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Ken DeHart
“7 Habits to Prolong your Career as a Teaching Professional”

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President's Message



by Paul Garron

Hi USPTA NorCal Pros,

It was great to see that 57 of our pros participated in the tournaments and/or seminars at the USPTA World Conference at La Quinta Resort. If you missed the World Conference this year, mark your calendar that the USPTA World Conference will be back at La Quinta in 2010. It was great to get feedback on the different speakers from several NorCal pros.

Last month USPTA NorCal and SAP signed an agreement to continue our strong partnership. This agreement was signed at the Claremont Resort & Spa during our board meeting where lunch was provided by SAP. In the new agreement SAP will be sponsoring our food reception at our Fall Conference and Division Convention. Special thanks to Mike Galli, Bill Rapp, Judy del Rosario and Pete Windham for their involvement.

It was announced at the Executive Board Meeting at La Quinta that we have another new endorsee, Get Courtside. The Web site company, Get Courtside makes the job of the pro easier with a centralized Web site to create and run challenge ladders, flex leagues, teaching programs and social events. There are no costs to the pros but your members will be charged a low on-line event fee. Go to www.getcourtside.com to see the details and options.

Our USPTA NorCal Fall Conference will be at Napa Valley College and our host hotel is River Terrace Inn. The Conference will be Nov. 16-17. We will be offering a eight-hour workshop: Progressive Tennis: 1/2 court and 3/4 court on Saturday, Nov. 15. On Sunday, Nov. 16 we will be partnered with USTA NorCal in offering a USTA NorCal High School Coaches Workshop. If you know any High School Coaches, please have them contact Cheryl Silva at Silva@norcal.usta.com to register.

If you are interested in being on our 2009 USPTA NorCal Board, please contact Rosie Bareis at rbareis@claremontresort.com. All board interviews will take place on Sunday, Nov. 16th at the USPTA NorCal Fall Conference at Napa Valley College. Any Pros interested in being a chairperson of a committee or a committee member, please contact Paul Garron at pjgarron@aol.com. The more involved you are, the stronger our division will be.

You can nominate your self or another USPTA NorCal Pro for an individual 2008 USPTA NorCal award. The forms and different awards are on our Web site (www.norcaluspta.com) and will be at the registration desk at the Fall Conference. You *must* be a USPTA Pro to receive these individual awards. There are some exceptions for the Specialty Awards.

Make a note that our 2009 USPTA NorCal Division Convention will be at Stanford University on Feb. 6 - 8

Enjoy the good weather and I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference and/or Division Convention.

Kind regards,
Paul

Notice

USPTA NorCal will be having a new Executive Director as of Dec. 1, 2008. Her name is Elaine Hennessy and she lives in Walnut Creek. She has started her training and will be attending the Fall Conference in Napa. Please come on by to introduce yourself and meet her. Look for an e-mail blast for contact information for her toward the end of November.

Margie Peterman, your retiring ED will continue through November. She does not plan to move from Tracy and will be available for consulting after she leaves her position.

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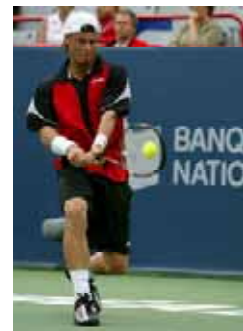


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Again this year we'll be kicking off opening night in fine style, with 14-time Grand Slam Champion **PETE SAMPRAS** playing a charity singles exhibition match against **JAMES BLAKE** on **Monday, February 9 at 7:00pm.**

For all the most current 2009 SAP Open information, please log on to our website at www.sapopentennis.com



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San Francisco

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Jason Blum played in the USPTA Grass Court Championships at Philadelphia Cricket Club this past August. Blum said that the "USPTA grass court tournament at the Philadelphia Cricket Club was an amazing experience." Ian Crookenden, the Director of Tennis at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, ran an excellent tournament. There were USPTA Pros from all across the U.S. who played in the tournament, and there were some phenomenal grass court players. Blum encourages NorCal USPTA Pros to think about playing in the grass court tournament next August, 2009 at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Blum says that "it will be a tennis experience that you will always remember!"



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From Clark Corey of Carmel Valley Ranch: Our Summer was full of activity this year with a Junior program that played host to over 100 children over an 8 -week period. We also conducted a special Girl's High School Tennis team practice session to get everyone ready for the season. Between annual events such as our Woodies & Whites and Red, White and Blue Mixers we also helped host the USTA Adult League Sectionals which saw some fantastic play at all levels. We concluded our Summer season with the annual Club Doubles Championships over Labor Day.

The Fall season has kicked off with a busy Junior program with an emphasis on the 4 – 10 age range. We will also be hosting the USTA Senior Sectionals in October and look forward to a fun weekend of great tennis. The MBLL season has started with CVR hosting both an A and B team this year as well as a few USTA teams playing in their leagues.

Our initial Rally for the Cure tennis event was rained out in early October but we are looking forward to setting a new date to hold that special event. The rest of the Fall will included monthly themed events and a Sneaks and Cleats event.

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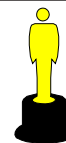
Nominations for

2009 Board of Officers

The Nominating Committee of the USPTA NorCal Division is soliciting candidates for the 2009 Board of Officers. If you or anyone you know would like to serve, please submit their names to Margie Peterman at 2299 Ogden Sannazor Drive, Tracy, CA 95377 no later than Nov. 5, 2008.



Awards Nominations



Another year has passed and it is time to nominate and honor USPTA NorCal members who have distinguished themselves both on and off the court. Their contributions to tennis, their community and to the USPTA have made them role models for all of us to follow.

To start the process, please nominate a pro in your region. You may nominate someone in any or all of the various categories, so that we can honor their hard work and devotion to the sport of tennis. You may check the categories on www.norcaluspta.com.

Please submit your nominations to Paul Garron at 707-864-0660 or e-mail him at pjgarron@aol.com.

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Contra Costa

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How about this weather! Autumn summer is still around. Nice and warm during the day, cool in the evenings. Most things are back to a normal level after the summer whirlwind of events.

Our after-school programs are getting back to a better level. Most of the kids were away for the summer. The girls high school tennis is in full swing. Bill Patton visited our club with his girls from Fremont High School vs. Crondellet High School. Crondelette High School uses our club for practice and matches.

I really missed not attending the USPTA World Conference, thank goodness for the Fall Conference in Napa. John Sharpe came away with a really good tip from the World Conference: communicate with the parents of all your group clinics. The Topdog program can really help with this.

The USPTA Junior Circuit in Contra Costa started off with a bang at Round Hill Country Club with 72 juniors participating. Many thanks to Sue Leo, John Graham, and Ankit Arora for their support. Contra Costa has a total of nine tournaments during 2008-2009 season. USPTA has added a new area, Alameda County which will host four tournaments. Solano is hosting six events.

Rancho Colorado is undergoing a \$2 million renovation project that will include a new pool, club house, new tennis building and court renovation. All work should be finished by May 1, 2009. Rancho Colorado has 50 kids participating in their Fall junior programs and have added Friday afternoon matches to the program for the juniors who are in the team clinics, private lessons, and groups. The parents seem very excited about this added benefit to the program.

ClubSport Pleasanton is getting ready for our November Challenger and the Holiday Events including the "secret gift exchange". The club is also having their Breast Cancer Round-Robin for a cure in October. Marc

Moran is looking forward to the two tennis exchange matches with the ClubSports clubs, Valley Vista and Pleasanton.

Seen at the USPTA World Conference from the Contra Costa area: The three amigos of Mark Ortwig, Steve Shaw and Brian Berry, plus Sue Leo, Joan Scharr, and Peter Benko.

South Bay

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Greetings from the South Bay. Summer has come and gone, hopefully everyone had a great one!

Gordon Collins reports Courtside had a terrific month of August. On Monday, August 4th Courtside hosted the US Olympic Tennis Team for a practice prior to taking off to Beijing. It included Venus, Serena, Lindsay, James & Robbie. Members had a great time watching them practice – and it was especially awesome for the kids. Their Boys' 15 USTA Junior Team Tennis continued on page 6

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team went on to win their 50th NorCal title and 30th State Championship. In September, they are hosting the annual Junior Championships & Open - they expect to have over 600 kids competing! On a sad note, Aaron Klapper, a long time junior and a Member of their teaching staff is moving off to Florida - we wish him the best - and come back soon!!!

Todd Dissly reports Great News!!

The first phase of the LGHS Facility Renovation project (\$90,000) has been approved and is scheduled to begin mid-August. The first phase should be completed before the Fall Season begins.

We have secured funding from the Los Gatos/Saratoga District Office and LGS Recreation for \$30,000 each. The remaining \$30,000 is up to us... To date we have raised \$10,000 and thus we need an additional \$20,000 to fund the first phase of this project.

A special thank you to Cary Matsuoka (Los Gatos/Saratoga Superintendent), Steve Rauwolf (LGS Recreation Director), Scott Downs (LGHS Vice Principal), and Harley Crock (LGS Recreation Supervisor) for their efforts to get this project completed this year.

The first phase will include doing a major resurfacing of all 5 courts (a top quality Petromat Overlay. This will keep our courts crack free for many years to come and will greatly enhance the playing experience of thousands of tennis players (both adults and juniors) in our community.

Also, we have over 65 girls on our Los Gatos High School tennis team. By offering tennis as a "no-cut" sport we have expanded the reach of our tennis program and have given the opportunity for more players to play tennis as a team sport in high school.

A team from the Almaden Valley Athletic Club (AVAC) of San Jose, California, captained by Manny Fernandez, was one of six NorCal champion teams that competed against teams from USTA

Southern California to defend USTA Northern California's title win over USTA Southern California at last year's Gar Glenney Cup held at St. Mary's College in Moraga. With Northern California's win, the 26-year-old championship between the two California USTA sections is now tied at 13 wins apiece. Many famous tennis players, including the Bryan Brothers, have played the Gar Glenney Cup.

Ken DeHart was the Stadium Court speaker at the National Tennis Teachers Conference in New York. He spoke on "The Psychology of Winning - by Improving Your Practice". Kameron DeHart participated in Arthur Ashe Kids Day at the Billie Jean King Center along with 23,000 kids that featured events on every court and a Arthur Ashe Court special appearance by two of Disney's bands. Federer, Nadal, Serena and Lindsay Davenport were on court to raise money for charity. Each player was fed forehands and backhands for 30 seconds while hitting for targets. Nadal won 18,450, Federer, Serena and Lindsay each won 15,000 for their favorite charity.

Ken DeHart flew to Holland, Mich. to work with USPTA Master Professional Jorge Capastany in filming 3 DVD's and drills for Jorge's website "tennisdrills.tv.

Ken and Jorge completed a DVD on "Corrective Techniques and Myth Busting" as well as "50 Best Tennis Tips". Ken also completed DVD's for "3 Secrets to Championship Doubles" and "The Best of Ken DeHart."

Rodney Kop has started his Friday doubles with other local teaching pros in the area. Anyone interested in joining him, give him a buzz at the club. Also USPTA pro Bill Kress has joined the Almaden staff. Welcome Bill!

That's all for this report. If you want your info to be included in the future, please e-mail me at Yodertennis@gmail.com. I will be glad to add you. Thanks again.



East Bay

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Jason Beardslee, Tennis Director at Hidden Hills, reports that although summer is over, things are still in full swing around the club. We've teamed up with Dale Evans over at Bay O' Vista to create the Hayward Fault Challenge. Bay O' Vista vs Hidden Hills. The showdown went down in late August, in which Hidden Hills edged out the ever competitive Bay O' Vista squad. Thanks to Dale Evans for donating the perpetual trophy for this Bi-Annual event. What a great time and great food. We are looking forward to the next time we meet which will be in February.

Hidden Hills is also preparing for its Mixed Doubles Club Championships in November. We are looking to gear up for the mixed doubles season, which begins shortly thereafter.

The tournament season, for us, has come to a close. We hosted 5 USTA sanctioned tournaments over the summer. Lots of busy weekends. Looking to host more sanctioned tournaments in the future.

Under the supervision of our Summer Camp Coordinator, Suzi Mills, our summer camp numbers exceeded expectations. Great job Suzi! Our Power Players Junior Program is underway for the school year, and we're off to a great start. We will also be hosting a USPTA junior tournament at Hidden Hills in late October.

Larry Parker, Tennis Director at Club Sport Fremont reports that Junior Team Tennis numbers were up this summer at Club Sport Fremont—more kids, longer practices, more matches, more fun! He is gearing up for his Junior Novice Tournament in October, which is nearly at capacity.

Nap Gilbert, USPTA Pro at Chabot Canyon reports that summer may be over but things are still sizzling at Chabot Canyon Racquet Club (www.chabotcanyon.org), Oakland's coolest tennis club! In addition to the many USTA League teams that are off and running, our weekday evening "Challenge Courts" are over-flowing. A successful
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There are many USPTA certified instructors teaching tennis in the Fresno community and coaching at local high schools. At the recent California High School Girls Tennis Classic (CHSGTC), I caught up with three: Mark Belman, who coaches for Clovis West High School; Shannon Smith, who coaches for Clovis High School; and Dave Carte, who coaches for Sunnyside High School.

In my continuing news about the USPTA professionals in the Fresno area, I interviewed Dave Carte during a high school match, recently. Mark and Shannon haven't gotten back to me yet...hope you're reading this.

Dave Carte (Professional 3) graduated from Roosevelt High School in Fresno in 1977. He started playing tennis when he was about 13 years old. After graduation

from RHS, he attended College of the Sequoias, in Visalia, and Fresno State. He played collegiate tennis at both schools.

At 15 years old, Carte finished in the top 16 in the State and was a ranked NorCal open player in the 1980s. When he was 16 years old, Dave won the Junior Fresno City Championships, beating John Heubner in the semis and Danny Krebs in the finals.

After college, he taught tennis at Chamisal Racquet Club near Salinas for 10 years. Locally, he ran leagues at Roeding Park Tennis Club for several years.

Since 1990, Dave has been teaching beginning to intermediate tennis at Hoover High School through Fresno Adult School for those who want to learn to play tennis and enjoy it recreationally.

Dave has been coaching boys and girls tennis at Sunnyside High school since 2004. His boys have won 4 league championships and one Valley Championship during his tenure.

Dave and his wife, Connie, have a 13-year-old daughter, who is an aspiring player.

We look forward to seeing Dave and many of the other Fresno area professionals at the Norcal Conference in Napa!

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"Rally for the Cure" Breast Cancer fundraiser was recently held at the club and our annual Food Drive will kick off soon. New club manager Lisa Schrag is ever-busy expanding our social and competitive tennis programs as well as clinics and lessons available from USPTA Pro Nap Gilbert. So while winter is just around the corner, we're not hibernating just yet-plenty of activity is still to be found here!

Calling all USPTA Pros in the Alameda County area. I'm expecting some info on your club's happenings for the next newsletter. You may run, but you cannot hide!

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Reno/Tahoe

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This summer has been unbelievable in terms of new junior players to the game of tennis in Northern Nevada. The Biggest Little Tennis Satellite tournaments increased player participation, the summer camps at Reno Tennis Center hit record numbers and the Nevada Tennis programs at McQueen, The University of Nevada summer clinics and the BLTA Tennis summer camp at Reno High School all started up with kids in their programs and continued on a consistent basis all summer. High school team tennis is now active and almost all of the high schools fielded full teams this year.

The Biggest Little Tennis Association (BLTA) is working hard on getting ready for the *The Reno/Tahoe Tennis Hall of Fame* for 2008 on Thursday, Nov. 13 and the keynote speaker will be the legendary Dick Gould of Stanford University. Only 150 reservations will be accepted. To reserve a spot visit Funky Tennis and register early. This year BLTA is excited to announce that Edward Feinhandler of Sparks, Nevada will be inducted into the R/T Tennis Hall of Fame.

Mr. Feinhandler (Coach Feinhandler) was selected for his outstanding volunteerism with teaching at-risk kids to play tennis for a healthy choice in life instead of submitting to peer pressure, drugs, gangs and leaving school.

Coach Feinhandler founded **The Northern Nevada Youth Opportunistic Tennis Program (N.N.Y.O.T.P.)** in 1997 to offer free tennis lessons to underprivileged youth in the Northern Nevada area. In the early 2000's he had over 225 children participating in the summer programs. Many of the children he has introduced to tennis never had the opportunity or had ever played tennis. With the exception of a few local donations such as support from Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Prince Racquet Sports, Banana Boat of California and the United States Tennis Association all of the funds for running the tennis clinics come from Coach Feinhandler's personal pocket. Congratulations Mr. Feinhandler on this prestigious award.

University of Nevada, Chad Stoloff – Reno's Men's Head Coach and **Sylvian Malroux**, WolfPack Women's Head Coach was excited to partner up with **John Matkulak**, Director of Tennis and the **Lakeridge Tennis Club** for the **Red, White & Blue Nevada Tennis ProAm** fundraiser on Sept. 19th. This event benefits the University of Nevada men's and women's tennis teams and was opened to the public. The event gave the opportunity for participants to get on the court with the top players from the Nevada Wolf Pack, the coaches, and the pros from the local community. All proceeds from this event go directly to the tennis teams to help them with their budget needs for 2009. The Pro Am was run with four teams comprised of Nevada coaches, players, local pros, and amateurs that competed against each other for points using college rules and scoring.

USPTA John Ebie of the Caughlin Club organized a girl's high school preseason tennis jamboree at Caughlin Club on August 23rd. The jamboree was a partnership with *Rally for a Cure Breast Cancer* research. There were 30 participants from five different High Schools raising a respectful \$1000 for the cause. The competition was great and the weather was even better. Thank you Caughlin Club for their generosity on donating the facility, Bibi Trpeska for running the registration desk and Christy Funk for the artwork on the brochure.



John wants to remind Northern Nevada pros that his 4th annual high school tennis students trip to Stanford University is coming up in early spring. The kids get to watch the Stanford girls play a match and Coach Dick Gould is the host and spends time with the kids to answer questions about college tennis. If you know of a high school tennis player that is interested, please contact John Ebie.



Andres Durandequi (Director of Tennis) at the Reno Tennis Center is excited to announce that the City of Reno has begun plans to continue with reconstructing the facility in 2009. With the Reno Tennis Center being the only public court facility in the Northern Nevada area, this is a long awaited complete upgrade that players are anxious to see happen.

Jason Kedzierski reports he has been traveling with Phillip Hinojosa to the tournaments in Northern California. Phillip plays No.1 for the Bishop Manogue High School tennis team. He's currently one of the top two favorites to win the 2008 Northern Nevada Zone Singles title, and is now moving up the ranks in Northern California. He's climbed into the Top 45 players in Northern California, where he and Coach Kedzierski have set a goal of making the Top 25. Coach Kedzierski says they have made this progress due to a high amount of "match play", which coach says, "in my opinion, is the absolute most important key to a players development & progress." Coach Kedzierski and Phillip visited Pepperdine University over the 4th of July weekend, where Phillip competed in the prestigious "College Showcase Tournament." There were dozens of University Coaches there to scout the high-school junior players, who were there in hopes of earning a Tennis Scholarship. Junior players from all over the world were there to compete, which made for a very fun, passion-filled, tennis weekend.

Kurt Richter, Nevada Tennis started up summer camps at McQueen High School this summer. He reports a very successful first summer and for the fall has adult and junior WEEKEND tennis @ McQueen. He is excited to offer Cardio-tennis on Saturday and Sunday throughout the fall and into the winter, weather permitting.

Washoe 'Kidz' Tennis reports they are back in several elementary schools with after school programs on the blacktop. This teaching group is made up of several USPTA Recreational Coaches **Mandy Agerholm, Jan Carson, Michelle McKibbin** and USPTA coaches **Christine Brenner** and **Christy Funk**. They are excited with their new partnership with the Washoe

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County School District 21st Grant Program schools. Washoe 'Kidz' Tennis is already discussing expansion for the spring 2009 with after school programs at local high schools. The BLTA will host a USTA recreational coaches workshop in March 2009 with CPR and a special clinic for assistant junior coaches. A date has not been set until the USTA recreational coaches workshop has been approved.

World Team Tennis (WTT) Recreational Leagues concluded their third season in Reno. The 2008 WTT was held in a Tournament format on August 9 -10. All teams in the tournament played a total of five matches over the two days. Congratulations to 3.5 level **BALL THIEVES** and 4.0 level **GOTFUNK** for winning their divisions. The winning teams will be advancing to Las Vegas, Nevada to compete in a WTT National Qualifier in April 2009.



Ball Thieves – level 3.5: Captain Sonia Joy; Players – Greg Gilbert, Paul Lorrington, Bill Pennell, Lisa Smyth, Anne Wright, David Wright.



Gotfunk - level 4.0: Captain Christy Funk; Players – George Bonari, Julie Brown, Jan Carson, Kevin McKibbin, DeShawn Reed, Rieko Shimbo, Gary Wardle, Mary Wardle.

Thank you to the following captains and their teams for participating. Fireballs (Michelle McKibbin), Hurricanes 3.5 (Paul Cain), Hurricanes 4.0 (Paul Cain), Racketeers (Jeff Montemayor), Tahoe352 (Geoffrey Igarashi) and Tony's Team (Tony Taylor).

Recreational coach **Sally Shaw** continues with her Fall tennis camp on Tuesdays starting September 9th at Clayton Middle School located in Northwest Reno. This is a beginning after school tennis program. Basic strokes and games will be taught. Sally says, "It will be a lot of fun for beginning tennis players."

Christy Funk, USPTA Regional Director and owner of Funky Tennis pro shop: The resource center at Funky Tennis is visited everyday with adults and kids in the Northern Nevada area looking to get back into tennis or just get involved in more tennis. Funky Tennis is approaching year one of being open and the community expresses to me that they are excited to finally have a tennis shop. On a personal note, I resigned my position as a community coordinator with USTA Norcal and have become full time at Funky Tennis and I enjoy the wonderful conversations everyday with visitors at Funky Tennis. I have again accepted the head coaching position with Wooster High School and enjoy being on court with the kids.

I attended the USPTA World Conference at LaQuinta, Calif. last month. I had the pleasure of driving the eight hours with three ladies that are involved in a wonderful program in Northern Nevada called Washoe Kidz Tennis. It is a program that is run within the Biggest Little Tennis Association CTA. On the drive down I had put together an agenda for the activities of Washoe Kidz Tennis for 2009. It was a great time to discuss the past year programs and new programs for 2009 and we were all focused without interruption to thoroughly plan for a new season. All of these ladies got started by attending a USTA Recreational Coaches Workshop and have become USPTA Recreational Coach members. I appreciate all of the work these ladies do in Northern Nevada and their dedication. Mandy Agerholm, Jan Carson and Kristen Ratto thanks for the great meeting.

Napa/Solano

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It has been a busy and productive season in the Napa-Solano area. There have been job changes, fund raisers, trips and tournaments. Here are few of the highlights.

Michael Friedman of Millennium, Rancho Solano just left on a trip to Croatia and Northern Italy.

Paul Garron of Green Valley Country Club was busy raising money this summer. Paul's North Bay Hospital Gala raised \$40,000 while his Solano Mission tournament raised \$25,000.

DeDee Winfield has changed jobs and is now working for the USTA Nor Cal. She is now a Community Tennis Coordinator for Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa and Solano Counties.

Rick Hanover is busy preparing his "Games that Build Skills and Create Fun" presentation for the Fall Conference.

We, Millennium – Vacaville, will be holding a fundraising tournament on November 8. All proceeds will go to national Breast Cancer Fund.

By the time you read this the Napa / Solano USPTA Junior Circuit will be going full force. For information just look on the USPTA Nor Cal website.



Help! Help! Help!

We need help from all USPTA NorCal Pros and Developmental Coaches with inviting **High School Coaches** (public and private) to our **2008 NorCal Fall Conference and High School Workshop**. If you have contact with any High School Coach, please send their name and e-mail address to Cherry Silva at Silva@norcal.usta.com.



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At the courts in Modesto this summer, you wouldn't have known we were in a recession: tennis was the name of the game. Juniors and adults were learning tennis for the health of it. The summer temperature was hot but not in the usual triple digits.

Mark Weir, director of tennis at the Del Rio Country Club, scheduled eight Wednesday night grass-court matches for the community that drew 100 spectators each night. On Sept. 20, Mark hosted a round-robin fundraiser for Stanislaus State University. Then, one week later he co-coordinated the fundraiser for the Children's Crisis Center in Stanislaus County. During the summer Mark took his juniors northwest to Oregon. Congrats to Mark, who reached the finals of the Men's 50 Singles at the USPTA tournament at La Quinta!

Former Nor Cal member Don Roberson had a great time seeing all of the Nor Cal members that he knew before leaving for Southern California. Don is now retired from teaching school and enjoyed the company of Jack Bracken, Brian Heiser, Bill Weber and Mark and Jill Fairchild's at the World Conference.

Steve Tiffin, director of tennis at the Woodbridge Country Club, will be having knee surgery in the fall. Before surgery, Steve will host a USTA boys' and girls' tournament and then a novice tournament. Steve's well attended drop-in Saturday morning doubles includes up to six 5.5 players who show up to play.

Head Pro Scott Borowiak will be hosting a junior novice tournament in October at the Marina Tennis Club in Stockton. In December, Scott will be taking 100 adult tennis players to Manzanillo. Scott is looking for USPTA pros to help teach clinics. If interested, call Scott at 209-474-3935 and he will give you the low-down about the trip, including your benefits.

Modesto Fitness and Racquet Club's Director of Tennis, Mark Fairchild's, was

honored by the Northern California USTA on July 17 at Stanford University, and inducted into the Northern California Hall of Fame. Sixty plus family, friends and students traveled to honor Mark.

In August, at the Modesto Open, the Brenda Athletic Club gave Mark a plaque honoring his Nor Cal Hall of Fame induction. Also, at the Open, Jack Bracken inducted Mark into the Wall of Fame at the Modesto Club. Mark is the seventh person to join the Legends: Fred Earle, Oscar Parks, Bob Nard, Jack Bracken, Dan Teves and Doug Crary. Congrats Mark, you done good!

During the summer, Brian Heiser was a busy person, running three USTA tournaments, taking his juniors to junior exchanges and also to see the Capitols play in Sacramento.

It was great to see 57 Northern California USPTA pros at the World Conference. Those attending the World Conference from the Central Valley were Mark Fairchild's, Jack Bracken, Bill Weber, Brian Heiser and Mark Weir.

Turlock pro Bill Weber has been splitting his time traveling from Turlock to Modesto Fitness and Racquet Club to teach tennis. He also has expanded his activities and now works for a firm where he is in charge of recruiting tennis players from Fresno to Oregon who want help looking for tennis scholarships to four year colleges. So, if you know of any juniors, male or female, looking for a college scholarship, contact Bill @ 209-604-2455.

All in all, the World Conference gave me the chance to see one of my former players, Mark Weber (I hadn't seen him in 28 years). I also got to network with former junior college coaches and, best of all, see my tennis buddy Don Roberson.

Hope to see many of you at the Fall Conference in Napa.



USPTA NorCal attendees at the World Conference

Northern California was very well represented at the World Conference this year. The conference was held in La Quinta, California from September 15 - 20, 2008. Among those registering for the conference were the following:

Mandy Angerholm	Rosie Bareis
Mike Bauer	Peter Benko
Brian Berry	Jack Bracken
Chris Bradley	Heidi Carman
Christine Brenner	Kurt Brenner
Richard Carson	Jan Carson
Ken DeHart	Karen DeHart
Phil Chamberlain	Kameron DeHart
Steve Dunmore	Todd Edwards
Mark Fairchild's	Jill Fairchild's
Michael Friedman	Christy Funk
Michael Galli	Paul Garron
Jeff Gonce	Jeff Greenwald
Brad Harris	Rod Heckelman
Brian Heiser	Alvin Hom
Dave Houston	Mary Johnsen
Bill Johnston	Carlton Jones
James King	Martin Kosan
Bill Kreger	Susan Leo
Samuel Levy	Jerry Mehcziz
Michelle McKibbin	Stephen Miller
John Nelson	Margie Peterman
Larry Parker	Christine Parker
Jason Pfister	Bill Rapp
Malcom Ridenour	Rod Saludo
Mark Severson	Mark Shaben
Jon Sharpe	Susan Sharpe
Steven Shaw	Helle Sparre
Ezekiel Straw	Jenny Taylor
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If we have left your name off the list, we apologize.



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News from SAC

I missed the National Conference this year but talking to a few pros that participated, they said they learned a lot and really had an awesome time. I am looking forward to the conference in Napa. The line up of speakers are once again incredible. One person I highly recommend everyone to take the course with is Wayne Elderton.

News from Dave Kuhn



Dave Kuhn, director of tennis hosted Laguna Creek's first Pro/Am Charity event benefiting Shriner's Hospital for Children. The event took place on Saturday, Sept 20, 2008 and raised over \$3500 in cash and contributions. Some of Sacramento's best Pros from Laguna's parent company, SpareTime donated their time and energy to this very worthwhile event while amateurs paid a \$50 entry fee for a commemorative tee shirt, BBQ lunch, and some great tennis! We also had sponsors and collected donations for a raffle drawing for gifts donated from our local neighborhood merchants. Some of the SpareTime Pros that participated were: Dave Kuhn, Marty Rothfels, Carmel Nash, Novak Nash, Brian and Bobbie Martinez, Glenn Davis, Alex and Michelle Agurto, Jim Westfall, Rich Andrews, Jesse Pangilinan, Isabella Kling, Ahmin Khaldi, Chris Gerety, and Brett Day.

"It's a good feeling for us to be able to give to help kids in need" says Dave Kuhn, "We simply asked these Pros to help out and they came through without hesitation. We're very fortunate to be part of such a great tennis community."

Shriner's is a non profit hospital that provides expert pediatric specialty care in orthopedics, burns, spinal cord injury

rehabilitation, cleft lip and palate at no charge to families, regardless of their financial need.

I-5 Challenge

Two of SpareTime's premiere clubs located right off of Interstate 5, Laguna Creek Racquet Club in Elk Grove and Natomas Racquet Club in Natomas, is holding its annual I-5 Challenge on Saturday. Oct. 4th.

This tournament alternates sites every year between Laguna and Natomas and Brian Martinez, director of tennis at Natomas will be hosting this year's event. This is a great event where forty 3.0 to 4.5 players from each club come together to compete in mens doubles, womens doubles and mixed doubles against members from the other club. It's a one day tournament that includes lunch, great tennis and camaraderie. This is the 4th year running and last year's winner Laguna holds the title 3:1 against Natomas and Dave Kuhn, director at Laguna hopes to keep that title again this year. The winning club proudly displays the tournament plaque for the year with bragging rights.

Sac Area Jr. Tennis prevails in Summer Team Tennis to take the Gar Glenney Cup

The following USPTA pros and kids won the Gar Glenney Cup this summer:

- Crazy Casey Harris and his girls 12 and under team from Rio Del Oro.
- Dave Whetstone and his boys 18 and under team from Rolling Wood Racket Club.
- Jesse Pangilinan and his girls 18 and under team from Laguna Creek Racket Club.



Jesse P hoists up the infamous Gar Glenney Cup has his girls 18 and under win the title at SDSU

Crazy Harris Band plays at the Sac Caps and Sacramento Challenger

USPTA pro Crazy Casey Harris has been pulling double duty. Aside from being a full time pro at Rio Del Oro Racket Club he is also the leader of a band. They have been touring all over NorCal, their recent stop was with the Sacramento Capitals World Team tennis at the Roseville Galleria. They will also be performing at the Sacramento Challenger (Oct. 4-12) on Tuesday Oct. 7. The Challenger is run by John Rodriguez and assisted by USPTA pro Jason Johnson.



Sacramento Capitals and Kevin Kurtz (USPTA)

Sacramento Capitals World Team Tennis play at the Roseville Galleria in July every year. This is one of the best tennis shows in NorCal. Fantastic tennis, great coaching (Wayne Bryan), good food and fun entertainment like live bands, dances etc. This event draws tennis players and pros from all over Sacramento as well as from the bay area.

Every year USPTA pro Kevin Kurtz hosts the Sacramento Capitals High School Coca Cola Challenge. This year he had over 30 high schools participate in the fun team tennis format. The championships match was played at the Sac Caps Allstate Stadium. If you would like information on how you can bring a high school team, sponsor the Caps or get group tickets go to www.gocaps.net

Marty Rothel - USPTA Pros compete at National USTA League Events

Martha Downing, Kelly Pace-Wilson, Carmel Hill-Nash, and their teammates made it to Palm Springs for the Women's 5.0 Western National Adult Championships. Martha Downing is a remarkable champion contributing both singles and doubles wins during Sectionals. Carmel Hill and Kelly Wilson, are also both members of the 10.0 Mixed National team that will compete in November at Gold River.

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In the Men's division, **Novak Nash, Joseph Gilbert, Chris Gerety** and former USPTA pros **Pat Rutz, and Todd Stanley**, are all in Palm Springs representing the Northern California Section at the 5.0 level as well. The team had won their first matches in a hot contest with Florida and had multiple rounds each day to try for the title.

Spare Time Clubs had four teams make the Western National Adult League Championships this fall and with a fifth team in the Mixed at the end of the year, it has been a super USTA league year.

Kelly Pace-Wilson qualifies for US Amateur Championships and moves golf into her professional athletic credentials.

Kelly Wilson is a quick study, a fact she attributes to her competitive instincts. Wilson, competed in her second U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship, posted an opening round 4-over-par 76 Saturday at Barton Hills Country Club, in Ann Arbor Mich. It put her in position to reach match play when the field is whittled

to 64 golfers. Wilson is an athlete and a competitor. Both come naturally. As a tennis player, she played in that sport's U.S. Open in New York in 1996 and 1997 as Kelly Pace. There was an irony to her participation at the Women's Mid-Amateur during the final weekend of play in the U.S. Open, an event she's keeping close tabs on. "I still have a lot of friends playing," said Wilson, who teaches tennis at Gold River Racquet Club in California. "I try to catch a glimpse on television whenever I can. I miss it and still play for fun." Don't take that to mean that she's anything but all business at Barton Hills. "This tournament was my goal for the year," Wilson said. "I've looked forward to it all year and the goal was to play well here.

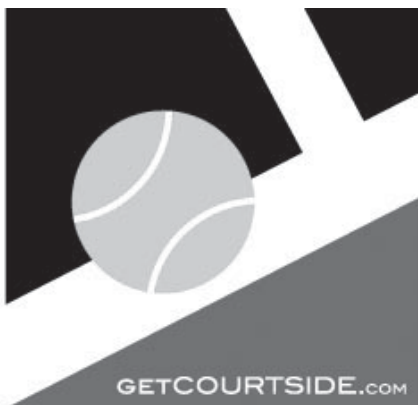
Brian Martinez USPTA Professional and Director of Tennis at Natomas Racquet Club, announced the birth of his second child, Antonia Marie Martinez on August 25, 2008. It has been a crazy year for Brian being promoted from Associate Professional at Gold River to Director at Natomas. He ran the West Coast Junior National event for 12's and 14's, he hosted the Men's Pro

Circuit event in June and hosted ½ dozen other tournaments, leagues, and expanded the program at Natomas Racquet club by 25 percent in his first nine months. His biggest joy of the year is still his wife Heather and new young family.



Attention

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USPTA member Alan Cutler receives top education credit earner honors

During its annual awards breakfast at the USPTA World Conference on Tennis held Sept. 15-20 at the La Quinta Resort and Club in La Quinta, Calif., the United States Professional Tennis Association recognized those members who make education a priority. The Association honored Alan Cutler from Whittier, Calif., as the top credit earner in USPTA's Career Development Program. Cutler earned the most continuing education credits in the 2007 program. He earned an incredible 123 education credits. Cutler is a USPTA Master Professional and the director of tennis for Playtennisforlife.info. He is a member of the National Advisory staff for HEAD/Penn, and holds two specialist degrees, one in High Performance and the other in Computers. He is the past president of the USPTA California Division and has spoken at many USPTA division conventions and World Conferences. His previous honors include the USPTA Industry Excellence Award, USPTA California Division Pro of the Year and the USPTA California Division President's award.

Education has always been one of the most important benefits of USPTA membership. Today, USPTA offers more opportunities than ever before to gain more knowledge about tennis and specialized areas within the sport. Members earning top education honors have shown a commitment to continuing education in the USPTA through attendance at seminars and courses and through distance learning opportunities. Those members honored at the annual awards breakfast are ones who have logged the most education hours and credits in the Association. Below are some of the top education participants for 2007 who have clearly taken advantage of this benefit.

Top education participants for 2007 include: Holly Chomyn, **Ken DeHart**, Feisal Hassan, Brett Hobden, Jeff Rothstein, Brian Ruffner, James Shaughnessy, Keith Swindoll, and **John Yandell**.

Education merit awards for 10 years of continuing-education participation went to the following USPTA members: Tom McGraw, Patrick Kearns, Fred Burdick



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