

MVTC COURT REPORT

MOUNTAIN VIEW TENNIS CLUB

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April 2007



Upcoming Events

Mixed Doubles, Member Guest Tournament

Apr 21-21

USTA Fifty Mixed Season Begins 4/30

Sign up for teams now.

USTA Super Senior 60

Teams Forming

Get Together to Honor Ben TBA

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650-964-6224

President's Message -

By Mike Rodgers-

In loving memory of Ben Calbo ...

It was with great surprise and sadness that many of us learned about the passing of Ben Calbo, who passed away quietly at home on March 22nd. Ben was universally loved by many in MVTC and beyond, and was a regular fixture at all our events and at Cuesta Tennis Center, even when he wasn't playing. While some of knew of Ben's health issues in recent years, most of us expected to have him around for some time to come. In typical selfless style, Ben was cremated and there was no formal memorial service per his wishes. An obituary was published in the Mercury News on Thursday, 3/29 and reprinted on our website. Ben's close friend, Edgar Dijamco, organized an informal memorial get together at Cooper Park on Sunday, March 25th, where about 20 people showed up to express their grief and memories of Ben. Each of us spent a couple of minutes talking about our experiences with Ben as a player and a person. Even though Ben was physically past his prime, he was still playing about every other day and still regularly spending time teaching and giving tips to newer players. Some of the older attendees recalled Ben's restaurant on Moffet Blvd; Ben was always encouraging me to open my own while preparing and serving my annual tournament BBQ. Afterwards, many stayed and played tennis at the Cooper Courts, as was the regular practice of Ben and some of his close-playing buddies. While Ben didn't want a formal memorial service, we are tentatively planning a one day get together in his honor, some for fun tennis followed with a BBQ, probably at Cuesta on a weekend later in April or early May. We think Ben would have liked the idea and most of the club is looking for a way to express our feelings together about our great friend of many years. Look for detailed announcements via an email blast and on the www.mvtc.net website once we firm up these plans. We are also looking for a nice photo or two of Ben to use for the website and the memorial tourney/BBQ, so if you have any, please contact us. We miss you Ben!



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Upcoming Tournaments

Mixed Doubles Member/Guest

Date: **April 21-22, 2007**
 Location: **Rengstorff Tennis Courts**
 Entry fee: **\$12.00/Member and \$17.00/N-M**
 Entry Deadline: **April 14 @12noon**
(noon 4/15 - online)

Participants: **MVTC Members and Guests**
 Tournament Director: **Liz Chambers/ Kathy Nichols**
(tournaments@mvtc.net)
 Food Director: **Patsy Duke**

This tournament is open to members and their guest partners. Sign-Up online by April 15th noon, or hand deliver your self-addressed, stamped "blue card" at CUESTA Tennis Center (685 Cuesta Dr.) with your check to: MVTC by noon Sat., April 14th. Give your card to the attendant to be placed into the "MVTC Tournament Entry Box." The card will be mailed back to you with your start time. We post the draw sheets at Cuesta and Rengstorff before the tournament. This is a good place to see the draw with your start time, teammates, and/or opponents! Reminder: Please do not mail your entry, we do not pick up entries at the post office.

Every entry is guaranteed 2 matches (main and consolation)!

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

Social Doubles Ladder

SDL STANDINGS

	POINTS
Jeff Ballou	18
Nancy Pizzo	18
Don Frischmann	17
Greg Schwartz	16
Ken Humble	15
Mike Siew	14
Nuwan Jayasena	14
Amba Mohlajee	13
Rita Brand	13
Liz Chambers	11
Paul Chow	11
Judy Davenport	10
Bob Schlotfeldt	10
Patsy Duke	8
Karl Mellon	8
Bill Watt	8

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Umbrella Tennis is back!

Umbrella drop in tennis has started up again. We have reconfirmed our courts reservations with the Cuesta Tennis Center. Every Friday evening from 6-8PM, the MVTC has two courts reserved for casual drop in tennis. Members at all levels are welcome and actually regularly attend. We typically are out on courts 11 and 12, but sometimes are placed on other courts, depending on reservations and especially other ongoing USTA match schedules. It's a good idea to stop in the clubhouse and check if arriving around the start time. Otherwise please head out to the courts and come find us. This has been a very popular tennis playing venue for club members in recent years, and we plan to extend it until the late fall this year.

40th Anniversary Events

For those of you that missed the March General Meeting and Big Feast at the new Mountain View Senior Center last month, you may get another chance as we're looking again at this great new venue as a possible location for the big 40th party, aka, The Tennis Ball, planned for Labor Day weekend. In addition to more fine foods and wine, we're looking at live music, dancing, and a slide show of the last 40 years. As part of this, we're looking for photos over the club's 40 year history that we might use for the slide show. If you have any that we might borrow to scan into the slide show, please contact us. The 40th plans also include numerous other activities at Cuesta and Rengstorff throughout the Labor Day weekend and we also are planning a clinic and social event with Jon Sevely and Tim Foley in June. Look for more details in upcoming editions of the MVTC Court Report, the www.mvtc.net website, and emails from the club.

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Congrats to Men's Combo 7.5

Congratulations on the fine season of the Men's Combo 7.5 team, who made it all the way to sectionals in Fresno this year. While they finally were eliminated in close matches, it is a significant achievement to reach this level of the playoffs, especially as Men's Combo 7.5 was much more competitive this season: my MVTC M7.5 team, while a playoff team last year, just got our butts kicked this last season!

No Wait List for Non-Resident MVTC Members

I also wanted to reiterate that we have been running slightly ahead on resident members this year and last, and for the most part there has been no wait list throughout the spring season for new non-resident MVTC members. If you've been intimidated by the fact there was a pretty decent wait list and waiting period a couple of years ago, you shouldn't be. Please sign up for MVTC if you haven't already. I wanted to also reiterate that you can still play in MVTC USTA matches if and while you may be waitlisted for the club, as long as you've sent in your application. With all the great events Marc Shaw and Carol Kaplan are working on for the 40th anniversary, it is an especially good year to be a MVTC member!

-Mike Rodgers

WHAT IS A 'BLUE' CARD?

By Nancy Pizzo

MOUNTAIN VIEW TENNIS CLUB TOURNAMENT CARD

Instructions: Complete Part 1 as appropriate. If you want the card mailed back, self-address and stamp the front. If you want to check your start time on the web, see bottom of card. See the Court Report for tournament dates and entry deadline. Attach check payable to MVTC to the card and hand carry it to Cuesta Tennis Center.

PART 1 DO NOT MAIL THIS CARD

Name _____ NTRP Rating _____ Sex _____

Phone No. _____ E-Mail _____

Partner's Name _____ NTRP Rating _____ Sex _____

Phone No. _____ E-Mail _____

I will: help at desk help with food bring a salad bring a dessert

PART 2 (to be completed by tournament committee)

Day/Date _____ Time at _____ Rengstorff Courts _____

Tournament Fee Paid _____ Membership Verified _____

Other info _____

Note: Tournaments are open to MVTC members only unless otherwise noted in the Court Report. For updates to tournament information, please call the MVTC message carrier at 850-964-6224 or visit our web site at www.mvtc.net. I will check the club web site for my start time

← Do not mail!

← Essential player information

← Email used for sharing tournament info

← Rating/Sex required; partners not required.

← Do you want to help out?

← Tournament Director will fill this part out mail the card back IF it is **stamped, with your address** on the backside.

← Will you be checking the website?

A "blue" card is a MVTC tournament entry card that you may submit if you prefer not to sign up on-line on the MVTC website. These cards are available at *Cuesta Tennis Center's* desk during business hours. A blue card is also included with each month's *Court Report* that is mailed out.

Simply fill a card out and drop it in the MVTC Tournament Box. You may also attach a check payable to **MVTC** if you wish to pay the tournament fee at the same time. **Do not mail in your entry!** Mailed entries will not be processed. All cards are retrieved by Saturday, 6pm prior to tournament. Once the draw is set, your card will be mailed back to you with your date and start time of your first match. If you mark that you will check the website for your start time, your card will not be mailed back to you, so no need to add a stamp.

If you want to play a doubles tournament and do not have a partner, please state on the card that you wish to be paired with someone. We will do our best to provide you a comparable partner. Your partner will then be listed on the returned card.

TEAMS GEMINI AND LEO SCORE MEDALS

~ by Nancy Pizzo, MVTC Tournament Chair

A better day to play some Team Tennis at Rengstorff Courts could not have been asked for. If you weren't there on March 24th, you missed out on a whole lot of fun and some spectacular doubles tennis games.



Bob Schlotfeldt caught in the act of BBQing!

Teams Taurus, Gemini, Aries, and Virgo served up their first ball a little after 8 am and by the 2nd round Team Virgo had a slight lead at 28 games won. Scores were neck-n-neck the rest of the morning.

By 11:30 am, Court 1 players were somewhat distracted by a compelling whiff of **Bob Schlotfeldt's** BBQ, who was cooking up lunch alongside **Patsy Duke**, our Club's Food Chair. But it wasn't slowing Team Gemini down one bit. By the 5th round, however, Teams Virgo and Taurus were catching up. Ultimately, once final tallies were made, *Team Gemini* had inched just ahead, winning 81 of 288 games, only a 2-game lead over Team Taurus.

Afternoon play got underway around 1pm with Teams Leo and Aquarius on the front 4 courts and Teams Scorpio and Capricorn on the back 4. Sadly, Team Leo was missing a key player – **Ben Calbo** – who passed away unexpectedly on Thurs., March 22nd. Ben was a beloved, long-time member of MVTC and a wonderful friend to all who knew him. He brought a charisma to the game and was a ready coach to anyone. He was a one-of-a-kind person and will be sorely missed for a very long time to come.

Early on in the afternoon, however, as the 2nd round scores were posted, it became quite clear that Team Leo had Ben's blessing, winning 35 out of 96 games. And as the afternoon breeze kept things cool, *Team Leo* pulled farther ahead, ultimately winning a total of 106 games. Team Scorpio was runner up by scoring 68 game points.

A big thanks to our food volunteers ~ **Duc Wong, Carol Tolen, Mary Jane Bogoger, Lena Drenan, Solomon Tan, and Phyllis Bizmanovsky** ~ for providing fruit, salads, and to-die-for desserts. Thanks also to **Madan Venugopal, Isabel Reyes, Joan Bailey** and **Carol Tolen** for helping with the Tournament tasks. There was a super turnout and players had a great time catching up with one another at the first of our 40th anniversary tournament events.



Team Gemini ~ (Counterclock) Paul Chow, Madan Venugopal, Carol Kaplan, Perry Lim, Rita Brand; Kwei Ping Wong, David Beggs, Farid Morsi, Greg Schwartz



Team Leo ~ LR- Rajiv Khilnani, Jim Hayes, Regina Regan, Snyeska Bendis, Susan Hong, Butch Logan, Louis Hsiao, and Jimmy Areias

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