

“On the line”

October 2006

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Mixed Doubles Event on Friday Night Oct. 20

To celebrate the excellent new lights at Reed Park, we have chosen the title "Bright Lights--Big City" for our next Friday night mixed doubles shebang on October 20. We will play from 7 to 9:30ish. Those so inclined will head for a nearby eatery for some well-deserved food and drink (not included in the \$12 cost).

Enter without a partner, as you will be constantly changing partners throughout the evening. Send your entry blank and \$12 check, payable to SMTC, to Bruce Janger, 140 Ocean Park Blvd., #619, Santa Monica CA 90405. PUHLEEZ include an e-mail address so we can contact everyone at once.

Get your entry in by October 14. See you under the big city lights.

Annual Turkey Shoot Fun Sunday, November 12

SMTC's annual Turkey Shoot will take place on Sunday, November 12, 2006 at Reed Park. This is one of the Club's most popular and long-running social tournaments with all players competing in a round robin mixed doubles format. Each player enters without a partner and plays on one of two teams, either the "Turkeys" or the "Hams".



The scores of the two teams are accumulated throughout the day. After all matches are completed and the feathers have settled, every member of the day's winning team will receive a \$10 gift certificate from a local supermarket to help towards their own Thanksgiving banquet.

As this is the season of giving thanks, a donation of non-perishable food items will be collected and given to a west-side food bank. If there is a volunteer willing to oversee this task, please contact Ron Elmer with your information.

All entries must be received by November 11. Send the enclosed entry form and a check made payable to SMTC for \$25 per player to: Ron Elmer, 10724 Debra Avenue, Granada Hills, CA 91344. Please write your e-mail address legibly on the entry form, or include a self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope with your entry.

After all entries are received, players will be notified via post or e-mail of their session and starting time.

October Calendar

**Sunday Open Play
at Reed Park**
10/1; 10/8; 10/15; 10/22 and 10/29

Friday Night Doubles Event
10/20

Pacific Palisades Interclub
10/22

Shadow Mountain Trip
10/28 - 10/29

Shadow Mountain Weekend 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.

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 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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

John Buntin (310) 264-0671 – 4.5

Jeff Potts (310) 909-9391 – 4.0

Todd Iberi (310) 584-1250 – 3.5

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Three cheers to **Sue Moore** for coordinating the fabulous Silent Auction for the Club Championships Party -- Rah Rah Rah Sue!!

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IT'S YOUR SERVE

The time to elect a new board of directors is now upon us. For over 75 years the Santa Monica Tennis Club has thrived under the leadership of an all-volunteer board of directors. Each member is elected to the board for a two-year term and new members keep the momentum positive, fresh and forward thinking.

This is a critical time for SMTc. Despite tennis participation having declined on both the national and local levels, our club has continued to provide varied activities on a shoe-string budget. But it doesn't happen by magic. It takes dedication, time and an honest desire to make a contribution.

And now it's your turn to serve.

If you've enjoyed club tournaments, playing at Sunday open play; participating on the challenge ladder, and making new friends, now is your opportunity to ensure these activities continue. If you have ideas for change or opinions about how things should be run, joining the board is the way to put them into practice.

Santa Monica Tennis Club needs YOU... your energy, your interest, your involvement. There will be six vacancies to fill, as the terms for Marguerite Jorgensen, Bruce Janger, Jutta Ruehl and Elizabeth Dorzback all end on December 31, 2006, one position was vacated earlier this year, and Ron Elmer will be leaving the board mid-term. The new terms begin January 1, 2007.

Join the board and give something back to the club that has given you so much throughout the years. Simply fill out the enclosed ballot, have five SMTc members sign it endorsing your candidacy, and mail it in. Voting procedures will be explained in next month's newsletter.

Here's to 78 more years!!

KEEP COMING BACK!

Your membership renewal application for 2007 is included in this newsletter. Please complete the form and mail it in as soon as possible to the P.O. Box. Remember to make any changes to your address, phone number and especially e-mail address. Please note that due to increased costs and reduced membership, it was necessary to make a slight increase in the annual dues - **from \$55 to \$65**. But even at the new rate, a membership in Santa Monica Tennis Club is still the best deal in town. Keep coming back to Sunday open play, competitive tournaments and fabulous parties by rejoining the club for 2007. See you on the courts!

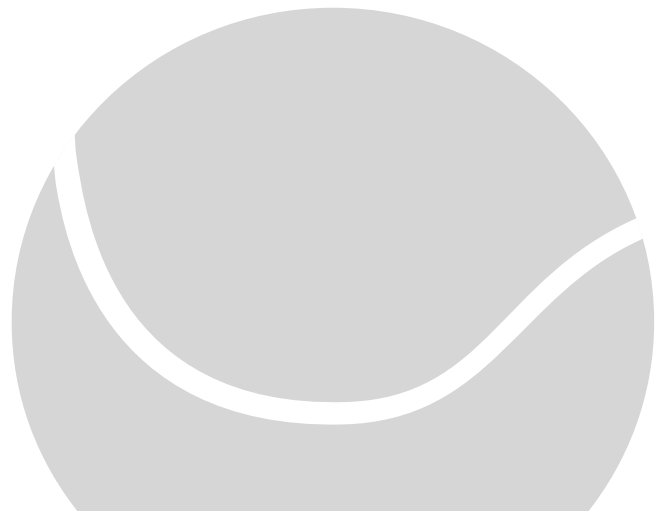
2006 SMTc Board of Directors

Officers

President	Elizabeth Dorzback	310-829-3293
Vice-President	Jutta Ruehl	310-208-6882
Secretary	Marguerite Jorgensen	310-454-2408
Treasurer	Bruce Schelden	310-306-7115

Directors

Social	Ron Elmer	818-903-2170
Ladder	Bruce Janger	310-392-0680
Membership	Available	
Tournaments	Anoosh Askari	310-828-6207
Interclub	Available	
Trips	Jutta Ruehl	310-208-6882



SMTC CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken September 20, 2006. Please see the website for current standings: www.santamonicatennisclub.com

Open Singles

1. Mike Schmidt (4.5)
2. Allan Greenberg (4.0)
3. Bill Denecour (4.0)
4. Marty Katz (4.5)
5. Bill Roberti (4.5)
6. Jim Metzger (4.5)
7. Mike Germroth (4.0)
8. Russell Braunstein (4.5)
9. Park Liu (4.0)
10. Richard Levik (4.0)
11. Bruce Janger (4.0)
12. Andy Shore (4.5)
13. Rick DeWeese (4.5)
14. John Raiss (4.5)
15. Jerry Zamarin (4.0)
16. Cyrus Namini (4.0)
17. Philip Berman (4.0)
18. Josh Mallamud (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. 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
9/19/06	Bill Denecour	Marty Katz
9/14/06	Bruce Janger	Andy Shore
9/7/06	Bruce Janger	Cyrus Namini
9/4/06	Rick DeWeese	John Raiss
9/4/06	Bruce Janger	Philip Berman
9/1/06	Cyrus Namini	Philip Berman
9/2/06	John Raiss	Jerry Zamarin

Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender	Defeated
9/17/06	Andy Shore	John Raiss
9/15/06	Allan Greenberg	Marty Katz
8/30/06	Bill Denecour	Bruce Janger
8/23/06	Park Liu	Jerry Zamarin

Deleted At Own Request:

Carol Katz
Women’s Singles

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Are there but three (count ‘em, three) women in this club who can compete in singles in the game of tennis? If you are a female member of this club and would like an occasional singles match to develop your game and get some good exercise, get on the women’s singles ladder. It’s incredibly easy; just call Stacie, Elizabeth or Diane and play. (Read the ladder rules first.)

Rick DeWeese has apparently recovered fully from his shoulder surgery. He has begun climbing the open singles ladder, running over your poor, defenseless ladder director in the process. Should we enact a rule banning left-handed serve-and-volley players?

**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

Deadline: Entries must be received by Oct. 2, 2006.

**SMTC Annual Turkey Shoot
Mixed Doubles Tournament
Sunday, November 12, 2006**

Your Name _____ male

Phone (h) _____ (cell) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

(Please print legibly (or enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope))

Your NTRP level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 Open

Will you play up one division if necessary? Yes No

Enclose:

- 1) Check payable to "SMTC" for **\$25** per player
- 2) Stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope (not required if you furnish e-mail addresses)

Mail to:

Ron Elmer, 10724 Debra Avenue, Granada Hills, CA 91344.
Phone (818) 903 2170.

Deadline: Entries must be received by Nov. 11, 2006

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

Before ____ During ____

Please bring one item of non-perishable food as a donation to a local food bank



**"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.

Deadline: Entries must be received by Oct. 14, 2006.



Santa Monica Tennis Club

- ▶ Renewal Application for Membership - 2007
- ▶ Gift Membership Application - 2007

If you joined late in 2006

2006 members who joined the club on or after October 1, 2006 and did not play in the Club Championships are automatically paid-up members for the full year 2007 and may disregard this renewal request.

Please fill out the form(s) below and mail to:
Membership, Santa Monica Tennis Club, PO Box 2012, Santa Monica, CA 90406
If you have questions, leave a message at (310) 281-3196



Renewal Application for 2007 Membership -- Mail to: SMTC, PO Box 2012, Santa Monica, CA 90406

Name _____ Check if spelling change from current label
last first

E-Mail _____ Male Female

Check here if you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail

NTRP Playing Level (over): Circle one 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0 5.5 6.0 6.5 7.0

This is: My estimate Official USTA rating dated _____

Renew my membership for 2007: without any changes with the following changes

(Complete the following phone and address information only if you have changes):

Phone (home) (____) _____ (work) (____) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please enclose a check payable to "SMTC" for \$65.00 Check# _____



Gift Membership (pay \$65) - Mail to: SMTC, PO Box 2012, Santa Monica, CA 90406

Please Issue a 2007 Santa Monica Tennis Club membership, as a gift, to:

Name _____ Phone (home) (____) _____
last first

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail _____ Male Female

Check here if the gift recipient would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail

NTRP Playing Level (over): Circle one 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 5.0 5.5 6.0 6.5 7.0

Please enclose a check payable to "SMTC" for \$65.00 Check# _____

SANTA MONICA TENNIS CLUB INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

Every adult tennis player, regardless of ability, is welcome to join SMTC. You do not have to be a resident of Santa Monica.

HANDBOOK

A Members' Handbook, including a membership roster, is mailed to all current members in the first quarter of the year. It is updated periodically throughout the year and supplements are mailed out with the club newsletter.

NEWSLETTER

"on the line" is issued monthly to all current members and includes announcements of all upcoming events, the latest ladder positions and entry blanks for the upcoming activities.

ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY OPEN PLAY

The club reserves three courts at Reed Park for "Open Play" every Sunday throughout the year, except when the courts are being used for tournaments or other sanctioned activities. These three reserved courts are for the exclusive use of members. Open play guidelines are printed in the handbook.

SMTC TOURNAMENTS

These tournaments are held throughout the year at Reed Park, usually one each month. Most are one-day, Sunday tournaments. Main events include the Hello Tournament in February, the Member/Guest Tournament in July, the Club Championships in the fall, and the Turkey Shoot tournament in November.

INTERCLUB TOURNAMENTS

These one-day matches with other clubs are scheduled throughout the year.

CHALLENGE LADDERS

SMTC maintains singles, doubles and mixed doubles challenge ladders which are open to all current members, regardless of ability. Guidelines are published in the handbook and standings are posted each month in the newsletter.

BOARD MEETINGS

The board of directors meets monthly. Any suggestions, problems, or accolades should be brought to the attention of a board member who will present them to the board at the next meeting. A general meeting, open to all members, is held annually in the fall and announced in the newsletter.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

These include, but are not limited to, the Hello Tournament party, the Club Championships awards party and weekend trips to tennis resorts, usually in Southern California.

The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP)

1.0 - This player is just starting to play tennis.

1.5 - This player has limited playing experience and is still working primarily on getting the ball over the net; has some knowledge of scoring but is not familiar with basic positions and procedures for singles and doubles play.

2.0 - This player may have had some lessons but needs on-court experience; has obvious stroke weaknesses but is beginning to feel comfortable with singles and doubles play.

2.5 - This player has more dependable strokes and is learning to judge where the ball is going; has weak court coverage or is often caught out of position, but is starting to keep the ball in play with other players of the same ability

3.0 - This player can place shots with moderate success; can sustain a rally of slow pace but is not comfortable with all strokes; lacks control when trying for power.

3.5 - This player has achieved stroke dependability and direction on shots within reach, including forehand and backhand volleys, but still lacks depth and variety; seldom double faults and occasionally forces errors on the serve.

4.0 - This player has dependable strokes on both forehand and backhand sides; has the ability to use a variety of shots including lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys; can place the first serve and force some errors; is seldom out of position in a doubles game.

4.5 - This player has begun to master the use of power and spins; has sound footwork, can control depth of shots and is able to move opponent up and back; can hit first serves with power and accuracy and place the second serve; is able to rush the net with some success on serve in singles as well as doubles.

5.0 - This player has good shot anticipation; frequently has an outstanding shot or exceptional consistency around which a game may be structured; can regularly hit winners or force errors off of short balls; can successfully execute lobs, drop shots, half volleys and overhead smashes; has good depth and spin on most second serves.

5.5 - This player can execute all strokes offensively and defensively; can hit dependable shots under pressure; is able to analyze opponents' styles and can employ patterns of play to assure the greatest possibility of winning points; can hit winners or force errors with both first and second serves; return of serve can be an offensive weapon.

6.0 - This player has mastered all the above skills; has developed power and/or consistency as a major weapon; and can vary strategies and styles of play in a competitive situation. This player typically has had intensive training for national competition at junior or collegiate levels.

6.5 - This player has mastered all of the above skills and is an experienced tournament competitor who regularly travels for competition and whose income may be partially derived from prize winnings.

7.0 - This is a world class player.



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**NOMINATION FORM
DIRECTOR OF SANTA MONICA TENNIS CLUB 2007**

I, (PRINT NAME) _____, place my name in nomination for a position of DIRECTOR of the Santa Monica Tennis Club.

I am currently a member of the club and the following members in good standing support my nomination:

Members who support the above nomination: (please sign your name on the left and print your name on the right)

1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Nominee's Signature: _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

Phone (home) (____) _____ (work) (____) _____

Mail to: SMTNominations, P. O. Box 2012, Santa Monica, CA 90406