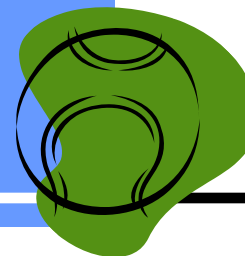


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Wish you were there...

Torque and Leverage Specialty Course

*with Doug King
at
Ruby Hill
June 14*

*Don't miss the next Specialty
Course on October 4 with
Dick Gould. See page 5 for
more information.*



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thanks to all of the pros that participated in the Bank of The West Classic TIP program. The IMG people were pleasantly surprised at the results so they want to continue the program in 2010. Some new ideas for next year include fund raisers and having the play-offs for the USPTA Women's Nationals at the Bank of the West Classic. If you have any fund raising ideas please contact me or Paul Garron.

Our Ladies Invitational team champions and our Junior Circuit winners were featured at the Thursday night match at the Bank of The West Classic. The kids were excited as Jelena Jankovic was still on court as they came on.

My current "15 seconds of fame" story was at the BOW when I got a chance to speak with Condoleeza Rice. She is a tennis fan and we spent some time discussing Marion Bartoli's unusual approach to the game. I did not ask about her time with George Bush (although I wanted to) nor did I ask her to call my wife.

Congratulations to Reno-Tahoe Regional Director Christy Funk for being awarded the Delaine Mast Award as Female League Director of the Year!

Paul Allam has been doing some great work with kids programs including the Harper Foundation. He held a QuickStart Tennis Play Format program at the BOW Classic as well as a club event. Read about it on page 21.

We have a very special Specialty Course coming up on Oct. 4 featuring Dick Gould on doubles. You are welcome to invite some of your club members or students to come as there will be a lot of information on strategy. Information about the course is on page 5.

The second edition of the Ladies Invitational will take place at The Claremont Resort in October. Participants in the Spanish Bay event had a great time, so please promote this event to your 3.5 and 4.0 players. Flier is on page 6.

Our Fall Conference in Napa, Nov. 7-8 looks to be a good one with a full lineup of speakers. Info will be arriving in your mailboxes soon, but check out the flier on page 7 or get more details at www.norcaluspta.com.

Finally, for all of you baseball fans (and even if you're not), we will be having USPTA night with the Oakland A's on Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. Take a break from a long and hot summer and enjoy some baseball! See page 4 for information.

Hasta la vista,

Mike Galli



Condoleeza Rice with Dick Gould in the IMG box at the Bank of the West Classic. Mike Galli's knee is at right.

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DATES THAT RATE

DATE	EVENT
Sept. 21 - 26	USPTA World Conference on Tennis, Marco Island, Fla.
Oct. 4	Specialty Course - "Coaching Doubles" - Dick Gould
Oct. 17-18	Ladies Invitational, Claremont Resort
Nov. 7	Certification Review and Testing, Napa Valley College
Nov. 7 - 8	Fall Conference, Napa Valley College
Nov. 30	Certification Review and Testing, SF Tennis Club
Feb. 5 - 7, 2010	Division Convention, Stanford University
Feb. 7 - 8, 2010	Certification Review and Testing, Stanford University
Feb. 8 - 14, 2010	SAP Open



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Full page: \$250

3/4 page: \$200

1/2 page: \$150

1/4 page: \$125

Business Card: \$40

USPTA Awards Nominations due December 15, 2009

This is the first official call for USPTA Northern California Award Nominations. Awards are based upon activities between December 10, 2008 and November 10, 2009. Hopefully, during this past year, you have been observing your colleagues or working on your own professional development. In either case, it is time to start thinking about who is deserving of these awards, showcasing your professional excellence. These are the categories:

- Professional of the Year
- Associate Professional of the Year
- Rookie of the Year
- Regional Director of the Year
- College Coach of the Year
- High School Coach of the Year
- Men's & Women's Open Players of the Year
- Men's & Women's Senior Players of the Year
- Facility of the Year

Important details to consider before nominating someone:

- USPTA Dues must be paid in full for 2009 to be considered for any award (except Facility) (provide copy of current card or receipt)
- Any USPTA member can nominate another USPTA member or themselves for any of the awards mentioned above.
- USPTA member can only win one award per year
- Awards cannot be won by the same person in five consecutive years, with the exception of Player of the Year: Men's/Women's Open and/or Senior

Nominations MUST be accompanied by detailed support documentation (dates, copies of articles, receipts, awards, etc.) to be considered and must be received by December 15.

Support Documentation MUST be received by the Awards Committee by December 30.

Send Documents to: Sandra Kazanjian Sarafyan at hyeslk@att.net or mail to :
443 West Fremont; Fresno, CA 93704

Online Procedure to obtain forms:

1. Go to the USPTA NorCal website
2. <http://www.norcaluspta.com/index.html>
3. In the blue boxes on the left of the page, click on Awards
4. Read through or print "Awards Main Criteria" page
5. Save and edit form or print and enter areas of accomplishment
6. E-mail edited forms to Sandra Kazanjian Sarafyan at hyeslk@att.net or mail to her home at address above.
7. Nominations MUST be received by December 15 and support documentation MUST be received by December 30 or the nomination becomes null and void.



USPTA Night

At The Oakland Coliseum



Take a night off the courts with your fellow USPTA Members and cheer on the Oakland A's during their last home stand of 2009!

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October 2, 2009
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TEN

Specialty Course with Dick Gould October 4 at The Claremont Resort



USPTA SPECIALTY COURSE (10/4/09)

"Coaching Advanced Doubles"

Dick Gould

Where: The Claremont Resort, 41 Tunnel Road, Berkeley, CA 94705

When: Sunday October 4, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$40 per person (parking is extra)

Payment: www.norcaluspta.com, or pay on site (please email us if you are coming – ncuspta@gmail.com)

Dick Gould, legendary Stanford tennis coach, won 17 NCAA team championships and coached 10 singles and 14 doubles champions. Come and learn some of the secrets to his success and how you can apply them to your game, students or team.

OUTLINE:

INTRO

POSITIONING: Server & Receiver, Net Players

OFFENSE: Why, How

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Partner selection

Server, Receiver

Net Play (Teaching progressions/techniques)

Volley, Transition, Overhead, Mixture of these

MOVEMENT

Why

Formations; Poach, "I", Aussie

Practice

DEFENSE

What puts team on defense

Serve & Volley

Other "Situations"

Receiver's – Both Back, Why

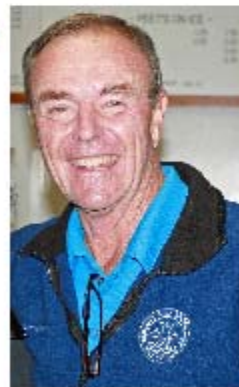
How to play "Both Back"

Warm-up Drills

Teaching Pointers

Practice Drills

SUMMARY



UNITED STATES PROFESSIONAL
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LADIES TEAM TENNIS INVITATIONAL

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Ladies 3.5 team matches: Saturday, Oct. 17

Ladies 4.0 team matches: Sunday, Oct. 18

- Each team consists of three ladies doubles pairs which will ideally play a minimum of three rounds. The number of matches depends on the amount of teams entered.
- Luncheon will be provided by the Claremont Resort and Spa for all players.
- 3.5 & 4.0 team champions will receive tickets to the 2010 Bank of the West Classic and autographed items from a top seed.
- Players will receive one daily pool pass at the Claremont Resort and Spa.
- Captain or USPTA Pro can register a team at www.norcaluspta.com under the "Ladies Invitational" tab.
- Questions: Contact Elaine Hennessy at 925-478-9465 or ncuspta@gmail.com

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TEAM

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2009 USPTA Northern California Division ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

at Napa Valley College
November 7-8, 2009

Conference Hostess
Dr. Rebecca Thompson



CONFERENCE LOCATION

The Conference will be held at Napa Valley College located at 2277 Napa-Vallejo Highway, Napa, CA 94558.
Sponsored by Napa Valley College Tennis Club

PARKING AT NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE

There is no fee for parking on Saturday and Sunday.

SPECIALTY COURSE

Title: Strategy and Tactics
Date: Sunday, November 8
Time: 1 - 5 p.m.
Presented by: Ken DeHart
Cost: \$40 (does not include cost of conference and lunch)

This 4-hour course will focus on:

- Footwork and vision training
- Error detection to improve strokes to implement strategy and tactics
- Singles and doubles strategy for a variety of skill levels
- Over 100 drills to use to train strategy and tactics (plus a handout of the drills)

USTA RECREATIONAL COACHES WORKSHOP

Date: Saturday, November 7
Time: 12:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Presented by: Rosie Bareis
Cost: \$40 - workshop only
\$100 - combo rate for workshop and 2-day conference

Anyone interested in learning the basics of coaching and teaching tennis or seeking a refresher on more current methods and effective tools should attend. This active 6-hour session covers:

- Games and drills every coach should know
- The games-based approach to coaching
- Teaching large groups
- Running effective team practices

Register for Rec. Workshop at www.norcalusptatennis.com

AGENDA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8 a.m.-5 p.m. *USPTA Certification Testing
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Conference Registration
8:30-9:30 a.m. "High Level Juniors" - Tom Whitten
9:30-10:30 a.m. "Under 10's Tennis: Building Champions for the Future" - Paul Allam
10:30-11:30 a.m. USTA NorCal Roundtable Discussion
11:30-12:30 / 1 p.m. Lunch - box lunch available - preorder with reg
11:30-12:30 p.m. Ladies Committee Luncheon
12:30-6:30 p.m. USTA Recreational Coaches Workshop (separate registration required—see box at left)
1-2 p.m. "Technology for Tennis" - Mike Galli
2-3 p.m. "Tennis-for the health of it!" - Brett Stephenson
3-4 p.m. "Five Fundamentals" - Michael Friedman
4-5 p.m. "The Mental Game of Tennis" - Alex Edward
6:30 p.m. Cocktail Party at Downtown Joe's sponsored by the SAP Open

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. "Modern Tennis: Torque and Leverage" - Doug King
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. "Transition Balls-Not Just for Kids" - Andrea Barnes
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. "Corrective Techniques for Common Problems" - Ken DeHart
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch - box lunch available - preorder with reg
1 - 5 p.m. Specialty Course - "Strategy and Tactics" - Ken DeHart

*You must register for CRC, Certification Exams and Upgrades through World Headquarters at 1-800-877-8248. For more information contact Sid Newcomb, USPTA NorCal Head Tester at 1-650-364-6272 or email: sidn@peninsulacovenant.com. Limited space is available.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: RIVER TERRACE INN

For reservations call: *River Terrace Inn* directly at 1-866-627-2386 and identify yourself as a USPTA NorCal Fall Conference attendee, or you can visit www.norcaluspta.com, click on the Fall Conference tab and follow the link to receive our special room rate. Our conference rate is \$189 per night/per room which includes a full American breakfast. The River Terrace Inn is located at 1600 Soscol Avenue, Napa, CA 94559.

RATE GUARANTEED THROUGH OCTOBER 23, 2009!

*Conference brochure will be arriving in your mailboxes soon.
Register by mail or at www.norcaluspta.com.*

In Remembrance of John Ebie

Our friend, John Ebie, passed away on Aug. 5, 2009. He was surrounded by his family so his passing was peaceful and full of support.

He was born to the late Galen and Gwyneth Ebie, on Jan. 27, 1951, in Reno, Nev. John later moved to Santa Cruz, and graduated from Santa Cruz High in 1969. He married his wife Ellen and they lived together in San Francisco, before relocating back to Reno in 1976.



John was a computer programmer for the Sierra Pacific Power Company, as well as a tennis pro for the Reno Tennis Center and Caughlin Ranch. He was also the Head Coach for the Reno High School girl's tennis team and worked with the tennis programs for Wooster High and other local schools. He was a volunteer for Special Olympics, YMCA Soccer, and Renown Medical Center.

John was an active member of USPTA for 11 years. His last position was as Regional Vice President of USPTA NorCal. He was High School Coach of the Year in 2006 when his girl's team won the Northern Nevada State Championships.

The last tennis event John worked on was a fund raiser for breast cancer just a few months ago. Even when he was very sick he was still trying to help others. John had a great sense of humor, a zest for life and family, and was looking forward to being a grandfather in November. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Ellen; two daughters, Mora Nichols and

Meredith Freed; sons-in-law, Christopher Nichols and Eric Freed; two sisters, Gail Orozco and Molly Resetar. He also is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made in his name to the Reno Cancer Foundation at 1155 Mill Street Reno, NV 89502. A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, Sept. 12 in Reno.

NorCal Regional Director Named Delaine Mast Award Winner!

Christy Funk, Reno/Tahoe USPTA Regional Director, has been selected as the 2009 Delaine Mast Award Winner as the Female League Director of the Year.

Christy will be honored at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden at the WTT Nationals, Oct. 2-4, receiving her award from Delaine Mast and Billie Jean King.



Seven years ago, Billie Jean King and World TeamTennis established the "Delaine Mast Award" for a male and female league director who contribute to the growth of tennis and WTT as well as being a leader and role model in his/her local tennis community. Mast embodies the slogan "growing the game of tennis." A WTT National Program Coordinator and inner city high school boy's and girl's tennis coach since 1986, Mast has become a household name within the tennis community. Delaine is the founder and executive director for the Junior Tennis Corporation of America, which is a non-profit organization that raises money to provide free tennis lessons to more than 10,000 youngsters in 14 cities across the US.

Started in 1985, the Advanta WTT Recreational League program features year-round leagues that have provided playing opportunities for more than 490,000 tennis players of all ages and abilities across the United States. Advanta WTT Recreational Leagues run year-round at public parks, tennis clubs, schools, college campuses, military bases, corporations, camps, residential communities and tennis facilities in more than 1,000 U.S. cities. The format features co-ed teams competing in six sets: men's and women's doubles, men's and women's singles and mixed doubles. The unique WTT format, which is also played in the Professional League, includes no-ad scoring, substitution and coaching. Players have an opportunity to qualify for WTT National Qualifiers and the National Championship.

Congratulations Christy!

**SAN FRANCISCO**

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Carl Mendoza, Director of the **Youth Tennis Association** in San Francisco, reports that two of the recent graduates of the YTA are attending Stanford and USC. Both of the girls are hoping to make their women's tennis teams as walk-ons. Good luck to them! Carl says YTA is operating five days a week as it heads into its fall school schedule at Mission and McLaren playgrounds in San Francisco.

Sean Dizon, the Assistant Men's Tennis Coach at University of San Francisco and Head Coach **Peter Bartlett** ran 8 weeks of USF summer tennis camps with over 260 kids participating. Dizon was also the traveling coach for former **Cal Berkeley** player **Raquel Kops Jones** at the US Open.

Paul Garron is the Director of the Junior Program at the **San Francisco Tennis Club**.

On Sunday, Oct. 11 there will be a tennis-play gathering at the San Francisco Tennis Club from 3:30-5 p.m. All NorCal USPTA members are welcome to come and play. If you are able to be there, please RSVP to **Jason Blum** at jblum@usptapro.com.

From the San Francisco USPTA Region, have a great fall tennis season!


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FRESNO

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Fresno was hot this summer...but that's nothing new. Fresno was hot about tennis...and that's nothing new either! The Fresno area has several tennis clubs and organizations which provide residents, young and not-so-young with opportunities to learn, play, and compete in tennis activities. If you know people who live in this area or who are moving here, make sure to have them check out the possibilities:

Clovis Tennis Club is a non-profit, volunteer tennis organization with nearly 400 members. They utilize the well-kept Clovis Unified school facilities for their home matches and have numerous teams in USTA competition. USPTA Professional **Alberto Perez** is a mainstay with the organization, having received the 2005 Outstanding League Captain award. Alberto, with partner Mike Leffler, is currently in the lead in the 4.5 Men's Doubles category in the Central California Tennis Association's (CCTA) Grand Prix points for tournament play.

The **Roeding Park Tennis Club** is also run by volunteers. Over the years, they have successfully advocated for improvements to the city-owned facility. This club has a dedicated following of players who form USTA teams and organize tournaments during the year.

Fig Garden Swim and Racquet Club is a private club in the heart of Fresno's old Fig Garden neighborhood. It is nestled among stately homes and offers a beautiful setting for tennis, swimming, and wedding receptions. Head Pro **Eric Burley** and Assistant Pro **Chantel Wiggins** oversee intercity and USTA teams as well as providing private and group lessons for all ages. Fig Garden is also host to CCTA tournaments.

Copper River Country Club Director of Tennis is USPTA Professional **Coby Roberts**. He and long-time partner, **Cuyler Legler**, keep the courts busy with lessons and clinics for players of all ages. On Sept. 25 they are planning the Men's 5th Annual Member-Guest Doubles Tournament. Additionally, September will see the restart of men's and women's drop-in doubles, Friday Ladies' Day, junior tennis programs and many clinic opportunities. Copper River will be one of the sites for the Clovis High School Girls' Tennis Classic, Sept. 11-12. This is the biggest high school tournament in the nation.

Sierra Sport and Racquet Club boasts USPTA Professionals **Francisco Gonzalez**, Head Professional, **Mike Pearson**, **Teresa Samstag-Haug** and **Sandra Kazanjian Sarafyan** on staff as well as Director of Tennis, **John Haug**. Activities abound at Sierra. Throughout the summer months, Friday night mixers were a hit. Once a month, players came out to hone their skills, play some doubles, and enjoy a potluck dinner. Kids Tennis Camp was another success this summer with many children learning tennis for the first time. On July 1, Teresa, Sandy, and a helper took Tennis Across America to Palm Bluff Pre School, teaching tennis skills to 75 children ages 3-6. Everyone had a great time! During Labor Day weekend, the Fresno City Championships took place with nearly 300 entrants competing for monetary prizes at the club's largest tournament of the year. Men's and women's night leagues began after Labor Day, as well as ongoing clinics and USTA teams.



As mentioned in the last newsletter, I would like to have a meeting with the local USPTA professionals to discuss Tennis Across America events, USPTA membership, a pro-am tournament and local joint clinic days. Please contact me via email at hyeslk@att.net as soon as you can. I know that we all get busy, but it benefits everyone when we reach out into the community to teach tennis!

Have a great fall...keep it hot!



EAST BAY

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Lynne Rolley and her tournament committee worked long hours to make the National Girls 18s a thrilling event at the **Berkeley Tennis Club**. Great job to Lynne and crew! **Rosie Bareis** also deserves some credit for the success of the event. The Claremont Hotel and Resort was the sister site for tournament. On a personal note, I heard Rosie had to make an emergency trip to Hawaii because of a death in the family; our condolences to Rosie.

Mike Bauer of **Harbor Bay Club** celebrated a birthday recently. Happy belated birthday, Mike!

Bill Conrad is now at **Bay-O-Vista Swim and Tennis** in San Leandro. He is hosting a series of junior tournaments.

Jason Bearslee put together cast of pros for a benefit

to raise funds to purchase a new tv for the clubhouse at **Hidden Hills** in Hayward. There was a social after the round-robin clinic with excellent food and drink. I can attest to the quality of the cooking!

Peter Benko, Mike Bauer, Marcos Manqueros and **Wendell Pierce** joined forces to help out **Jeff Jue** at a benefit for the Berkeley High School boy's and girl's teams held at the Berkeley Tennis Club.

With the addition of USPTA pro **Joe Grech** the action at the **Fremont Tennis Center** is strong. The kids' camps were booked solid and most of the adult programs are doing well. Business is down a bit but not bad for this economy. Local Fremont players are still active. **Jeff Gonce** did a great job with the very first USPTA Ladies Invitational. **Mike Galli** sold tickets for the Bank of The West USPTA TIP program, another first for USPTA NorCal.

Hope everyone had a fruitful summer.

Cheers!

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NORTH BAY

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With Summer 2009 in the books, it is time to look forward to a new school year! We have several teaching pros working with local high school teams including **Jay Potter** and **Amina Doar** at San Marin High (Novato) and **Jenno Morson** of Sir Francis Drake High (San Anselmo). Best of luck to you coaches and to your teams!

In other news, the summer tournaments are over, including the USTA girls' 18 National Team Championships, hosted by Meridian's Rolling Hills Club and Novato High in August. Tournament Director **Laurent Lecellier** ran a wonderful event that was well attended by community members and showcased some of the nation's best talent in girl's tennis!

In local adult tennis, the Marin Grand Prix events have been well attended and are a very important part of the local tennis community. Thank you to the following tournament sites and directors for all their hard work: **Jay Potter** (Meridian's Rolling Hills), **Aleco Preovolos** (Harbor Point), **Chris Ventris** (Marin Tennis), **Chris Reiff** (Boyle Park), **Scott Potthast** (Tiburon Peninsula), and **Lisa Berg** (Rafael Racquet). The Series, sponsored by Bank of Marin, Pacific Sun Newspaper, Net Works Tennis Store at Mt. Tam RC, Cliff Bar, and Acupuncture of Marin, will hold its finals at the end of September.

In more adult tennis news, preparation for the 2009 esurance Classic is in full swing! From Oct. 2-4, Harbor Point (Mill Valley) will host this fantastic event that will include tennis legends, **Michael Chang**, **Andre Agassi** and **Steffi Graf**! For ticket and event information, go to www.tennisclassic.org. All proceeds go to charities: *To Celebrate Life* Breast Cancer Foundation; Us TOO Prostate Cancer Education and Support Network, and Youth Tennis Advantage which is directed by USPTA Professional, **Loretta Conway**. Join us for great food and tennis at beautiful Harbor Point!

In nearby San Quentin, many local teaching pros are getting involved with the San Quentin Tennis program, including **Helle Sparre Viragh**, **Dave Allen**, and **Amina Doar**. These pros are volunteering their time to spread tennis to a quite unlikely place.





CENTRAL VALLEY

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Yes, it was another great summer without rain. Our pros up and down the valley were busy with youth, private and adult camps and clinics. Many hosted USTA tournaments and club socials.

In July, **Mark Weir** of the **Del Rio Country Club** ran his grass court doubles exhibitions. Now Mark is busy setting up the Children's Crisis Center Charity Tournament.

Steve Tiffin, director of tennis at **Woodbridge Country Club** is excited about his two women's B League teams. In early September, Steve will run a junior tournament.

The Modesto Open had a larger draw than that of the past few years. Tournament Directors **Mark Fairchilds** and **Brian Heiser** did an outstanding job. **Brad Weston** won the singles with a 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 win over **Xavier Smith** in an exhilarating, heart-thumping match. The men's doubles team of **Brian Cory** and **Rick Kepler** placed first and **Steffy Wong** was the women's singles champion. Congrats to **Tracy Houk** for reaching the finals of the women's singles and the mixed doubles.

Coming up in October will be the Member-Guest Tournament, which is very popular with club members, followed by the Turkey and Cornish Game tournaments in November.

In July, Brian Heiser took his juniors to a Sacramento Capitals match. The next junior mixer will be in November at **ClubSport Pleasanton** with **Mark Moran**. **Modesto Fitness and Racquet Club's** boys' 12 Davis Cuppers were finalists in the USTA tournament in Clovis.

The "catch of the day" happened one afternoon at the Bank of the West Tournament in late July. **Nadia Petrova** hit three tennis balls in to the stands after winning her doubles match. The third ball was caught by me, **Jack Bracken**, and I didn't even need to leave my seat. The ball was hit right to me and I only needed to raise my hand chest high to catch it! The ball now sits in my grandson's room.

In Turlock, **Bill Weber** will be the tournament director for the Turlock City Tennis Tournament in October. In Modesto, **Julie Bracken** will be the City of Modesto's tournament director for the City of Modesto's annual Doubles Tournament.

See you in November at the Fall Conference at Napa Valley College!

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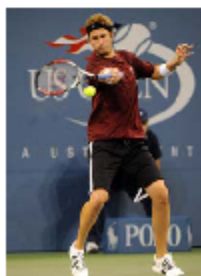


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SACRAMENTO

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For the first time in school history, the doubles team of **Anton Stryhas** and **Kiryl Harbatsiuk** of the **Sacramento State Men's Tennis Team** were selected to compete in the main draw D'Nova/ITA Men's All-American Tennis Championships held at Tulsa University. They are currently ranked No. 39 in the nation. Sac State's No. 2 doubles team of **Holden Ching** and **Marko Starcevic** are ranked No. 89 in the nation and were selected for the qualifier draw at Tulsa. Hopefully this will be a great start for the Hornet's 2009-2010 season.

At the **Rio Del Oro Racquet Club**, Coach **Joe Gilbert's** formula for success is succeeding with another junior tennis player. **Collin Altamirano** runs sprints every morning and daily plays three practice matches, hits a basket of serves and takes a private lesson. Additionally, he competes in a tournament every weekend. All of his hard work paid off last month when Collin won the boys' 14 West Coast National Championship, a national junior tournament with players from all over the United States, held at Rio Del Oro. Currently he is ranked No. 150 in the nation in the boy's 14 and under division. Collin also helped the Rio Del Oro boys' 18 USTA Junior Tennis Team qualify for the play-offs in Fresno in August.

The **Natomas Racquet Club** will be hosting the Natomas/USTA \$50,000 Men's Challenger Tournament, Oct. 3-11. Previously held at **Sutter Lawn**, Natomas will now be hosting this world-class tournament that features players

ranked from 70-150 in the world. Natomas Racquet Club is no stranger to the USTA Pro Circuit, as it has hosted a Men's \$15,000 Futures Tournament for the past three years. Tournament Director **Glenn Davis** is pleased to be able to host a tournament of this caliber in Sacramento. On Wednesday, Oct. 7, Davis will host "An Evening With the Legends", to recognize all the legends in Sacramento tennis. A **Sacramento Tennis Hall of Fame** is being created and the first five Legends will be inducted that evening. Admission to the tournament is free to the public, Oct. 3-9. On finals weekend, tickets may be purchased at the gate for just \$5. Please visit the tournament website: www.natomaschallenger.com

The **Laguna Creek Racquet Club** girl's 18 and under team represented the Sacramento region in Fresno where they lost a close one in the finals to Blossom Hill, San Jose. The squad was also the recipient of the Team Sportsmanship Award.

Arden Hills had a great tennis summer with successful junior summer camps, USTA teams and the Little League SATA team. The SATA Junior Tournament was a blast with over 62 juniors from all over Sacramento battling it out in 100 degree weather. Coming up, Arden Hills will be host to its USTA Junior Novice on Oct. 24-25. We hope to have kids from all over Northern California play in this exciting event. For more information please contact Felipe Monroy, Head Tennis Coach at 916-879-0212.



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MONTEREY

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What a terrific summer at **Carmel Valley Tennis Camp!** **Susan Reeder** and **Steve Proulx** report that they had a great time with all their campers and staff this summer and especially enjoyed having their daughter **Aimee** join them as an Assistant Director in charge of their leadership program and the management of the kitchen. It's an intense 11 weeks with campers and Susan and Steve are looking forward to a little relaxation time in the fall!

Scott Krueger and **Chamisal Tennis and Fitness Club** hosted the \$5,000 39th Annual Sam Linder Monterey Bay Tennis Championships. During the tournament they ran a silent auction and raised \$6,000 for Multiple Sclerosis. The club hosted the Level 1 National Women's Hard Court Championships, Sept. 14-20.

Wendy Grover, Pebble Beach, reports that she just finished four weeks with the **Stevenson Summer Camp** program. She was pleased to see that her campers were able to finish with solid ground strokes and volleys. The Stevenson courts are being resurfaced this summer and will be done in time for the high school girl's season. Wendy brought several of her high school and middle school students to Aptos High for practice matches against Gay Finch's junior tennis team. She also took players from Carmel to the WTA matches at the Bank of the West Classic at the end of July.

Judy Newman, La Madrona Swim and Racquet Club, hosted a novice junior tournament on Aug. 15-16. The regular adult USTA season has come to a close and she is focusing on fielding 4.0 men's and women's senior teams in the fall.

Gay Finch just finished her summer junior program at Aptos High where she scheduled matches with La Madrona, Stevenson School, **Rio Del Mar, Imperial** and **Seascape**. Gay continues her cardio tennis classes at Rio del Mar and fielded several teams out of the club this summer: 2.5 men's and women's, women's Super Seniors and a 4.0 team that went onto Districts at the beginning of August. In the fall there will be a women's senior team. **Paul Zaretsky** ran adult and

children's clinics and team tennis all summer at Rio. The club Singles Championships will be held in mid-September. Gay and her husband will be coaching the girl's team at St. Francis this fall and plan some preseason matches with York School, Pajaro Valley, Watsonville and Aptos.

Jon Tarr will be coaching the Pajaro Valley High School team and continues his clinics at **Ramsey Park** and Rio Del Mar. He also fields many USTA teams at Ramsey.

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NAPA/SOLANO

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I hope everyone had a great and profitable summer! Here are some of the highlights from the Solano-Napa area:

Steve Devries (Green Valley Country Club) traveled to Atlanta for the 12s and 14s nationals as a USTA NorCal coach. Steve just finished running a successful junior open tournament.

Michael Friedman (Millennium Rancho Solano) just returned from three days at the US Open. Michael spent time with his friend **Marvin Dent** (speaker at NorCal USPTA's last convention) and watched the Oudin-Sharapova match. Michael also got to attend the Pancho Gonzales ceremony. Sounds like a lot of fun!

Rick Hanover and **Ross Yarlott (Napa Valley Tennis Association)** report that they had over 300 participants in their Wine Classic NTRP tournament over the fourth of July weekend. NVTA also hosted the USTA Adult League districts.

Adam Bottorff (Solano Athletic Club) is having a lot of success with his QuickStart tennis program and is looking forward to the QuickStart Grand Prix coming in October. Also in October, Adam is hosting a Member-Guest Day and a Junior Excellence Tournament.

Here at **Millennium- Vacaville** we are winding down from a summer of junior camps and adult League tennis. We are planning our second annual Rally for the Cure tournament the first weekend of November.

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ClubSport Pleasanton had an outstanding summer with good attendance especially amongst the high school player group. The calendar included three summer wine and luncheon events and the ever popular Fourth of July Challenge-the-Pros. USPTA pros **Josh Uran**, **Kevin McQuaid**, and **Marc Moran** played roped together, with one racket, with eye patches, serving on their backs, etc. The fall will feature a Breast Cancer tennis event and a USTA junior challenger.

Livermore Valley Tennis Club and **Fearnside Tennis Academy** had a crazy summer. Thirty-three percent more kids played in camps and high performance squads than ever before. Some days there were over 90 kids at camp! Tournament players have all improved their NorCal and National rankings: 35 athletes have sectional rankings and 14 have national rankings. Not bad for a club that as little as two years ago had less than 20 juniors in the whole program. Tennis Director **Andrew Fearnside** and his staff, **Akshay Arora** and **Marilyn Morrell-Kristal** are excited about the coming fall with new programs beginning such as a daytime junior class for homeschooled kids from around the East Bay.

ClubSport Valley Vista enjoyed a great junior summer league with **Diablo**, **Crow Canyon** and **Blackhawk Country Clubs**, using a unique format that allowed substitutions and cumulative game scoring. It was a huge success and plans are already underway for next year. Valley Vista will also be participating in the new Junior League pilot program this fall that is modeled after the USTA Adult League. Finally, the club is excited to welcome **Andy Combs** as the Director of Junior Tennis.

The **Orinda Country Club** had a great summer with participation in the girls' 12 USTA advanced league (undefeated for the second year in a row); the girls' 18 USTA advanced league (undefeated), and the boys' 12 USTA advanced league (undefeated for the fourth year in a row). The boys' 12 team also won the USTA NorCal Team Championships in Clovis. OCC was the only private country club in the tournament. The club recently had three courts resurfaced with a new technique from the East Coast to prevent cracking. Let us know how that works out!

City of San Ramon Tennis Director **Kris Milligan** reports his book, "The Family Guide to Tennis," is in its final stages of editing. **Tim Gallwey**, author of "The Inner Game of Tennis," contributed to the chapter on "Mental Training." The "Inner Game of Tennis" is believed to be the first sports book to talk about the mental aspects of competing and was on the New York Times Best Seller List in 1974. Kris Milligan's former boss **John Gardiner** taught Tim Gallwey how to play tennis as a child at the **Pebble Beach Club**. As an adult, Gallwey worked for John Gardiner at his world famous **John Gardiner's Tennis Ranch** in Carmel Valley which was one of the first tennis camps for children and resorts for adult players.

The USPTA Contra Costa Junior Circuit is kicking off a new 2009-2010 year. **Round Hill Country Club** is the first event, Sept. 18-20. Go to www.usptajuniorcircuit.com to view and sign up for the tournaments. The winners of the 2008-2009 Junior Circuit Tournament of Champions at St Mary's College were introduced on court at the Bank of the West at Stanford University on USPTA night.

Rancho Colorados completed its \$2 million renovation just as summer began. **John Sharpe** has a new tennis building; replacing the portable shack that had been there for years (Batman could have hung upside down in that dark shack). The five courts are being petro matted at this time. Rancho's summer team program headed by John, **Dan Goeriz**, and **Suzanne Everly** (Rancho junior coordinator volunteer) had 96 juniors on board for the whole summer, plus clinics were offered in the morning for the novice level players of all ages. The fall is off to a great start with the ladies increasing the number of teams participating in morning ladies leagues. Sharpe wants to put together a trial USPTA Junior Flex League in the Lamorinda area starting next January. He is currently talking to **Mike Friedman** of **Top Dog Tennis** to develop the computer program, and plans to meet with Lamorinda pros in October. John will keep you updated on this exciting idea.



SOUTH BAY

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Almaden Swim and Racquet Club would like to announce the hiring of new Tennis Director, **Bill Kress** along with new Head Professional, **Oren Motevassel** and the return of Tennis Professional, **David Crain**. Bill taught at the **Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy** in Bradenton, Fla., the **Northwest Clubs** in Minneapolis, Minn, **Tower Grove Park Tennis Center** in St. Louis, Mo., and most recently was Head Professional at **Rose Bowl Tennis** in Pasadena. Oren played for fifteen years on the ATP Tour reaching a career high of No. 161. He won sixteen pro tournaments and was an eleven-time finalist. He has wins over many highly-ranked players and played in all four Grand Slam events. David Crain returns to ASRC after being the Director of Tennis at the **Almaden Valley Athletic Club**. ASRC 2.5 ladies came in second at Sectionals, just shy of making it to Nationals by one match. ASRC programs run throughout the year, and non-members are welcome to participate. Call 408-268-9556 for more information.

After 11 years **Jason Scalese** has stepped down as girl's tennis coach at **Archbishop Mitty High School** due to work conflicts. The Monarchs went 25-0 last year and have completed the last two seasons winning back to back CIF-NorCal championships with a team that included players who will now play at **UC Berkeley** and **The Naval Academy**. Scalese's wife Tamra, a 7-year JV coach at Mitty, has taken over the program. Scalese would like to thank all of the USPTA pros who also coach high school tennis who have been great friends and colleagues and those local pros who have always been very supportive of Mitty and high school tennis, especially Ken at SJSR, Mark at Decathlon and Tim and Gordon at Courtside.

The **South Bay Junior Tennis League** finished up their summer season. Teams participating included **Almaden SRC**, **Morgan Hill**, **San Jose Swim and Racquet Club**, **Almaden Golf and Racquet Club**, **AVAC** and **Milpitas**. We hope more teams will join the league for next year. Thanks to coordinator **Barry Poole** and **Jennifer Yoder** who helped with the trophies. This league thrived under the encouragement of former Almaden SRC Professional **Rodney Kop** for many years. Rodney Kop retired from Almaden SRC after 20 plus years.

San Jose Swim and Racquet Club Professional **Al Juodikis** was recently certified in the Pat Etcheberry system for training in speed, strength and agility. He will use his new certification and skills to offer speed and agility training for juniors and adults. SJSRC will host "Ace Cancer," a charity tournament sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to raise awareness and monies for cancer research, Sept. 25-27. The event features women's singles for players 3.0 to 4.5, women's doubles for players 3.0 to 4.5 and mixed doubles for 6.0 to 7.0 teams. Ken DeHart will conduct three one-hour clinics for all the participants prior to the event. All are welcome to participate and can find more information at <http://symb.acingcancer.llevent.org>.

Ken DeHart was the keynote speaker at the Montana High School Coaches Workshop with a 10-hour workshop on "50 Best Drills for Singles & Doubles," "Defeating the Monsters in Your Mind" and the "Science and Psychology of Competition." Ken also was the keynote speaker for the Arkansas USPTA Conference with the "20 Best Games for Singles and Doubles Strategy," Cardio Tennis, and a 4-hour USPTA Specialty Course on "Competitive Drill Patterns." Ken will be a speaker at the USPTA World Conference on Marco Island in September, as well as at the Southwest USPTA Conference in Phoenix in October. In November he will present a seminar and specialty course at our own NorCal USPTA Fall Conference, and in December he will headline for the GPTA in Atlanta. To round out his busy schedule, Ken will speak at the Australian Open in Melbourne in January.

Reno Davenport of SJSRC is the head coach for **Presentation High** and **Bellarmino High** and **Liz Westergren** is the head coach for **Lincoln High**. Here's to a great season this fall to all the coaches in the South Bay area.

Paul Allam, Director of Tennis at the **Pacific Athletic Club** in Redwood City has been the driving force for many years behind a very successful fund raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This year, Paul hosted a new event, Rally for the Kids, that again featured ATP pros and 5.0 amateurs with an auction that raised over \$25,000.

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Keith Adams has joined the staff with Director of Tennis **Mark Roberts** at the **Decathlon Club**. Keith is teaching Cardio Tennis, tennis fitness classes and private lessons.

Los Gatos Swim and Racquet Club hosted their first USTA junior tournament in August with over 250 entries in the novice and open levels. Director of Tennis **Vince Russo** served as tournament director. Thanks to club owners **Shelly and Ron Denevi** for hosting such a great event for San Jose junior tennis.

The boy's 18 team from **Courtside** won the USTA

NorCal JTT Championships. The team was led once again by Coach **Tim Sunderland**. This was the 51st NorCal team championship for Courtside's juniors. All the outdoor courts at Courtside have been changed to the US Open Blue. Courtside's **Gordon Collins** and **Decathlon's Mark Roberts** teamed up to provide funds and support for the South Bay Smash Wheelchair Tennis team. The clubs raised over \$9,000 with a silent auction and ladies mixer. In September, Courtside will be hosting its annual Junior Championships and Open, the largest tournament in Northern California with over 900 entries.

Rally For the Kids Benefit

On Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14-15, the Pacific Athletic Club hosted its First Annual Rally for the Kids Benefit. The event featured a Wine Walk and Cocktail Dinner for about 300 members and guests. The live and silent auctions raised over twenty-five thousand dollars for the Harper for Kids Foundation. The weekend was highlighted by a Legends Pro-Am Tournament featuring a group of players boasting former world No.1 rankings and grand slam doubles titles including Rick Leach, Ellis Ferriera, Scott Davis, David Pate, Johnathan Stark, Brian MacPhie, Ross Case and Erik van Dillen. The event was hosted by USPTA Pro Paul Allam, Director of Tennis at Pacific Athletic Club. Allam organized charity benefits from 2001 - 2007 for the Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation raising over \$500,000. For information about the Rally for the Kids Benefit visit the web site: www.rallyforthekids.com.





MID-PENINSULA

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All the summer programs have finished and the fall season is upon us. **Paul Allam** and his staff at **Pacific Athletic Club** had another amazing fundraiser. In addition to the playing pros (**Scott Davis, Brian MacPhie, Erik Van Dillen, Ellis Ferreira, Rick Leach, David Pate, Jonathon Stark, and Ross Case**), many NorCal USPTA pros and tennis fans attended the event including **Dick and Anne Gould, John Hubbell, Marisa Louie Stone and Doug Stone, Lindsay Bartlett Montero, Nigel O'Rourke, Rosie Bareis, Margie Peterman, Hope Schneider** (from the **Woodside Tennis Shop**) and yours truly, **Chris Bradley**, accompanied by my beautiful wife **Catherine**. This Rally for the Kids benefited the Harper for Kids foundation headed up by **Tim Harper and Peanut Louie Harper**. Thanks to Paul Allam for another successful event.

The **Bank of the West Classic** at Stanford had one of the best fields ever in July and there were many USPTA pros in attendance all week including our President **Mike Galli, Mark Fairchilds** and his wife **Jill, John Sharpe** and **Susan**, and **Andrea Barnes** to name a few for the Thursday night matches. Thanks Elaine and Mike for putting it together.

Alpine Hills hosted the Senior Sectionals and the Junior Fall Classic in July and August.

I'm sure there is a lot more peninsula news, but since I took over and have asked for e-mail addresses and for news I haven't received anything from anyone. Going forward I would love to get some news out there but need your help. My e-mail is candcnbc@aol.com and phone number is 408-354-8319. Thanks in advance for your help! Have a great fall. See you all in Napa at the Fall Conference in November.

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RENO/TAHOE

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The summer turned out to be great after we rid ourselves of afternoon thunder storms and as we enter into fall, the weather is absolutely wonderful. The Northern Nevada and Tahoe facilities report record numbers of tennis players.

Bob Deller, Kurt Richter and **Christy Funk** of the **Caughlin Club** report their first season was successful with tournaments, men's and women's leagues and junior programs. They hosted the ever popular **World Team Tennis (WTT)** recreational leagues in which 138 adult players participated. Congratulations to 4.0 team: Hey Julie Brown (Julie Brown captain), 3.5 team: The HurriCains (Paul Cain captain), and 3.0 team: The Deuces (Aiman Noursoultanova captain). Next step is a WTT National Qualifier for these teams. The D-Squad Academy began June 8 and ran all summer with over 200 kids ages 4-18. Dunlop is a sponsor of the D-Squad concept. The Caughlin Club just finished up their satellite tournament, a part of the Biggest Little Tennis Association Summer Series with 78 juniors participating from the local area. The Caughlin Club will host a USTA Captains' Appreciation Play Day on Sept. 20 and will host the Northern Nevada High School Tennis Regional Tournament Oct. 15-17.



WTT 3.0 Deuces



WTT 3.5 HurriCains



WTT 4.0 Hey Julie Brown

The **Biggest Little Tennis Association (BLTA)** has already started its first in-school program and is currently scheduling three other after school programs. The USTA/USPTA trained Recreational Coaches **Mandy Agerholm, Jan Carson, Michelle McKibbin, Kristen Ratto** and USPTA pro **Christy Funk** are currently looking for more tennis teachers due to the demand of tennis school programs in the Washoe County School District. If anyone is interested in learning more about Washoe 'Kidz' Tennis, please call Christy Funk at 775-827-9078. The BLTA is also excited to announce that nominations are being received for the 2009 Reno/Tahoe Tennis Hall of Fame inductee. The 2009 Reno/Tahoe Tennis Hall of Fame Gala will be held on Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Center Court Grill located at Lakeridge Tennis Club.

The **Lakeridge Tennis Club** concluded many of their programs for the summer including several tournaments and will host the Red, White and Blue Nevada Tennis Pro-Am Fundraiser on Sept. 19 to benefit the University of Nevada men's and women's tennis teams.

As USPTA Regional Director and owner of **Funky Tennis pro shop**, the summer was extremely busy. Keeping up with programming at the Caughlin Club, running Funky Tennis and serving on the board of the Biggest Little Tennis Association is rewarding as an individual, business owner, volunteer and USPTA pro, and I love to see tennis growing to such healthy numbers.

Good-bye friend and colleague: On Aug. 5, Northern Nevada lost a familiar and friendly face. **John Ebie** passed away after a short illness. He advocated for junior tennis, always giving time and energy to help with programs that would enhance young tennis players' lives. He served as the USPTA Reno/Tahoe Co-Regional Director until he became a USPTA NorCal Vice President, at which time he asked if I would take over as Regional Director. Over the years, I was fortunate to work on several coaches' workshops with John. We developed the Reno/Tahoe High School Tennis Player Scholarship for high school tennis playing graduates, traveled to USPTA conventions and discussed ways to build programs in Northern Nevada. I will always have fond memories. Goodbye old friend. You will be missed.

Noteworthy from National...



Vice President Tom Daglis on Capitol Hill

USPTA first vice president, Tom Daglis, had the opportunity to be a part of the seventh Annual IHRSA Summit for a Healthier America on May 6 and 7. Daglis, Tom Richards, IHRSA's senior manager of public policy, and IHRSA's team promoted two bills, the Workforce Health Improvement Program Act and the Personal Health Investment Act, both of which speak to the preventive health benefits of exercise. The main topics of the lobbying session were: recognizing the high obesity percentages of high school students, and understanding that both of these bills would be an investment in prevention and that both would lead to a change in behaviors and lifestyles. Considering that Americans work the longest number of hours and have the longest commutes, bills such as these could have a significant impact on health and wellness.



USPTA and TennisMD.com join forces on tennis-health.com

The United States Professional Tennis Association recently signed an agreement with TennisMD.com, making TennisMD a health and fitness content provider for tennis-health.com. TennisMD will supply USPTA with articles and video for the *Tennis – for the health of it!*SM Web site as part of the year-long agreement. Both TennisMD and USPTA will also provide advertising on, as well as links to each other's sites. The USPTA will also promote TennisMD's new content through press releases, newsletters, etc., so that USPTA members and tennis-health.com users have access to the most up-to-date information from TennisMD. In addition to the interactive portion, tennis-health.com will now have new content updated regularly, so users are encouraged to visit the Web site often for new videos and articles on health, fitness, nutrition, wellness, injury prevention and much more.



*Tennis – for the health of it!*SM featured in *The Physician and Sportsmedicine* journal

Tennis – for the health of it!, the United States Professional Tennis Association's initiative that promotes the health benefits of tennis, is the subject of an article in the June issue of *The Physician and Sportsmedicine* journal. The article was co-authored by Jack Groppe, Ph.D. and Nick DiNubile, M.D. The article, "Tennis: For the Health of It!," is part of the clinical features, and delves into research about the specific physical and psychological benefits of playing tennis. The article is currently available for a free viewing at <http://www.physsportsmed.com>. Go to "Current Issue" in the left column and click on June 2009, scroll down under "Clinical Articles" and click on the first link that says "Tennis."



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