

# MVTC COURT REPORT

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## Upcoming Events

**Doubles Clinic** June 23  
**MVTC Social** June 23

**Mixed- Members/Guest  
Tournament** July 14, 15

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## President's Message -

By Mike Rodgers-

With our summer weather pattern finally in full swing there's been plenty of great tennis weather days and for that matter, with the longest days of the year, plenty of good evenings as well. While many of the spring men's and women's leagues are wrapping up their regular season, the USTA's calendaring seems to wrap seasons around the whole year these days with 50 Mixed already under way, team signups for combos now in progress, and seniors and mixed not really that far off as well. Combined with the change a few years back to allow individuals to play on multiple teams at the same level, it's really clear USTA team tennis continues to grow as a proportion of recreational tennis these days. A lot of folks are certainly enjoying the greater amount of league play but some bemoan the negative impact it has had on the social aspects of the game.

The MVTC enjoys a great reputation as being one of the more social clubs in our area, and our monthly tournaments have been highlighted by reasonably sized draws and very social crowds hanging out to watch under the nice shaded bleachers at Rengstorff Park for many years. The last couple of years, however, we've seen a drop off in the participation at tournaments and in the size of the draws. While overall participation numbers are down modestly, where we are really seeing a drop off are in the women's-only events (like the men's doubles/women's singles format in last weekend's June tournament), in spite of opening up all the women's events to guests this year. The team tennis events like the quad club, the mixed events, and the men's events are still fairly populated formats, so in addition to the surveys many of you filled out earlier this year, we'd like to hear more detailed feedback, particularly from women members on the women's tournaments. We're curious as to people's opinions and the dynamics here as some of the other local clubs actually have some fairly popular women's tournaments.

One of the new things we did try this year was to hold a totally for fun tournament and social for the club and public at large in memorial of the passing of our dear, dear friend and fellow tennis nut, Ben Calbo, several weeks back at Cuesta Tennis Center. In spite of the fact it took a little longer to get the tennis underway, as we tried to create fairly even pairings in real time as people were signing up on site, the large crowd was patient and thoroughly enjoyed a pleasant afternoon of several rounds of social tennis followed by a BBQ and pot luck luncheon. Certainly, Ben's passing was an unfortunate catalyzing event for everyone's attendance (as was Tom Lohman's for a similar event last year), but we'd like to know if club members would be interested in general of having more of these more socially oriented for fun tournaments/socials looking forward. Looking at MVTC's other activities, the similarly targeted "for fun" Social Doubles League (kicking off the summer session on June 30 by the way) has been one of our most successful club activity formats and the Friday night "umbrella" drop in tennis at Cuesta is as popular as ever (and will be extended later in the fall this year). (Cont. pg 2)

## Annual MVTC Doubles Clinic -

with Tim Foley and staff on Saturday, June 23rd, 5-7PM  
at the Cuesta Tennis Center

Followed immediately by our **Summer Social**, graciously hosted at the private home of Don and Pat Frischmann. RSVP's required to [mvtc\\_rsvp@yahoo.com](mailto:mvtc_rsvp@yahoo.com), more info to come by email and at [www.mvtc.net](http://www.mvtc.net)

# Upcoming Tournaments

## Mixed Doubles Members/Guest

Date: **July 14th, 15th 2007**  
 Location: **Rengstorff Tennis Courts**  
 Entry fee: **\$12/member and \$17/non-member adult**  
 Entry Deadline: **July 7 @noon (noon July 8<sup>th</sup> online only)**  
 Participants: **MVTC Members and Non-members**  
 Tournament Director: **Rajiv Khilnani / Nancy Pizzo**  
 Food Director: **Patsy Duke & Bob Scholtfeldt**

This tournament is open to all members and their adult guest partners. Sign-Up online by July 8th noon, or hand deliver your self-addressed, stamped "blue card" to CUESTA Tennis Center (685 Cuesta Dr.) by noon Sat., July 7th. Have your card placed into the "MVTC Tournament Entry Box." Your card will be mailed back to you with your start time if it is ready for mailing. Reminder: Please do not mail your entry, as we do not pick up entries at the post office.

Draw sheets are posted online the Wednesday before at the tennislink site : [www.tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/schedule/search.aspx](http://www.tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/schedule/search.aspx) (Tournament ID #508341207) and also at Cuesta Tennis Center and Rengstorff Courts before the tournament. So check out your start times and opponents ahead if you like!

Every entry is guaranteed two matches (original and consolation)!

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

<i>Draw Size</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>32</i>
Winner	75	100	125
Finalist	50	75	100
Semi-Finalist	25	50	75
Qtr-Finalist	0	25	50
Round of 16	0	0	25
Consolation Winner	30	40	50
Consolation Runner-Up	15	20	25
Winning Team Member	50	-	-

(President's Message cont. from pg 1)

We do have an upcoming event this month. We have just confirmed arrangements to hold our annual MVTC Doubles Clinic with Tim Foley and staff on Saturday, June 23rd, from 5-7PM at Cuesta Tennis Center to be immediately followed by our Summer Social, graciously hosted at the private home of Don and Pat Frischmann. Both of these events are open to club members only and you will need to RSVP ahead of time. Please check the [www.mvtc.net](http://www.mvtc.net) website for further details in a few days. Again, we'd like to especially thank Don and Pat for opening their house up to MVTC for this event.

It is also a great time of year for watching tennis. Those of us with DirecTV were pleasantly surprised to be able to watch the tennis channel and the French Open early rounds as that provider was previewing the upcoming tennis channel offering for the first time to satellite customers. While many of us watched the predictable men's final (both participants and the result), it was nice to see NBC using the extra allocated time to show some of the Mens' Doubles in replay Sunday morning (and how many folks saw Nadal break a tennis ball with a monstrous groundstroke!) We were also treated to some great tennis more locally at the Mountain View Open, as Michael Jessup returned to previous form as he returned as Singles Champion and Doubles Finalist in some great matches in late May. Unfortunately for my game, even the tennis I saw at the MV Open has no bearing to anything I would do on a tennis court!

In other local news, the City of Mountain View Recreation Department has held interviews for the candidates for the citizens' Tennis Advisory Board and we expect to hear some announcements soon from the city on the formation of the board as well as schedule for the initial meetings, which we expect will be open to the public. After many months of effort by informal groups like "the Friends of Mountain View Tennis", many of us are looking forward to getting this off the ground and to the TAB working closely with the Rec Dept on future tennis related issues. As the official TAB gets underway and the initial public meetings are planned, we intend to post the TAB meeting details on the [www.mvtc.net](http://www.mvtc.net) web site.

## Grand Prix Points

Grand prix points, awarded to the top players in MVTC tournaments, are based upon the size of the draw and final player results. See [www.mvtc.net](http://www.mvtc.net) for more info.

# May Tournament Features Great Food, Fierce Tennis

By Jason Grissom

After dealing out less-than-perfect weather for the April tournament, the weather gods blessed Rengstorff Park with clear skies and sun for the Men's Singles/Women's Doubles Tournament that took place the weekend of May 19th and 20th.

In a testament to the prognostication powers of the seeding committee, all four seeds in the seventeen-person **Division I Men's Singles** made the semifinals, with the top two seeds making the finals and the top seed walking away with the top prize. Alain Raynaud fought his way through three tough three-setters and an unexpected walkover to tally his second consecutive Division I tournament victory. Raynaud defeated Adam Brody 6-0, 5-7, 7-5 in the quarters and third-seeded Tri Phan 6-7, 7-5, 6-2 in the semifinals. Expectations were high for a finals slugfest with Howard Giles, who had lost a total of just 13 games in three matches coming into the final. Giles defeated Perry Lim in the quarters 6-3, 6-2 before taking out fourth seed Travis Richards in the semis 6-2, 6-1. Unfortunately, angry fans were left demanding ticket refunds as Giles was forced to default the final as the result of a prior commitment.

Other quarterfinal results included Phan over Kirby Drumm 6-1, 6-3, and Richards over Jason Grissom 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Bernie Paragas won the Division I consolation bracket, defeating Tony Serksnis in the final 6-4, 7-5.

**Men's Division II** featured a smaller draw but equally competitive matches. Fourth-seeded Farid Morsi upset top seed Paul Baty in the semifinals in a long three-setter: 6-4, 2-6, 7-5. In the other semi, #2 seed Jeff Boeker d. #3 seed Seth Orvis 6-6, retired.

The final was all Morsi as he rolled to a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Boeker. With the win, Morsi took home a gift

certificate, a gift card and, most importantly, an automatic entry into the Division I draw at the next tournament.

In the **consolation final**, Harold Habeck defeated Lou Castellanos, 6-2, 7-6.

**The Women's Division I Doubles** was forced to be run as a round robin this time around despite moves by the MVTC to open up women's draws to attract more participation. Each team played two matches, with Kathy Nichols and Sharon Yang winning both of theirs in straight sets to take home first place gift cards. Second place was awarded to Liz Chambers and Duc Wong, who defeated the last-minute pairing of Terrie Rayl and Anne Neeter 7-6, 6-3 in the other match.

**Women's Division II Doubles** saw top seeds Nancy Pizzo and Isabel Reyes advanced to the final of the five-team draw by defeating Eileen Gann and Marianne Fabbicino in the semis 6-7, 6-4, 6-1. There they faced second seeds Carol Kaplan and Stella Reyes, who had defeated Rosie Birnel and Patsy Duke in the tournament's longest match, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5. Alas, Kaplan/Reyes had little left in the tank for the final, which Pizzo and Reyes took 6-0, 6-3.

**Division II Consolation** winners in the women's doubles were first-time entrants Flor Ann Palma and Catherine Puzon, who defeated Gann and Fabbicino, 6-1, 7-6.

And finally, on a day when Rafael Nadal's 81-match clay court winning streak came to an end at the hands of Roger Federer, Patsy Duke and Bob Schlotfeldt were able to continue their streak of winning MVTC tournament meals, serving up jambalaya on Saturday and burgers on Sunday, with a great assortment of breakfast foods both days. Thanks also to Michael Puzon and Bing Seid for providing sinful doughnuts both days, Rosie Birnel for contributing a wonderful salad, Tony Serksnis for delicious pies and Paul Baty for the big bag of cookies. Also thanks to this month's tournament co-directors: Bernie Paragas, Jason Grissom and Kirby Drumm. See you in June!

## Tournament Volunteers Needed

One of the benefits of being a MVTC member is participation in the monthly club run tournaments. The success of these depend upon members willing to act as tournament directors as well as others helping with the food, development of the draws and running the desk. Please volunteer for the one or more of the following upcoming tournaments: July 14-15, MX Dbls ; August 18-19 , Quad Club Team Tennis; Sept 15-16, MD/WS; Oct 13-14, MS/WD. If you would like to act as Tournament Director, or volunteer, please contact [tournaments@mvtc.net](mailto:tournaments@mvtc.net) It's fun, fun, fun!

# Spring SDL Wrap-up

By Karl Mellon

First of all to each and every one of you a BIG thank you for the spirit of fun, competitiveness & fair play brought to the courts each Saturday this is what makes it social doubles.

I hope a number of you will be able to sign up for Summer SDL (thanks AI for stepping forward).

Congratulations to Jeff for winning the men's section with a comfortable lead and to Liz Chambers who slotted the # 1 spot for the ladies and runner up Judy Davenport.



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Spring SDL	Finals	Total Points
Men's Winner	Jeff Ballou	109
Runner up	Karl Melon	101
	Greg Schwartz	100
	Nuwan Jayasena	99
	Mike Siew	95
	Ken Humble	95
	Bob Schlotfeldt	93
	Amba Mohlajee	92
	Don Frischmann	91
	Bill Walt	90
	Paul Chow	89
Ladies' Winner	Liz Chambers	95
Runner up	Judy Davenport	81
	Nancy Pizzo	80
	Rita Brand	75
	Patsy Duke	66

## Summer SDL

AI Lam and Greg Schwartz are the 2007 SDL coordinators. In their absence another coordinator will be at each session to hand out balls, record scores and answer questions. "*The Social Doubles Ladder*", or "*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 the Rengstorff Courts Saturday mornings from 9am - 11am (excludes MVTC tournament dates).

8 session dates have been allocated: **June 30; July 7, 21, 28; August 4, 11, 25; and Sept 8** (Rained out session are rescheduled whenever possible the next available Saturday.) Cost is \$20 per person and sign ups are currently being accepted at [SDL@mvtc.net](mailto:SDL@mvtc.net). For more info, see the attached flyer.

## USTA Combo Teams

By Rajeev Kelkar

Team registration for Combo Doubles is open and continues until June 24. Combo teams are men's teams or women's teams. The format is three individual doubles matches per team match. Teams may enter at any of these levels: 5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5.

Each team level has an upper limit of skill level, and players with ratings above that level may not play on that team:

5.5: highest rating allowed is 3.5

6.5: highest rating allowed is 4.0

7.5: highest rating allowed is 4.5

8.5: highest rating allowed is 5.0

9.5: highest rating allowed is 5.5

The skill levels per partnership are one half step above the traditional Mixed league levels. This encourages players of different levels to join together to take advantage of that extra half. For example, on a 7.5 team, the ideal partnership is a 4.0 with a 3.5, although it can be any combination that does not exceed 7.5. A combination of 3.5 and 3.5 would work, as would a 4.5 and a 3.0 together.

2007 Early Start Ratings, to be published in July, do not apply to players in this league

If you are interested in forming a Combo Doubles team or playing on one, please contact Rajeev Kelkar ([usta@mvtc.net](mailto:usta@mvtc.net)) or Bing Seid ([usta2@mvtc.net](mailto:usta2@mvtc.net)).

## More Spring SDL Photos





## 2007 Social Doubles Ladder Program (SDL)

~ Summer Sessions ~

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Fee: **\$20 per person** for the 8 sessions, which covers court fees, balls and prizes. This is payable at the first session June 30th. Make checks payable to: **MVTC** (cash is OK too!)

### Guidelines and Rules

- **Al Lam** and **Greg Schwartz** are the 2007 SDL coordinators. In their absence another coordinator will be at each session to hand out balls, record scores and answer questions.
- The first week court assignments will be based on our perception of individual ability (or USTA rating). At the end of the session the player with the most points on the court moves up a rank and court, the player with the least moves down a rank and court. A coin toss will decide who goes up or down on tie situations.
- The session is held on courts # 5,6,7,8. All matches are played at the same time. New balls are provided each week.
- 16 Players (hopefully 8 women 8 men) will be paired on the 4 courts and play 3 full sets (may include no Ad games if needed for time sake), switching partners each set. If players do not finish the third set by noon, then points are rounded up to a max of 6, (i.e. 4-3, would become 6-4).
- The 2 hour time limit is rigid and includes warm-up! There is only a 5-min. warm-up for the first match, so please make every effort to arrive on time.
- Each player has the responsibility to ensure that their individual point total is recorded and given to the coordinator at the completion of each session.
- If you cannot attend a Saturday there will be a list of subs for you to choose from. It is YOUR responsibility to find a sub that can play in your place from the list or someone from the club within the correct NTRP level. Subs do not pay. The subs scoring counts for the absent player. If you don't obtain a sub you will leave a court with only 3 players and you will receive 0 points. If there are no subs available, then the 3 players play an "Australian" rules set. The one with the most points goes up and the absent player has no points and goes down.
- At the end of the SDL, a prize will be awarded to the top male and female players (i.e. those with the most number of points/games won).
- Sign up will be on a first comes first served basis and if more than 16 players express interest a waitlist will be created.
- To Sign up, just email ~ [SDL@mvtc.net](mailto:SDL@mvtc.net)



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