

# MVTC COURT REPORT

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## Upcoming Events

### General Meeting March 22nd!

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

### New SDL Season March Tournament

See inside for details!

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**650-964-6224**

## President's Message

*By Patsy Duke*

Joy.

That's the word I heard and thought repeatedly during the Olympics. Emily Hughes claimed that the advice she received from her older, medal-winning sister, Sarah, was "just come and enjoy the Olympic experience." The radiant smile on her face during her performance said it all. Joy.

Hannah Jeter soared, twisted, and rocked down the half-pipe with flair and exuberance. I never knew snowboarding could look so exciting and the participants so happy. Joy.

Lindsey Jacobellis was so thrilled and enthusiastic she just had to do one more hot-dog move instead of cruising to a gold medal. "I was having fun," she said. "I wanted to share my enthusiasm with the crowd. It's just a race." Joy.

Jeret "Speedy" Peterson announced, "I was going to do the hurricane. I didn't care if I was down 50 points or up 100." He intended to have the most exhilarating experience possible. Joy.

In one interview after another, the athletes told the world that, win or lose, they knew they were going to "enjoy the Olympic experience." Joy.

Why do we like to watch Andy Roddick and Anna Sharapova (besides their obvious attributes and their talent)? Joy.

As the spring tennis season starts, there is much discussion of teams and tournaments. Who's playing where? How competitive will this team be? Which tournament should I enter? Will the right partner mean victory? I hope we will all remember what it's really all about: having a great time doing our best playing a great game and enjoying ourselves. Joy.

## City Staff Recommends Lifetime Tennis, Inc. to Operate Cuesta Tennis Center

*By Ashlee Bailey*

On Friday, March 3, Mountain View city staff published a report recommending Lifetime Tennis, Inc. (LTI) as the new operator of Cuesta Tennis Center (CTC).

City staff will present the staff report to the Parks and Recreation Commission on Wednesday, March 8, in the

Community Room at the Mountain View Public Library. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. There is also a city council meeting on Tuesday, March 7, where you may comment on the staff report to the council during the public comment period.

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## General Meeting– BBQ!

*By Mike Rodgers*

Don't forget to attend the general meeting this month on Wednesday, March 22, from 6:30-9 p.m. Members are free and are allowed to bring a guest for \$15. Board members are allowed a guest for free.

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](mailto:vicepresident@mvtc.net) by March 18. Please indicate if you are bringing a guest.

NOTE: Vegetarian entrees are available if you request one when you RSVP.

One of the things we're going to talk about is how to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary next year. What are your thoughts on special events or ways we might do this next year? Please come to the general meeting at the temporary senior center and share them with us.

There will be plenty of food (including Mike's famous BBQ!) and other stuff going on, so don't miss it! I offered to give a technical talk on how I get so many successful misses, frame shots, and tape dribblers to go in, but the board felt I should find some "other" speakers and topics for the general meeting, so stay tuned.

## NCAA Championship Volunteers Needed

*By Carol Tolen*

Are you interested in catching some high quality collegiate tennis and seeing the players up close and personal?

We are looking for volunteers for the Players' Lounge at the NCAA championships at Stanford for the weekend of May 20-21 or May 27-28.

All volunteers get free admission to a match of their choice along with a free T-shirt and visor. The shifts will be in 3-hour increments starting at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m.

All interested persons please email Carol Tolen at [tolenc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tolenc@sbcglobal.net).

## Tennis in Mountain View

*By Mike Rodgers*

### Senior Center Parking

We also want to remind folks once again that parking at Rengstorff Park on the Escuela side parking lots by the senior center is restricted only to participants and staff for activities at the senior center from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. During this time tennis players should please park in either the main parking lot off Rengstorff or the parking along Crisanto Avenue on the Central Expressway side of the park. At all other hours, parking at the senior center lot is OK for tennis players.

### Child Care Center

City staff is still preparing the revised plans for the child care center that will now be located approximately where the temporary senior center is currently located in Rengstorff Park. We keep reminding them we'd like to see the new plan include a revised location for the tennis practice wall which will need to be moved or replaced (it is heavily used by local handball players as well).

### Cuesta Tennis Center

City staffers are on the agenda for an update on the process for closing on selection of the Cuesta Tennis Center Operator at the upcoming Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Mountain View Library.

A report from staff on this is available to interested parties on the City of Mountain View web site (<http://www.ci.mtnview.ca.us/citygov/commissions/prc.htm>). They had been pretty mum on where they were at on this topic until they released the staff report. See also the article on page 1.

### Cuesta Annex

For those of you interested in the future of the Cuesta Open Space, a.k.a the Cuesta Annex (its official title) the last City Council meeting had an agenda item on "approving the proposed master planning process for the Cuesta Annex."

Minutes from this meeting will be posted at: <http://laserfiche.ci.mtnview.ca.us/weblink7/Browse.aspx?>

## 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 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can park at the senior center after 5 p.m. on weekdays and any time on the weekends.

## 2006 MVTC Spring Season USTA Teams

By Ashlee Bailey

The 2006 USTA Adult Spring Season team registration is complete.

MVTC has registered five teams:

- Cuesta W 3.0D- Patsy Duke
- Rengstorff M 3.5A- Mike Rodgers
- Rengstorff M 4.0A- Mike Rodgers
- Rengstorff M 4.0B- Larry Drenan
- Rengstorff M 4.5A- Rajeev Kelkar

If you would like to join one of these teams, sign up at:

<http://www.norcal.usta.com/>

For questions about USTA, contact Rajeev Kelkar ([usta@mvtc.net](mailto:usta@mvtc.net)) or Bing Seid ([usta2@mvtc.net](mailto:usta2@mvtc.net)).

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

**MVTC is  
"Home of the FREE" in  
March!**

**FREE Spring Dinner March 22  
FREE Team Tennis Tournament  
March 18!**

*(Who said an MVTC membership  
couldn't buy you happiness!?)*

## Upcoming USTA Tournaments

There are a few USTA tournaments in our area in March and April:

### Lake Merced 3.0, 4.0, 5.0 NTRP

March 25-26; April 1-2, 2006

Entries close March 14, 2006

### Sonoma State University Early Spring Open/NTRP/Family

March 31 - April 2, 2006

Entries close March 24, 2006

### ClubSport Valley Vista NTRP

April 8-9; April 15-16, 2006

Entries close March 27, 2006

### Santa Cruz Tennis Academy NTRP

April 8-9; April 15-16, 2006

Entries close March 30, 2006

For more information, visit

<http://tournaments.usta.com>.

## CTC Operator

*(Continued from page 1)*

The city received 5 proposals, including one from Tim Foley, current CTC operator. LTI won the recommendation in an evaluation process that included multiple rounds of review.

The first round included input from a five-member panel: two MVTC board members, a youth tennis player, a USTA staff member, and a public tennis court program supervisor from a neighboring city. (To clarify a point in the staff report, these board members were not selected by the board, nor were they allowed to inform the board that they participated in this process.)

Later rounds of review included evaluation and interviews by city staff and outside staff, but no members of the local tennis community.

Foley and LTI were the top contenders. Other proposals received significantly lower evaluations.

According to city staff, the LTI proposal included:

- "Increased" operating hours\*

- MV resident-only tournaments
- Proposed revenues from the MV Open to go to MVTC
- Proposed town meeting to solicit community input and feedback during transition
- On-line court reservations and class registration
- One permanent walk-on court for residents only
- Lessons during primetime limited to 4 courts and non-primetime to 6 courts
- MVTC league "support"\*
- Fast-start and retention programs
- Low income access to programs
- "Improved" clubhouse operations\*
- Higher cost recovery
- "Increased" youth tennis programs\*
- Dedicated ball machine court

\*quotes added since the definitions of "increased," "support," and "improved" in these cases are not defined in the staff report

To view the staff report, and for more details on the proposal review process, visit:

<http://laserfiche.ci.mtnview.ca.us/weblink7/docview.aspx?id=32447>.

## Obscure Tennis Rules of the Month

**USTA Comment 24.1:** *Does a player lose the point if the player's hat hits the net?*

Yes. A player loses the point when any part of the player's body, equipment, or apparel touches the net.

**USTA Comment 24.2:** *What happens if the ball hits a player's hat that landed on the court earlier in the point?*

The ball remains in play because the opponent did not ask for a let. When play continued after the hat landed on the court, the hat became a part of the court. Therefore when a ball hits the hat, it is treated in the same manner as if the ball had hit the court.

**USTA Comment 24.3:** *If a player's hat falls off during a point, may the opponent stop play and claim a let?*

Yes. The opponent's immediate request should be granted. A let should not be granted after the point nor should a request from the player who lost the hat.

From: 2005 USTA "Friend at Court"

# Social Doubles March Tournament – Team Tennis Ladder 2006

By Liz Chambers

By Victor Jee

SDL is an 8-week social doubles ladder geared to men and women, 2.5, 3.0 and 3.5 level players.

The program is held at Rengstorff Courts Saturday from 10-11:30 a.m.

We have scheduled around all MVTC tournaments.

Dates allocated are: 3/25, 4/1, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/13, 5/20, and 5/27 (6/3-rain date)

Fee: \$15 per person, which covers court fees, balls and prizes.

This is payable at the first session 3/25. Make checks payable to MVTC. Cash OK too!

To sign up, contact Victor Jee at ladder@mvtc.net.

Date	March 18 (rain date 3/19)
Location	Rengstorff Tennis Courts
Entry Fee	FREE
Entry Deadline	March 11
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 11. 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.

## Member Profile: Debbie Ryan, MVTC Secretary

I am a real California native, a rare breed. I was raised in Los Angeles (San Fernando Valley) and moved to northern California in 1973 where I got married and together we bought our first home in Cupertino.

After five years of marriage, we decided that we were ready to move to a larger home in Mountain View and start a family. I stayed home and raise my two daughters fulltime. While my husband was working, I became involved in the community and their schools through participation as an art docent, room mother, and a Girl Scout leader.

As they got older, I squeezed in classes at DeAnza College and earned an A.A. in Business and later pursued an A.A. in Graphic Design from Foothill College. I enjoyed working as an administrative assistant in purchas-

ing and marketing and recently dabbled a little in real estate.

My interest in tennis goes back to my childhood where I used to hit balls against the backboard after school and on weekends. I didn't have a clue on how to play the game or keep score.

While I was attending Foothill College, I signed up for a beginner tennis class and learned the basics. I continued the class for several years to improve my technique, meet people, and get some exercise.

I loved the game so much that I joined MVTC so I could play on a USTA team and participate in tournaments. I've continued to remain active in the club by playing on the women's 3.0 team and competing in club sponsored tournaments.

When I am not playing tennis, you

can find me tending to my flowers and plants in my yard, hiking at Edgewood or Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve, photographing wildflowers, or bicycle riding at my favorite places, Shoreline, Alviso, and Sunnyvale Baylands Park.

My biggest passion is travel and adventure. I've been on several cruises and whitewater rafting trips. I also enjoy reading non-fiction, biographies, and anything about travel.

My newest hobby is learning to make a quilt! I'm finding it to be quite challenging. I continue to be involved in my community by ushering at the Mountain View Center of Performing Arts and volunteering at KMVT 15, community access television, on the crew as floor director, camera operator, or inserting tags on the character generator.

# Membership Report

By Greg Schwartz

Hello MVTC!

## Milestones

By the time this article is published, we will have passed 2 important deadlines:

- 1) The date at which the MV-resident renewal fee increases to \$30.
- 2) The date through which non-resident members have priority for renewal over new applicants. Thus, we will have begun accepting new non-resident members and running a waiting list.

But more importantly, we've made it around to another tennis season!

## Numbers

As of February 25, here are our membership numbers:

- 232 total members
- 123 residents, 109 non-residents
- 136 men, 96 women
- 16 new MV resident members this year
- 19 non-resident new applicants on the waiting list
- 6 members listed as ranked below 3.0 (and I know several of them are better than their rating would have you believe). I think it's great that everyone is improving so much, but for the sake of weaker players like me, please

encourage novice players to join the club! For that matter, please encourage **all** players to join the club.

## Meet the Membership

Just join the club this year? Looking to find new people to play against, or just to meet new people? There are some great opportunities coming up you don't want to miss (for details, see the website or other articles in this Court Report)!

- 3/18 - Team Tennis Tournament! FREE, FUN, and designed to help you meet lots of new people! Sign up by March 11.
- 3/22 - MVTC General Meeting - Good food, great times, fun prizes. RSVP!
- 3/25 - Social Doubles Ladder (SDL) - An exciting Saturday morning program for our lower-ranked players (weak 3.5 and below). Back by popular demand!
- April - Friday night umbrella tennis begins! We have 2 courts reserved every Friday at Cuesta for fun, drop-in tennis with other MVTC members!

Have a question?

That's what I'm here for! Shoot me an email at [membership@mvtc.net](mailto:membership@mvtc.net) and I'll do my best to help!

Have a great season everyone!

## 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	

**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](mailto: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): \_\_\_\_\_

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**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>)*

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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.

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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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