00 start time. We had an injury and a few misfires before we started. Missing one man and two women, we had some people step up to cover for the missing people. **Carol Reston, Edie Davie** and **Harris Levey**, among others, came to the rescue by filling in on a moment's notice. Also, there were a few players who could not finish the session and **Joe Hanania** and **Mickey Freeman** stepped in to finish the rounds. The competition was good -- I watched a lot of hard fought points. The winner of the women's side was **Lia Farley**, the runner up was **Monica Moran**. On the men's side **Richard Kahn** was the winner and the runner up was guest **Andrew Portney**.

The afternoon division started also with all the courts full and we had some very strong tennis. One person was injured and she provided her own substitute, **Rosette Sperling** (thanks much). We managed to finish by 4:00, with a few courts going over but everyone finished. **Andrea Arnold** won the women's side with **Katherine Spetner** and **Shirley McClaine** tied for runner up. **Michael Pulford** won the men's side and **Michael Germroth** was the runner up.

Special thanks to **Gwen Coleman** for helping and putting together the dinner and **Marguerite Jorgensen** for helping me run the tournament. If anyone has any suggestions or questions you can contact me at relmer2000@yahoo.com.

Thank you,

Ron Elmer, Social Director

Riviera Trip Recap

“Sunny Days and Freezing Nights” - this could have been the slogan for this year's first trip to the Riviera Resort (and the last trip, as the resort has been sold and will be torn down).

While rain was in the forecast in Los Angeles, a group of SMTC members ventured out to Palm Springs for a sun-filled weekend. Some of them went to watch some “history making” matches at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden's Pacific Life Open under freezing temperatures. Those who didn't come prepared with mittens and winter jackets had to endure low, low desert temperatures.

On Saturday morning, all inspired, we tried to imitate the great forehand of Sharapova and excellent backhand of James Blake. If not all strokes turned out exactly like the pro's, we all had a great time on the courts. Saturday night, after a happy hour gathering at the Riviera, we all went out to dinner together and some late night dancing in the vicinity.

Sunday, we tried to get in some tennis with the sun shining and a backdrop of snow-covered peaks. Most got on the freeway early enough to avoid the Pacific Life Open crowds.

Please mark your calendar for the next trip to Morgan Run Resort in Rancho Santa Fe on Memorial Day weekend.

It's Time For A Spring Fling

Come celebrate Spring by having a Friday Night “Fling” on the tennis court on May 5th from 7:00pm -10:00pm. Again, this is a mostly-mixed doubles round robin format designed to meet different players in a fun atmosphere. The entry fee is just \$12. Send the enclosed entry form and a check made payable to SMTC to: Elizabeth Dorzback, 1417 18th St., #6, Santa Monica, CA 90404. For questions, call (310) 829-3293. Deadline for entry is Saturday, April 29th.



2006 SMTC Board of Directors

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SMTC Grand Prix Mixed Doubles Tournament

This Major Grand Prix doubles tournament will be held on Sunday, May 21st at Reed Park. You can enter as a couple or individual. We will try to match you up. Play will consist of two divisions. Division A in the morning and B in the afternoon. Enjoy this fun and good competitive doubles tennis tournament and earn Grand Prix points as well as a chance to win a prize for the winning team in each Division. A prize will be set aside for the entrant who can come up with the best idea for improving this tournament in future.

Send entries to Anoosh Askari at P.O. Box 3465 Santa Monica, CA 90408. He needs your enthusiastic participation and support. Fill out the attached form and mail it as early as you can - but not later than May 13th - along with a check for \$30 per couple and \$18 per individual, made payable to SMTC.

Spend your Memorial Day Weekend with SMTC at Morgan Run Resort !

Again, on popular demand, SMTC has planned a trip to Morgan Run Resort in Rancho Santa Fe for Memorial Day Weekend, May 27 - 29, 2006. Morgan Run is a beautiful boutique resort and private club located in San Diego's most affluent community, Rancho Santa Fe. Set amidst majestic hills and embraced by perfect weather, this prestigious area, as well as the surrounding communities of Del Mar, La Jolla and Carlsbad, is heralded as the most exclusive spots for travel and recreation in the country.

The price of \$262.00 includes two nights double occupancy (the price is \$399.00 for a single room), organized tennis, inter-club tournament with members of the Morgan Run Tennis Club at the resort, tennis balls, happy hour and dinner on Saturday night. Please use the entry form included with this newsletter and sign up early!

For more information on Morgan Run, see their website at <http://www.morganrun.com/>

PAL 25th Silver Anniversary Ladies & Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament & Luncheon Monday, May 15, 2006 at the Warner Center Marriott

Once again, we are proud to invite our members to participate in this worthy event which brings recognition to SMTC as well as provide funds for a very worthwhile cause. Dorothy Meyer, long time SMTC member, is very involved in this event and certainly appreciates your participation.

Schedule:

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2006

8:15 a.m. (promptly) on private courts - Continental Breakfast

10:30 a.m. BOUTIQUE & SILENT AUCTION

12:30 p.m. LUNCHEON

WARNER CENTER MARRIOTT

21850 Oxnard, Woodland Hills

Donation per person: \$55 - Tennis & Luncheon / \$45 - Luncheon only

Deadline for entry is May 3, 2006.

Send entries to Evelyn Mendoza at 13613 Sylvan St., Van Nuys, CA 91401 (see entry form included in this newsletter).

For any additional information call **Evelyn Mendoza at (818) 780-2848.**

Note: SMTC does not sponsor this event. The article and entry information are merely a courtesy for this worthwhile cause.

Be on the lookout.

The new 2006 Handbooks and Membership Cards are included with this month's newsletter.

SMTc CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken March 28, 2006. Please see the website for current standings: www.santamonicatennisclub.com

Open Singles

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

Women’s Singles

1. Stacie Murray (3.5)
2. Elizabeth Dorzback (4.0)
3. Carol Katz (4.0)
4. Diane Hart (3.0)

Mixed Doubles

1. Phoebe Neil (4.5) / Mike Schmidt (4.5)
2. Sherry Harrison (4.0) / David Morton (4.0)
3. Elizabeth Dorzback (4.0) / Ron Elmer (4.0)

Women’s Doubles

1. Sherry Harrison (4.0) / Candace Tysdal (3.5)
2. Elizabeth Dorzback (4.0) / Linda Martin (4.0)
3. 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
3/25/05	Steve Dorman	Marty Katz

Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
3/24/06	Mike Schmidt	Allan Greenberg
3/22/06	Park Liu	Andy Shore
3/16/06	Allan Greenberg	Richard Levik
3/9/06	Andy Shore	Stacie Murray
3/9/06	Richard Levik	Andy Shore
3/9/06	Russell Braunstein	Bruce Janger
3/8/06	Andy Shore	Jerry Zamarin
3/5/06	Mike Schmidt	Jim Metzger

Welcome To:

Stacie Murray
Women’s Singles

Steve Dorman
Open Singles

Sherry Harrison / David Morton
Mixed Doubles

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

New member **Stacie Murray** wasted no time in seizing the crown in Women’s Singles from **Elizabeth Dorzback**. Stacie is also on the Open Singles ladder and has a lot of good singles matches in her future.

As previewed last month, **Mike Schmidt** and **Jim Metzger** had their showdown for the Open Singles top spot, with Mike outlasting Jim in a three set classic. Perhaps the image of Mike holding on by his fingernails will encourage others to take him on for the title of Head Honcho.

Interclub Tournament Mountaingate Tennis Club

Sunday, April 9, 2006

Mountaingate

Your Name _____ male female

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

Your NTRP level: 3.5 4.0 4.5+

Partner's Name _____ male female

Partner's E-Mail _____

Partner's NTRP: 3.5 4.0 4.5+

Enclose:

- 1) Check payable to "SMTC" for
\$20 per person / \$40 per team
- 2) Stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope (not required if you furnish e-mail address)

Mail to: SMTC, c/o Marguerite Jorgensen
560 E. Channel Rd.
Santa Monica, CA 90402-1344
Phone (310) 454-2408

It is preferable you sign up with your best partner!!!

Entries must be received by Tuesday, April 4th.

Morgan Run Tennis Trip

Morgan Run Resort in Rancho Santa Fe
May 27 - 29, 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 **\$262 per person (double occupancy), \$349 per person (single room)**
- 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

Please sign-up by May 15, deadline for refund is May 20.



Friday Night "Spring Fling"

Reed Park - May 5, 2006

7:00-10:00 p.m.

Your Name _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

NTRP Level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5+

Circle: Male Female

Enclose:

Check payable to "SMTC" for **\$12**

Mail to: Elizabeth Dorzback, 1417 18th St., #6,
Santa Monica, CA 90404. For questions, call (310) 829-3293.

Deadline for entry is Saturday, April 29th.

Grand Prix Mixed Doubles Tournament May 21, 2006

Your Name _____

Phone (h) _____ (c) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

Your NTRP level: 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5+

Partner Name _____

Partner E-Mail _____

Phone (h) _____ (c) _____

Partner NTRP level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5+

Will you play up one division? Yes No

Would you like to help in this tournament?

Yes: Morning Afternoon

Enclose:

1) Check payable to "SMTC" for: **\$30** per team or **\$18** individual

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

Mail to:

Anoosh Askari
P.O. Box 3465
Santa Monica, CA 90408
Tel: 310-828-6207

Deadline to enter Saturday, May 13

Submit your ideas for the improvement of this tournament for a prize given to the best received.

PAL 25th Silver Anniversary LADIES & MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT & LUNCHEON MONDAY, MAY 15, 2006

Numerous raffle prizes!!

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail or Fax _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Partner's Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail or Fax _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Club affiliation, if any _____

Partner's Club affiliation, if any _____

Circle Level: A A- B+ B B- C+ C C- (High__ Regular__ Low__)

USTA rating _____

Check here if entering as a Mixed Doubles team _____

Please indicate: Male rating _____ Female rating _____

Location:

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Van Nuys, CA 91401
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MAY 3rd DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES & RESERVATIONS

Notification of court assignments by May 10th.

