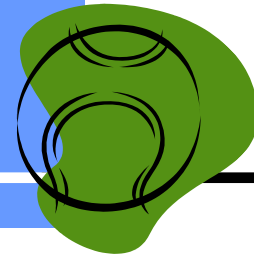


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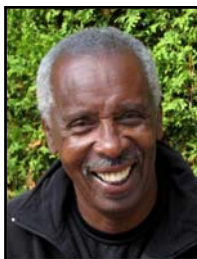
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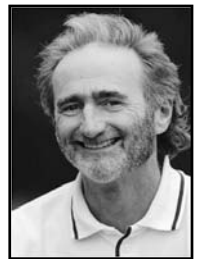
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Don't miss out on the remarkable lineup of presenters scheduled for NorCal's Division Convention, February 6 - 8 at Stanford University. To register, go to norcaluspta.com. Read more inside.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Fellow Pros,

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your President the past two years. I have enjoyed experiencing the bonding with our board and developing friendships while representing USPTA NorCal. It takes a team effort to get the job done! Our board members: **John Ebie, Mike Galli, John Sharpe, Dale Miller, Marc Moran** and **Rosie Bareis** plus **Margie Peterman** supported each other and did an outstanding job. Please be sure to thank them for raising our division standards.

I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of the following:

- **Gary Wong** for creating our new division website.
- All our **Regional Directors** who assisted with our Division Conference registration desk and newsletter articles.
- **Sam Levy, Larry Parker, Greg Ross** and **Weston Reese** who provided assistance at our Conferences.
- **Ron Lowe** for taking photos and providing the video taping for dvds at both conferences and specialty courses.
- The local pros for speaking at our Fall and Division Conferences including Speaker Bureau Pros and Past Presidents: **Mark Fairchilds, Rosie Bareis, Michael Friedman, Jeff Greenwald, Ken DeHart** and **Coach Dick Gould**.
- **Sid Newcomb**, Head Tester, for continuing the professional standards of USPTA certification.
- **John Yandall** for helping to provide exceptional speakers for our division and tennisplayer.net for sponsoring our Living Legends cocktail reception.
- **Coach Dick Gould** for his dedication and commitment to hosting our Division Convention at Stanford University.

Our Fall Conference lived up to the promotion, “*Same experience, new location!*” The weather could not have been better for our understanding speakers and pros. The River Terrace Inn and Napa Valley College provided excellent facilities. Over ninety pros took advantage of this educational opportunity and the chance meet up with friends. **Wayne Elderton’s** Progressive Tennis Workshop on Saturday drew thirty-two participants and the **SAP Open** reception at Cuvee restaurant was enjoyed by over sixty. Special thanks to **Dr. Rebecca Thompson**, our host at Napa Valley College for making sure that everything ran smoothly. When you see **Marc Moran**, thank him for hosting our previous Fall Conferences at the Spanish Bay Tennis Club. For eleven years Marc continually set the standard of high excellence.

Our Executive Director, **Margie Peterman** is retiring this month after eight years of exceptional service. Her care and devotion to our division has been outstanding and we wish her well in her future endeavors. She will surely be missed. **Elaine Hennessy** is our new Executive Director and we are all pleased to have her as part of our team. I am confident that Elaine will uphold the high standards we have set at NorCal.

This next year looks to be more exciting than ever. We have signed a new partnership with the **Bank of the West Classic** who will sponsor our *USPTA Junior Circuit Tournament of Champions* and our *USPTA Ladies Team Tennis Invitational* at the Spanish Bay Tennis Club, May 29-30, for 3.0 and 3.5 teams.

The Division Convention will be held February 6-8 at Stanford University. Speakers include: **Rick Macci, Tracy Austin, Kathy Woods, Marvin Dent, Don Henson, Jak Beardsworth, Jimmy Parker, Bob Love** and **Kirk Anderson**. Check our website at www.norcaluspta.com and click on “2009 Feb Convention” for more details.

Tracy Austin will present a *Cardio Tennis Workout* for students of USPTA pros on February 8 at Stanford University. Please check our website for details and registration. E-mail Elaine Hennessy, at ncuspta@gmail.com for promotional flyers for your club members.

Thank you for the overwhelming support you have given me. The journey has been unforgettable.

Kind regards,

Paul

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2009 DATES THAT RATE

DATE	EVENT
February 6-8	Division Convention, Stanford
February 8-9	Certification Review and Testing, Stanford
February 9-15	SAP Open, San Jose
April 6-7	Certification Review and Testing, SF Tennis Club
June 1-2	Certification Review and Testing, SF Tennis Club
August 24-25	Certification Review and Testing, SF Tennis Club
September 21-26	USPTA World Conference on Tennis Marco Island, FL
November 30-December 1	Certification Review and Testing, SF Tennis Club

Thanks to all you pros who gave me such a warm welcome at the Fall Conference. I am excited to be working with USPTA NorCal and will do my best to keep everything running smoothly. Please bear with me in this time of transition. Feel free to contact me at ncuspta@gmail.com or 925-478-9465. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Division Convention at Stanford. Happy Holidays from USPTA NorCal!

Elaine Hennessy
Executive Director



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Fall Conference

It was a weekend in paradise, November 16-17 at Napa Valley College, where temperatures rose into the 80s and participants learned from a talented host of presenters including Jan Brogan, Dick Gould, Wayne Elderton, Tom Whitten, Anna Elefant, Mark Fairchilds, Matt Morillo, Jeff Greenwald, Rick Hanover, John Yandell and Ken DeHart. Thanks to Paul Garron for all his hard work organizing this educational event.



2009 USPTA Northern California Division

ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION

at Stanford University

February 6-8, 2009

AGENDA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Conference Registration
 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Stroke Analysis: **Don Henson** (Specialty Course)
 9:15-10:45 a.m. "Developing Weapons for Senior Tennis": **Jimmy Parker**
 11 a.m.-Noon "Teaching Personal Best Tennis in Clubland": **Jak Beardsworth**
 Noon-1pm Lunch on own (Lunch may be purchased at Jimmy's Sports Café)
 1-3 p.m. "Bridging the Generation Gap & Lowering the Learning Curve": **Marvin Dent**
 3:30-4:30 p.m. National Feeding Contest 1st place - \$150, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th places - \$50 each
 3:30-5:30 p.m. Manufacturers on Court
 5:30-6:30 p.m. General Meeting
 6:30-9:00 p.m. Awards Banquet Reception sponsored by **SAP Open**: Keynote speaker: **Jimmy Parker**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Conference Registration
 8:30-9:30 a.m. "NoLines - No Feeding: Cooperative and Competitive Partner Drills": **Kirk Anderson**
 courtesy **USTA**
 10 a.m.-4 p.m. NorCal Buying Show
 9:45-10:45 a.m. "Preparing Potent Tennis Practices": **Bob Love**
 11 a.m.-Noon "The Journey: Molding a Player from Day 1 to the Pros": **Rick Macci** courtesy **HEAD/Penn**
 11 a.m.-Noon USTA High School Panel and Round Table: **Jan Brogan, Dick Gould, Jason Scalse**
 Noon-1:45 p.m. Lunch on own (Lunch may be prepurchased at Conference Desk)
 Noon-1:45 p.m. Trade Show Exhibitors
 1:30-5:30 p.m. "Building and Repairing Fundamentals": **Rick Macci** (Specialty Course)
 1:45-2:45 p.m. "Options for Winning": **Bob Love**
 2:45-3:45 p.m. "Handling Large Numbers on a Single Tennis Court": **Kirk Anderson** courtesy of **USTA**
 4-5:15 p.m. "The Right Clicks: Making Information Technology an Web Work For You":
Randy Mattingley, USPTA National Board Member
 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pro Staff Meetings
 6:30-7 p.m. Cocktail Party and Reception sponsored by **tennisplayer.net**
 7-8:30 p.m. Meet the Living Legends: **Rick Macci, Lynne Rolley and Marvin Dent**
 8:30-9:30 p.m. Wrap-up Board Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 7:30-1 p.m. Conference Registration
 8-9 a.m. "Got Balance? Creative Ways to Define Balance on the Court": **Kathy Woods** courtesy **Prince**
 9 a.m.-5 p.m. *Certification Review Course: Head Tester **Sid Newcomb**
 9:10-10:10 a.m. "A Pro's Guide to Self-Publishing": **Jak Beardsworth**
 10:20-11:20 a.m. "Boomers and Beyond, Teaching the 50+ Player": **Kathy Woods** courtesy **Prince**
 11:30-12:30 p.m. "The Top Things My Coach Taught Me That Impacted My Game": **Tracy Austin**
 1-5 p.m. "Competitive Doubles Pattern": **Bob Love** (Specialty Course)
 12:45-2:45 p.m. "Cardio Tennis Workouts for the Consumer" - Session One: **Tracy Austin**
 3-5 p.m. "Cardio Tennis Workouts for the Consumer" - Session Two: **Tracy Austin**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 9:00 - 4 p.m. *USPTA Certification Testing

**You must register through World Headquarters by January 17, 2009 for CRC, Certification Exams, and Upgrades*



2009 USPTA Northern California Division ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION

February 6-8, 2009

SPECIALTY COURSES

Specialty Course No. 1

Title: *Stroke Analysis*

Date: **Friday, February 6, 2009**

Time: **10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Cost: **\$40**

Presented by: **Don Henson**

Description: The science of observing, evaluating, and identifying the actions and movements of tennis players is known simply as stroke analysis. A coach or teacher's ability to understand both the nature and the value of the student's movements greatly enhances his capability to lead the student to a higher level both as a tennis player and athlete. This course has been designed to simplify the stroke analysis process and give each participant an opportunity to experience it.

Specialty Course No. 3

Title: *Competitive Doubles Patterns*

Date: **Sunday, February 8, 2009**

Time: **1 - 5:00 p.m.**

Cost: **\$40**

Presented by: **Bob Love**

Description: This course is designed to introduce the concepts of patterns of placement and movement for doubles. Angular placement, patterns, and sequences are applied to doubles. Creating a learning environment by linking stages of learning with verbalization and other internalizing methods will be emphasized. Other topics include movement pattern drills, styles of play, reversals, counter-smash shifts, and the two-way tandem formation. The program will introduce over 40 drills and 13 competitive plays. Attendees will be urged to participate.

Specialty Course No. 2

Title: *Building and Repairing Fundamentals*

Date: **Saturday, February 7, 2009**

Time: **1:30 - 5:30 p.m.**

Cost: **\$40**

Presented by: **Rick Macci**

Description: To be successful, a pro or coach must be able to build a solid foundation for all strokes and make the necessary corrections when the strokes breakdown. This course will cover different grips, footwork, use of spin, all groundstrokes, net play, serve, lob, half volleys and drop shots.

*Learn more about the
Division Convention at
www.norcaluspta.com.
Register by January 15 for
early bird rates.*





FEBRUARY 9-15 - HP PAVILION AT SAN JOSE

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2009 SAP Open Schedule of Play

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - 7PM

Featuring **PETE SAMPRAS vs. JAMES BLAKE**
(Charity Singles Exhibition)

Followed by another **FEATURED MAIN DRAW MATCH**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - 7PM

Featuring **ANDY RODDICK (1st Round Singles)** and
The BRYAN BROTHERS (1st Round Doubles)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - 7PM

Featuring **JAMES BLAKE (1st Round Singles)** and
JUAN MARTIN DEL POTRO (1st Round Singles)

(Session Times & Players Subject to Change)



Ladies Doubles Challenge

Third annual tournament for ladies with NTRP ratings of 3.0-4.0. Hosted January 26 - 30, 2009 at Los Gatos Swim & Racquet Club in Los Gatos. Entry fee includes a baseline lower ticket to watch Andy Roddick and the Bryan Brothers on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 evening session at SAP Open. Every team is guaranteed at least 3 matches! **Click [here](#) for an entry form.** Check out the details on our website at

<http://www.sapopentennis.com/events/LadiesDoubleChallenge.asp>

For More Information About Ladies Doubles Challenge,
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Featuring "Gold Medal Winning Wines" from Brassfield Estate Winery. Come out & enjoy our 5th annual "Ladies Day" on Thursday, February 12 & Friday, February 13, 2009. Tickets are \$74 on Thursday and \$84 on Friday and includes a VIP Sideline Box Seat, Gourmet Four Course Lunch and tasting four distinctively delicious Brassfield Estate Wines at The Grill at HP Pavilion. Plus you'll be included in a drawing for fantastic prizes! **Click [here](#) for an entry form.** Check out all the details for the luncheons on our website at

<http://www.sapopentennis.com/events/LadiesDay.asp>

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CONTRA COSTA

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There is a never ending question for all of us: how do we get more clubs involved in league play? Seven pros from the Lamorinda area met December 2 to hash out ideas on how to get more clubs involved in league play. Brian Thomas, Steve Squire, Mark Orwig, Patrick Hermanson, Alan Weissbaum, Bernard Sutter, and John Sharpe talked about summer, spring and fall 6-week leagues. They also decided that they were going to try more coed formats. If anyone else out there has good ideas for leagues email John Sharpe at sharpe@comcast.net. A big thanks to Mark Orwig for providing the meeting place plus food and drinks.

Dale Miller reports that he has sadly given up the last of the four sanctioned tournaments at his ClubSport Valley Vista facility as more adults and juniors are enjoying league play rather than tournament play. An increase in lesson participation occurred when fellow USPTA Pro Chris Magyary created his version of Cardio Tennis called "Tennis Boot Camp." Other activities at ClubSport Valley Vista include Rhonda Gibbs' home school

lesson program and Ben Price's younger beginners' lessons.

John Sharpe has added a new USPTA pro to his junior staff: Dan Goeriz. The idea of having in-house matches on Fridays for Rancho's junior program worked out great! The parents were eager to see their juniors play each week. They will keep this program up in the winter and then roll it into the new 6-week Lamorinda Spring League.

Wow, a lot of construction going on in our neck of the woods! This should be good for the economy. Dale Miller reports that ClubSport Valley Vista successfully completed re-constructing 13 of their 19 courts. They have used a process that should keep their courts crack free and softer playing for more than 15 years. The courts are US Open blue and green. Rancho Colorado's courts are undergoing a \$2 million renovation. The work has started on Head Pro John Sharpe's new tennis building. Those visiting will no longer get to stand in his old shack (the size of the Unabomber's shack). The club is also adding a whole new pool building and petro matting all five courts.

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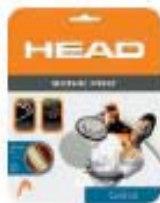
Sean Dizon, Assistant Coach for USF Men's tennis, and Head Coach Peter Bartlett ran six summer tennis camps that were very successful with over 200 kids attending. Bartlett and Dizon will also hold a winter junior tennis camp in December. For more information log on to www.collegesportscamp.com.

Bartlett's men's team finished ranked No. 66 in the nation for NCAA Division 1, and look to build upon their success to make the NCAA Tournament in May of 2009. For more information on USF men's tennis please log on to www.usfdons.com.



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SOUTH BAY

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the South Bay!

In September, Courtside hosted the largest Junior Tournament in NorCal. We had almost 900 entries: 650 in singles and 250 in doubles. It was a fabulous event! In November, we hosted the CCS Girls' Team and Individual Championships. Congratulations to Mitty and Saratoga High for reaching the finals of CCS and the Nor Cal's. The "Old Dogs" at Courtside, Tim Sunderland & Gordon Collins, have now been there for 30 years. Congratulations to Tim for coaching his fiftieth USTA NorCal JTT Championship team this past summer. He's in a league by himself. Chris Duarte is having a busy fall. He's the captain of the Tennis on College Campuses for SJSU while trying to get the rest of the USPTA Pros at Courtside organized and technically into the 21st century.

The South Bay Pros met to discuss plans for the Summer Junior Program for 2009 so we can get a running start for the June through August event. Thanks

to Rodney Kop for organizing the event.

South Bay Pros are continuing to play weekend matches with their novice and challenger level players to give them some match play experience. Thanks to Silver Creek, Los Gatos, Almaden Swim & Racquet Club, San Jose Swim & Racquet Club and AVAC.

Ken DeHart competed in a week long Good Will Tour and Senior Tournament in Beijing, China. Two Americans, two South Africans, two Germans, four Swiss and one Austrian competed against players from the Beijing Tennis Association, local clubs, Chinese players and the Beijing police. The visiting team, headed by Swiss Captain, Martin Baroch conducted clinics for juniors in addition to the matches.

The team also visited the Great Wall - amazing; the Forbidden City - gigantic, the Olympic Stadium - beautiful and the Olympic Tennis Center - full of great memories of matches where the Olympic Tennis was played. What a memorable experience for all of us! Beijing is such a clean city with very good roads and very gracious hosts everywhere we went who love Americans and Europeans; a truly amazing city of 15

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million. Ken has over 1200 pictures to help remember this life time event.

Ken DeHart and Jeff Greenwald were coaches and speakers at Mark Bey's National Junior Tennis Conference and Training Camp in Chicago, Illinois. Top ranked players from the Midwest, including the No. 1 ranked boy's player in the nation in the boys' 16s, met to participate in three days of competition and match play at the Libertyville Club and Lincolnshire Club. Other coaches included Steve Smith, Peter Cameron from Canada and Mark Kovacs from Sports Science USTA Player Development.

The USTA Midwest conducted clinics for parents on tournaments and ranking information. Coaches from Notre Dame, Northwestern, Alabama, Illinois, Michigan and several other universities were there to look at the top players in the country and to discuss how to get recruited for college with the players and parents.

Jeff Greenwald presented "Dealing with the Pressures of Match Play". He demonstrated, while playing one of the top juniors, how to manage stress during the match. Ken demonstrated "Singles Strategy for Every Situation" for players, parents and coaches. Mark Bey, who presented at the USPTA NorCal conference at Stanford encouraged each section to conduct similar clinics and training camps to help players and parents deal with the rigors of junior tennis.

Chris Yoder is looking for part-time help in Morgan Hill and Hollister, helping out with Junior Development. He can be reached at yodertennis@gmail.com

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SACRAMENTO

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After serving as the Regional Director for the Sacramento Area for the past seven years, I will be stepping down to serve on the USPTA Northern California board. Replacing me will be Felipe Monroy. Felipe has been a USPTA member for the past 18 years and has been the Director of Tennis at Arden Hill Resort Club and Spa located in Sacramento since 2003. Arden Hills has won *Sacramento Magazine's* coveted award, "Best Spa 2005-2008." Felipe worked for and was mentored directly by Nick Bollettieri at his IMG Academy in Florida. He takes junior players and adults to the academy twice a year. You can contact Felipe by phone at 916-879-0212 or by email at tenniscalifornia@aol.com



Rich Andrews is the Director of Tennis for Sparetime Inc. Sparetime owns 13 clubs in and around the Sacramento Area. Rich is happy to announce the newest addition to their family: Diamond Hills Spa in Oakley CA. Andrews reports, "New Director of Tennis Winston Owen is relocating from Florida to head up our tennis program. Winston is originally from Venezuela and has a wealth of experience in the industry."

Vic Borgogno is from Grass Valley. He enjoys teaching five to ten hours a week from his private court in his home. An engineer by training, he has been working diligently for the past few years with PlayMate Ball machines. He reports, "I have been working with Dave Houston (PlayMate Ball Machine Norcal Rep) trying to finish a beta testing on the timing light. The device will be exciting for the serious student wanting to learn how the pros do the split step."



For those of you that missed the Napa Fall Conference, get the DVD! There were great presentations from a lot of fantastic pros including Jan Brogan, former Cal Women's Coach, and Dick Gould, former Stanford Men's Coach. For those of you that teach little kids a must DVD is Wayne Elderton's Progressive Tennis. I cannot say enough about the guy. He works with Tennis Canada in developing their system of teaching. You can get more info about Wayne by going to his website www.acecoach.com. Kudos to Paul Garron and the NorCal board for thinking outside the box and getting Wayne to conduct an eight-hour specialty course at the conference. Pros from Sacramento who took his course are pictured from left to right: Martha Downing, Kenny "6" Pack, Sue Davis, Wayne Elderton and Monty Basnyat. Not in picture: Art Williams.

Bill Kreger of Auburn Racquet and Fitness Club congratulates Kristen Wingate and Chris Sterr for being named USTA NorCal "Players of the Year" in the 2.5 Division. This honor is given to the tournament players with the best record of success over the past year. The women's 5.5 USTA combo team from ARFC and a team from Johnson Ranch represented the Sacramento area at the USTA District Championships in Fresno, December 5-7. Team members include Helen Berott, captain, Kristen Wingate, co-captain, Sharon Andrade, Sarah Bentley, Dawn Clifton, Sheila Evancie, Thelma Osburg, Kathryn Silvestri, Pat Steinbarth, Chris Sterr, Holly Sullivan, Nyo Thet, Kelly Watts, Linda Wuelfing, and Teresa Ysunza. Dennis Wingate is captain of the USTA Men's 6.5 combo team that will represent the Sacramento area at the District Championships. Patti Boyer is heading to Nationals as her Super Senior team won the NorCal Sectionals. Following are ARFC doubles teams competing in the Grand Prix, an invitational year-end tournament rewarding the most successful players: Kristen Wingate and Chris Sterr, 2.5; Chris Sterr and Eric Andrus, 3.0; Cathie Haragan and Helen Berott, 3.0, and Brenda Roberts and Molly Phillips, 4.0.



EAST BAY

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Andrew Fearnside, Tennis Director at the Livermore Valley Tennis Club, has just completed the USTA High Performance course to become a USPTA competitive player development specialist. He reports that the junior tennis program has grown quickly and can now boast 32 sectionally ranked and 12 nationally ranked junior players. Under Fearnside's guidance, the tournament training level of the LVTC junior programs has increased to record numbers. LVTC juniors are now a factor in many of the tournaments in the East Bay, and Andrew and his staff predict continued growth and good results.

Jerry Conrad, Head Tennis Pro at the Oakland Hills Tennis Club is pleased to announce that Jan Brogan has taken the position as assistant tennis professional and will be available for on court and off court instruction. Jan was the coach of the Cal Women's tennis team for many years and recently retired. She led Cal to the NCAA playoffs for 20 consecutive years and will bring many talents to Oakland Hills.

Steve Shaw, Tennis Director at the Claremont Country Club reports that the East Bay Junior League just finished with 10 local teams participating. Jerry Conrad and Rosie Bareis are the organizers. Every Friday afternoon junior matches are played with six singles and three doubles (12 players), targeting non-ranked novice-challenger 9-14 year olds.

On October 21, 40 tennis players, 50 golfers, and 20 bridge players participated in the Ladies Score for the Cure Cancer Fundraiser with the proceeds going to Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Care. \$26,000.00 was raised for the charity.

In the Generation Gap Tournament, soon to be an annual event, six of our top boys high school players competed against six of our top men with the juniors losing 5-4 (six singles/three doubles).

Bill Patton, Tennis Director for Union City reports that his Mission San Jose High School Boys' and Girls' teams swept the team, singles and doubles MVAL League championships in '08. The No. 9 seeded boys defeated No. 1 seeded Redwood in the NCS playoffs. The No. 7 seeded girls beat Miramonte and then No. 2 seeded San Ramon Valley. Both upsets came down to third set tiebreakers so it was very exciting. Brandon Nguyen and the doubles team of Mahita Penke/Julia Chang were the clutch performers.

Overall, programs are up by 250% over the fall of '08, but there is a serious need for help for some promising young players who cannot afford continuing training, especially in Hayward and San Lorenzo. 50, 75, and 90% scholarships are now being given. If interested in helping out, please contact Bill Patton at 510-909-3662. All tournament income now goes toward the foundation created in the spring of 2008. The hope is to raise enough money to fund educational support, tournament fees, and repair crumbling facilities.

Larry Parker, Tennis Director from ClubSport Fremont, reports that members fared well in their November 3.0, 4.0, 5.0 tournament. In the seven flights that were held (a total of 150 entrants), four were won by members. During the first weekend of the tournament, four combo doubles teams qualified for the league playoffs in Fresno. The same weekend as the playoffs, 17 kids were testing in the Grips Program. The next tournament at CSF starts January 10, and is 3.5, 4.5, 5.5 singles and doubles. In conjunction with the USPTA NorCal Convention, Jim Parker, brother of CSF Tennis Director, Larry Parker, will conduct two public clinics (one adult and one junior--How to Take your Game to the Next Level) at the club on Thursday, February 5. Jim has won 97 gold balls and is a USPTA Master Pro. Any pro who would like to be on court in the clinic and/or bring students should contact Larry at 510-226-8500 ext 516.

As for me at Hidden Hills, we just completed a couples mixer which turned out to be one of our best socials ever. Although at times it was hard to see the court due to smoke from the barbeque, all had a great time. The junior program is growing. I'm taking ten kids to the Sleepy Hollow USPTA Tournament, which will be a great experience for many first time tournament players. We are going to get a few more on the map also.

Hidden Hills is going to plan a 4-8 club interclub/tournament coming up in the first part of the New Year. If you are interested, please contact Jason Beardslee at 510-690-0060.

Wishing you all the best for this holiday season.

**MONTEREY**

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Jon Tarr has a year round USTA team program playing out of Ramsay Park in Watsonville. Several teams have qualified for district level playoffs, and the 9.0 mixed doubles team finished second at sectional finals. Jon completed his third year of coaching the girls' team at Pajaro High School and will be coaching the boys in the spring. Jon is complementing the program at Rio Del Mar by teaching some clinics for juniors and adults, and was recently named "Citizen of the Year" by the Freedom Rotary Club for his many years of work the community.

Tina Romeka is the new Director of Tennis at Meadowbrook Swim and Racquet Club in Seaside, and offers adult and junior clinics for members and nonmembers. Meadowbrook hosted a challenger and novice tournament on November 15 and 16, which was a huge success due to the support of many local professionals. The juniors all had a positive experience.

Brian Cory, Director of Tennis at Carmel Valley Athletic Club, reports that CVAC is fielding A, B, and C level teams in the Monterey Bay Interclub Leagues. The after school junior program is in full swing and they fielded Senior USTA league teams this fall. CVAC had a "2 Man Sneaks and Cleats" event for the members in October, and hosted the NorCal Senior/Open Grand Prix on October 20-26.

Megan Goudarzi of Chaminade Resort recently completed her second year of coaching the Harbor High girls' team with Allison Weston as her assistant.

Rick Kepler, of Seascope Sports Club, recently hired Brad Weston as associate pro. Rick completed his first year of coaching the Aptos High girls' team, where his daughter Hayley played singles as a freshman.

Judy Newman of La Madrona Swim and Racquet Club held a junior tournament for local players, a wine and tennis event in the fall, and is planning a holiday party for members and guests including live music, drinks, desserts, tree decorating, kids cookie-making and free baby sitting by the club's teen tennis stars. Judy is also planning a January ski trip to Northstar-at-Tahoe, a favorite among members. La Madrona had a great season of combo league teams and anticipates several mixed teams in the coming season. 80 juniors participated in the fall junior program. Last, but not least, the courts are being resurfaced and they are turning US Open blue and green. Judy sends holiday wishes from La Madrona.

Paul Zaretsky, Tennis Club of Rio Del Mar, would like to announce the latest addition to his family. Ben Asher Zaretsky arrived on July 12th at a healthy eight pounds. Ben's sister, Autumn, at age 3 1/2, will be ready to show him around the court as she has been taking lessons once a week for the past year. Her favorite drill is riding around the court in daddy's teaching cart. Paul's teaching schedule continues to be very full despite the recession. Paul recently participated as a tester for the certification exam held at the USPTA conference in Napa. He, along with Sid Newcomb, tested ten new applicants and current members who were upgrading their ratings.

Roy Gessford recently completed his fourth year of coaching the girls' tennis team at York School. Roy has also been teaching at Gardiner's Resort where Lori McPherson is the Director of Tennis. Gardiner's recently hosted a Woodies and Whites tournament, in which Roy participated.

Gay Finch attended the USPTA Fall Conference, held at Napa Valley Community College. Monterey Bay professionals attending the women's luncheon meeting were Wendy Grover, Lori McPherson, Elizabeth Canepa, Marvel Howarth, Laura Alioto, Susan Reeder, and Gay Finch. Others in attendance were Rosie Bareis, Sandy Gostanian, Jan Brogan, Anna Elefant, Maria Wacker, and Margie Peterman. There will be a women's retreat on February 11 at the Claremont Resort Hotel. Anyone interested in speaking should contact Rosie at rbareis@claremontresort.com or Gay at: gayfinch@aol.com. Those attending participated in a lottery to commit to writing either a tennis tip or biography for upcoming newsletters. Thanks to Matt Morillo, Spanish Bay, for giving a wonderful presentation of the "Siege of a Castle" singles strategy. Other attendees from Monterey Bay were Steve Proulx of Carmel Valley Tennis Camp, and Bill Finch who coached the St. Francis High School girls' tennis team in the fall.



RENO/TAHOE

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Here it is November and still we have the most wonderful weather in the 70s! Many of the tennis players in the Northern Nevada area play tennis in the late spring, summer and early fall and hit the ski slopes in late fall. This year however, without the snow, more people than ever are still playing tennis.

The Biggest Little Tennis Association (BLTA) held *The Reno/Tahoe Tennis Hall of Fame* for 2008 on Thursday, November 13 and the keynote speaker was the legendary Dick Gould of Stanford University. There were 158 participants who attended and honorees included: Edward Feinhandler the 2008 Hall of Fame inductee; the Northern Nevada Regional High School winners: Reno High Boys' Team and Galena High Girls' Team; Northern Nevada Individual Champions: Boys' Singles - 1st Jeff Mullen (2nd place in State), 2nd

Phillip Hinojosa, 3rd James TenBroeck; Girls' Singles - 1st Amelia Ritger, 2nd Hannah Llop, 3rd Shelly Tone; Boys' Doubles - 1st Warrick MacMillan/Charles McArthur, 2nd Jacob Manning/Nathan Platt, 3rd Kevin Nomura/Austin Rudd; Girls' Doubles - 1st Lindy Deller/Adrian Potter, 2nd Lindsey Buchanan/Savannah Cherry, 3rd Emily McClintock/Leann Roggensack. This year the Biggest Little Tennis Association awarded Grand Prix points for participants in the Reno/Tahoe Satellite Tournaments. Boys winners were: 10 & under Michael Johnson, 12 & under Jacob Lokshin, 14 & under Kenneth Stark, 16 & under Tyler Ramirez, 18 & under Spencer Brinson. Girls winners were: 10 & under Ashley Pikero, 12 & under McCall Board, 14 & under Conner Board, 16 & under Hailey Llop, 18 & under Danielle Jackson.

The Biggest Little Tennis Association is working on a USTA Recreational Coaches Workshop. Pending approval of USTA NorCal the workshop will be held on March 8, 2009 with Rosie Bareis as the facilitator. On March 7 a CPR class and a "Teaching Kids to Play

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Tennis" clinic will be held by Bob Deller. As information becomes available regarding this workshop it will be posted at www.funkytennis.us.

JoJo Townsell, MeFiYi USTA NJTL of Minden reports that all programs have shut down until spring/summer '09. He is considering a Rapid Rally contest that would take place summer of 2009.

Chad Stoloff, Men's Head Coach at the University of Nevada, Reno, and Sylvian Malroux, Wolf Pack Women's Head Coach, have announced their 2009 schedule. Log on to www.nevadawolfpack.com.

USPTA Pro John Ebie of the Caughlin Club is currently working on his 4th annual trip with local high school players to visit the Stanford University tennis teams and meet Coach Gould. He has preliminary plans for the 2nd annual Breast Cancer Research fund raiser planned for early summer of '09. He is working on his "Coach the Coaches" workshop which he plans for April '09 where high school coaches are invited to a free workshop on singles and doubles strategies.

Kurt Richter, Nevada Tennis reported that his summer camps at McQueen High School were a hit. He has discontinued his program until spring 2009 due to the approaching winter months.

Washoe 'Kidz' Tennis reports that all tennis programs have been completed for the fall. Spring programs at several elementary schools with after school and before school programs on the blacktop are already being discussed. The USPTA Recreational Coaches Mandy Agerholm, Jan Carson, Christine Fegert, Michelle McKibbin, Kristen Ratto and USPTA coaches Christine Brenner and Christy Funk are meeting to plan 2009 spring and summer youth tennis programs.

Christy Funk, USPTA Regional Director and owner of Funky Tennis pro shop: I have been working with the BLTA to gear up for the 2009 Satellite Tournament Series. Northern Nevada/Tahoe facilities have already been contacted regarding their dates for 2009. Grand Prix points will again be offered. Last year there were ten tournaments in the series and inquiries have been made regarding adding two more tournaments this year. Anyone interested in placing their tournament in the series, please contact me.

Funky Tennis reports a very slow fall at the shop. The slow economy has affected programs in the area and pro-shop sales. Now that the elections are finished I am hopeful that 2009 will balance out and the market will settle down. See everyone in February at the USPTA Conference at Stanford.



Reno/Tahoe Tennis Hall of Fame Gala Organizers: Jan Carson, Mandy Agerholm, Kristen Ratto, Michelle McKibbin, Sonia Joy, Christy Funk

NAPA/SOLANO

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There are lots of exciting tennis activities going on in the Napa/Solano Region. First of all, President Paul Garron and the board gave us a fantastic Fall Conference at Napa Valley Community College. Attending from the Napa/Solano Region were Sam Levy, Chris Arns, Rick Hanover (presenter), Paul Garron, Michael Friedman, Jason Pfister, DeDee Winfield and myself. All the pros I talked with agreed it was one of the best Fall Conferences in years!

Here are some of the activities going on at the clubs:

Sam Levy and Chris Arns at Napa Valley Country Club are hosting the Kazakhstan Fed and Davis Cup teams. Dmitry Tursunov and Vitaly Gorin are working with Sam and the teams. Sam is very excited to be able to offer the Napa tennis community a chance to see world class tennis in action. In case of rain USPTA pros Marc Moran and Weston Reece have offered their indoor facilities.

Rick Hanover and the Napa Valley Tennis Association have also seen excitement in Napa. When not presenting at the Fall Conference, Rick is busy with his active junior program. The NVTa hosted the girls' high school sections in November. They have also been busy in the Senior Leagues with **four section championship** teams. They include the Women's Super Senior 65's 3.0, Men's Super Senior 65's 3.0, Men's Super Senior 60's 6.0, and the 50 Mixed 6.0. NVTa was also voted the NTRP 3.0 Tournament of the Year.

Michael Friedman and Jason Pfister at Millennium-Rancho Solano report that they have three adult combo teams at districts: the Men's 8.5 and the Women's 5.5 and 7.5 teams. Their afterschool junior program is thriving with more than 40 juniors participating. The end of the year tennis banquet, "Love Fest" is scheduled for December.

Stephane Lawrence's Rodriquez High School girls' team had a perfect 14-0 record in the Solano County Athletic Conference. Her No. 1 player, Chyna Brown, also won the league singles tournament. Additionally, Stephane runs an open play and lesson program at Rodriquez on Saturday mornings.

Barry Young from Solano Athletic Club tells me his daughter Erin is now a senior at St. Mary's in Moraga. Erin was a highly ranked NorCal junior and we wish her luck in her final year of college tennis.

Here at Millennium-Vacaville we have just finished a busy fall. We host and I co-coached the Wood High School girls' tennis team. The school doesn't have courts so the girls practice and play their matches at the club. We have a no cut policy so our team has increased to 38 girls! We also hosted a Rally for the Cure event and raised over \$700 for breast cancer research. I sponsored Tom Sherry into the USPTA and he has now moved to Bishop, CA where he is in charge of the city tennis program.

I would appreciate all the Napa/Solano pros sending me your email addresses so that it will be easier to collect all your interesting news for the next newsletter. Please email me at mhansen@milleniumsportsclub.com. Have a great holiday season!

Welcome New Members

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FRESNO

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Get to know the Pros in Fresno:

Francisco Gonzalez has been the Head Tennis Professional at Sierra Sport & Racquet Club since 1998. He is USPTA Professional 1 certified since 1992 and USPTR certified since 1994. Francisco competed at No. 1 for Ohio State University from 1973 to 1976 where he was an All-American. He was a member of the U.S. Junior Davis Cup Team in 1975-76. In addition, he played Davis Cup for Paraguay (1983-1990 World Group), and for Puerto Rico (1992-1995) where he served as team captain.

Gonzalez played on the ATP Tour from 1977 to 1990 and was consistently ranked in the top 100 in singles and doubles with his highest ranking at No. 34 in singles and No. 22 in doubles. He has outstanding career wins over Ivan Lendl, Jimmy Connors, Stefan Edberg, Andres Gomez, Vitas Gerulaitis, Yannick

Noah, Elliot Teltscher, Johan Kriek, and Henri Leconte.

Francisco holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a major in Management from InterAmerican University, Puerto Rico. His duties at Sierra Sport include teaching and coaching juniors and adults from beginner to advanced levels. Gonzalez' teaching background is rich with experience including coach, manager and part owner of the South Dayton Swim and Racquet Club, 1984-1986; Head Instructor at the University of Florida summer camp, 1988; Director of Junior Development at the Bonaventure Racquet Club in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 1989-1990, and Head Tennis Professional and owner of the pro shop at the San Francisco Tennis Club in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, 1990-1997. He was the head of Puerto Rico's USTA Area Training Center in 1990 and 1991, as well as the Head Coordinator of USTA's Area Training Center in 1998, 1999, and 2000.

When you come to Sierra, take a moment to stop and listen. You'll hear Franny's enthusiasm on the court. His students of all ages love his passion for learning, for life, and for tennis!



CENTRAL VALLEY

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Wow, what a change in temperature! As I write this column it is 40 degrees in Modesto. We are also experiencing fog and damp cold nights.

Steve Tiffin, Director of Tennis at the Woodbridge Golf and Country Club, is having knee surgery in December. We wish him a speedy recovery!

"Hello, Scott Borowiak. Where in the world are you? "Well, Jack, I'm in Manzillo with 100 adult tennis players and I am having a great time! I will see you at the Spring Conference at Stanford."

Mark Fairchilds, the Director of Tennis at the Modesto Fitness & Racquet Club has been very busy this fall with women's leagues, clinics, and Brian Heiser's ever growing junior program. The first weekend in

December, they both are busy with the Santa Challenger Tournament for juniors.

Modesto had a mixer with Michael Friedman's club the day before the Fall Conference. Five of the juniors stayed and attended the conference in Napa.

Mark ran a turkey shoot for the adults, while Brian had a Cornish game hen shoot for the juniors. Both were well attended and successful.

Just after Christmas, the Modesto Club's most eligible bachelor, Brian Heiser, will marry Melissa Petz. The Modesto women's "C" team had a surprise shower for Brian in December (Melissa knew). He was really surprised and a great time was had by all!

The Brenda Athletic Clubs are looking forward to two bus trips to the SAP Tournament this year.

Merry Christmas to everyone and I hope to see you at the upcoming Spring Conference in February 2009.