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Hello-Reunion Tournament February 25, 2007

Hello everyone - it is time once again to mark your calendars for the annual "Hello-Reunion Tournament" to be held on Sunday, February 25, 2007 (with a rain date scheduled for the following Sunday, March 4th).

It is a round robin format, so you do not need to sign up with a partner. Non-member guests are welcome to play, so this is a great opportunity to introduce your friends to SMTC. In addition, we are inviting former SMTC members (those who were not members in 2006) to join us as well, so please help us by contacting the former members you know and inviting them to this event. Trophies and prizes will be awarded, and dinner will follow at Earth, Wind & Flour. Also at this time, Grand Prix points winners will be announced and prizes not already given out, will be distributed.

So start the New Year right by meeting some new people and playing some good tennis. The entry fee for the event is \$30 for members and \$35 for guests and former members. There is also a "dinner only" option for just \$22. **As an added bonus, if your guest becomes a new member of the club, they may deduct \$5 from their membership dues (just pay \$60).** And remember, that for each member you bring to the club, you get a \$5 off coupon to be used for any future SMTC tournament. (If former SMTC members renew their membership, they will pay the full \$65 dues and their entry fee will be the \$30.) Be sure to sign up early as this annual favorite event is predicted to fill up quickly! Please use the entry form included with this newsletter.

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!

January Calendar

Sunday Open Play at Reed Park
1/7 and 1/13

Santa Monica City Tournament
1/28 and 2/4 (no courts available)

Club Celebrates New Bright Lights With Mixed Doubles Party

We took advantage of Reed Park’s new, widely praised lights by staging a mixed doubles party on October 20. A cast of twenty played with constantly changing partners and opponents. At the end of the evening, **Andrea Arnold** won the most games among the women, and **Bruce Janger** had the highest total of the men.

The event got off to a very rocky start, when **Ted Malek** failed to show up, without the slightest notice. Folks, it is just plain rude and inconsiderate to be a no-show at this type of event without giving the director as much notice as possible. The pairings fall apart and some people are left without a fourth player. But **Klavdia Goldshteyn** came to our rescue by answering a frantic phone call and filling in. Thanks again, Klavdia.

Thanks also go to **Marguerite Jorgensen** and **Elizabeth Dorzback** for helping me put this event together. And my appreciation also goes out to everyone for remaining patient while we found another player.

- Bruce Janger

Member’s Bulletin Board:

Looking for a solid 4.5 female partner, for purpose of winning tournaments. Call Harry Weiss (310) 918-5652.

SMTC members thank the outgoing officers for their long devotion and effort towards the club. They really have made a difference – **Jutta Ruehl**, 17 years of service; **Bruce Janger**, 7 years of service; **Ron Elmer**, 2 years of service; **Elizabeth Dorzback**, 5 years of service and **Anoosh Askari**, 1 year of service.

2007 SMTC Board of Directors

Nominees:

Joe Hanania, Carol Katz, and David Ullum

Returning Officers:

Bruce Schelden and Marguerite Jorgensen

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Baumann, Robert 310-313-5511 - 3.5
- Chen, Bryan - 310-903-3919 (cell) - 3.5
- Cosgrove, Bernadette 310-699-3077 - 4.0
- Dickie, Stuart - 312-237-0941 - 3.5
- El Fattah, Yousri 310-393-3494 - 3.0
- Esseln, Dierk 310-477-2587 - 3.5
- Firring, Robert - 310-601-6401 - 4.0
- Hailey, Jason - 310-337-9314 - 4.0
- King, David - 310-996-0291 - 3.5
- LaZar , Nancy - 310-459-6217 - 3.5
- Meraro, Aviv (310) 775-9255 – 3.5
- Perches, Joe - 310-452-7833 - 4.0
- Schmidt, Jacquie * -310-459-9277 - 4.0
- Silber, Stacey - 310-453-0216 - 4.0
- Valencia, Carmel 310-316-1881 4.0
- Valencia, Ed - 310-316-1881 4.0
- Vu, Hai - 310-395-6588 - 3.5
- Weingarten, Bob - 310-471-5528 - 4.5

*Returning member

It is nice to note that with these 17 new members, that approximately five been referrals from members. Remember if you refer five members, you get a year’s membership free! One of our members has already referred two new members.

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HELP - HELP - HELP

Due to some difficulties in processing the November and December/January newsletters, we seemed to have failed to impress the SMTC members of the fact that we must have some new board members for the 2007 year.

The club's bylaws provide for 4 officers and 4 directors, as you can see listed in the newsletters, and it takes that many plus an editor/website administrator (a paid position) to run all the club's activities. We also sometimes use non-Board members to run specific tournaments. Unfortunately almost the entire Board is not returning in January and only 3 people have accepted nominations so far. This is not sufficient to run the club. It is important to get a Board formed quickly, because planning is necessary to set the year's schedule and to get our Hello Tournament set up for February.

The club's activities are: the newsletter, Member's Handbook and website - open play on Sundays - ladders - the Friday night social tournaments and other intra- and inter-club tournaments and weekend trips during the year. Not even Open Play runs itself. It would be preferable if you are computer literate in Excel/Word (nothing difficult to do, just be able to use existing programs).

The SMTC has been in existence for 78 years with just volunteers, such as you, so help us continue with this organization. We have had 28 new members since the Club Championships was held in mid-September, so there is a lot of new interest in the club. It is an excellent way to meet all of the club members, plus your membership fee is waived!

Newsletter Changes Starting Feb. 2007

The Board has decided to change the way our members receive their information on club news. Starting with the February 2007 edition, the newsletter will be published six times each year rather than eleven, and it will be published only on the club's website, "santamonicatennisclub.com." We will post other current information on the website if it comes between newsletter times, rather than waiting for the next newsletter.

A majority of members have already been forgoing a paper copy which would have formerly been mailed to them, and instead, they get an e-mail notification that a new newsletter has been posted to the website. For the remainder of the members for whom we have e-mail addresses, you will be getting similar notices. Therefore, please make sure we have your current e-mail address and inform us of any future changes. For those of you without e-mail addresses, there are several choices for free e-mail accounts. If you cannot get to the website, let us know.

Shadow Mountain Trip Wrap-up

Once again all members of the SMTC who made the trip to Shadow Mountain Resort in Palm Desert had a great time. On Saturday morning, all participants were invited to an interclub at the Monterey Country Club. Everyone played their best tennis, but this year the MCC members just overpowered the SMTC members. In spite of the outcome, everyone had a good time.

In the afternoon, after getting over the defeat, lots of tennis was played, and some of the never tired members even played until the late hours. Happy hour was well attended and some "Vampires, Chambermaids," and other members in costumes showed up to celebrate early Halloween. You can see the photos on the SMTC website.

Sunday morning we started tennis again bright and early. **Klavdia Goldshteyn** and **Shirley McClaine** were the women with the most scores, while **Mayer Bousilka** and **Cyrus Namini** were the highest scores on the men's side.

The weather was just beautiful and always a pleasure to use the pool and other facilities of the resort. Be sure to join us next time!

- Jutta Ruehl

Remember we still have the Guest Pass Policy for \$10 to play all day and if they join within thirty days, the \$10 will go towards the \$65 membership fee. If a member signs up a new member, they receive a \$5 certificate for a tournament.



SMTC CHALLENGE LADDERS

“Snapshot” of standings taken December 25, 2006. Please see the website for current standings: www.santamonicatennisclub.com

Open Singles

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

Women’s Singles

1. Stacie Murray (3.5)
2. Elizabeth Dorzback (4.0)
3. Diane Hart (3.0)
4. Candice Kraft (4.5)

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
12/22/06	Philip Berman
12/15/06	Cyrus Namini
12/5/06	John Raiss
12/2/06	Jim Dekel
11/21/06	Hai Vu
11/11/06	Jim Dekel

Defeated

Jerry Zamarin (default)
 Andy Shore
 Bruce Janger
 Mike Germroth
 Raymond Lopez
 Richard Levik

Positions Recently Defended

Date	Defender
12/19/06	Joe Hanania
12/14/06	Bill Roberti
12/12/06	Andy Shore
12/7/06	Bruce Janger
12/4/06	Stacie Murray
12/3/06	Russell Braunstein
12/1/06	Bruce Janger
11/26/06	Jim Metzger
11/22/06	Richard Levik
11/19/06	Richard Levik
11/16/06	Cyrus Namini
11/16/06	Jim Dekel
11/14/06	John Raiss
11/10/06	Mike Schmidt

Defeated

Hai Vu
 Bruce Janger
 Bruce Janger
 Cyrus Namini
 Candice Kraft
 John Raiss
 Jeff Potts
 Mike Schmidt
 Bruce Janger
 Candice Kraft
 Philip Berman
 Bruce Janger
 Candice Kraft
 Allan Greenberg

Deleted at Own Request:

Park Liu
 Open Singles

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

We all wish **Park Liu** a speedy recovery from the knee problems which have forced him to withdraw from the Open Singles Ladder. As I approach the end of my eighth year as Ladder Director, I am reminded that the authors of the 22nd Amendment did not want the President to serve more than 8 years (plus up to 2 more if he finished someone else’s term). They knew what they were doing.

Turkey Shoot Tournament Wrap-Up

The Turkey Shoot tournament went very well. We had teams of the Yams and the Pumpkins this year for something different. We had five courts in the morning session with ten teams. The winners for the Yams in the morning were **Lia Farley** and **Calin Popescue**. The total for the Yams was 232 points. The leading point scorers for the Pumpkins were **Brana Hall** and **John Kemp** and the total points for the Pumpkins was 165. During the afternoon session we had four courts and eight teams. The winners in that session for the Yams were **Ron Elmer** and **Mary Durkin**, with the Yams having 154 total points. On the Pumpkin team, the leading scorers were **Jayna Cooper** and **Jeff Potts**, with the Pumpkins having 100 points. The Pumpkin team each received a \$10 gift certificate from a grocery store.

We hope everyone enjoyed the tournament and our members were very generous with their donations (the majority of the grocery certificates were also donated to the food bank). It was nice to see some of our new members coming out. Our courts were still difficult to get around due to the construction at the time and it was very windy the day before, so we had to clean up the courts. Our members were great that showed up to play and we had no problems. I hope to see more involvement and more new members out next year. A special thanks to **Marguerite Jorgensen** who partnered all my tournaments this year and **Wendy Wilson** and **Klavdia Goldshteyn** for filling in open spots at the last minute. To all the members thank you and Happy Holidays. We will see you on the courts.

- Ron Elmer

(As some of you know, this was Ron's last 'official' tournament and, as usual, he did a super job - many thanks, Ron, for all of your efforts.)

SMTC Annual Hello - Reunion Mixed Doubles Tournament Sunday, February 25, 2007

(rain date: Sunday, March 4, 2007)

Your Name _____ male female

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Your E-Mail _____

Your NTRP level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 Open

Will you play up one division if necessary? Yes No

Guest Name _____

Guest E-Mail _____

Is Guest a Tennis Player? Yes No

Guest NTRP level: 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.5 Open

Enclose:

1) Check payable to "SMTC" for:

\$30 per person for members (for tennis and dinner);

\$35 per person for guests (for tennis and dinner) or

\$22 (dinner only) (Guests for dinner are also \$22 each)

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

Mail to:

SMTC, P.O. Box 2012, Santa Monica 90406

Entries must be received by February 18



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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
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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: SMTC Nominations, P. O. Box 2012, Santa Monica, CA 90406