

# MVTC COURT REPORT

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## Upcoming Events

### July Tournament

Mid-Summer Mixed Doubles July 17th and 18th! Entries due July 9th

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## Ask USTA NorCal

After our spirited discussion at the March General meeting on several issues such as TPI, computation of ratings, and USTA fees. Bob Manalo and Jim Coyne have offered to continue their dialog with us, so please submit any questions about NorCal or USTA to [vicepresident@mvtc.net](mailto:vicepresident@mvtc.net). Answers will appear in future Court Reports.

## President's Message

*By John Manton*

The number of Mountain View residents in the club has now caught up with the number of non residents that we have accepted. Greg is now able to take a non resident off the waiting list for every MV resident that signs up. We would like to remove everyone from the waiting list, so all you non-residents urge MV residents to join and help whittle down the list. We also are discussing ways to give an incentive to MV residents to sign up early such as a price break and family membership. Nothing has been decided on this yet, we will let you know as soon as we have something concrete.

Our May tournament of men's singles and women's doubles was held on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at Rengstorff. The tournament was run by Miguel Trujillo, who we'd like to thank for all his efforts. See inside for a full report on the tournament results.

The Don Sheaffer Memorial Open Tennis Tournament was held at Cuesta on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a fine tournament with great tennis. I'd like to personally thank all the MVTC members who volunteered to help with setup, scoreboard, court monitoring and miscellaneous activities. These efforts are critical to the success of this exciting local tennis event.

We had a discussion at the last board meeting regarding the current and future operation of the Cuesta Tennis Center. Mike Rodgers was kind enough to attend the meeting and give his views to the board. Mike is a club member and also a member of "The Friends of Cuesta Tennis Center", this is a group formed to represent the interests of MV tennis players in the operation of Cuesta. The board has not taken a position on the operation of the Cuesta Tennis Center at this point but is a very interested party. Ashlee Bailey has volunteered to look into the RFP process and share this with the board. Bruce Overby is also working hard to understand the issues involved. Parks & Rec held a meeting on Wed., April 27<sup>th</sup> to solicit public comment regarding the future operation of Cuesta Tennis Center. There was an overwhelming turnout of Mountain View tennis players which was nice to see. Ashlee did a great job in writing up the events of the evening, look elsewhere in the CR to find this information. The board will represent the interests of resident members and communicate with you any developments as soon as we can.

The SDL ladder has now wrapped up, and the results can be found inside. I have sent out a survey to all 3.5 and lower men and women to understand the interest for the next SDL, which will run June, July and Aug. SDL is not held on tournament days or holiday weekends. If you have not received a survey please send me email if you are interested in joining. I am keeping a list of all those that have replied and I will be getting back to those that have shown an interest towards the middle of May.

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

— John

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# MVTC Shines at AVAC Tournament

*By Ashlee Bailey*

Almaden Valley Athletic Club held its annual doubles tournament over Memorial Day weekend. 22 MVTC members participated with great success. Congratulations to everyone for a great showing. Special congratulations to Jan Nielsen and Venkat Narayanan for winning their division. Also, special congratulations to Lori Cruz-Spray and Vincent Lui for reaching the finals in their division.

Here are the results for all MVTC members who participated in the tournament:

## Men's 3.0

Venkat Narayanan and Jan Nielsen won the men's 3.0 division.

## Men's 3.5

Rob Laing and his partner Dave Blaha reached the quarterfinals. Also playing were David Luk and his partner Larry Chin and Roy Molseed and his partner Alexander Hung.

## Men's 4.0

Vincent Lui and Tri Phan advanced to the quarterfinals. Paul Herbst and Steve Spray also advanced to the quarterfinals.

## Mixed 4.0

Lori Cruz-Spray and Vincent Lui advanced to the finals. Also playing were Nadine and Paul Herbst.

## Women's 3.0

Ashlee Bailey and her partner Huang Grey advanced to the semifinals. Also playing were Snyeska Bendis and Liz Chambers and Kristine Nelson and Jennifer Pham.

## Women's 3.5

Nadine Herbst and her partner Jami Reynolds reached the round of 16. Also playing were Dotti Rado and Kathy Wheeler and Sherleen Ong and her partner Donna Wheatley.

## Women's 4.0

Lori Cruz-Spray and Carol Overby advanced to the semifinals. Amanda Kao and her partner Sally Mcelravey reached the round of 16.

## Women's 4.5

Kathrin Brown and her partner Annette Havens reached the quarterfinals.

— Ashlee

## MAY TOURNAMENT REPORT

### Where in the World Is...?

*By Patsy Duke*

Illness, injury, childcare, and communication gaps all resulted in an unusually high number of withdrawals and defaults this weekend, but Division I men kept their focus through several hard-fought matches ending in Howard Giles overcoming Tony Serksnis (6-0, 6-3). Welcome back, Howard! In Division I Consolation, Dean Nguyen walked over a field of retiring and defaulting players only to be forced by injury to retire himself, leaving Tri Phan the winner (6-1, 3-0).

Division II started with one last-minute withdrawal due to injury and lost one more semifinalist to injury, while new member Shahrouz Rahimi defeated the number one seed and marched on to win a close match with Gil Ambats (6-4, 4-6, 6-2). The Consolation prize went to Gil Salamander over Harold Habeck (6-2, 6-3).

Men's Division III was a round robin handily won by Paul Anawalt with Greg Yee in second place. The Divi-

sion I women's matches were also a round robin won decisively by Carol Overby and Dana Anderson. Second place went to Jill Rahimi and Sue Sanborn.

Liz Chambers and Snyeska Bendis kept their fans on edge to the end until they triumphed in the super tiebreaker over Ashlee Bailey and Rosa Estrada (6-0, 1-6, 1-0 (6)). Division II Consolation featured a 2-1/2 hour final match in which Valeria Anawalt and Lisa McMillan edged out Carol Tolen and Patsy Duke (4-6, 6-4, 7-5).

Many thanks to Director Miguel Trujillo for planning and keeping the tournament running smoothly, along with his crew: Glenn Louie, Lou Castellanos, Noah Banks, Dana Wyse, and Carol Tolen. A variety of dishes ranging from sandwiches to jambalaya to brownies was provided by Jill Rahimi, Lynn Starke, Shahrouz Rahimi, and Mary Jane Bogoger.

### A Word About Our Donors

*By Patsy Duke*

Dozens of door prizes were awarded during General Meeting in March, including ball baskets, gift certificates, free meals, USTA portfolios and mugs, tennis accessories, CD's of Irish music, and a beautiful Waterford crystal letter opener. Please thank our generous donors with your patronage:

Swetka's Tennis Shop, Hobee's Restaurant, The Boardwalk Sports Bar, 24-Hour Fitness, Aquatic Variations, Long's Drug Stores, Abby Photo and Frames, Beautopia Beauty Supply, USTA NorCal, and member Karl Mellon on behalf of the Irish Embassy.

— Patsy

# The Future of Cuesta Tennis Center, Part 2: Tabled Tennis

By Ashlee Bailey

Many of you know that the City of Mountain View has opened up the contract for Cuesta Tennis Center (CTC) for bidding. This is an important issue for MVTC members, because it may affect the club's use of Cuesta in the future for programs, such as free clinics, USTA matches, and your individual use.

The MVTC board is learning more about the selection process by attending community meetings and reviewing city documents on the topic. Until the city awards the contract, the Court Report will contain semi-regular articles updating you on the process. This is the second article in the series. Send feedback and questions to [publicity@mvtc.net](mailto:publicity@mvtc.net).

If you want more information from the city, contact James Teixeira at [James.Teixeira@ci.mtnview.ca.us](mailto:James.Teixeira@ci.mtnview.ca.us).

On Tuesday, May 24, the Mountain View City Council met to review the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) regarding the Cuesta Tennis Center (CTC). The PRC formulated its recommendation based on a special meeting during which they reviewed a staff report on the tennis center and members of the public provided their input.

As an aside, be warned that you should never arrive at a city council meeting on time when your agenda item is last. Unless you want to hear about extra parking on Rengstorff and Who Cares streets, it's best to arrive an hour or two late.

Or a few hours late in this case, as it took three hours for the CTC agenda item to come to the floor. By then, we were at the whim of a cranky mayor, who suddenly wanted us to keep it short and sweet, as if we didn't deserve to have our voices heard as clearly as the guy who spoke three

times on other topics, including why the city attorney should be fired.

Once the CTC item was up, James Teixeira, Recreation Manager, presented a staff report to the council based on the last PRC meeting. You can read this staff report at: [http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/citygov/council/agendas/pdf/052405\\_8-01.pdf](http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/citygov/council/agendas/pdf/052405_8-01.pdf).

The council then asked several questions, mostly related to financial matters, especially cost recovery. The public also had a chance to speak. This time, only 6 people spoke, all in favor of the "community model" proposed by the PRC.

After public comment, the council began a lengthy discussion of the operating model of CTC. They quickly passed a motion (6-0) to maintain the community model of operation.

However, some council members were concerned about the cost recovery recommendations of the PRC. The PRC recommended that the new operator of CTC recover 40-60% of the operating cost as set forth by the staff report of April 27, 2005. This cost is about \$30,000 per year, which doesn't include \$60,000-\$140,000 for court resurfacing every 5-7 years.

Here is a breakdown of the views of the council members regarding cost recovery:

**Galiotto (Vice Mayor)**- Wanted to accept the PRC recommendation of 40-60% with a goal of 100% cost recovery of operating expenses over the next 5 years.

**Kasperzak**- Wanted to accept the PRC recommendation, and pointed out that they suggested the new operator find ways of better recovery, which may happen over the next few years.

**Macias**- Wanted to accept the PRC recommendation in full, including the

40-60% cost recovery of operating expenses.

**Means**- CTC operator should recover 100% of the operating costs, including any capitol improvements, such as court resurfacing.

**Neely (Mayor)**- Didn't say much, but voted with Means and Pear.

**Pear**- Same as Councilman Means

**Perry**- absent, birth of daughter (which is more important than tennis?)

After several rounds of discussion, the council could not agree on a cost recovery method. Although Means moved to direct city staff to return with a more thorough cost recovery analysis, the motion failed unanimously because this would have resulted in a delay of awarding the contract.

Nevertheless, the council voted to table the motion. The next city council meeting at which CTC may be an agenda item is June 14.

To contact your council members with your input, visit: <http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/citygov/council/profiles.htm>.

— Ashlee

## Membership Fun Facts

From Greg Schwartz

Total Membership: 255

- 128 residents, 127 non-residents
- 140 men, 115 women
- 40 new members
- 18 non-residents on the wait list
- 73 members rated 3.0 and below
- 77 members rated 4.0 and above
- 41 members still prefer to receive their Court Reports in the mail

## Social Doubles Ladder: Final Standings

Regular Players		
Final Ranking	Player	Points
1	<i>Vijay Deshmukh</i>	110
2	John Manton	107
3	Jeff Ballou	102
4	Grier Graham	102
5	<i>Jill Rahimi</i>	100
6	Greg Schwartz	94
7	Lynn Leung	94
8	Karl Mellon	88
9	Arshad Khan	87
10	Renato de Costa	87
11	Debbie Ryan	96
12	Kathy Kuhn	82
13	Lisa McMillian	78
14	Joy Warrick	76
15	Joan Bailey	71
<i>Vijay Deshmukh: Men's Winner</i>		
<i>Jill Rahimi: Women's Winner</i>		

Substitute Players		
Final Ranking	Player	Points
16	Ben Calbo	66
17	Edgar Dijamco	52
18	Snyeska Bendis	51
19	Kristine Nelson	25
20	Elliot Sodowsky	24
21	Lynn Stark	23
22	Kathy Nichols	23
23	Ashlee Bailey	16
24	Carol Kaplan	16
25	Victor Jee	16
26	Julie Ryu	15
27	Deborah Addicott	14
28	Sayuri Sharper	11
29	Rosa Estrada	10
30	Connie Gannon	8
31	Terry Hechter	0
32	Patsy Duke	0
33	Linda Selker	0

### MVTC MEMBER PROFILE

## John Manton: Our President

*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.*

OK, so I'm scraping the bottom of the barrel seeing as I didn't receive information in time from other members. It all started one day many, many years ago when I was born in Chesterfield, Derbyshire with a funny accent. Chesterfield is famous for its church with a crooked spire, legend has it that when a virgin walks down the aisle the spire will straighten, the spire is

still crooked. I watched the air raids over Sheffield as a child, wore a gas mask and ran to the air raid shelters whenever the sirens could be heard. This made a great impression on me and has probably shaped my anti war views that I hold today. My father was a policeman and decided to change careers and move south to live in Brighton, Sussex after the war. He became a teacher due to the shortage caused by the war which also affected my life academically. I attended an all boys school, just like Harry Potter but without the magic, discipline was tough and I did receive the cane every so often (not that I deserved it of course). Later I attended Brighton Technical College and then Loughborough Technical College where I obtained a degree in electrical engineer-

ing. One day I found myself working at Texas Instruments in Bedford, England and talking with some of the other employees I decided to see if I could find a job in the US. I could have gone to Dallas but I was not thrilled about the segregation down there. I did find a job with Transitron in Wakefield, MA. which then was in the route 128 golden triangle, the silicon valley of the day. So, I landed in NY after a long, long flight on a propeller driven airplane, the date was July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1960. To my surprise all the stores were closed, must have been some kind of local holiday. I then took a plane to Boston to start my new career working on tunnel diodes, the big new thing of the day. After a while it seemed as though all my co-workers

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**APRIL TOURNAMENT REPORT**


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## Team Tennis — The Second Time!

By Liz Chambers

The weather finally cooperated and we were able to get the March Team Tennis tournament completed on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April. The morning dawned with residual rain from the previous night and it took a little time before the courts were dry enough to play. So along with the coffee and good conversation some of the morning players grabbed squeegees and started to roll the water off the courts. Thanks to all those hardy souls who got out there and helped clear the courts.

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### Member Profile: John Manton

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were moving to CA. to work in the new growing semiconductor industry there. Always one to miss an opportunity I stayed in MA. to take a job in the computer industry working for Honeywell (a big name in computers back then). I then obtained an MSEED at NU in Boston. In my job I interfaced with various semiconductor company salesmen, one of which worked at the local Texas Instruments office. When I phoned there for information, this nice young lady would answer the phone. Her boss then suggested a blind date for the young lady and myself, her name is Judy and 39 years and 2 children later we now reside in MV.

We came to MV after visiting our son in March of 91, he had moved here after college in 1990, we returned to Boston and landed in a big snow-storm. That was enough winters for us and I was lucky in obtaining a job with SGI and moved in Oct of 1991.

I retired in 2000 and looked for a sport that I could play as I aged, tennis was it, and I joined MVTC, met some great people and have never regretted retiring.

By 9.30am the Landslides, led by George Harris (aka Noah Banks when George was called to play a USTA match); the Tornadoes, led by Louis Silencieux, the Avalanches led by Carol Tolen and the Earthquakes, led by Walt Kusener took to the courts. Despite the rain delay and some logistic changes due to court availability, everyone had a good time. The teams were very close and in the final points tally Louis had whirled the Tornadoes into first place. Louis' team members were, Lynn Leung, Liz Chambers Sharouz Rahimi, Nuwan Jayasena and Greg Schwartz . Second place went to the Avalanches Carol Tolen, Gil Ambats, Edgar Dijamco, Jimmy Duan and Debbie Ryan.

By 1pm the afternoon teams arrived enjoyed some great food provided by Jill Rahimi , Greg Schwartz and members of Jill's family while they waited for the morning session to complete.

By 1.30 we got the Volcanoes led by Ray Uribes, the Hurricanes led by Ashlee Bailey, the Blizzards led by

Patsy Duke and the Cyclones led by Carol Curry out on the courts. With some last minute change ups the Volcanoes were on fire and quickly established themselves as the team to beat. By 5.30 the totals were in and the Volcanoes had blasted into first place. Congratulations to Ray Uribes, George Harris, Myrna Irigon, Snyeska Bendis, Rajiv Khilnani, Joan Centofanti and Lisa McMillan . The second place team was the Blizzards, Patsy Duke, Ernest Louie, Madan Venugopal, Dave Beggs, Arina Kutuyeva and Connie Gannon.

Thanks to all who participated and made this a fun event, it was great to see everyone out on the courts after all the rain and thank you for bearing with your tournament director through the logistic changes as needed. We especially appreciated the efforts of Amy Cheng and Elliot Sowadsky who stayed to assist with clean-up. Also special thanks to Patsy Duke for her help in setting up the tournament.

— Liz



**The Volcanoes:** Joan Centofanti, Snyeska Bendis, Myrna Irigon, Lisa Irigon George Harris, Rajiv Khilnani, and Captain Ray Uribes

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