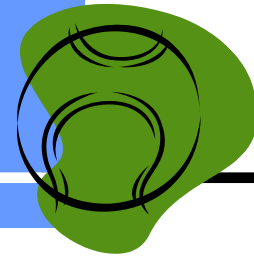


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As new NorCal President I was a bit concerned as our Division Convention approached. We not only had many new board members, but also a new ED. Well, everyone came through and we had another great conference. There are many people to thank but in particular: Paul Garron, thank goodness he is still helping us; Elaine Hennessy, our new ED who not only went through a steep learning curve but went beyond; Dick Gould, what can I say about such a generous, supportive and kind person; our new board members, they all stepped up so quickly, and our sponsors: the SAP Open, Tennisplayer.net, Lee Tennis (thanks for lunch, Tim!), USTA NorCal (Cherryl Silva rocks!), HEAD/Penn, Wilson, Prince, Dunlop, Carmel Valley Tennis Camp, Sports Attack, Playmate, Plexipave, Vintage Contractors, Roger Kahn Tennis and RSN. Please do all you can do to support them as in addition to being exhibitors, many of them also contributed support for our speakers. And finally, thanks to all the pros and high school coaches who attended.

Our NorCal audio visual team has expanded and in addition to Ron Lowe we had great help from Alvin Hom, Amina Doar and Ed Murphy. Thanks!

I am also pleased to tell you all that we are in very good shape financially. Membership is ahead of last year by 10 percent at this time so let's hope that this trend continues.

We have a number of specialty courses coming between now and the Fall Conference, and we will be sending out e-mail blasts for these and other key events. Testing is also doing well; visit the web site for details on where and when these sessions are held.

Inside Tennis did a great job of highlighting our award winners (thanks to Bill Simons). In addition to our ad they highlighted winners a number of times in the March issue. One omission was Sid Newcomb (my bad), our Tester of the Year. He has done a great job with the testing program. At Stanford, Weston Reese was sick so Sid and Paul Garron put in long hours to get it all done. Sid even missed the SAP Open USPTA night to finish up his work.



*Sid Newcomb, Tester of the Year*



And speaking of the SAP Open I had my moment of fame when Bill Rapp not only let me do the coin toss for the second match, after a very nice promotion for the USPTA, but then led me back stage to meet Pete Sampras. I even was invited along on Pete's car ride to the airport where I got Pete to call my wife on my cell phone to say "hi." Needless to say, she was shocked. Pete is not only a true champion but a nice and personable guy.

The women's retreat was held at the Claremont Resort on Feb. 22 (thanks Rosie, Andrea and Gay!). Their speaker line up was so good that I was tempted to put on a wig and dress and join them.

I am looking forward to serving you all and working with such a great group of individuals. USPTA NorCal continues to lead the way!

Sincerely,

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**2009 DATES THAT RATE**

DATE	EVENT
April 6-7	Certification Review and Testing, SF Tennis Club
May 9	Tennis Across America
June 1-2	Certification Review and Testing, SF Tennis Club
June 21	Specialty Course - <i>tba</i>
Aug. 16	Specialty Course - <i>tba</i>
Aug. 24-25	Certification Review and Testing, SF Tennis Club
Sept. 21-26	USPTA World Conference on Tennis Marco Island, Fla.
Nov. 14	Certification Review and Testing, Napa Valley College
Nov. 15-16	Fall Conference, Napa Valley College
Nov. 30-Dec. 1	Certification Review and Testing, SF Tennis Club

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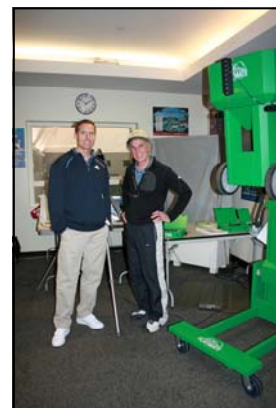
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### 2008 NorCal Award Winners



*Tim Sunderland, Pro of the Year*



*Josh Uran, Associate Pro of the Year*



*Hunter Gallaway, Men's Open Player of the Year*



*Jason Scalese, High School Coach of the Year*



*Geoff Martinez, Eldon Rowe Senior Men's Player of the Year*



*Paul Allam for Pacific Athletic Club, Facility of the Year*



*Rosie Bareis, Service to Tennis*



*Rodney Kop, Lifetime Achievement*

*Not Pictured: Monty Basnyat, Regional Director of the Year; Martha Downing, Women's Senior Player of the Year*



# NorCal USPTA Junior Circuit

## Spring 2009 Tournament Schedule

### Alameda

May 1 - 3, 2009

Mills College

### Contra Costa

February 6 - 8, 2009

Oakhurst Country Club

March 6 - 8, 2009

Diablo Country Club

March 20 - 22, 2009

Lafayette Tennis Club

April 17 - 19, 2009

Crow Canyon Country Club

May 15 - 17, 2009

Blackhawk Country Club

### Napa & Solano

March 20 - 22, 2009

Napa Valley Country Club

April 17 - 19, 2009

Millenium SportsClub  
Rancho Solano

May 15 - 17, 2009

Green Valley Country Club



## SOUTH BAY

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Greetings from the South Bay!

I am challenging all South Bay pros to contact me at yodertennis@gmail.com and tell me something about your tennis involvement, before June 1, 2009.

Congratulations to **Courtside's** Head Professional **Tim Sunderland**, the 2008 USPTA NorCal Pro of the Year. He has led our Junior Program for the past 30 years, and during that time has taught hundreds of ranked juniors. His main passion has been USTA Junior Team Tennis. Over the years, he has led Courtside to 50 NorCal team Championships and 29 state titles.

In February, Courtside hosted the qualifying, practice and main draw doubles for the SAP. On Monday night, they hosted a benefit match featuring **James Blake** and **Mardy Fish**, raising over \$2,500 for the **East Palo Alto Tennis & Tutoring** program.

**Ken DeHart** was the keynote speaker for the Indianapolis High School Coaches Workshop in

Indianapolis, Indiana, sponsored by the MidWest USPTA. He presented a two hour course for coaches on "Unusual Doubles Formations for Momentum Changes" and a four hour USPTA specialty course on "Strategy and Tactics for All Levels." Ken was also the USPTA specialty course speaker for the Missouri Valley USPTA and area high school coaches, presenting the "Strategy and Tactics" course in Kansas City, Missouri.

**San Jose Swim & Racquet Club** hosted a Fashion Show and Doubles Challenge. Deb's Tennis Shop provided the models and clothes that also featured a Wilson Demo Day and food by Pearl River Chinese Restaurant. San Jose Swim & Racquet Club will host a Breast Cancer Tennis Social to raise money for the treatment and cure of breast cancer in April.

Hopefully you were able to catch some of the SAP Open this year at the HP pavilion in San Jose. Has it stopped raining yet? I am also looking for some part time help in the Morgan Hill area, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30-6 p.m. Contact **Chris Yoder** if interested.

A special farewell and huge thanks to **Rodney Kop** of **Almaden Swim and Racquet**. Rodney has been a fixture in the South Bay tennis scene for the last 30 years. Rodney is set to retire May 31. Congratulations and aloha!

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**SAN FRANCISCO**

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A special thank you to **John Yandell** and Tennisplayer.net for sponsoring the cocktail party at the NorCal Convention at Stanford this past February. John, you sponsored a nice event.

**Weston Reese's San Francisco Tennis Club** recently became a part of the Western Athletic Club family. **Alan Skelton's Golden Gateway Tennis and Swim Club** is also affiliated with Western Athletic Club.

On Sunday, April 26 at 6 p.m. the San Francisco USPTA will be having a pizza night at Goat Hill Pizza in Potrero Hill. All regions are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to **Jason Blum** by Friday, April 24 by calling 415-503-0946.

If you are interested in prospectively hosting a NorCal USPTA Tennis Tournament for USPTA members, please contact Jason Blum at jblum@usptapro.com

The San Francisco USPTA Region wishes all of you a great spring and summer tennis season.



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**NORTH BAY***Amina Doar**amidoar@hotmail.com*

Hello all! We are well on our way to a successful and tennis-packed 2009! My name is **Amina Doar** and I was selected as the new Regional Director for the Marin and Sonoma area. I am currently on staff at **Meridian Rolling Hills Club** in Novato.

I started as a high school tennis player in Vancouver, Wash., and later went on to play college tennis at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, N.J. I then transferred to Washington State University where I co-founded the WSU Cougar Club Tennis team (CCT) which competes in the USTA Tennis on Campus PacNW League. CCT is the largest club sport at WSU and one of the largest tennis clubs in the Pacific Northwest. I became a certified member of USPTA in January, 2008 and am in the process of completing my degree in Social Sciences from WSU. I am passionate about programs that promote tennis, exercise, healthy living, and positive competition.

In other news, **Loretta Conway**, along with husband Bill Conway (PTR) from Forest Knolls, and **Carl Mendoza**, have submitted a Request for Qualification with the San Francisco Parks and Recreation district to allow Youth Tennis Advantage to provide tennis programs to lower- income families at McClaren Park. There are 8 available courts and YTA is looking to create a tennis program to include group lessons and USTA league teams.

**Laurent Lecellier** from Novato is currently working with the Lycée Français La Pérouse, a private French preparatory school in San Francisco, to introduce tennis to the students who range in age from 4 to 18 years.

Lastly, thank you to all those who attended the many conventions and workshops around the area and nation in the past couple months, including the Northern California Division Convention, Women's Retreat, and USTA Community Tennis Development Workshop in Hilton Head, SC.

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Rohan Bopanna (IND) / Jarkko Nieminen (FIN) 6-2, 6-3



Doubles Finalists NIEMENEN and BOPANNA, Tournament Director Bill Rapp  
& Doubles Champions STEPANEK and HAAS

2009 marks the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Elite Staff program! Thank you to all USPTA Professionals, Tennis Directors, Tennis Professionals and Tennis Coordinators that have been a valuable part of this program. Your loyal support has made the SAP Open the premier professional tennis tournament in the Bay Area.

We want to recognize and honor the following four USPTA professionals that have been members of the Elite Staff since the very beginning: Chris Bradley, Jim McLennan, Michael Velasco and Rodney Kop - THANK YOU for 15 great years!

Mark your calendars now! Dates for next year's SAP Open are February 8-14, 2010.

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**SACRAMENTO**

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Things are gearing up at the beautiful and plush **Arden Hills Resort Club and Spa**. With all the rain in the last few weeks and Little Tennis going on, Head Tennis Coach **Felipe Monroy** expects to have a great turn out for his second USTA Novice Junior tournament to be played April 4-5. Last year was the first year Arden Hills hosted a USTA Junior Tournament in more than a decade but the results were great. More than 75 junior players showed up to compete in both singles and doubles, some of them competing in their first USTA level tournament. Arden Hills will once again make a great host with its villas, restaurants and many amenities. For information about this upcoming USTA Novice Tournament please contact Head Tennis Coach Felipe Monroy at 916-879-0212 or email him at [tenniscalifornia@aol.com](mailto:tenniscalifornia@aol.com).

**Rio Del Oro** is starting a new Junior Tennis League. The league is designed to quickly start children ages 5-10 years old playing tennis. Reducing the court size and introducing bigger balls make it a lot easier to learn tennis. The first practice starts April 16 and the first in-house match starts April 18. The first 50 players that sign up receive a free junior tennis racquet. The team fee is \$75 which includes a T-shirt, awards, balls, matches, and end of season jamboree. For questions call **Greco De Valencia y Sanchez** at 916-488-8100 ext. 36 or e-mail him at [greco100@hotmail.com](mailto:greco100@hotmail.com)

  
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## EAST BAY

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**Marc Moran**, Tennis Director at **ClubSport Pleasanton** sends his greetings. He has an adult NTRP tournament in March. Advance sign-ups look promising. His team is all set for the summer social season with a series of tennis clinics and round robins connected with wine tastings and lunches. ClubSport is also rolling out its visual learning program with the goal of teaching lessons and then backing them up with emails and cds of the player's strokes; lots of work, but lots of fun. Thanks to **Riaz Shivji**, **Chuck Fowler**, and **Gordon Collins** for all their efforts to run, administrate, and host the SAP ball kids program. ClubSport Pleasanton's team had a blast! Congratulations to **Josh Uran** for garnering the USPTA Associate Pro of the Year. ClubSport Pleasanton is very proud of its team.

**Jennifer Shorr**, Tennis Director at **ClubSport San Ramon** reports that the Peak Performance Tennis Academy, now in its fifth, year will once again offer a 10 week Summer Junior Excellence Academy. The summer session begins June 15 and is designed for sectional and nationally ranked championship and open level players. The PPT Academy program is open to youths 8 to 16 years of age. The Academy also offers year round opportunities for top junior, high school or tournament players who wish to train and develop in an academy style setting. For more information see the Academy web site at: [www.peakperformancetennis.com/academy.htm](http://www.peakperformancetennis.com/academy.htm) or call our Junior Academy Director, **Hal Wagner** at 866-256-0758 ext 2.

**Jerry Conrad**, Head Tennis Pro at **Oakland Hills Tennis Club** reports that he has been very busy with adult clinics these last two months. Over 150 members ranging in skills from beginner to intermediate have signed up to take a series of clinics. The club is providing these lessons free of charge with the idea of getting more people involved in tennis. Jerry would like to thank **Jan Brogan**, **Cordell Ho**, **Cristina Visico**, **Bill Merida**, **Linda Van Der Meer**, **Lisa Barry** and **Carol Anderson** for making this program a tremendous success. Jerry can't forget about his juniors who participate in the East Bay Junior Tennis League. His club has over 50 kids involved in this after school program. The EBJTL is an informal league with 10 teams from various cities in the East Bay. Jerry has been the coordinator of the league with **Rosie Bareis** for the past ten years. Over 130 kids play at the novice level with the hope that they will achieve success both on and off the courts.

As for me at **Hidden Hills**, we are gearing up for the summer program, directed by **Suzi Mills**, who does a fabulous job getting kids excited about tennis. In addition to camps, Hidden Hills also will be running five NorCal USTA Sanctioned Tournaments. Our new *Mix it Up* social has proved successful, and we have many interclub matches on the books. Things never seem to slow down!

I have taken a position on the NorCal Board and will be passing the Regional Director position onto Wendell Pierce. Cheers for now.





## MONTEREY

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**Clark Corey, Carmel Valley Ranch**, reports that his Monterey Bay League teams A and B are in the midst of their season and continue to be competitive. The 3.5 USTA Senior team won their league. CVR has a 7.0 mixed team and are fielding a 3.5 ladies team this spring. CVR took a bus load of members to the SAP Open in February and they are planning two big events in the spring: a Prince Demo Day on April 4 and a *Road to Roland Garros* weekend sponsored by HARTRU on May 1-3.

**Wendy Grover, Pebble Beach**, is running clinics for her middle school program at All Saints Episcopal Day School in Carmel Valley. The students are getting prepared to play matches with Stevenson, Catalina and Carmel middle schools. She hopes that these tennis enthusiasts continue to play in high school.

**Steve Proulx and Susan Reeder**, owners and directors of **Carmel Valley Tennis Camp**, report that they have been busy preparing for summer 2009. They have been visiting various clubs distributing their brochures. They are one of the sponsors of the NorCal USTA Junior calendar and the High School Boys International Tournament in Fresno. Susan and Steve are looking forward to a fabulous summer with many returning counselors. They send thanks to all the pros that are so supportive of CVTC.

**Gay Finch** attended the USPTA conference held at Stanford and filled in as one of the speakers on the High School Coaches Panel with **Dick Gould** and **Jason Scalse** when Jan Brogan was unable to attend. She also headed up a women's lunch meeting with 16 attendees. Gay and **Rosie Bareis** organized a Women's Retreat held at the Claremont Resort on Feb. 22 which was a big success with 16 participants, including two men. There were five speakers, **Andrea Barnes**, **Susan Zaro**, **Rosie Bareis**, **Tracy Houk**, and our own Monterey Bay pros, **Susan Reeder** and **Judy Newman**. Susan's topic was "Tips and Tools for Training a Great Staff," and Judy and Tracy together discussed "Secrets and Strategies of a Good Doubles Team." Thank you to all the speakers for volunteering

their time and sharing their knowledge with all of us. We have so many talented women in our organization. These retreats are a very special time and will be continued throughout the year. Please let Andrea, Rosie or I know if you are interested in hosting a retreat.

**Rick Kepler, Seascope Sports Club**, held a 2.5 USTA sponsored Jamboree on Feb. 28 with 22 participants from **Jade Street, Rio Del Mar** and **Cabrillo**. It was a huge success with a free clinic, round robin play, food and prizes. Rick, Gay Finch and **Paul Kessler** of **Jade Street Park**, are going to field 2.5 men's and women's teams in April.

The **Tennis Club of Rio Del Mar** will be hosting a USTA Jamboree on March 28 from 12:30-4 p.m. The public is invited! The Senior USTA 4.0 women's team won their league and will be heading to Sacramento for Districts April 17-19. There will be a Super Senior men's team, 4.0 women's team and two to three 2.5 women's and men's teams fielded out of Rio Del Mar this spring. The annual Grandmother's Tournament will take place on Saturday, May 16.

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## NAPA/SOLANO

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Here is news from the clubs and pros in the Napa/Solano area:

**Green Valley Country Club:** USPTA Past President, **Paul Garron** has moved on to the **San Francisco Tennis Club**. Good luck to Paul. Our area will miss him! All six courts at Green Valley are currently being rebuilt.

**Napa Valley Tennis Association:** **Rick Hannover** reports that NVTA won the USTA NorCal Facility of the Year award. Congratulations to President **Bob Walsh** and Rick.

**Millennium-Rancho:** **Michael Friedman** informs me that they have added two pros to the staff at Rancho, **Derin Hibbs** and his fiancée **Lisa Kealy**. Michael, **Jason Pfister**, Derin and Lisa will continue to grow the tennis program and to that end have formed a Tennis

Committee to help deal with the issues of an expanding program. Michael also reports: "On Feb. 28 we held our annual fund raiser, The Lynn Dugoni Mixed Doubles Tournament. Our prayers were answered, the skies parted and we were able to play on dry courts! Many of us remember Lynn, her incredible life force, her love for tennis and especially her passionate love for her family and very close friends. That is what brought us together. We annually celebrate her life around her birthday by playing a round robin mixed doubles tennis tournament, raising funds to fight cancer in her name. It was special because we also had many players who did not know Lynn but love our community and wanted to be a part of this exceptional event. With everyone's help we were able to raise over \$1,600 for the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation."

**Millennium-Vacaville:** Our ladies were the Sectional Champions for the women's 6.5 combo league. We are also in the middle of organizing our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vacaville Junior Team Tennis League. We use the 6-Tennis Format and it has been very successful.

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## CONTRA COSTA

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Congratulations to **Rosie Bareis** for receiving the USPTA Service to Tennis Award and to the **Claremont Resort** for the earning USTA NorCal's Organization of the Year Award.

**Calvin Thompson** at **Oakhurst Country Club** ran a successful USPTA Junior Circuit tournament on Feb. 6 - 8 with 68 juniors participating. **Diablo Country Club** under **Juan Gamboa** is hosting a Junior Circuit March 6 - 8 with 65 juniors. Great support for the NorCal USPTA from these two top notch pros!

**John Sharpe** at **Rancho Colorado Club** is reporting a great turn out for his Friday Junior Match Play with about 15 juniors playing each week. For his small club this is a good turn out. His adult group team workouts and junior clinics are going great, but he has noticed his private lessons are down due to the recession. To counter this he has been doing Stroke of the Week clinics.

**ClubSport Valley Vista** and USPTA Pros **Ben Price, Chris Magyary, Rhonda Gibbs, Ron Luis, Kim McCann** and **Dale Miller** have been very active in community outreach through the Diablo North 6-Tennis program which has over 300 kids playing on 34 teams. This is a record number for this league and Dale expects this to be a great lead into the club's summer

programming. Dale, and his ClubSport Valley Vista staff, have also teamed up with **Sue Leo** from **Round Hill, Brian Berry** at **Blackhawk** and **Mark Orwieg** from **Moraga Country Club** in running a unique spring league including substitutions and cumulative scoring.

Everything is great for **Rudgear Park Tennis** and **Brett Stephenson**. Rudgear Park Tennis was a Top Fifty Tennis Welcome Center in the U.S. for 2006 and 2007 and now they are the Tennis Welcome Center of the Month for February as featured by the TIA and GrowingTennis.com. Brett's two biggest successes at Rudgear have been Cardio Tennis and a Singles Flex League with over 29 participants. Also, Brett has teamed with "Tennis Trophies and Tee Times" tennis shop in Danville to host a Tennis Night In America event. At the event they will have Cardio Tennis, a ball machine clinic, One Point Tournament, demos and shop discounts. Sign ups will also be taken for spring and summer programs which include three new ones: "Out of Season," a girls and boys singles flex league for East Bay high school teams; East Bay Area Junior Singles Flex League, for ages 10-14, and a USTA No-Cut League for area high schools. Brett has also recently been named a USPTA Ambassador promoting the healthy side of tennis with the USPTA initiative *Tennis - for the health of it!* and "Exercise is Medicine." He has been giving speeches about wellness and the healthy benefits of tennis to corporations and the health industry for over five years. So you can see Brett is trying to stay busy even with this rainy weather!

### *Welcome New NorCal Members!*

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| • Garbo Berger    | Martinez      | • Todd Nyman       | Orinda        |
| • Peter Boza      | Belmont       | • Rocky Pierson    | San Rafael    |
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| • Steven Johnson  | Sparks        | • Jan Tiilikainen  | Reno          |
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## FRESNO

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Get to know the Pros in Fresno:

**Doug Hofer** started playing tennis seriously at the age of 18 years old. He love to play in tournaments, but it took eight tournament entries before he won a first round match. Doug started playing Class tournaments and was the No. 1 player in NorCal for Class D as an 18 year old. He started his college tennis career at Reedley Community College and then transferred to Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan. where he played in the No. 1 position.

After graduation from college, Doug earned a teaching credential in Health and Physical Education. Post-college saw Doug playing on the USTA Satellite Circuit, now called "Futures," based in Florida. Doug became a high school coach for two years and then an assistant professional at **Visalia Racquet**

**Club**, after which he coached at College of the Sequoias for 18 years. From there, Doug worked for 15 years as the Tennis Director for the city of Visalia. Doug started the **Visalia Community Tennis Association**, which now boasts 200 members. He is actively involved in the VCTA's youth tennis, Team Visalia. Over 100 youth played summer tennis at three different high schools on 12 different teams at three levels.

Now, Doug runs his own business, **Hofer Tennis**, which provides tennis lessons and an online tennis equipment store at [www.hofertennis.com](http://www.hofertennis.com). He has been a Dunlop Advisory Staff member for the past 7 years.

Doug is a certified Professional 1, has been a member of USPTA since 1981, and a member of USTA for over 35 years. He served as a USPTA Northern California Division Regional Director and received the division's Regional Director of the Year Award in 1996 and 1998. He received the USTA Community Service Award for College Coaches in 1991 and 1996.



## CENTRAL VALLEY

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At this year's USPTA convention, **Scott Borowiak** once again did an outstanding job interviewing the Living Legends panel which included **Rick Macci**, **Marvin Dent** and **Lynne Rolley**. Each year Scott's evocative questions lead panel members to reveal interesting information about themselves and some of their former students and players. One very entertaining story dealt with Rick Macci's first meeting with the young Williams sisters and their father in Compton. It was great to see Central Valley USPTA members represented at the convention by Scott, **Mark Weir**, **Jack Bracken**, and **Steve Tiffin**.

Welcome to **Justin Yarborough** who just joined the NorCal USPTA. Justin is a former Modesto J.C. tennis player. He is teaching at the **Turlock Fitness and Racquet Club** with director **Jack Schneider**. Both Jack and Justin are assistant coaches for the Stanislaus State Women's tennis team this year. Welcome Justin!

Many thanks to **Bill Weber** who put together a group

bus trip to the SAP Tournament from the Turlock and Modesto Fitness and Racquet Clubs. Newlywed **Brian Heiser** reports that the **Modesto Racquet Club** will be hosting a USTA Junior Championship the second week of March. In May, Brian and many of his junior players will head to the Copper River Club in Fresno for a junior exchange.

Director of Tennis **Mark Weir** reports that the **Del Rio Country Club** and Modesto Fitness and Racquet Club will host a group of juniors from the Salem Tennis Club in Orgeon for a junior exchange.

**Scott Borowiak**, Stockton's Director of Tennis at the **Marina Club** is back from taking his second group of players on a trip to Mexico. Scott's club will be hosting a USTA Challenger and Novice tournament in late May. Scott is also putting together a junior tennis exchange with the help of **Jill Kelsey** and **Antwan Graves**. If you are interested please contact one of them.

**Steve Tiffin**, Director of Tennis at the **Lodi Woodbridge Country Club**, has recovered from knee surgery and was able to travel to Mexico and teach with Scott Borowiak in January. In April, Steve will introduce QuickStart Tennis Play Format.



## MID-PENINSULA

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Hello All!

Since I was offered some big bucks to step in as Regional Director, I acquiesced and here we are Mid-Peninsula, back on the pages of the newsletter again. We have a big area and since I am the new kid on the block (well kind of) I want to be able to get in touch with all of you. Please send me an e-mail with your contact information so we can stay in touch and you can give me some news ([candcnbc@aol.com](mailto:candcnbc@aol.com) or call 650-851-1591 ext. 107). Andrea Barnes and I have been talking about getting all of us together in the near future playing tennis, having a speaker or anything else. Have any ideas???

This past month we had three big events that our local Mid-Peninsula pros were able to attend. Our annual USPTA Convention at Stanford, the SAP Open in San Jose, and the QuickStart Tennis Play Format Program presented at Pacific Athletic Club. All three events were a huge success and a big thank you to **Mike Galli**, our current president, **Paul Garron**, past president, and board members **Andrea Barnes**, **John Sharpe**, **Jason Beardslee** (who won the feeding contest with my racket- still waiting for my cut of the check, Jason), **Monty Basnyat**, **Scott Howard**, and our new Executive Director **Elaine Hennessy** for a great convention. Thanks to **Bill Rapp**, **Judy del Rosario** and the rest of the SAP staff for doing another great job with the men's tournament in San Jose. They also ran the pro tournament in Memphis the following week. Lastly, thanks to **Paul Allam** and his staff at the **Pacific Athletic Club** including **John Hubbell**, **Lindsay Bartlett Montero**, **Marisa -Louie Stone**, **Claire Carter**, and **Steve Miller** for a job well done for the QuickStart Tennis Play Format presentation run by **Anne Pankhurst**.

### Quick News-

- **Alpine Hills** has a new Tennis Director: **Nigel Pugh**. Originally from Australia, most recently from Atlanta, and formerly at Diablo and Livermore, Nigel joins myself, Director of Tennis Emeritus, **Steve Deggelman**, Head Pro, and USPTA pros **Terry Roundtree** and **Rick Trenner**. Welcome Nigel!
- **Randy Becker** and his wife **Greta**, along with **Jim McLennan**, his wife **Joann** and son **Patrick** all went to the Davis Cup in Memphis. This will be the Beckers seventh tie in a row on home soil. GO USA!
- **Alan Margot** has started a very good website called Clever Tennis. Check it out at [clevertennis.com](http://clevertennis.com).
- Congratulations to Pacific Athletic Club for being named USPTA NorCal Facility of the Year.
- We are short on space but here's to all of you that attended the events above. You know who you are and how important it is to support all of our local and regional tennis events. Thanks to **Michael Friedman**, a USPTA past president, for his help in bringing Marvin Dent to the NorCal convention. Marvin was even able to check out all the beautiful redwood trees in Boulder Creek on my property.

Here's to dry weather (although our reservoirs are loving the rain)! Talk to you soon!



Join the new team sport in town.....Junior Team Tennis Leagues are popping up all over your communities. These leagues are geared towards new players ages 8 to 16 years old. Kids are introduced to tennis in a fun and easy way, learning with softer balls and shorter courts. These parent and volunteer run leagues are supported by the USTA Northern California Section. Visit [www.norcalteamentennis.com](http://www.norcalteamentennis.com) to learn more about the program.



## RENO/TAHOE

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Until I started writing this article, the Tahoe and Northern Nevada region has had a very mild winter compared to years past. Now, I sit here with over six inches of snow falling. Looks like outdoor tennis will be off for a few days. That being said tennis is still visibly on the rise as courts all through the Reno area were constantly in use throughout this past winter. The City of Reno actually repaired several park courts which were not being used and now are always full. The buzz this past couple of weeks is that the USTA teams are forming and looking to take to the courts.

**The Caughlin Club** is excited to announce the return of **Bob Deller (Thermal Tennis), Kurt Richter (Nevada Tennis) and Christy Funk (Funky Tennis)** to the Caughlin Club in Reno, Nev. Deller, Richter and Funk have been working for the past couple of months and have announced an exciting spring and summer schedule which includes a full range of adult and juniors programs, cardio tennis, the Reno City Tennis Championships on Memorial Day weekend, a junior satellite tournament, a World Team Tennis tournament, and several socials over the summer. A junior training center is scheduled to be up and running by June.

**The Biggest Little Tennis Association (BLTA)** hosted its annual USTA Recreational Coaches Workshop on March 8 at Wooster High School. **Rosie Bareis** was the USTA facilitator. On March 7 a CPR class and a "Teaching Kids to Play Tennis" clinic was held by Bob Deller. The 2009 Satellite Tournament Series for kids is published and ready to go. Registration can be mailed or completed online by going to [www.funkytennis.com](http://www.funkytennis.com) and clicking on the 2009 Satellite Series button. The BLTA is excited to be working with Caughlin Club tennis as a partner for the World Team Tennis (WTT) tournament scheduled for August 15-16.

**Washoe 'Kidz' Tennis**, a program offered by the BLTA, will start up in seven elementary schools in March with tennis both during and after school. Two of the elementary schools contracted for once weekly tennis for a full year this past year in conjunction with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant. The USPTA trained Recreational Coaches **Mandy Agerholm, Lezley Barclay, Jan Carson, Christine Fegert, Michelle McKibbin, Kristen Ratto**, and USPTA pros **Christine Brenner** and **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 Lakeridge Tennis Club** will host the *Serve it Up Ladies' Day* on May 20. This event benefits breast cancer research. For information, please contact **Phyllis Blackwell**, Head Tennis Professional, 775-827-3300 ext. 220. Lakeridge's schedule also includes: April 24-26, Junior Satellite Tournament; June 19-21, Lakeridge NTRP Tournament; August 7-9, Nevada State Junior Open.

**Carson Tennis Club:** **Kyle Horvalt** announced his resignation from Zephyr Cove Tennis Club where he has been the Head Pro for five years. He has decided to dedicate himself full time to the Carson Tennis Club as Head Pro at Carson City's Centennial Park. Kyle will be the tournament director for the August 15-16 Carson City Tennis Club Junior Satellite Series tournament.

**Christy Funk, USPTA Regional Director and owner of Funky Tennis Pro Shop:** Funky Tennis has moved its location on Moana Lane in Reno to the Caughlin Club. I am excited to again be working with Bob Deller and Kurt Richter as the Director of Tennis Activities for the Caughlin Club. I have been working for the past two months to bring tournaments, socials, leagues and cardio tennis to the Caughlin Club. Tennis rocks!



## REGISTER! REGISTER! REGISTER!

Created expressly to help grow the game, **USPTA's Tennis Across America™** is for **new** players looking for a fun, social way to exercise, **current** players who want to play more and **former** players who would like to get back into the sport.

### What is Tennis Across America™?

Sponsored by the United States Professional Tennis Association – the world's oldest and largest organization of tennis-teaching professionals – Tennis Across America is an exciting instructional grassroots program consisting of three segments:

1. Add a little excitement to your events by doing something different. For example, plan a Little Tennis clinic and invite parents and children to participate, or stage a Cardio Tennis demonstration to introduce fitness to your members who are aerobic enthusiasts. Other events could focus on junior players as well as your adult players. Why not try and go a step further and have your members bring a guest to participate in a member-guest clinic? This way you reach out to possible new members. There are many things you can do to change your Tennis Across America clinics from year to year.

- **Free clinics** held during the month of May at public and private facilities across the nation.
- **Multicultural clinics** to introduce the sport to groups that do not normally have the opportunity to play.
- **Follow-up programs** to provide players with an opportunity to pursue their new enthusiasm for tennis.

### Who can run clinics?

Any USPTA professional or tennis enthusiast who wants to help grow the game can participate.

### Why register?

USPTA promotes Tennis Across America through national advertising and publicity campaigns. Calls to USPTA from the public are referred to local pros and clinics nationwide. The public also can find a list of local events at [www.uspta.com](http://www.uspta.com).

### Division awards

1. Member participation in TAA counts toward the annual Division of the Year Award.
2. Plaques will be awarded to the three divisions that recruit the highest number of participants in Tennis Across America.
3. Plaques will also be awarded at the World Conference to the three divisions with the highest percentage of members participating in this program.

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