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August 2006

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The Big Event: 2006 SMTC Championships September 9-10 and 16-17

The exciting event of the year is here again! The event includes singles and doubles matches (men, women and mixed) for two weekends in a row with a dinner party on the last day. Please make yourself available on all four days, and be prepared to play back to back if you are participating in more than one event.

For the second time in a distant memory of this club all events will be played in double elimination format with minimum of four, and maximum of eight, players per team 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.

This is everyone's chance to test his or her mettle, challenge or defend past winners or winning position, as the case may, at the most challenging tournament that this Club offers. Trophies or prizes will be awarded to both the champion and the runner up of all events in a dinner party at Katherine Spetner's house following the final matches.

The entry fee is \$30 per player for one event; add an additional \$15 per person if playing in a second event. **(A member can not play more than two events in this tournament.)** Also, please add \$15 if bringing a guest to the party (or if you are a non-playing member coming to the party only).

Please fill out the entry form included with this newsletter and mail it as early as possible. Because of the complexity of the draw of this tournament, **no entry forms will be accepted after September 2, 2006** (no exception). Make the check in proper amount payable to SMTC and mail it with your completed entry form, and self-stamped envelope (if you do not have an e-mail address), to Anoosh Askari, P.O. Box 3465, Santa Monica, CA 90408.

Please get the word out-tell everyone you see to sign up NOW for this once a year event. Also, we need volunteers to help us - if you can, please indicate what time you could help on your entry form.

August Calendar

Sunday Open Play at Memorial Park

8/16; 8/13; 8/20 and 8/27
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Friday Night Mixed Doubles

8/25

Santa Monica Open (no courts available for SMTC)

8/26 - 9/4

Construction Update

Reed Park opening has been delayed until mid-August due to equipment being delayed.

Until further notice we have Courts #3 & #4 at Memorial Park, with parking available at the old Fisher Lumber location.

“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.

SAVE THE DATE
Shadow Mountain Trip
October 27th & 28th

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.

Last Call 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.

Call Jutta at 310-208-6882 if you would like to join the trip!

Silent Auction

It is that time again and we are looking to boost up our budget with the intention of having another silent auction at our September Club Championships. In order for this to work, we need support from our members and we are asking you to do your part to make this a success. If you have a service or an item you would like to donate (fantastic!) or know of someone else that might (your masseur, owner of your favorite restaurant, car detailer, etc.) that would be fantastic too. We are hoping that each member will do their best to bring in one item, which would be incredible. If there is enough interest and items to warrant the effort, we will proceed.

Please leave a message at the SMTC voicemail (310 281-3196) stating the item you will be donating. The sooner you can do this the better, but please, no later than August 11th.



SMTC Had a Tennis Festival On The Riviera
Like The Film Festival Our Players Won The Top Awards

On Sunday, June 25th, SMTC played an interclub match at the lovely facilities of Riviera Tennis club. We fielded 8 mixed doubles teams and SMTC was oversold for this event. We played two rounds of mixed doubles followed by two rounds of men's and ladies' doubles. All the rounds were 8 games each. SMTC was ahead by 30 games after the mixed doubles was completed and we won the men's and ladies' doubles by over 40 games. A resounding win for our team. **Mike Germroth, Ron Hall** and **Calin Popescu** had the most games for the men with 24 games each; **Lia Farley, Carol Katz, Brana Hall** and **Audrey Cohen** had the most games for the women with 23 games each.

We celebrated our victory after the matches with drinks and refreshments furnished by Riviera.

Pam Austin, the head pro at Riviera, sent an e-mail thanking us for participating and "bringing such nice people" and asked us back for next year.

Both teams had a wonderful time on a beautiful day. Thanks to all of you who participated.

- BRANA HALL

Welcome New Members!
 Candice Kraft 4.5 310-457-7260 (returning)
 Danielle Michaels 3.0 310-246-0936
 Maureen Farrell 4.0 310-393-1068
 Jayna Cooper 4.0 404-281-5009

*****SAVE THE DATE*****
Open Board Meeting
September 25, 2006
 All suggestions, comments and compliments are welcome!
*****SAVE THE DATE*****

Professional Tournaments in August:

Acura Classic
 July 28 - August 5, 2006 at La Costa
www.acuraclassic.org

JP Morgan Chase Open
 August 7 - 13, 2006 in Carson, CA
www.jpmorganchaseopen.com

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SMTc CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken July 17, 2006. Please see the website for current standings: www.santamonikatennisclub.com

Open Singles

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

WELCOME TO:
Philip Berman
Open Singles

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
7/15/06	Bill Roberti	Jim Metzger
7/6/06	Richard Levik	Andy Shore
7/2/06	Philip Berman	Bruce Janger

Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
7/15/06	Mike Germroth	Allan Greenberg
7/14/06	Bill Roberti	Bruce Janger
7/12/06	Bruce Janger	Candice Kraft
7/5/06	Park Liu	Bruce Janger
6/27/06	Marty Katz	Bruce Janger
6/21/06	Russell Braunstein	Josh Mallamud
6/16/06	Allan Greenberg	Marty Katz

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

As of July 8, **Bruce Janger** has a slim lead in the men’s ladder point parade with 150. **Mike Schmidt** is a close second with 130, followed by **Allan Greenberg** with 125 and **Andy Shore** with 120. If Allan and his partner, **Jim Metzger**, had won their doubles match against Mike and **Brian Page**, Allan would be in second place, the gravest threat to Bruce’s perennial crown.

Among the women, **Stacie Murray** leads with 90 points. No one else has a total worth mentioning.

**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

**SMTC Annual Club Championships
-Major Grand Prix Event-
September 9 & 10 and 16 & 17, 2006**

Your Name _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____ Circle: Man / Woman

Events (Entries limited to two events)
(circle a level for each event you wish to enter)

■ **Singles** 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 Open

Will you play up one division if necessary? Yes No

■ **Men's/Ladies' Doubles** 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 Open

Will you play up one division if necessary? Yes No

Partner's Name _____

■ **Mixed Doubles** 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 Open

Will you play up one division if necessary? Yes No

Partner's Name _____

■ **Party Only**

Enclose:

1) Entry fee payable to "SMTC" of **\$30 per person** for one event, **\$15** for each additional event. Attending party only: **\$15** per person

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

Mail to: SMTC, c/o Anoosh Askari, P.O. Box 3465, Santa Monica, CA 90408

I'd like to help out with this tournament: (check)

before during at the party



"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