

MVTC COURT REPORT

MOUNTAIN VIEW TENNIS CLUB

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Upcoming Events

Grand Prix Tournament 11/5

Check www.mvtc.net for the MVTC Grand Prix standings, and come on out and see MVTC's best players for 2005 take the courts together.

General Meeting 11/9

Come on out for this FREE event! Mark the calendar and stay tuned for details!

Applications Now Being Accepted for 2006

See inside for membership applications and details on the new process.

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President's Message

By John Manton

Well, I've just arrived back from Salt Lake City after spending a week with Ancestor Seekers researching all those long lost ancestors. I did find some of them including my great great great grandfather who was born in France, who would have thought. The research library has a huge collection of research material, they claim the biggest in the world. I also now know that I'm going to be a grandfather next March, and of course my wife and I are extremely excited about this, our first grandchild.

Now, back to tennis, my 65+ team went to the regionals in Santa Rosa and to my surprise we won, unfortunately there are no nationals in that age group. However, my 60+ team, the young guys, won their league and next weekend we are going to the regionals in Carmel Valley. It will be a lot tougher with those younger 60+ players running around the court getting back every shot. This age group does have an opportunity to go to nationals, but I'm not holding my breath.

Back to club news, please remember to attend the fall general meeting to be held on Wed., Nov 9th. We would like to see a good attendance, there will be good food and a guest speaker that you will love to ask all sorts of questions. Patsy, our VP, will be providing all the details, she is putting together a proposed slate of board members for 2006 that you will be able to vote on. Remember this is your club and we need support from all the members, if you are willing to help in any capacity, such as assisting a board member or wanting to be a part of the board, please contact Patsy.

The Rengstorff courts have been resurfaced and are now open, I haven't had time to check them yet, but I'm sure the city has done a good job.

Greg, our membership chairperson will be refining our registration policy and communicating all the changes to you, most of the general ideas have been reported in the court report. If you have questions about how we are doing this, please email the appropriate board member.

We did receive the plan for the day care center at Rengstorff, it looks like the club house will be removed and hopefully a new one installed along with changes in the bleachers. The parking lot will be extended through from the current location through to the club house side of the tennis courts. We are following this development as closely as possible to ensure that our needs are considered, unfortunately we don't know when construction will begin and end and it's impact on our tennis programs.

Please remember that we have set Nov 12th & 13th as the weekend to do our community service project per our agreement with the Rec Dpt. This will entail general clean up of the facility and a new coat of paint. The Rec. Dpt. will be supplying paint, brushes, ladders etc. We will be looking for volunteers to help with this project as we get closer to the date. We will make a fun time of it with drinks & food.

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

— John

EARLY OCTOBER TOURNAMENT REPORT

Fun, Excitement and Good Food — *We had it all*

By Rajiv Khilnani.

Was it the tournament date change, due to resurfacing of Rengstorff courts in September, or the scheduled USTA league matches? Whichever, the turnout for the October 1-2 Men's Doubles and Women's Singles tournament was sadly much smaller than expected. Did the low turnout provide us with any less excitement? *Not at all!* The competition in both the men's and women's divisions was fierce as always, and as a result we got to see some very exciting three-set matches over a two-day period.

The Men's Division I final was a heated affair between Howard Giles/Dean Nguyen, the number two seeds, and Adam Brody/Dave Wrubel, the number one seeds. The way Adam and Dave were playing in the first set, it seemed that the match would be over in less than an hour but the drama that unfolded after the first set was quite unexpected for the handful of audience watching this match. The quickness with which Howard and Dean lost the first set was quite surprising, but they made up for the lackluster show in the first set by winning the second set in a convincing manner. The third set was a sea-saw battle between the two teams as at one stage they were tied at 5 games a piece. In the end, Howard and Dean won the match 0-6,6-1,7-5.

Division I Consolation was won by our new members Nils Gura and Albert Cheng who beat Warren Yamaguchi and Joe Merlitti in straight sets, 6-2,7-6.

The Men's Division II final between Rajiv Khilnani/George Harris, the top seed, and Mike Rogers/Greg Spirakis, the second seed, was a hard fought dual of the left/right handed combos. Mike's craftiness, Greg's net coverage, George's consistency and Rajiv's speed made this match a very entertaining one to watch. This three-set match was

won on a 7 points to 5 tie-break by Rajiv and George. The final score being 6-4,3-6,7-6.

Jim Hayes and Madan Venugopal won the Division II consolation final with a hard fought victory over Jimmy Duan and George Koo. The final score of the match was 7-6, 6-4.

Due to the low turnout in the Women's divisions, matches were played on a Round Robin basis. Trinique Low won the Women's Division I quite convincingly. She won all three of her Round Robin matches in strait sets.

Nora Hayward carved out two tough 3 sets wins over her opponents to grab the second position. Snyeska Bendis played well to capture the Division II title from Linda Selker.

If you have not already gotten excited reading the match results, then wait, there is more: *Food*. Mike Rodgers—the *master chef*—knows how to entertain. From muffins to fruits to coffee for breakfasts to salads, tenderloins and prime ribs for lunches, we had it all and in abundant quantities too. Thank you Mike for such a wonderful spread and thank you Greg Spirakis for helping Mike in making these arrangements.

Last but not the least I would like to sincerely thank my Co-Chair Kathy Nichols for making this event successful. As a first time organizer of a tournament, I needed all the guidance in the world which Kathy was gracious enough to provide. Also, special thanks to Rosa Estrada for volunteering to show up at 7:45 a.m. on a Saturday morning to help us set up. On behalf of Kathy and myself, I would also like to thank all the players and supporters and unscheduled volunteers for participating in this tournament and making it a fun experience.

— Rajiv

MVTC Fall General Meeting Coming Up

The MVTC Fall General Meeting takes place
on **NOVEMBER 9th!**

Food ✨ Prizes ✨ MVTC Happenings!

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**Mountain View RESIDENT
Membership Application – 2006**

(non-MV residents must use the non-resident application form, available at <http://mvtc.net>)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fill out the below application completely. Be sure to sign and date it!
2. You **must** attach proof of MV residency, generally in the form of a current utility bill or rental agreement (photocopy ok) showing your name and MV address. This is required even if you were a member last year. This will be strictly enforced.
3. Attach a check for the amount due (see below), made payable to "MVTC".
4. Mail to: MVTC, PO Box 336, Mountain View, CA 94042-0336.
EXCEPTION: If you are joining just prior to a tournament you wish to enter, 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.

Membership is for the Calendar Year 2006.

Expect an acknowledgement within 2 weeks of application submission.

For any questions regarding membership, send email to: membership@mvtc.net

Please PRINT legibly and fill out completely

- New** MVTC member (MV resident) – **\$25.00**
 Renewal MVTC member (MV resident) – fee varies by postmark date:
 Early (postmarked by 12/31/2005) – **\$20.00**
 Standard (postmarked by 2/28/2006) – **\$25.00**
 Late (postmarked after 2/28/2006) – **\$30.00**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Male Female

Address (PO Box is unacceptable): _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone1: (_____) _____ - _____ (h / w / c) Phone2 (optional): (_____) _____ - _____ (h / w / c)

Email Address1: _____ Email2 (optional): _____

NTRP Rating: (see our website to determine rating if unknown): _____

I am willing to help with: Socials Tournaments Tournament Food

All Court Reports (newsletters) will be sent by email unless you check this space to indicate regular US mail:

My signature below certifies 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 via the MVTC website, <http://mvtc.net>. If you have any questions regarding joining a team, please contact our USTA coordinators at usta@mvtc.net.

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NON-RESIDENT
Membership Application – 2006

(MV residents must use the appropriate application form, available at <http://mvtc.net>)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fill out the below application completely. Be sure to sign and date it!
2. Attach a check for \$40.00, made payable to "MVTC".
3. Mail to: MVTC, PO Box 336, Mountain View, CA 94042-0336.

PROCESSING:

- The city of MV requires the MVTC to maintain a MV resident majority in its membership. As such, non-resident applications must be processed on a rolling basis, as MV resident applications are received and processed each year.
- Renewal applicants will have priority over any new applicants, as long as their applications are postmarked by 2/28/2006. These applications will be processed in the order received.¹
- New non-resident applications will be added to the waiting list in the order they were received, but behind all renewal applications which were postmarked by 2/28.

Membership is for the Calendar Year 2006.

Expect an acknowledgement within 2 weeks of application submission.

For any questions regarding membership, send email to: membership@mvtc.net

Please PRINT legibly and fill out completely

- New MVTC member (non-resident) – \$40.00**
 Renewal MVTC member (non-resident) – \$40.00

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Male Female

Address (PO Box is unacceptable): _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone1: (____) ____-____ (h/w/c) Phone2 (optional): (____) ____-____ (h/w/c)

Email Address1: _____ Email2 (optional): _____

NTRP Rating: (see our website to determine rating if unknown): _____

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All Court Reports (newsletters) will be sent by email unless you check this space to indicate regular US mail:

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Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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¹ Non-residents who volunteered in a significant capacity (as identified by the Board) will have priority for renewal over any other non-resident applicants, as long as their applications are postmarked by 1/31/2006.

² You may play on an MVTC USTA team while on the waiting list for MVTC membership, if that team plays out of Cuesta Tennis Center.

Membership Report — Rejoin Now for 2006!

By Greg Schwartz

Hello again MVTC! We're nearing the end of the year, and there's great news! Our membership is up to 307 (169 men, 138 women), which shows growth from last year. I'd love to see this trend continue in 2006!

It's time to renew your membership, and things are different this year! Included in this month's court report (and available on our website) are 2006 applications. Notice that there

are now separate applications for MV residents and non-residents. Please renew right away (using the correct form).

Mountain View residents, you will shortly be receiving personalized renewal applications in the mail. We have tried to make the renewal process as simple and easy for you as possible. Please return the form as soon as possible to take advantage of early

bird renewal rates and help us get non-resident applications processed before the 2006 season starts.

Please spread the word about membership renewal, and don't hesitate to contact me (membership@mvtc.net) if you have any questions!

Thank you!

— Greg

New Membership Process — Frequently Asked Questions

Why are there separate applications for residents and non-residents?

Because there are different requirements for renewal and different fees, having separate forms helps to keep the renewal process simpler and less confusing.

Should MV residents fill out the application included in this Court Report?

MV residents who are 2005 members should receive personal renewal forms in the mail, which are simpler to fill out. However, you are certainly welcome to use the standard form included in this Court Report if you prefer.

Why does the club need membership applications submitted early?

Getting your renewals processed early...

- ... allows us to readmit our nonresident members in time for them to take advantage of the entire tennis season. Remember that, in contrast with past years, the club must now maintain a MV resident majority at all times, so nonresidents can only be accepted on a rolling basis as your applications come in.
- gets membership numbers up in time for the club to register USTA teams.

MV residents, why do YOU want to get your applications in early?

- **Save money!** Read on for details.
- Participate in tournaments and leagues earlier in the season
- Attend the fun and tasty General Meeting in March!

- Help nonresidents take advantage of club membership earlier in the season.
- Increase the likelihood that the club can sponsor USTA teams for you!

Nonresidents, why do YOU want to get your applications in early?

The sooner you get your application in, the more likely we will be able to re-accept you into the club.

What was that about saving money?

The club is changing its fee structure for MV resident renewals. You will pay **just \$20** if your app is postmarked by 12/31/2005. The fee will be \$25 if postmarked by 2/28/2006, and \$30 after that. **Renew early and save!** Resident fees will continue to be \$25 for NEW members, regardless of when they decide to join.

What is the process for non-residents?

The process for non-residents will be essentially the same as it is now. A few highlights/reminders:

- Non resident membership dues will continue to be \$40 (whether new or renewal).
- Renewal applications for non-residents will continue to be processed in the order in which they were received, on a rolling basis as MV resident applications are processed.
- Renewal applications will have priority over new member applications, as long as they are postmarked by 2/28/2006.

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