

# “On the line”

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## 78th Anniversary Member Guest Tournament July 23rd at Ocean View Courts

Everyone mark your calendars!!! July 23rd is the 78th Anniversary Member Guest Tournament. It will take place at the Ocean View courts, just south of Ocean Park. SMTC will have all six courts reserved for the day. We will have lunch at the courts, so grab a partner, bring your beach chairs and hang out at the beach and have a picnic. We will have prizes for the winners.

We don't know the times for the different divisions as of this date, however, put Sunday the 23rd as reserved for this event. Also we encourage you to bring a guest. The entry fee for the tournament, per team, is \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. If your guest becomes a member they will get \$5.00 back and you and your guest will receive a \$5 certificate each off the next tournament. Let's get a big group out for this event.

How many tennis organizations do you know (or belong to) that are 78 years old and run entirely by volunteers during the life of the organization? This is the time to support Santa Monica Tennis Club, have some tennis and a picnic at the beach.

Ron Elmer, Tournament Director and his assistant, Marguerite Jorgensen



### June Calendar

#### Sunday Open Play at Memorial Park

6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. if players are available.

#### \*\* OPEN PLAY ALERT \*\*

Due to the installation of new lights at Reed Park, Sunday Open Play will be held at Memorial Park (located at Olympic & 14th St.) for the entire month of June. Two courts will be available, **both** dedicated to the **open play general guidelines** (no challenge court). Bring your patience and cooperative spirit with you, along with your racquet!

### Want to Stay in the Club? Just Behave.

Folks, we may have to start dealing more sternly with those whose conduct embarrasses the club. We have had too many reports of rudeness, harsh language and the like at open play. This sort of thing has cost us members, and we are determined not to let it happen again.

No club member has been suspended or terminated since 1998, and we would like to keep it that way. But we will have to act if there are some who can't or won't behave. (The newsletter will name those who are suspended or terminated.)

Want to avoid this? It's easy. Just enjoy your tennis, and don't interfere, by words or actions, with anyone else's ability to do the same.

#### “Heads-Up” for the Santa Monica Open

The 77th City of Santa Monica Open Tennis Tournament will be held August 26th and 27th and September 2nd and 3rd. All of the Reed Park courts will be used for this event. More information in next month's newsletter. If you are interested now, please contact Bill Nissley, [whnissley@hotmail.com](mailto:whnissley@hotmail.com) or phone 453-3009.

#### Mark your calendars for tennis weekends with SMTC:

- ▶ July 28 - 30, 2006 Casa Via Mar, Port Hueneme
- ▶ October 27-29, 2006 Shadow Mountain

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We now have blue t-shirts and caps with the SMTC logo in white available for sale for \$20. Please contact Anoosh Askari if you are interested.

#### 2006 SMTC Board of Directors

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## May 21st Grand Prix Mixed Doubles Tournament Recap

On May 21st a Major Grand Prix mixed doubles tournament was contested at Reed Park, the first tournament arranged by our new Tournament Director. Naturally, he was concerned how it will turn out. Even though the entry forms were not distributed with the April issue of the newsletter, by extending the entry deadline for two more days, he was able to have enough members and guests to sign up for a twelve team tournament. His next job was to divide the 12 couples in two groups so that each team would play in a round robin format with five other teams. The format was the standard one with eight games, with second deuce deciding that game.

The most difficult part was to match the players with equal strength in the same group. He sought the advice Elizabeth Dorzback, your hard working President, and Ron Elmer, the energetic Social Director, who gave him the insight of the players strength level and two groups of six teams were formed. He was now had to hear from a couple that would be willing to be on standby in case one couple had to cancel or did not show up. Brana and Ron Hall graciously accepted to be on standby. You guessed it. One couple canceled at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. Thanks to Brana and Ron who saved the tournament so it could proceed as planned.

About 2:00 a.m. in the morning of Sunday, a shower started in Santa Monica, fortunately it did not last long. However, in the morning, several players called to make sure the courts were not wet and that the tournament will be proceeded as planned. They were assured of that but also asked to pray the angel of the sky.

Most of the players were asked to be there at 11:45 and the majority did arrive on time. One player came 15 minutes late and did not have chance to warm up. A total of 232 games out of possible 240 games were played. David Morton and Sherry Harrison had an astounding 33 wins from 39 games from one division and won the championship title while the fast and energetic couple Ron Elmer and Carol Katz won the other division with 29 wins out of 39 games and were the runner up champions of this tournament. A blue hat and shirt, with logo of SMTC embroidery on them, was the prize for the champion team and the runner up team won another other prize.

This tournament was successful because of the participation of a very fine group of members of Santa Monica Tennis Club. It can be more successful if more players join future tournaments, and if they have any complaints, please submit these to the directors of the club. Even though there were several requests from the players to submit their comments of how to improve these tournaments, only one courageous person did it. He suggested to eliminate the fee for the pro players to encourage more players in the tournament. We thank him for his comment. However, please note that this club in a non-profit organization and the fees collected for membership, tournaments and social events just barely cover the expenses including the cost of court rental which is \$8.00 per hour per court. We need to see more of the members to participate in different activities of the club.

Anoosh Askari, Tournament Director

### Notices:

► The Riviera Interclub event has been “oversold” so the results will appear after the event. Brana Hall does not have room for any more entries because this is one of the more popular interclub events. Sorry if you were not selected to play.

### Welcome New Members!

Kim Combs 3.5 310-475-7580

Samantha Barnett 4.5 310-271-7743

Marvin Krakow 4.0 310-476-5061

Michael Wolfberg 3.5 310- 559-9582

Courtney Spikes 3.0 310 -260-1472

# SMTC CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken May 28, 2006. Please see the website for current standings: [www.santamonicatennisclub.com](http://www.santamonicatennisclub.com)

## Open Singles

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

## 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)
4. Monica Marin (3.5) / Stacie Murray (4.0)

## Men’s Doubles

1. Brian Page (4.5) / Mike Schmidt (4.5)

### Newly-Won Positions

Date	Challenger	Defeated
4/27/06	Allan Greenberg	Steve Dorman

### Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
5/23/06	Bill Denecour	Bruce Janger
5/20/06	Jim Metzger	Steve Dorman
5/18/06	Kingston / Moore	Marin / Murray
5/17/06	Dorzback / Martin	Kingston / Moore
5/12/06	Mike Schmidt	Steve Dorman
5/7/06	Mike Schmidt	Jim Metzger

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

**Mike Schmidt** sits atop three ladders—open singles, men’s doubles, and mixed doubles. Our answer to Tony Soprano is occasionally challenged in open singles, but hasn’t had to defend himself in doubles in many moons. In fact, he and **Brian Page** are the only men’s doubles team in existence. Are there not two male doubles players with the skills to take these guys on?

Mike’s latest match with **Jim Metzger** was reportedly a tough one. Our version of Chrissie and Martina is developing into a classic rivalry.

**78th Anniversary Member Guest  
Tournament  
Sunday, July 23, 2006  
Ocean View Courts**



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Man Woman

Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Circle NTRP level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5+

Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Man Woman

Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Member Non-member

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Circle NTRP level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5+

**Enclose:**

- 1) Check for entire team's fee payable to SMTC  
(**\$25** per member, **\$30** per non-member)
- 2) Self-addressed stamped envelope  
(only if you haven't provided e-mail address)

**Mail to:**

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