

# MVTC COURT REPORT

MOUNTAIN VIEW TENNIS CLUB

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## Upcoming Events

### Send in Your Membership Applications Now for 2005!

A 2005 membership application is included in this issue of the Court Report, so don't delay!

### General Meeting March 16th!

See inside for details!

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## President's Message

*By John Manton*

Welcome to the 2005 tennis season, the rainy weather will soon be over but I'm sure many of you are getting in some tennis during the brief sunny periods.

The good news for this coming year is that the Recreation Dept. has agreed to allow an increase in the non resident membership from 33% to 49%. We always need to have a majority of Mountain View residents however. It is still important to **keep recruiting Mountain View residents** so we can increase the number of non residents and hopefully form a stronger club overall. In return for the non-resident increase the Recreation Dept. is requiring a closer link to the club.

The Rec. Dept. plans to have an agreement formalized by the March meeting where one of them plans to attend.

The principles of the agreement will be:

1. Hourly rate per court increased from \$2 per hour to \$3 per hour
2. The MVTC will provide facility enhancements to the Rengstorff tennis courts annually. Project details will be decided upon in January of each year.
3. Continue to provide the Recreation Division monthly board meeting minutes.
4. Provide membership roster on an annual basis in December of each year.
5. Continue to provide City with general liability insurance along with the additional insured endorsement CG 20 11 85.
6. Continue to submit payment for use of the Rengstorff tennis courts on a quarterly basis.
7. Agreement will be evaluated and renewed annually in January of each year by the City.

I will give clarification of these items after the March meeting. The new non resident membership percentage does cause some problems for Greg, our membership chairperson. Generally the non resident membership applications arrive faster than resident applications, this means we start off the year unbalanced. Greg will have to cut off the non resident total based on a conservative estimate of future resident applications, then a wait list will be started. When there are more residents than non residents, we will then be able to accept people off the wait list. This is not an easy task, so please have patience with the process, it is a learning curve for all of us. It will be made easier if Mountain View residents send in their applications early.

The new board met in January and many ideas were discussed, among them new ideas for the ladder. Vic is looking to start two pilot programs, one would be a normal ladder but with a court reservation set for one night per week, the other would be a special social type of ladder (3.0 players & lower) for a set time on each Saturday. Further details will follow when Vic has worked out the logistics, the success will depend on your participation.

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# Membership Report

By Greg Schwartz

Welcome back everyone, and a special welcome to our new members! In December and January, non-resident membership applications came pouring in as expected (as did the rain). Mountain View residents have been waiting patiently for the sun to come out, when I'm sure they will head straight out to buy stamps so that they can mail in their applications.

Total 2005 membership is currently at 151, comprised of 79 Men and 72 Women, 56 MV residents and 95 non-residents, 7 new members and 144 returning from 2004 or 2003. There are 30 non-resident applicants on the waiting list for membership at present.

**MV Residents, please get your applications in ASAP!** Your MVTC president, John Manton, worked very hard for a new agreement with the city of Mountain View that permits the club to accept more nonresidents than in the past. However, because the club must ensure that a majority of the membership is MV residents, I have to hold non-resident applications on a waiting list until many more MV resident applications come in. **Your friends and fellow tennis players are counting on you – don't wait another day!**

When submitting your applications, please remember:

- Fill it out completely – don't forget to sign it!
- Include your checks, payable to "MVTC"
- MV residents, include proof of residency
- The club needs volunteers! If you can help, please note it on your application.

I am striving to acknowledge the applications I receive as quickly as possible. You should hear from me by email within 2-3 weeks of submitting your application. Feel free to email me at [membership@mvtc.net](mailto:membership@mvtc.net) any time to check on the status or if you have any questions. I generally respond to emails within 1 day.

MVTC is great because of its members – in that spirit, I look forward to meeting you at an upcoming general meeting or on the courts, and I challenge each of you to get to know somebody new in the club this year. Best of luck on the courts in 2005!

— Greg

## General Meeting March 16th

Mark your calendars NOW! MVTC officially starts the 2005 tennis season with our general meeting and dinner on Wednesday, March 16, at the Mountain View Senior Center.

Sign-in and socializing starts at 6:30; dinner will be at 7:00; program at 7:45 (or whenever the President thinks it should start) and will end at 8:50.

Please RSVP to [vicepresident@mvtc.net](mailto:vicepresident@mvtc.net) by March 12.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Vegetarian entrees will be available if you request one when you RSVP.

Members may bring a non-member guest or spouse (but not both) with a payment of \$15 at the door. This charge will be applied to the membership fee if your guest is eligible for membership and joins the Club at the meeting. Please indicate when you RSVP if you are bringing a guest.

## In Memoriam — Jerry Burbach

By Carol Tolen

Regrettably I'm reporting the death of our 1986 MVTC President, Jerry Burbach, on Sunday, January 2, from cancer. Jerry was born in Manila, the son of West Point graduate and retired General Claude Burbach. Jerry himself attended West Point for the first 2 years of college then transferred to U.C. Berkeley for his junior and senior years, after realizing the military life was not for him. Upon graduation, Jerry worked in Marketing at Lockheed Missiles and Space Company.

Jerry retained a continual interest in MVTC activities as well as the M.V. Open and also had served as club Treasurer prior to becoming President.

Jerry leaves his wife Barbara and a daughter Miya, 10 years old. I'm told a Memorial Service will take place in late April.

## President's Message

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Carol Tolen is working on a social for May 14<sup>th</sup>, details will be announced when the arrangements are finalized. Ashlee has many ideas on publicity to attract more resident members and will be working to put those in effect.

Our big problem is finding a person or persons to handle the tournament director position. We do have a number of volunteers to help but no one to take overall responsibility. If you value these tournaments, please step forward to volunteer in whatever capacity you can.

If any of you have concerns, questions, suggestions etc. about the MVTC, please send email to the president.

— John

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**Membership Application - 2005**

- Membership is for the calendar year, or any part thereof. Fill out application and return with check payable to "MVTC". Mail to: MVTC, PO Box 336, Mountain View, CA 94042-0336.
- **Number of nonresident members is limited; current club members will get preference. Applications received from non-residents postmarked before Feb 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered only if the applicant was a club member in 2003 or 2004. After Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, our website (<http://www.mvtc.net>) will indicate if nonresident slots are available. After Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, all nonresident applications will be accepted if slots are available. All nonresident applications will be handled on a first come first served basis.**
- All MV residents, even if you were a member last year, **must** include a photocopy of current utility bill or current rental agreement showing your name and address. Otherwise, your application will be returned or you will pay the non-resident fee, if space is available. This will be strictly enforced.
- If you are joining just prior to a tournament, **DO NOT MAIL** application and fee. Make out separate checks for membership and tournament fees and deposit in the tournament entry box located at Cuesta Park Tennis Center by the tournament deadline.
- For any questions regarding membership, send email to: [membership@mvtc.net](mailto:membership@mvtc.net)

***Please PRINT legibly and fill out completely***

MV resident (\$25.00) \_\_\_\_\_ Non-MV resident (\$40.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

Address (PO Box is unacceptable): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone 1: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (h / w / c)      Contact Phone 2: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (h / w / c)

E-mail address 1: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

NTRP Rating: (see our website to determine rating if not officially rated): \_\_\_\_\_

**I will help with: Socials \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Parties \_\_\_\_\_ Tournaments: co-chair \_\_\_\_\_ desk \_\_\_\_\_ food \_\_\_\_\_**

All Court Reports will be sent by email unless you check this space:  
\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to receive my Court Report by regular mail

***I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and that my primary residence is as listed above.***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**USTA Information :** You must be a member of both the MVTC and USTA to play on a MVTC-sponsored USTA league team. If you are interested in joining a team, please sign up at MVTC website, <http://www.mvtc.net>. If you have any questions regarding joining a team, please contact Rajeev Kelkar or Venkat Narayanan, our USTA coordinators. The email address is [usta@mvtc.net](mailto:usta@mvtc.net) .

## MVTC 2005 Schedule

Month	Meetings		Tournaments		
	MVTC Board Meetings	General Meetings	Format	Dates	Entry Deadline
February	February 9		No tournament		
March	March 9	March 16	Team Tennis	March 19	March 12
April	April 13		MxD Member/Guest	April 16-17	April 9
May	May 11		MS/WD City Championships	May 14-15	May 7
June	June 8		MD/WS Member/Guest	June 11-12	June 4
July	July 13		MxD	July 16-17	July 9
August	August 10		Tri-Club	August 13-14	August 6
September	September 14		MD/WS	September 24-25	September 17
October	October 12	October 19	MS/WD Member/Guest	October 15-16	October 8
November	November 9		Grand Prix	November 5	

## Current Ladder Standings

<b>Men's Singles</b>	<b>Division A</b> No activity	<b>Division B</b> 1. Lou Castellanos 3.5 2. Seth Tribble 3.0 3. Victor Jee 3.5 4. Walt Kusener 3.5
<b>Women's Singles</b>	<b>Division A</b> No activity	<b>Division B</b> No activity
<b>Mixed Singles</b>	1. Victor Jee 3.5 2. Aarthi Srinivasan 3.5	
<b>Men's Doubles</b>	1. T.Serksnis 4.0/R. Kelkar 4.0 2. N.Amin 4.0/L.Drenan 4.0 3. J.Wiederholt 4.0/N.Amin 4.0	
<b>Women's Doubles</b>	No activity	
<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	No activity	
<b>Open Doubles</b>	No activity	
<b>Recent Results</b>	12/19/04 Victor Jee def Aarthi Srinivasan 6-3, 7-5 12/19/04 T.Serksnis/R.Kelkar Def N.Amin/L.Drenan 6-2, 7-6 12/20/04 Victor Jee def.Walt Kuesner 7-5, 6-3 12/21/04 T.Serksnis/R.Kelkar Def N.Amin/J.Wiederholt 6-4, 6-1 1/17/05 Lou Castellanos Def Victor Jee 6-1,4-6, 6-4 1/19/05 Seth Tribble Def. Victor Jee 6-2, 6-2	

For complete ladder rules and up-to-date information, go to [www.mvtc.net/ladder](http://www.mvtc.net/ladder).

**MVTC MEMBER PROFILE**

# Ray Uribes: A Team Captain

*By John Manton*

Many of our members have lives outside of tennis which surprises us when we find out about it. So, we would like to inform all our members about this other side of our tennis players. If you know of someone, maybe yourself, who would like to be featured in the court report, please send a short bio to the president so we can get to know you better.

Ray was born in Sanger, CA (in San Joaquin Valley, near Fresno) and moved to Mountain View in 1975.

Ray graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1975 with a Degree in Architectural Engineering. He is now a licensed civil and structural engineer in CA and runs his own local business.

Ray married his wife Mary, who is an RN at Stanford Hospital and works in the delivery room. They have a daughter, Kristi in 4<sup>th</sup> year at UC Davis. Those college expenses will soon be over.

Ray has been a member of MVTC for many years, unfortunately he can't remember how many, that is a problem when you are his age. He was publicity director on the MVTC board

for 2 years 2001 & 2002. Before tennis, Ray was involved in softball & volleyball leagues, he managed and played on softball teams in the Santa Clara Valley Architects league, also managed and played on recreational volleyball teams in Sunnyvale, Mountain View & Los Altos. Ray then looked for a more "manly" sport and became a tennis enthusiast terrorizing all his opponents.

Ray is President and owner of structural engineering consulting firm in Los Altos, LTK Assoc, Inc.

Some local structural design projects that Ray's firm has been responsible for include:

Mercado Theater complex buildings in Santa Clara

- Trader Vic's restaurant in Palo Alto,
- Frys' Electronics 5-story entry structure in Fremont
- 16-story building in downtown San Jose

He has also been involved in projects at:

- Disney Grand Californian Hotel
- Universal City Walk at Universal Studios
- Numerous hospital and health care projects

Ray is a Member of Structural Engineers Association of California, Disaster Emergency Services committee. When a serious earthquake takes place in California, this committee sends members to assist local agencies in evaluating and tagging earthquake damaged building to allow residents or business to occupy buildings after an earth quake.

Within days of the 1994 Northridge earthquake Ray was sent to the Los Angeles area for 3 days to evaluate buildings damaged in that earthquake. Immediately after the 1998 Loma Prieta earthquake, Ray evaluated numerous buildings here in the Bay Area.

Ray is a great tennis captain and also a great doubles partner, except if one of his serves hits you on the back of your head, they are very hard.

— John

## USTA 2005 Season Kicks Into Gear!

MVTC teams for the 2005 USTA Adult League season are now forming! Captains! You only have until February 20th to register your teams! Players! Go to the USTA NorCal website at <http://www.norcal.usta.com/> and follow the links to the Adult Leagues page for eligibility and sign-up information. These are the key dates to remember:

Team Registration Opens	January 10, 2005
Team Registration Closes	February 20, 2005
Season Begins	March 28, 2005
Deadline for switching teams	April 24, 2005
Deadline for joining additional teams	May 15, 2005

For additional information, you can always contact the MVTC USTA Chair at [usta@mvtc.net](mailto:usta@mvtc.net)

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