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Upcoming Events

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Singles

October 6
Swetka's Equipment
Demo and Fashion Show

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President's Message -

By Mike Rodgers-

As I am writing this, we are only a few days away from the Labor Day Weekend and 3 days of events celebrating MVTC's 40th anniversary. ***If you plan to attend this weekend, please sign up ASAP*** so we can plan appropriately. I'd like to recognize Marc Shaw and Carol Kaplan for doing an outstanding job planning some very special events for MVTC's commemoration. As a reminder, the Bay Bridge will be closed all weekend, so keep that in mind as you're dashing back from Tahoe or Mount Shasta or the Wine Country here to Mountain View on Saturday in order to get Chef Chu's personally prepared dinner and special ambiance provided by Myrna's band.

In recent months, I keep forgetting to put an important piece of information into the Court Report. Contrary to popular belief and vicious rumors to the contrary, ***there is no waiting list for non-residents to join MVTC*** and there hasn't been all year. Even though the last time we had a significant wait list that impacted non-residents' ability to participate was about 3 years ago, but the tennis community must be like an elephant, they never forget, and I keep hearing the topic of the MVTC non-resident wait list being brought up in various conversations. An additional important bit of information is that we changed the policy so that you can play USTA matches on an MVTC team even while you are on a wait list (should that remote possibility ever occur again), so it really shouldn't matter if you're a resident or not if you want to participate in one of the best social tennis clubs around.

One of our most popular activities, the Social Doubles League, is planning to extend a new additional session this year for the fall. Many thanks to Karl Mellon, who has graciously agreed to help coordinate the new session. If you're new to the club and interested in meeting new players or playing doubles in something less cutthroat competitive than (gasp) a USTA match, the SDL is a great place to start. Even if you can't make the 8 week commitment, getting on the substitution list is a great way to get in a couple of extra sessions of weekend tennis.

Last week, the MVTC board unanimously voted to proceed with incorporation of MVTC as a 501(C)(3) public interest non-profit. This will enable MVTC to become a "qualified" CTA (Community Tennis Association) and obtain better insurance at a fraction of what we're paying today through the USTA group purchasing power. In addition, once this process is completed in coming months, contributions to MVTC (like from local vendors, service providers, and even annual MVTC dues) will become tax deductible. This is a major change for the club, but we hope it will be totally transparent to the membership and provide better benefits at lower costs.

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Upcoming Tournaments

Date: September 15-16 (Sat. /Sun.)
Location: Rengstorff Tennis Center
Entry Fee: \$12.00
Entry Deadline: September 8 @ noon,
or on-line September 9 by noon
Participants: Members/Guests
Tournament Director: Nancy Pizzo
Food Directors: Patsy Duke and Bob Schlotfeldt

For more information, please go to
<http://www.mvtc.net/tournaments/>

August Tournament Wrap Up: Quad Team

By Regina Regan

What happens when you mix up players from Tomodachi, Los Altos Tennis Club, Fremont Hills, and MVTC on the courts? You get two days full of challenging and fun team tennis. Saturday morning got off to a gray start, with the Emeralds, Pearls, Jades, and Diamonds battling to see who had the most sparkle. Even though the first rounds were close, by mid morning, it was obvious the Diamonds (captained by Jeff Hecter) and Pearls (captained by Don Frischmann) were the teams to beat, and that the Emeralds (captained by Beth Watt) and Jades (captained by Frank Smyth) were headed for the consolation round.

At the end of the sixth round, it was time to chow down on Mike Rodger's incredible lunch featuring bbq'ed meats, spaghetti, salads, and desserts. Thank you to Mike and everyone else who brought something to share on both Saturday and Sunday. The MVTC knows how to feed their guests!

The Saturday afternoon round featured a little extra tennis, thanks to the fast thinking of Tomadachi's Ken Sakai. Because of the slightly larger team sizes in the P.M., the men were able to play two extra courts of doubles. Topaz (captained by Safdar Ighanian) and Sapphire (captained by Sandro Centofanti) teams finished in the lead, and the Opals (captained by Pat Frischmann) and Rubies (captained by Ray Uribes) were off to the consolation round.

The top four teams faced each other Sunday morning in the championship flight. The Pearls, Diamonds, Sapphires and Topaz teams traded the lead during the first few rounds. True to their name, the Diamonds showed they had the most razzle dazzle, and finished four points ahead of the Sapphires to take the championship.

The afternoon round was tight as well, and only four points separated the teams at the end of the fourth round. Proving they could handle the heat, the Emeralds pulled ahead in the last two rounds to win the consolation championship.

Thank you to everyone who acted as a team captain, and to Patsy Duke, Nancy Pizzo, Kirby Drumm and Mike Rodgers for keeping our tummies full, money straight, and seeing that the tournament ran smoothly. Finally, thank you to Frank Smyth of the LATC, Ken Sakai of Tomodachi, and Adam Nye of FHCC.

Consolation Winners



Tournament Winners



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I was extremely pleased last week to be able to attend the 1st ever meeting of the City of Mountain View Tennis Advisory Board . Besides the 5 citizen advisory board members, including MVTC reps Chris Dateo and Jere Schafer, there were reps from the Rec Dept as well as a manger from Parks Facilities (who do the real work on the courts and parks) as well as Cuesta Operator Tim Foley. A lot of introductory ground was covered in the 1st meeting, but this looks like it will an interesting group to advise the Rec Dept on tennis programs and services in the city as well as provide feedback to us on many issues. The TAB will meet about 3 times per year to work with the rec dept and indirectly with the Parks and Rec Commission. Even in the kick-off meeting, I picked up some interesting info on a number of topics I had little idea about previously. This forum has all the right players to work any number of issues of interest to the local tennis community (conditions of courts, park facilities, other tennis programs, etc). Thanks again to all those who attended the various "Friends of MV Tennis", PRC, and City Council meetings to help make this happen.

The "Friends of MV Tennis" has also been busy driving the creation of an after school tennis program for kids in the Rengstorff neighborhood. The MV PAL (Police Activities League) board approved the proposal and it will be moving ahead with a prototype program in the afternoons at Rengstorff Courts a few weeks long this coming fall with Frank Smyth volunteering to coordinate the tennis instruction along with local youth and tennis playing members of the MVPD. The targeted audience is middle school "at risk" kids in the Rengstorff area who might not otherwise get exposure or opportunities to play tennis. Thanks to all those who already have, or are going to donate racquets (which can be dropped off at Swetka's or at the Cuesta Clubhouse).

Finally, I wanted to bring up one minor topic, distribution of the Court Report. Due to a snafu on our part, those of you who have specifically requested to receive the Court Report in hard copy via US Postal Service have not received recent months' reports. First, I'd like to apologize for the poor execution on our part, but also ask again, the literal handful of you that are asking for this (literally, close to only one MVTC member in a hundred), if you can't receive it electronically instead. It will ALWAYS get to you quicker and more reliably via email notice and the web, and you can just as easily (& more reliably) print out a hardcopy at home yourself if you prefer to read it that way. We're not making it a requirement at this time to be only via electronic, but just want to ask again. Also, we again apologize for not getting out recent copies to folks; you should be getting this month's version in a more timely fashion.

Looking forward to seeing many of you out on the courts and at the big 40th events soon!

-Mike

**Coming Saturday A.M.
October 6**

**Swetka's Equipment
Demo Day and
Fashion Show**

**Rengstorff Park
Courts**

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cotton**



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