

# “on the line”

September 2006

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## LAST CALL: 2006 SMTC Championships September 9-10 and 16-17

This is the last chance to be part of this once-a-year excitement. Four days- two weekends- competitive tennis matches with a dinner party at the completion of the tournament on September 17th. Singles and Doubles matches (men, women and mixed) will be played in double elimination format with a minimum of four and a 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.

Be prepared to play a minimum of two and maximum of six matches in each event. Please make yourself available on all four days and be prepared to play back-to-back matches if you are participating in more than one event.

This is everyone's chance to test his or her mettle, challenge or defend past winners or winning position, as the case may be, 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 at a dinner party at the lovely home of our gracious host, Katherine Spetner (1022 26th Street, Santa Monica).

The entry fee is \$30 per player for one event; add an additional \$15 per person if playing in a 2nd event. (A member can not play more than two events in this tournament). Also 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 attached to this Newsletter and mail it as early as possible. Because of the complexity of the draw of this tournament with different events, no entry form will be accepted after September 2, 2006 (no exception).

Make the check in proper amount 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 for this once-a-year event. We need volunteers to help us. Place a checkmark in the "volunteer" section of the enclosed entry form.

### September Calendar

#### Sunday Open Play

##### at Reed Park

9/24 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

(there is only one open play day due to Club Championships 9/10 and 9/17)

#### Santa Monica Open

(no courts available for SMTC)

9/1 - 9/4

#### SMTC Club Championships

9/9 - 9/10; 9/16-9/17

"Save the Date"  
Open Board Meeting  
September 25th

## 78th Anniversary Member/Guest Tournament

We would like to start out by thanking all the members that participated in the 78th Anniversary celebration. This was a new experience for Marguerite and I. We had not run a tournament at the Ocean View Courts before. Although the club has had tournaments and picnics there in the past, it was quite awhile ago. The Board felt it would be fun and different to bring that back. After all, it is really impressive that a club can maintain a status for this period of time with all volunteer board members for all of these years.

Thankfully, the weather remained in our favor, with cloud cover in the morning and only slightly warmer in the afternoon. I would like to thank **Elizabeth Dorzback**, our president, for her ideas and help, including coming out and playing some games with prizes between matches. This was a difficult tournament to do having bring food, drinks, tables, ice chests alone, while have four divisions of the tournament as well. We were lucky enough to be able to use a paddle court tournament to set the food up on. Thanks to many members (and **Anne Kaplan**, a guest) for helping out.

We would like to give a special thanks to **Danny Walters, Bob Shubert, Joanie Rippner, Gwendolyn Coleman, Bruce Schelden** and **Jutta Ruehl** (who had the original idea to have a picnic at the beach) and like always my partner, Marguerite Jorgensen who helps run all my tournaments. We had 11 guests out of the 48 people who played and three guests have since joined the club. Ten new members this year also played, along with six board members. I thought it was nice seeing a lot of new members coming out. If you have ideas for upcoming tournaments, let one of your board members know.

Here are the results from the Member Guest tournament:

The morning 4.5 division: 1st place was **Carol Katz** and **Ron Elmer** with 23 games; 2nd place was **Margaretta Gentshein** (a guest) and **Harry Weiss** who tied with **Sherry Harrison** and **Candice Tysdal** with 21 games.

The morning 4.0 division: 1st place was **Jutta Ruehl** and **Danny Walters** with 28 games, who tied with **Chris Clark** and **Jayna Cooper**; 2nd place a guest, **Joel Kaplan** and **B.B. Shapiro** (who replaced Joel's wife who was injured at the last minute).

The afternoon 4.0 division: 1st Place **Mike Schmidt** and **Cassey Fisbeck** (guest) 31 games; 2nd place: **Katherine Spetner** and **Reagan McClymonds** with 26 games.

The afternoon 3.5 division: 1st place was **Mary Durkin** and **Bob Shubert** with 33 Games (most games won during the day); 2nd place was **David Saft** and **Wendy Wilson** (a guest who is rejoining the club after not being a member for a few years) with 23 games.

A special thanks to everyone who made an effort to thank us for this different kind of tournament....a picnic at the beach, without the sand! Hope everyone had a good time.

Thank you again, Ron Elmer and Marguerite Jorgensen

## Sign Up for Pacific Palisades Interclub Tournament Sunday, October 22

A small and hot interclub match was held with the Pacific Palisades Tennis Club (PPTC) on Sunday July 16. In recognition of their generous volunteerism, the SMTC board members represented our club, with **Elizabeth Dorzback** and **Ron Elmer** being the high scorers on the SMTC side. They were offered a quite a choice of prizes including a ball clip and a neck cooler which was enthusiastically promoted as being 'better than a wet rag' by PPTC member George Wolkon. As to which club won, PPTC went a little vague (i.e. SMTC won) but due to good games and good sportsmanship, **SMTC was immediately invited back for another and larger interclub on Sunday, October 22 from 12.45 to 4pm.** It will be held at the Pacific Palisades Tennis Courts and the play format will be all doubles; mixed, then men's and women's. Twelve SMTC players will be needed.

Preferably enter with a partner, the cost being \$30 for two players or \$15 for one player. Send your check payable to SMTC and the entry blank to Katherine Spetner, 1022 26th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The deadline is October 2. If you have questions please address them to k.spetner@verizon.net

## 2006 SPRING SINGLES ROUND ROBIN WINNERS

### Men 4.5 division:

Winner: **Yosh Kambe**

Runner-up: **Russell Braunstein**

### Men 4.0 division:

Winner: **Park Lui**

Runner-up: **Jerry Zamarin**

## Midsummer Night's Dream Becomes a Nightmare

### Friday Night Social Postponed

Sorry, folks, but we must cancel the August 25 mixed doubles party at Reed Park because of Reed Park's continued unavailability. The lighting project was originally supposed to have been completed in mid-July, but the courts will not be ready by August 25.

We will have this event on October 20 (and will be very irritable if the courts aren't ready by then). You will have to enter again if you wish to play on October 20; I am tearing up the checks for August 25.

Do they have these problems at the U.S. Open?

- Bruce Janger

### Welcome New Members!

Chris Clarke\* (310) 403-0324 4.0

Kara Glover\* (310) 714-3952 3.5

Dwight Liu (310) 430-5330 4.0

Olivia Burgos\* 4.0

\* returning member

## Casa Via Mar - A Really ‘Sizzling’ Weekend!

This year’s tennis trip to Casa Via Mar in Port Hueneme turned out to be not really hot on the courts but sizzling in the rooms as well. 26 SMTC members ventured out to Port Hueneme in the hope that cool ocean air would bring some relief from the high temps in Los Angeles. But this wasn’t the case. Also, cool mornings with drizzle gave us a chance to play ‘hot’ matches the rooms just wouldn’t cool down. In order to have an even number of players we recruited a hotel guest, who, also not having played for five years, quickly got into the game and enjoyed our members. Lots of laughing was heard on the courts. Saturday night we all went out to get dinner at ‘Yolanda’s’, a local hang out, and some of the night owls went for dancing in a nearby resort. Sunday concluded with a “King and Queen of the Hill” format and the winners were **Judy Chow** and **Vrej Azadian**.

Everyone thought we had a great weekend, lots of fun and good tennis, but all agreed that next year we have to visit the resort later in the season!

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#### Officers

President	Elizabeth Dorzback	310-829-3293
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Treasurer	Bruce Schelden	310-306-7115

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Tournaments	Anoosh Askari	310-828-6207
Interclub	Available	
Trips	Jutta Ruehl	310-208-6882

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

We have added a new feature to our newsletter – “Volunteer of the Month” – which acknowledges the contributions of our members-at-large. This month, we wish to thank several individuals who volunteered their time and talents in the following ways:

- **Brana Hall** – for organizing and running the Riviera Interclub on June 25
- **Katherine Spetner** – for organizing and running the Pacific Palisades Interclub on July 16
- **Gwendolyn Coleman** – “behind the scenes” assistance at various events

Thank you ladies! The Club greatly appreciates your support!”

## Shadow Mountain Weekend Tennis Trip October 27 - 29, 2006

SMTC’s next weekend trip is scheduled for October 27 - 29, 2006 at the Shadow Mountain Resort & Racquet Club in Palm Desert. This will be our 17th visit to Shadow Mountain, recognized by Tennis Magazine as one of southern California’s best resort, and top 50 resort in the nation.

We have reserved a block of two-and three bedroom condominiums (4-6 people per condo, double occupancy), all with fully equipped kitchens. We will try to match you with a roommate if you need one, but a match is not guaranteed.

There will be open tennis on Friday with other early arrivers. Please feel free to make dinner arrangements with other members at many of the fine restaurants in the area. A social interclub is planned with the “Monterey Country Club” at their location for Saturday morning, followed by organized tennis on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Saturday evening “happy hour” followed by dinner is scheduled in Palm Desert and included in the price of \$235.00 per person/double occupancy, \$380.00 for single occupancy. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, but must be received by October 15th.

Please send the enclosed entry form, a check payable to SMTC, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to SMTC, c/o Jutta Ruehl, 625 Midvale Ave., #4, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

# SMTC CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken August 23, 2006. Please see the website for current standings: [www.santamonicatennisclub.com](http://www.santamonicatennisclub.com)

## Open Singles

1. Mike Schmidt (4.5)
2. Allan Greenberg (4.0)
3. Marty Katz (4.5)
4. Bill Roberti (4.5)
5. Jim Metzger (4.5)
6. Mike Germroth (4.0)
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. Rick DeWeese (4.5)
15. Bruce Janger (4.0)
16. Josh Mallamud (4.0)
17. Cyrus Namini (4.0)
18. John Raiss (4.5)
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. 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)
5. Kim Combs (3.5) / Margaret Liu (3.5)

## 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
8/23/06	Rick DeWeese	Bruce Janger
8/20/06	Cyrus Namini	John Raiss
8/10/06	Marty Katz	Bill Roberti
8/9/06	Allan Greenberg	Bill Roberti

## Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
8/20/06	Rick DeWeese	Samantha Barnett
8/19/06	Park Liu	Bruce Janger
8/17/06	Andy Shore	Jerry Zamarin
8/11/06	Bruce Janger	Joe Hanania
8/8/06	Andy Shore	Philip Berman
8/8/06	Jerry Zamarin	Bruce Janger
8/4/06	Harrison / Tysdal	Combs / Liu
8/3/06	Bill Denecour	Andy Shore
8/1/06	Park Liu	Andy Shore
7/27/06	Andy Shore	Bruce Janger
7/21/06	Mike Schmidt	Allan Greenberg
7/20/06	Andy Shore	Philip Berman
7/17/06	Bill Denecour	Bruce Janger

### WELCOME TO:

Kim Combs / Margaret Liu  
Women’s Doubles

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

We were happy to see **Kim Combs** and **Margaret Liu**, a new member and a returning member, join the Women’s Doubles Ladder. You newer members don’t have to wait until you’ve been in the club a long time to challenge your way onto a ladder. Just challenge someone and go. (But read the rules first.)

**Andy Shore** continues to mount the most serious threat in years to **Bruce Janger’s** perennial ladder points crown. As of August 8, Andy’s 180 points are close behind Bruce’s 210. When they recently played at Riviera (where Andy belongs), they were assigned the court next to **Venus Williams** and her hitting partners. But when **Serena** showed up, Andy and Bruce were sent to a distant court. (And I was hoping they’d want to play some mixed doubles.)

**Shadow Mountain Tennis Trip  
Palm Desert  
October 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 **\$235 per person (double occupancy) or \$380 (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

**Entries must be received by: October 15**

**Interclub with Pacific Palisades  
Pacific Palisades Tennis Courts  
Sunday, October 22 from 12.45 to 4pm**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  male  female  
 Phone (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (w) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Your NTRP level:  3.5  4.0  4.5  
 Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Partner NTRP level:  3.5  4.0  4.5  
**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 Katherine Spetner, 1022 26th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90403

**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



**"Bright Lights - Big City" Mixed Doubles  
Reed Park - October 20, 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.

# SMTC Membership Update

## September 2006

*(cut out and staple into your Members' Handbook)*

Samantha Barnett	802 N. Rexford Drive Beverly Hills CA 90210	310-271-7743	4.5
Olivia Burgos	419 N Larchmont Blvd #64 Los Angeles CA 90004		4.0
Andre Charvet	3522 W. 78th Place Los Angeles CA 90305	310-833-4649	4.0
Chris Clarke	1434 Santa Monica Blvd.#12 Santa Monica CA 90404	310-403-0324	4.0
Kim Combs	10784 Rochester Avenue Los Angeles CA 90024	310-475-7580	3.5
Jayna Cooper	1415 Alvarado Terrace Apt.311 Los Angeles CA 90006	404-281-5009	4.0
Maureen Farrell	135 Montana Ave. #15 Santa Monica CA 90403	310-393-1068	4.0
Kara Glover	11970 Montana Ave #217 Los Angeles CA 90049	310-714-3952	3.5
Ashok Kanagasundram	122 Ocean Park Blvd. #309 Santa Monica CA 90405	310-367-3367	4.0
Candice Kraft	P.O.Box 4126 Malibu CA 90265	310-457-7260	4.5
Marvin Krakow	2275 Westridge Rd. Los Angeles CA 90049	310-476-5061	4.0
Dwight Liu	5701 Kiyot Way #12 Playa Vista CA 90094	310-430-5330	4.0
Reagan McClymonds	1150 Granville Ave. #301 Los Angeles CA 90049	310-312-6080	4.0
Danielle Michaels	9171 Wishire Blvd., Ste. 436 Beverly Hills CA 90210	310-246-0936	3.0
Vladimir Neri	1041 19th St. #2 Santa Monica CA 90403	310-829-3050	4.0
Joe Nicoletti	2506 28th Street Santa Monica CA 90405	310-453-4444	3.5
Atul Sharma	508 S. Barrington Ave #1 Los Angeles CA 90049	310-440-3439	4.5
Courtney Spikes	449 Euclid St. Santa Monica CA 90402	310-260-1472	3.0
Michael Wolfberg	10612 Venice Blvd. Santa Monica CA 90230	310-559-9582	3.5

## Help Wanted

Now is your chance to step up to the 'serving position' and help SMTC. **Sue Moore** has volunteered to chair the Silent Auction to be held September 17th at the Club Championship's dinner party. We already have some donations, however we need lots of help to bring in more donations! We already have one volunteer to assist the day of the auction, but we could always use more. The Silent Auction in 2004 raised \$1,500 for SMTC, so let's see if we can match or exceed that goal. Please contact any member of the SMTC board and say 'I am willing to be a huge help to SMTC.'

We have already received donations such as a day's labor from **Vrej Azadian**, Sony videos from **Carmen Grant**, a \$300 certificate for a complete hair makeover from Estica, courtesy **Marguerite**, computer services from **Klavida Goldshteyn**, a gift certificate for tax services from **Danielle Michaels**, hair color from **Carol Katz**, liquid fertilizer from **Tom Jonides**, floral baskets from **Katherine Spetner**, a tour of the wetlands from **Bruce Schelden**, two cases of tennis balls, etc.

