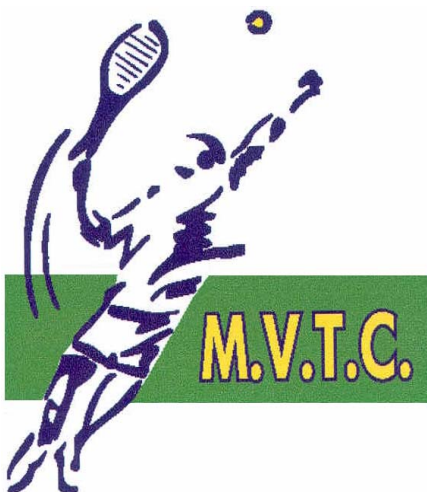


MVTC COURT REPORT

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Upcoming Events

Send in Your Membership Applications Now for 2006!

2006 membership applications are in this issue of the Court Report, so don't delay!

General Meeting March 22nd! New SDL Season March Tournament

See inside for details!

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650-964-6224

President's Message

By Patsy Duke

We're off to a great start in 2006 thanks to the tireless efforts of our Membership Chairman, Greg Schwartz and his new incentives plan for early renewals. By the beginning of the year, we were already over the 200 mark with no waitlist for 2005 non-resident members (see Greg's article on [page 5](#) for current numbers). If you haven't already sent in your application and check, c'mon in.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome our new Secretary, Debbie Ryan. Thanks for volunteering, Debbie!

Several issues about our favorite parks Cuesta and Rengstorff have been closely watched by many members of MVTC:

- (1) The competition for the contract for Cuesta Tennis Center Operator
- (2) The plans for a new child day care center near the tennis courts at Rengstorff
- (3) The future of the Cuesta Park Annex.

As of now, the Cuesta Tennis Center operator award is still pending. The City of Mountain View has done an excellent job in the source selection process, including the development of the Request for Proposal and including members of the public (such as this Board) in the detailed, rigorous evaluation of the proposals. The RFP repeated the firm insistence on continuing the community-based model of operation, while inviting the proposal submitters to recommend and justify changes in current operations that would still support the existing broad base of Mountain View users.

For more information on the January meetings concerning the plans for the day care center location and the Cuesta Park Annex, see the Vice President's article on [page 2](#).

USTA teams are now forming for the spring season. Let Rajeev Kelkar know if you're interested in signing up as a player, captain, or co-captain. For more information, see Rajeev's article on [page 3](#).

Check the calendar on [page 4](#) for tournament and meeting dates. The Team Tennis tournament on March 18 is free to all 2006 members.

See you on the court soon!

2006 MVTC Board Members

	Chairperson	Assistant
President	Patsy Duke	
Vice President	Mike Rodgers	
Secretary	Debbie Ryan	
Treasurer	Carol Overby	
Tournaments	Liz Chambers	Rajiv Khilnani
Food	Jill Rah	
Ladder	Victor Jee	
Membership	Greg Schwartz	
Court Report	Ashlee Bailey	
USTA/Interclub	Rajeev Kelkar	Bing Seid
Socials	OPEN	
Publicity	OPEN	
Junior Tennis	Lisa McMillan	
Web Master	Lori Spray	

Current Events: Tennis in Mountain View

By Mike Rodgers

The MVTC Board has shifted its meeting schedule for 2006 to enable the new Parks and Rec representative from the city, Aaron Friedman, to attend on a regular basis.

Aaron reports that there were five applicants to the Cuesta tennis concession RFP in November and that the city staffers are making good progress towards awarding a new 5-year contract in the early part of the year.

On Tuesday, January 23, the city council reviewed 3 new options from City Staff to move the planned Day Care Center from its original planned location that would have placed a driveway and parking lots right along the north side of the Rengstorff tennis courts and wiped out the maintenance building and adjacent areas used by MVTC for tournaments.

The Council chose to move forward with option B that would relocate the child care center to an area now occupied by the temporary senior center and gardens. There are still issues to be resolved in 'option B,' notably a shortage of parking spots and traffic issues for the now combined senior center and day care complex and elimination of the tennis practice wall/handball court that is heavily used.

While we'd like to ultimately see plan resolution that either leaves the practice wall or replaces it elsewhere nearby, we were very happy to see the child care center and proposed driveway and parking moved well away from the tennis courts and the "heart" of the park.

As a back up, a secondary option to place the day care center on the NE corner of the park adjacent to Cristiano Avenue remains possible. However, this option was supported by a smaller minority of the council and

had strong opposition from the well qualified operators of the Day Care Center.

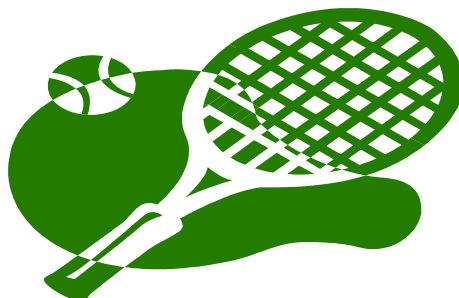
In other news, the city council voted on January 17 to direct City Staff and the Parks and Rec Commission to develop usage proposals and a long term plan for the Cuesta Open Space, officially know as the "Cuesta Annex" adjacent to the tennis courts.

A large crowd attended the City Council meeting as well as a public meeting a week earlier at St. Timothy's on Grant Road, where a number of "heritage garden" and "heritage orchard" type proposals were presented to an audience that was nearly unanimous in favor of having the Annex left nearly as it is today.

One group would like to propose a museum in the form of a barn type structure to focus on the agricultural history or the area. City Council members Pear, Perry, and Macias were among the audience and speakers at the St Timothy's meeting.

There are some interests within the city to possibly have part of this area developed as lighted ball fields (soccer, baseball, softball) as there are indications that the many existing fields elsewhere in the city do not meet current demand needs.

There will continue to be a number of public meetings on the possible future uses and developing long term plans for the Cuesta Annex in coming months.



General Meeting March 22nd

Mark your calendars NOW! MVTC starts the 2006 tennis season with our general meeting and dinner on Wednesday, March 22, at the Mountain View Senior Center.

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

RSVP to vicepresident@mvtc.net by March 18.

NOTE: Vegetarian entrees are 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

In Memoriam: Bob Hamilton

By Carol Tolen

Last Oct. 21, 2005, MVTC past president, 1972, Bob Hamilton, age 75, passed away in Morro Bay. Bob had worked for Nestle Foods as a sales distributor and later at the M.V. Rec. Center under Don Schaefer. In his retirement, he monitored the vegetable garden at the Senior Center and was instrumental in setting up the present Junior Team Tennis program.

Bob's good humor and kindness to others and to animals will be remembered by some of us old timers. He also had won the club Sportsmanship Award in 1976 when the Board first decided to make this one of the perpetual plaques featured in the Cuesta clubhouse.

Bob was often featured in some of the early club movies, having the ability to hit ground strokes and serves while smoking. His relatives live in Michigan, and there are no surviving siblings to my knowledge.

USTA 2006 Season Kicks Into Gear!

By Rajeev Kelkar

The 2006 USTA Adult Season team registration is underway and will continue until February 19.

Contact Rajeev Kelkar (usta@mvtc.net) or Bing Seid (usta2@mvtc.net) if you and a group of similarly-rated players want to form an MVTC USTA team or have any questions about USTA.

Only register a team after there are sufficient players (at least 12) committed to the team and a captain is found/volunteered/hoodwinked.

Go to the USTA Nor Cal website at <http://www.norcal.usta.com/> and fol-

low the links to the Adult Leagues page for eligibility and sign-up information.

IMPORTANT: Only club members can play on MVTC-supported USTA teams. Captains are requested to strictly enforce this requirement.

2006 USTA Spring Season Key Dates

Team Registration Opens	January 9, 2006
Team Registration Closes	February 19, 2006
Season Begins	March 20, 2006
Deadline for switching teams	April 16, 2006
Deadline for joining additional teams	May 21, 2006
Local League Playoffs	July 14-16, 21-23, 2006

USTA 2005 Season Summary

By Rajeev Kelkar

In 2005, a total of 148 MVTC members (close to half of last year's membership) signed up for USTA teams. MVTC entered the following teams (captains' names in parentheses)

Rengstorff Men's 3.5A (Lou Castellanos, Jeff Hechter)

*Rengstorff Men's 3.5B (Seth Orvis, Seth Tribble)

Rengstorff Men's 4.0 (Larry Drenan, Rajeev Kelkar)

*Rengstorff Women's 3.5 (Kathy Wheeler, Dorothy Rado)

Rengstorff Men's Combo 6.5 (Richard Acuff)

*Rengstorff Men's Combo 7.5 (Michael Rodgers, Greg Spirakis)

Rengstorff Men's Combo 8.5 (Rajeev Kelkar)

*Cuesta Women's Combo 6.5 (Snyeska Bendis)

*Rengstorff Mixed 6.0 (Jeffery Ballou, Kathryn Kuhn)

Cuesta Mixed 7.0 (Seth Orvis, Shahrouz Rahimi)

*Rengstorff Mixed 8.0 (Rajeev Kelkar, Christine Comanor)

*Rengstorff Men's Seniors 4.0 (Art Lim, Tony Serksnis)

Cuesta Women's Seniors 3.0 (Patsy Duke, Mary-Jane Bogoger)

Many thanks to all the captains and co-captains.

Of the above, the teams with an asterisk made it to (and some still are in) the local league playoffs. Congratulations!

- Rajeev (usta@mvtc.net) and Bing (usta2@mvtc.net)

Senior Center Parking Policy

The City of Mountain View would like to remind you that there is no parking at the Senior Center near the Rengstorff tennis courts from 8am-5pm Monday through Friday. You can park at the senior center after 5pm on weekdays and any time on the weekends.

March Tournament– Team Tennis Social Doubles Ladder 2006

By Liz Chambers

Date	March 18th (rain date 3/19)
Location	Rengstorff Tennis Courts
Entry Fee	FREE
Entry Deadline	March 11, 2006
Participants	MVTC Members Only
Tournament Director	TBD
Food Director	TBD

This tournament is open to MVTC members only. Hand deliver your self addressed and stamped “blue card” with your check to Cuesta Tennis Center (685 Cuesta Dr.) by noon Saturday March 11th. If you forget to stamp your card, you just “volunteered” to bring a salad or dessert! Give it to the attendant to be placed into the “tournament entry box.” The card will be mailed back to you with your start time.

Reminder: please do not mail your entry, we do not pick up entries at the post office. We post the draw sheets at Cuesta and Rengstorff, this is a good place to see the draw and view your start time, teammates, and opponents!

In case of rain, call the MVTC message center at 650-964-6224.

By Victor Jee

The success of the SDL program in 2005 has encouraged the club to continue the program this year.

The exact dates are not yet confirmed but, this year the once every Saturday, 1.5 hour “social team doubles” format competition geared to 2.5 to 3.5 level players held at Rengstorff Tennis Courts, will again run for 8 weeks starting in late March through early May. A fee of \$15.00 for the entire program will cover court fees, balls, and trophies.

If you are interested in participating or have questions please email; ladder@mvtc.net.

We need 24 players roster to enable this program. Full-time, part-time, and substitute players will be needed and welcomed!

MVTC 2006 Schedule

Month	Meetings		Tournaments		
	MVTC Board Meetings	General Meetings	Format	Dates	Entry Deadline
February	February 21		No tournament		
March	March 14	March 22	Team Tennis	March 18 (Rain: March 19)	March 11
April	April 18		MxD Member/Guest	April 8-9	April 1 (no joke)
May	May 16		MS/WD City Championships	May 6-7	April 29
June	June 20		MD/WS Member/Guest	June 10-11	June 3
July	July 18		MxD	July 15-16	July 8
August	August 22		Tri-Club	August 19-20	August 12
September	September 19		MD/WS	September 16-17	September 9
October	October 17		MS/WD Member/Guest	October 14-15	October 7
November	November 17	November 8	Grand Prix	November 4	

Membership Report

By Greg Schwartz

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new members! Thanks to our early application process and our discounted renewal benefit, club membership is soaring.

In 2005, MVTC had 307 members. By January 2006, the club already had 204 members! 112 residents and 92 nonresidents have submitted their membership applications. There are 9 new resident members. Last year at this time, we had 98 members: 43 residents and 55 non-residents.

As of January, there is no waiting list for renewing non-resident members! 12 new non-resident members are on the waiting list. We will be able to welcome them into the club after February 28, the deadline for existing non-resident members to receive priority registration.

Resident application renewal fees are currently \$25. After February 28, resident membership renewal is \$30. Postmark your application by February 28 to renew for \$25. New resident membership is still \$25. Non-resident membership continues to be \$40.

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 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 2006!

Membership Renewal — 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.

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?

You pay \$25 if your application is postmarked by 2/28/2006 and \$30 after that. Resident fees are \$25 for NEW members, regardless of when they decide to join.

What is the process for non-residents?

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

- Non-resident membership dues are \$40 (whether new or renewal).
- Renewal applications for nonresidents will be processed in the order in which they are 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 post-marked by 2/28/2006.

Mountain View Tennis Club
Post Office Box 336, Mountain View, CA 94042-0336

**Mountain View RESIDENT
Membership Application – 2006**

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

INSTRUCTIONS:

Fill out the below application completely. Be sure to sign and date it!

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.

Attach a check for the amount due (see below), made payable to "MVTC."

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:** _____

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**NON-RESIDENT
Membership Application – 2006**

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

INSTRUCTIONS:

Fill out the below application completely. Be sure to sign and date it!
Attach a check for \$40.00, made payable to "MVTC."
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.

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

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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)

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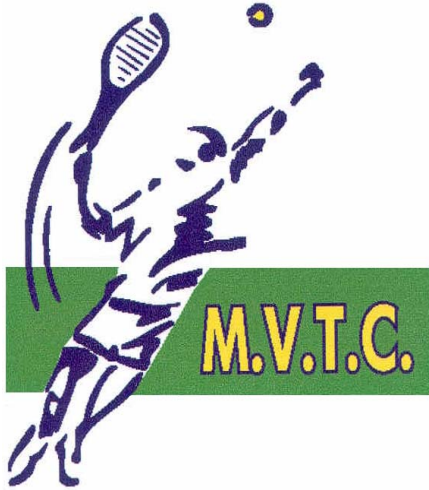
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