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78th Anniversary Member Guest Tournament

July 23rd is the 78th Anniversary Member Guest Tournament and, folks, we're gonna p-a-r-t-y! For the first time in many years, SMTC has reserved the Ocean View Tennis Courts located just south of Ocean Park. Many long time members of the club may remember playing at these courts years ago and then hanging out on the beach afterwards. So we're bringing back that same fun-filled tradition. SMTC has reserved all six courts for the day. So grab a partner, bring your beach chair, play lots of tennis and join us for a picnic provided by the Club.

We don't yet know the times for the different divisions, but be sure to reserve Sunday the 23rd for this event. We also encourage you to bring a guest. The entry fee for the tournament is \$25 for members and \$30 for guests each. 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? Come celebrate Santa Monica Tennis Club, play some fun tennis and picnic at the beach with all your SMTC friends. We need volunteers to make this event a success, so please step up and assist Ron Elmer.

Extreme Makeover -- Update

As you've probably noticed, the construction of the new lighting instruments at Reed Park has begun and will probably continue for a couple of weeks in July. This is a very exciting development and, once completed, will provide new opportunities for future SMTC events. Sunday Open Play is taking place at Memorial Park (located at 14th Street and Olympic Blvd.) during the construction period. Therefore, please be reminded of the following: (1) SMTC has reservations for Courts 3 and 4 only, which are the western-most courts adjacent to 14th Street. The other courts are to remain available for non-SMTC tennis players; and (2) our presence at Memorial Park may come as a surprise to members of the general public who are

accustomed to playing there regularly - and following the posted general guidelines.

This should probably go without saying, but please remember to interact with courtesy and respect with all players you come in contact with. If a non-SMTC member enters the court expecting to be able to play, simply explain the arrangement to them. Call their attention to the posted sign on the main gate that states that SMTC has priority on the far west courts. If a board member is present, let him/her handle the matter. Please be conversational - not confrontational - in order to maintain the club's positive reputation, retain our court privileges and attract new members.

July Calendar

Sunday Open Play at Memorial Park

7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/30 and 8/6*
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*subject to change back to Reed Park
when it is available

78th Anniversary Tournament 7/23 - Ocean View Courts

Casa Via Mar Trip
7/28 - 7/30

“Midsummer Night’s Dream” Mixed Doubles Set for August 25

Clear your calendars now for Friday night, August 25, when night creatures from SMTC will take over Reed Park from 7 to roughly 9:30 or 10 for a summer evening of mixed doubles. The entry fee is but \$12, and you don’t even have to supply the balls. The format will have you constantly changing partners, so, if you don’t like your partner, wait a few minutes and you’ll get a new one. Afterwards, those so inclined will visit someplace nearby for food and drink.

Enter without a partner. Send your check for \$12, payable to SMTC, and the entry blank to Bruce Janger, 140 Ocean Park Blvd., #619, Santa Monica CA 90405. The deadline is August 19, but do it now so you won’t forget.

SMTC Members Have A Fun-Filled Fling

On Friday evening, May 5th, 24 festive club members had a tennis “fling” on the Reed Park tennis courts. New club members and long-timers, ranging in levels from 3.5 to 4.5, mingled on the courts throughout the evening. Everyone played four fun-filled rounds of mixed doubles, after which a small group of lively players continued socializing at nearby Radisson Hotel.

We were lucky that **Alan Greenberg**, who had just finished a grueling singles match, was kind enough to fill in for a no-show player. Thank you, Alan. As a friendly reminder, folks, please know that when you enter an SMTC event, you are making a commitment to show up **on time**, play to the best of your ability, **and** participate **fully** in the entire event (e.g., all rounds of tennis). As you’re probably aware, when a person doesn’t show up or (heaven forbid) leaves an event before it is completed, it not only displays very poor form, but throws off the entire rotation for the remaining players. Please remember this when signing up for future events.

We’d especially like to welcome **Craig Shaw**, **Kris Keaton** and **Joe Nicoletti** who were participating in their first SMTC event, and look forward to seeing everyone on the courts again very soon.

Santa Monica Open August 26 through September 4

This is a USTA sanctioned tournament. The tournament will be every day during this period, because juniors will play during the week.

It has singles and doubles, with classifications of 3.5, 4.0 4.5; to 5.5. For the first time, wheel chair classification will be offered!

Prize money will be given this year. For further information, please contact: Bill Nissley: whnissley@hotmail.com.

Pacific Palisades Tennis Club vs. SMTC

Several interclub tournaments are being planned between SMTC and the Pacific Palisades Tennis Club. The first is set for July 16 which PPTC is hosting at their home courts. They want to keep this first event small, with just four mixed doubles teams. Therefore, **Katherine Spetner**, the coordinator of this event, asked SMTC’s Board of Directors to comprise the four teams, as an acknowledgment for their **volunteer** efforts throughout the year. But fear not - future interclubs will involve many more players and will therefore be made up of the membership at large.

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation at future interclub tournaments between SMTC and PPTC.

► The winner of the WINTER SINGLES ROUND ROBIN was **David Azar**! Congratulations!

► SUMMER SINGLES ROUND ROBIN POSTPONED!

Due to the closing of Reed Park courts until the end of June, the Summer Singles Round Robin will be postponed until further notice in the newsletter! Please send in all your Spring Singles Round Robin Results!

Save Weekends of September 9-10 and 16-17 For SMTC Championship - Singles and Doubles

Don’t miss catching the tennis fever of the season. Play either singles or doubles (or both if you are willing to play back to back) in FIVE events: men’s and women’s singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

The format will be double elimination with a minimum of four, and maximum of eight, players/teams in each event. We will try to place players of similar strength in the same group depending on the number of participants in each event.

Trophies or prizes will be awarded to both the champion and the runner up of all events at a dinner party, which will be held at a member’s house following the final matches on Sunday, September 17th. The entry fee includes the dinner party.

The entry fee per player is \$30 for the first event and \$15 for a second event. The cost of the dinner party for non-participating members or guests is \$15.

Look for further details and entry form in next month’s issue of *on-the-line*.

Get Set for Casa Via Mar!

Join us for a tennis weekend July 28 - 30, 2006 at Casa Via Mar in Port Hueneme, South of Oxnard at the ocean. SMTC has been going to this cozy, hour-away resort for several years now, and it has become one of the favorite weekend trips.

The reasonable cost of the entire package is only \$125 per person for double occupancy, \$205 for single occupancy. This low price, combined with the pleasant and efficient service, makes it an affordable and relaxing weekend treatment.

The price includes a room (double occupancy) for two nights, a cocktail party both Friday and Saturday nights, complimentary snacks, sodas, breakfast both Saturday and Sunday mornings, dinner on Saturday night, plus unlimited use of the swimming pool, Jacuzzi, and movie library (there are VCRs in every room).

On Saturday night we will go out and have dinner close to the ocean. Somewhere in between all this eating and drinking, tennis will be scheduled on both Saturday and Sunday. Players who arrive early Friday afternoon usually get in some open tennis.

Sign up early as space is limited. We will try to match you with a roommate if you need one. Send the enclosed entry form, a check payable to SMTC, and a stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope (if you don't have e-mail only) to SMTC c/o Jutta Ruehl, 625 Midvale Avenue, #4, Los Angeles, CA 90024

Meet Our Newest Board Member

Please help welcome **Sandra Marshall** to the SMTC Board of Directors. Sandra is a long-time member of the club and will be completing Joanie Rippner's term as Membership Director. This is Sandra's first time serving on the board and we welcome her with open arms.

When asked why she joined the Board or Directors Sandra remarked, "I've enjoyed so many of the club's activities throughout the years, it was time that I give back." You can often spot Sandra participating in Friday Night Round Robins or Sunday Open Play. Please introduce yourself to her when you cross paths at SMTC events and help welcome her to the board.

Memorial Day Weekend Trip to Morgan Run

A group of SMTC members made the trip to Morgan Run Club & Resort in Rancho Santa Fe. This year we changed the arrival date to Saturday afternoon and many members arrived early and got some tennis or relaxation in before the "Happy Hour." Almost everyone went to "The Beach House", one of the most scenic settings right at the ocean front of Solana Beach and took in the sunset and some great food. On Sunday morning, just in time for tennis, all early morning fog lifted and made room for great sunshine for the rest of the weekend. Mostly mixed doubles was played in the morning and afternoon. We gathered for dinner at the "Trophy Room" at the resort.

Everyone enjoyed the dinner and good conversation, particularly a more than good time was had at one table. But this is why everyone comes to the tennis trips, to enjoy themselves and have great relaxed tennis. Unfortunately, Monday morning SMTC members had no reason to laugh..they played the members of Morgan Run Tennis Club, who must have still been smarting from last year's significant loss, because they brought in their "A" teams this year to play against us. SMTC unfortunately lost this year's challenge by a large margin. Graciously, we were invited again for next year.

Despite our defeat, everyone agreed that Morgan Run made it again on the "best place to visit" list. Please mark your calendars again for Memorial Day 2007!

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“Snapshot” of standings taken June 15, 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. 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. Andy Shore (4.5)
11. Jerry Zamarin (4.0)
12. Bruce Janger (4.0)
13. Richard Levik (4.0)
14. Josh Mallamud (4.0)
15. John Raiss (4.5)
16. Rick DeWeese (4.5)
17. Cyrus Namini (4.0)
18. Stacie Murray (3.5)
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)
3. Stacie Murray (3.5) / Mike Germroth (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)
2. Allan Greenberg (4.0) / Jim Metzger (4.0)

Newly-Won Positions

Date	Challenger	Defeated
6/14/06	Jerry Zamarin	Bruce Janger
6/12/06	Andy Shore	Bruce Janger
6/6/06	Jerry Zamarin	Andy Shore

Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
6/7/06	Allan Greenberg	Bill Roberti
6/7/06	Russell Braunstein	Bruce Janger
6/4/06	Page / Schmidt	Greenberg / Metzger
6/4/06	Harrison / Morton	Murray / Germroth
6/2/06	Bill Roberti	Bruce Janger
5/26/06	Mike Schmidt	Allan Greenberg

WELCOME TO:

Monica Marin / Stacie Murray
Women’s Doubles

Stacie Murray / Mike Germroth
Mixed Doubles

Allan Greenberg / Jim Metzger
Men’s Doubles

DELETED AT OWN REQUEST:

Steve Dorman
Open Singles

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

This month may have set a record for new doubles teams. And there’s room for more. You’ll never know how good your doubles skills really are until you play an actual match.

Our best wishes go out to **Bill Denecour**, recuperating from surgery. Bill advises he should only miss a month of action.

Next month’s issue should include the ladder point leaders at the midpoint of 2006. **Bruce Janger’s** knee issues should make the men’s points race the most wide open in years. But after a series of injections, the knee is working and Bruce is challenging people again.

**Casa Via Mar Club Trip
Port Hueneme
July 28 - 30, 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 **\$125 per person (double occupancy) or \$205 (single occupancy)**

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

**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 each, \$30 per non-member each)

2) Self-addressed stamped envelope
(only if you haven't provided e-mail address)

Volunteers needed, please check if you will volunteer before, during or after.

Mail to:

Ron Elmer
10724 Debra Ave.
Granada Hills, CA 91344



"Midsummer Night's Dream" Mixed Doubles

Reed Park - August 25, 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 5.0

Circle: Male Female

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

Mail to: Bruce Janger, 140 Ocean Park Blvd., #619,
Santa Monica CA 90405.

Entries must be received by: August 19