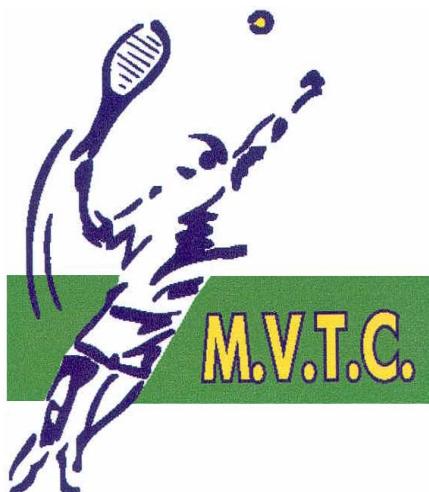


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President's Message- Democracy in Action

By Patsy Duke

During the past several months, the tennis community of Mountain View has not merely seen but has been heavily engaged in community political action. Two major issues concerning the use of facilities at both Cuesta and Rengstorff Parks resulted in the formation of (literally) grassroots organizations to arouse the interest and involvement of hundreds of people in intense and effective efforts to influence the City's plans.

Over a year ago, the seemingly routine renewal of the contract for the management of the Cuesta Tennis Center was halted by the protests of potential competitors for the job. As the City's Parks and Recreation Department began a formal competitive procurement process, several concerned tennis players began their own process by gathering to discuss what the impact of this competition could be, what they really believed was in the best interests of the users of Cuesta Park, and what they could do about its future. Thus began the Friends of Cuesta Park, led by MVTC members Jere Schaeffer, Chris Dateo, Mike Rodgers, and Myrna Irigon.

Meanwhile the City was pursuing a laudable effort to implement a public child care center with a grant from the Lucille Packard Foundation. They developed a plan to build it in the picnic grove at Rengstorff Park. As the details of this plan became more widely known to the public, a few deeply-concerned citizens, calling themselves the Friends of Rengstorff Park, set up a website, put up flyers, and protested to the City. MVTC board members Mike Rodgers, Ashlee Bailey, and myself also met with representatives of Parks and Recreation and the City Manager's staff to discuss the impact of this plan on our Club and its members.

When the recommendation to change the operator of Cuesta Tennis Center, along with the philosophy of operation, was announced, the Friends of Cuesta Park were ready. Over a hundred people filled and overflowed the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission, usually a sparsely-attended routine event. The recommendation to be made to the City Council changed. By the date for the recommendation to go to the City Council, the Friends had already been in steady, meaningful discussion with the Council members. In a heavily-attended meeting, the City Council voted unanimously to award the five-year contract to the incumbent, Tim Foley.

The plans for Rengstorff Park are now being revised by the City's staff. The Friends of Rengstorff Park, the MVTC Board, and many other concerned citizens plan to stay vigilant and involved. City staff has indicated they will be preparing a history and current usage of the Rengstorff for presentation to City Council no earlier than sometime later this summer. Stay tuned...

April Mixed Doubles Tournament a Success

By Rajiv Khilnani

Like all of us, the April Member Guest Mixed Doubles tournament was affected by persistent wet weather. Due to overnight heavy rain, the courts were wet in the morning, so the tournament start time had to be delayed by about two hours.

This delay could have been longer had our spirited players not volunteered to dry the courts. We had a very good turnout for the tournament, with 72 players signed up in three divisions. To the joy of all, the first serve of a match was done close to 10:15 a.m.

Division I

We had some very close matches in all three divisions. Howard Giles and Suzie Hayes carved their way to success in Division I with a hard fought 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 victory over Vincent Lui and Lori Spray. This match was a treat to watch with some amazing play by all four players.

The Division I consolation match between Paul Chen and Rebecca Wheeler versus Kirby Drumm and Carol Overby could not be played due to Sunday afternoon rain, but was played later in the week with Carol and Kirby prevailing 6-4, 6-2.



Division I Finalists

Division II

The Division II final also was a three-set affair with Bernie Paragas and Susan Sanborn victorious over our new members Jonah Harley and Regina Gilbert. The match score was 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The Division II consolation final with the # 1 seeds Miguel Trujillo and Emily Williams versus Seth Orvis and Arina Kutuyeva was stopped in third set when rain intervened. The match was completed later in the week with

Miguel and Emily victorious 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.



Division II Finalists

Division III

The winners of Division III were our new members Tom Van Hess and Summer Lobue, who won over Mike Siew and Patsy Duke, 1-6, 6-4, 6-0. Nuwan Jayasena and Susan Hollis, the # 1 seeds, had to settle for the consolation prize, winning over Carol Kaplan and Siva Namburi 6-1, 6-7.



Division III Finalists

I would like to thank my co-director Kathy Nichols and everybody else (too many to name individually) who came to my rescue and helped with the tournament desk and with the food. I hope to see you all at the next month's tournament. Check out <http://mvtc.net> for more photos from the tournament.

May Tournament – Men’s Singles/Women’s Doubles

By Liz Chambers

Date	May 6-7
Location	Rengstorff Tennis Courts
Entry Fee	\$10 for members, \$15 for non-members
Entry Deadline	April 29 at 12 noon
Participants	Men’s singles: MVTC members and Mountain View residents Women’s doubles: MVTC Members and Guests
Tournament Director	Liz Chambers
Food Director	Patsy Duke

Enter online at <http://mvtc.net> or by filling out a blue entry card at Cuesta Tennis Center (685 Cuesta Dr.) by noon Saturday, April 29. 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!

June Tournament – Women’s Singles/Men’s Doubles

By Liz Chambers

Date	June 10-11
Location	Rengstorff Tennis Courts
Entry Fee	\$10 for members, \$15 for non-members
Entry Deadline	June 3 at 12 noon
Participants	Women’s singles: MVTC members and Mountain View residents Men’s doubles: MVTC Members and Guests
Tournament Director	TBA
Food Director	TBA

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Thank You to our Food Volunteers!

By Jill Rahimi

Thanks to everyone who has been kind enough to help with the food in our recent tournaments!

The following people helped with food at our last tournament:

- Debbie Tripano
- Liz Chambers
- Darren Hickey
- Mike Siew
- Carol Overby

Special thanks to Sharouz Rahimi, who was a great help for March and April. He carried the shopping and specially many, many heavy 24 packs of drinks and water to our facility in Rengstorff. There was no way I could have done it by myself.

If you would like to help with food at a future tournament or event, contact Jill at food@mvtc.net.

“From Brooklyn to the Hall of Fame” Screening

By Ashlee Bailey

In June, MVTC will be screening Venkat Narayanan's documentary “From Brooklyn to the Hall of Fame,” a story about local tennis coach Don Johnson.

Johnson has been coaching children for over 30 years. He was inducted into the USTA Northern California Tennis Hall of Fame in July 2004.

At our Spring general meeting, Venkat showed a snippet of the film. He will show the entire film and answer questions one evening in June. Stay tuned for the exact date and time.



New Member Profile: Daniel Shane

Every year, new members join the club. We're always glad for new members. Daniel Shane is a new member this year. Here is his story:

I have been a member of the Palo and Mountain View and Sunnyvale Tennis Clubs over the past 20 years as I moved from one town to another.

I took a leave of absence from tennis from 2003-2004 while I battled a very rare cancer, malignant fibrous histiocytoma which included major surgery, chemotherapy, and aggressive physical therapy.

I discovered a large lump in the quadriceps muscle in my right leg while playing in a Mountain View tennis league match in December, 2002. Following the MRI and needle biopsy, it was diagnosed as high grade MFH.

I called it “my adventure in hell”, but in the end I was very fortunate to beat this cancer. (December 2006 will be the 4th year anniversary.)

Although not nearly as quick on the court as before, I am adapting to my

limitations and am pleased with my progress.

I am also back to full time work as an On-Scene Coordinator for the U.S. EPA.

My job is to direct and manage federal emergency response operations at major oil and hazardous material spills, natural disasters and acts of terrorism in California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and the Pacific Island Trust Territories.

I spent three weeks in Plaquemine Parish in Louisiana working seven days a week, 14 hours a day, managing the collection, transportation, and disposal of containers containing liquid and solid chemical waste (drums, small containers, tanks, and compressed gas cylinders) in hurricane damaged areas. So far, the EPA has collected and disposed over two million containers!

I hope my successful outcome with cancer will give some hope to others who might find themselves someday inflicted with this horrible disease and maintain a positive attitude.

Battling cancer is analogous to playing a tennis match where you have to take it on as a fight, where you are constantly challenged but you never give in nor give up. You can never let it defeat you mentally or physically.

Upcoming USTA Tournaments

There are a few USTA tournaments in our area in May and June:

AVAC NTRP Doubles Classic
May 26-29, 2006
Entries close April 24, 2006

Hidden Hills NTRP
June 3-4, June 10-11, 2006
Entries close May 26, 2006

Sonoma State NTRP Classic
June 3-5, 2006
Entries close May 31, 2006

For more information, visit
<http://tournaments.usta.com>.

Want to Play Tennis?

Umbrella Tennis

Join fellow MVTC members on Fridays from 6-8 p.m. at Cuesta for Umbrella Tennis.

Umbrella tennis lasts from April through September. Generally, courts 5 & 6, 9 & 10, or 11 & 12 are reserved.

This is a free MVTC event!

The rules: first-come, first-served. At least one court is mixed doubles. Each foursome plays one no-ad set, then everyone moves around, giving preference to those who have been sitting out.

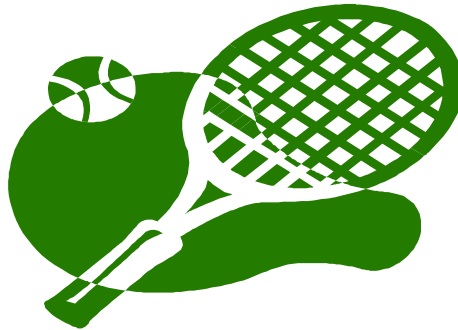
Come out and meet other club members and play some free tennis!

Interclub Tennis

INTERESTED IN INTERCLUB?

MVTC is planning to revive our involvement in interclub play with nearby clubs.

If you are interested in participating, email president@mvtc.net.



June Tournament

The MVTC June tournament takes place from June 10-11. This month, it's women's singles and men's doubles. Men's doubles is member/guest.

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Membership Report

By Greg Schwartz

Basic Numbers:

- 283 members, half MV residents
- 59% Men, 41% women
- 2 non-residents on the waiting list
- 47 new members this year!

Interesting Numbers:

34 members still elect to receive a paper copy of the Court Report. How many people read it in the bathroom remains a mystery.

77 members are rated 3.0 or lower (but we know a bunch of you play like 3.5's!)

Essential Number:

104 members expressed a willingness to help with Food, Tournaments, or Socials, or as a Board Member. Thank you for helping to make the MVTC so successful!!!

Social Doubles Ladder

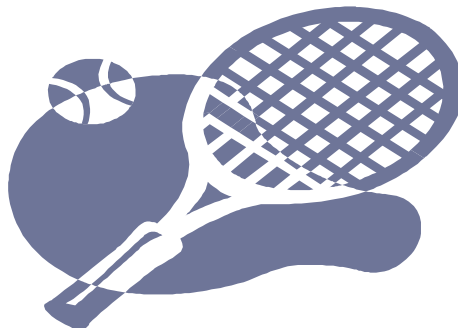
By Karl Mellon

SDL 2006 Spring session is off and running...between rain showers.

All 16 permanent slots are filled, and our thanks to the many subs who have offered their services to fill in.

Mike Siew stepped in to help coordinate the first and so far our only match, thanks Mike!

Below are the standings as of 4/28. We like the rest of the MVTC members are hoping for sunny skies, particularly on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m.!!



SDL POINTS

Match #1- April 12, 2006

- Greg 15
- Kumar 15
- Mary Jane 15
- Bryan 13
- Karl 12
- Dianne 11
- Don 10
- Mike 10
- Pat 10
- Amba 9
- Sayuri 9
- Joan 8
- Lisa 8
- Judy 7
- Rosa 7
- Sandy 7

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