

# MVTC COURT REPORT

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## Upcoming Events

### October Tournament

Saturday and Sunday, Oct 14-15

### Grand Prix Invitational

Saturday, Nov 4

### General Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 8

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## Winding up the Season

*By Patsy Duke*

Our tournament season is almost over, but we had a number of spirited contests in the September Men's Doubles and Women's Singles. Check out the article on the following page for all the details. Our final tourney will be on October 14-15 with men's singles and women's doubles (member/guest). Don't miss the sign-up deadline of October 7.

As the rest of the country goes to the polls this election season, the members of MVTC also get an opportunity to vote in our annual recognition of Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year. Here we cast our ballots not for the best player, not for the winner of a fierce competition, and not even for the most popular personalities. We ask you to vote for the man and woman who are the most pleasant people to have on the court with you. These are the players who enjoy the game for its own sake, win or lose; the people who offer words of encouragement (but never criticism) to their partners; who congratulate their opponents on good shots; who are scrupulously fair with their own line calls, but never dispute an opponent's call or hold a grudge.

Who are these paragons of pleasantness, these models of moderation, these exemplars of excellent behavior? We all know there aren't many of them in this energetic, highly competitive sport, especially in this Valley that prizes winners so highly, but think of it this way: Who do you really LIKE to play with or against, simply because he or she lifts your spirits and fills you with the joy of the game?. In order to vote, look for the ballot box at the October tournament and at the General Meeting.

The Fall General Meeting? It's almost here. Mark your calendars in ink for this "don't miss it" event on Wednesday, November 8. As always, this meeting will be held in a Mountain View restaurant with dinner and beverages provided for all members in attendance, and includes a brief business meeting to elect MVTC officers for 2007. Come mingle with your friends for an enjoyable evening. Look for the announcement inside for full details.

**Coming this fall to a mailbox near you!**

**Membership Renewal Applications  
Take advantage of early registration discounts!**

**With all that extra money, you can buy the board members  
some apple pie a la mode with cheddar cheese on top.**

## September Tournament- Smaller Draws, Bigger Fun

*By Jason Grissom*

While the last official weekend of summer saw many MVTC members either out of town for one last vacation or whiling away the last of the dog days in a hammock with a cold glass of lemonade, 17 men's doubles teams and seven women's singles players took to the Rengstorff courts for two days of cutthroat competition.

By the time the smoke had cleared on Sunday afternoon—smoke from Bob Schlotfeldt's grill, that is—four men and two women had walked away with their divisions' top prizes, but everyone had enjoyed a weekend of tennis, camaraderie and great food.

The men's doubles was split into two divisions. In the Division I quarterfinal that turned out to be the match of the tournament, Bing Seid and Kirby Drumm outlasted Paul Chen and Tony Moy 7-6 (4), 6-7 (10), 7-5 in a three-hour and ten-minute slugfest to set up a semifinal showdown against Seth Orvis and Shahrouz Rahimi, who had taken out top seeds Howard Giles and Dean Nguyen.

After a tight first set, Orvis/Rahimi picked it up in the second to advance to the finals, 7-6, 6-2. There they faced Huy Hathuc and Bernie Paragas, who won another nail-biter with second seeds Rick Tingstrom and Everett Vilasenor, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. The finals were all Orvis and Rahimi, however, as they took the title and the coveted Swetka's gift certificates, 6-1, 6-4.

Despite the early loss, the weekend was far from a wash-out for Giles and Nguyen, however, as they won three consecutive matches in straight sets to take the Division I Consolation crown. They defeated Jason Grissom and Farid Morsi in the final, 6-3, 6-4.

Division II featured several tight, hard-fought matches as well. Venkat Narayanan and Jan Nielsen, seeded first, defeated Solomon Tan and Mike Siew in the semifinals to set up a final against Rajiv Khilnani and Madan

Venugopal, semifinal winners over Edgar Dijamco and Harold Habeck. The final was decided by just a few points as Nielsen and Narayanan pulled it out 7-6 (5), 7-5.

Meanwhile, in the runner-up for the Longest Match of the Weekend Award, the first-time tandem of Ben Park and Bob Schlotfeldt hung on for a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 victory over Ken Humble and Karl Mellon in the Division II Consolation final.

An uncharacteristically small women's singles field was also split into two divisions, each of which was played in a round-robin format. The small draws made for great opportunities to pick up those ever-valuable Grand Prix points, and two big winners took full advantage. In Division I, Caroline Raynaud and Lori Spray entered their Sunday morning showdown with one win each and thus were playing best two-of-three for the championship. Spray won the first set 6-3, but Raynaud fought hard in the second, which went to a tiebreak. Twelve points later, Spray had eked it out 7 to 5 for the Division I victory.

In Division II, Isabel Reyes won all three of her round-robin matches, including a tough three-setter over Nancy Pizzo, to walk off with the MVTC version of Wimbledon's Venus Rosewater Dish, the paper certificate and gift card to Swetka's. Coming in second with two victories was Carol Kaplan.

A special thanks to Bernie Paragas, Kirby Drumm and Jason Grissom for directing a great tournament (if I do say so myself), and to Patsy Duke and Bob Schlotfeldt for the outstanding food. Thanks also to other food helpers, Solomon Tam for bringing the sinful doughnuts and deviled eggs and to Paul Chan and Tony Moy for the cookies.

Also thanks to all who came out early to help sweep up the courts. See you in October!

## October Tourney – MS/WD (Member/Guest)

*By Liz Chambers*

Date	October 14-15
Location	Rengstorff Tennis Courts
Entry Fee	\$10 for members; \$15 non-members
Entry Deadline	October 7 at 12 noon
Tournament Directors	Patsy Duke and Rajiv Khilnani
Food Director	Tom Orvis and Lynne Stark

Enter at <http://mvtc.net> or by filling out a blue entry card at Cuesta Tennis Center (685 Cuesta Dr.) by noon Saturday, Oct 7. 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: Do not mail your entry. We do not pick up entries at the post office. We post draw sheets at Cuesta and Rengstorff.

## Membership Report

By Greg Schwartz

Hello MVTC!

Membership is up to 330, with room for 3 non-residents. But more important than this year's numbers is that the year is rapidly coming to an end, which means it is time to start thinking about your 2007 MVTC membership!

Applications will be available on our website in mid-late October. Some applications will also be available at Cuesta Tennis Center, the Community Center at Rengstorff, and Swetka's.

For current MV-resident members, we will be mailing personalized renewal applications this year. You should expect those in November. Like last year, you will save money by renewing early! Early renewal also helps us to

readmit our non-resident members as early as possible in the season.

Non-residents, be sure to print and mail in your applications as quickly as possible once they are available. This will maximize your chances of being readmitted quickly.

Lastly, I have decided to step down as Membership Director at the end of this year. It has been a great honor serving these past 2 years. I really appreciate all of your support. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Mike Rodgers at [vicepresident@mvtc.net](mailto:vicepresident@mvtc.net).

Regards,

Greg

## Grand Prix Standings

As the grand prix race rounds the final bend, Bernie remains the man to beat.

Last month, Patsy caught up with Lori, but this month, Lori has pulled ahead once more.

Here are your grand prix leaders. The October tournament is your final chance to grab grand prix points this year and possibly earn a slot in the Grand Prix Tournament.

Good luck to all of the contenders!

Do you wonder how you can get grand prix points? Simple: play MVTC tournaments and win some matches!

	2006 Grand Prix Points		Team	Mixed	MS/WD	MD/WS	MxD	Quad Club	MD/WS
	Name	TOTAL							
1.	Paragas, Bernie	375	50	100	100	50			75
2.	Drumm, Kirby	315	50	40	75	50	50		50
3.	Giles, Howard	280		100	100	40			40
4.	Spray, Lori	275		75	50	75			75
5.	Chen, Paul	245		20	125		25	50	25
	Orvis, Seth	245	50	20		75			100
7.	Takahara, Carl	240	50		40	75	25	50	
8.	Duke, Patsy	200		50	25	25	50	50	
	Rahimi, Sharouz	200			50	25	25		100
10.	Nguyen, Dean	180		25	75	40			40
11.	Broderick, Pat	175		25		100	50		
	Phan, Tri	175		25		75	75		
	Van Hees, Tom	175		75		25	25	50	
	Seid, Bing	175				25	100		50

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