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President's Report

By Anne Podney



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Ben Press' passing last month will be felt by all of San Diego, not just the tennis community, which he dedicated his life to. From his years as a junior standout to his devotion to improving and renovating San Diego tennis courts, he touched so many lives. His energy, enthusiasm and love of the game were unparalleled. I will miss his smiling face and good humor and feel honored that I could call him my friend. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to: The Greater San Diego City Tennis Council, 2221 Morley Field Drive, San Diego, CA 92104--designated for the Pauline and Charles Press Tournament Desk Pavilion to be erected at Balboa Tennis Club.

Not only does the SDDTA want to bring new players into the game, we are encouraging college players and former junior players to participate in tournaments and leagues. Jami Jones, Chair of the Collegiate Committee, has done an outstanding job this year. The Committee instituted a scholarship program (page 4), donated balls to various community college programs, offered reduced tournament entry rates to college players and supported local Tennis on Campus teams.

Once again, the 88th Annual San Diego District Championships drew some of the best players of the summer. Tournament Director Tony Perez ran a smooth and well run tournament. Sponsors were the Algeo Group, LLC and the American Melanoma Foundation. A big kudo is also due to the La Jolla Recreation Center which hosted its 100th anniversary tournament this year! More than 700 players participated, making it the largest and oldest San Diego Open tournament. Congratulations!



Ben Press

San Diego's own Fran Wakefield Hunter was honored on September 14th at the sixth Southern California Tennis Association Senior Hall of Fame induction. For years, Fran has been instrumental in helping make Southern California adult tennis one of the best in the country.

This year was the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame. Sponsored by the American Melanoma Foundation, the event honored James "Chico" Hagey, Leland Housman, Kathy May, Janet Newberry and Walter Redondo. Emceed by Jim Lackritz, the event was under the expert supervision of Larry Belinsky. For more information on these



Fran Wakefield Hunter



L to R: Larry Belinsky (Chair), James "Chico" Hagey, Leland Housman, Walter Redondo, Jane Newberry-Howe, Chris Paben (Kathy May's son) and Jim Lackritz (Emcee)

outstanding individuals, check out the biographies written by Don Daniels on our home page, www.sandiegotennis.com.

This is the first issue of the San Diego Tennis Reporter that will be sent online to all USTA adult members in the County. Hopefully you will all understand the need to cut expenses involved in the production of the paper newsletter so that our financial resources can be devoted to other activities. The yearbook, however, will continue to be mailed to all members in early 2017. The SDDTA Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, January 13th, at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club (page 8). I hope to see you all there!

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USTA League Tennis

By Lesley Waite



L to R: Mariko Atoji, Jodi Doolittle, Megan Steadman, Karyn McCartney, Captain Kellie Jaquez, Teresa Downey, Dorian Sailer, Maria Nunez, Bridget Youngdale

Two USTA Adult 40 & Over women's teams clinched a spot in the USTA Adult National Championships. At the SCTA Sectionals, Scripps Ranch Swim & Racquet Club 4.5+ team captained by Kellie Jaquez beat Santa Barbara, Orange County, San Fernando Valley, and San Diego in a walkover in the final.



L. to R. Jenny Bjornstad, Stacy Kreysar, Captain Lindsey Oar, Anne Zender, Karla McTaggart, Jennifer Amthor, Dana Tavelman, Stacy Comfort

Omni La Costa Resort's 4.0 team headed by Lindsey Oar won their local league flight, then the local playoffs against Surf & Turf Tennis Club before competing at Sectionals. They had wins over Beach Cities and San Gabriel Valley and a loss to San Fernando Valley before defeating Ventura 4-1 in the final. Both teams will vie for their respective national title at La Quinta.



L.to R. Janet Allan, Liz Hoffman, Lynn Kaufman, Capt. Sandra Sweat, Candy Schramm, Dolores Dreher, Mary Casner, Judy Provol, Coach Sue Whiteside

Stoneridge Country Club fielded a women's 6.0 team in the USTA Adult 55 & Over League and after winning the local competition, Captain Sandra Sweat said she and her team hoped they would not end up at the bottom. They turned the table on that low expectation when they emerged the section champions and earned a ticket to the USTA Nationals in Arizona by beating Coachella Valley, Ventura, and San Fernando Valley.

2017 USTA Mixed 18 & Over Doubles League Entry Deadline - December 10 (No Exceptions)

The 2017 USTA 18 & Over Mixed Doubles League team registration deadline for a minimum of six players including the captain is Thursday, December 10, before 8:59 PM.

Offered at the 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, and 10.0 NTRP *Combo* Levels, the format is three doubles. Teams must have a minimum of six players (maximum of 12). *Combo* means the sum of the NTRP ratings of an individual team cannot exceed the level of play and no more than 1.0 point may separate the partners. Season begins in January on Saturday afternoons.

No registrations allowed before the 2016 Year End Ratings are published online at www.usta.com usually at the beginning of December. Captains should select their team members with the understanding that the Year End Ratings could impact individuals. Team captains can receive their team registration numbers by calling Lesley at 858-755-8110 as soon as the Year End Ratings are published, they have checked for players' rating changes, and have six committed players.

USTA FLEX LEAGUE

For singles players who want to practice or polish their skills the USTA FLEX League which is more like a ladder fits the bill. It's also a great way for players new to San Diego County to meet others who enjoy singles. Five seasons are offered: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall, and Holiday. Players choose either San Diego or San Diego North County and also select their skill level when registering online. Once the suggested schedule is published all have access to the other players' contact information in their flight. Opponents mutually agree to a time and date to play their match. Men's and women's flights are offered at 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, and 5.0 NTRP skill levels. MATCH SCORES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE NTRP RATING DATABASE used for the USTA Adult and Mixed League teams. (For USTA five-line leagues that require two singles individual matches, the Winter season is great practice for your team's singles players.) Fee is \$35; USTA members save \$10. Visit www.sandiegotennis.com to register online.



L.to R. Elizabeth Louis, Alguerna Fernandez, Becky Hayes, Irene Roberts, Mariko Reinhart, Captain Jacky Saentz, Monica Vargas

Mackenzie Creek Park's 2.5 women's team won the SCTA Sectional Championship in the USTA Adult 18 & Over League by beating Beach Cities and San Fernando Valley teams. Unfortunately they withdrew from competing at the USTA nationals due to a lack of available players.

Wounded Warrior Tennis Program Continues to Grow Through Free Weekly Clinics

By Steve Kappes



For the past seven years, the District's Wounded Warrior Tennis Program has been using tennis as a means of rehabilitation and community reintegration to improve the lives of wounded, ill, and injured service members and veterans. It may be best known for its annual camps which bring together warriors from all over the country for an all-expense paid week of tennis instruction and camaraderie every May.

The program is much more than that, however. The program runs year-round for local wounded, ill, and injured veterans and service members through free tennis clinics held at Balboa Tennis Club every week, and at Naval Medical Center San Diego every other week. The clinics have been growing in popularity; approximately 20-25 participants come to each one.

The instruction at both locations is led by Balboa Tennis Club's Tennis Director Geoff Griffin, assisted by volunteers from the tennis community. Carly Hanna, a recent graduate from Pepperdine University who relocated to San Diego, loves giving back through this program. She writes:

"The San Diego Wounded Warrior tennis clinic has taken off in recent months. As a fairly new volunteer, I've seen why. You're immediately pulled in by the energy and you stay for the community. The courts serve as a safe space for improving tennis players as well as a break from the priorities and pressures of everyday life. With our number of participants on the rise, we're able to arrange doubles matches and large group games, such as king (or queen) of the court. And as much as players show up to boost their tennis skills, they also bring such enthusiastic and optimistic spirit that brings joy to everyone they encounter. This clinic is a true community that is meeting its goals to encourage an active lifestyle and foster meaningful friendships."

You can read more from Carly at a new **Blog**: sdwoundedwarriortennis.wordpress.com.

And of course, you can find more about the program here: **Website**: www.sdwoundedwarriortennis.org; **Snapchat**: [wwtennis](https://www.snapchat.com/add/wwtennis)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sdwoundedwarriorstennis.com; **Instagram**: www.instagram.com/wwtennis.

Run and Roll Tournament Returns to Balboa Tennis Club

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 19th for the return of the popular Run and Roll tournament to be played at Balboa Tennis Club from 1:00-4:00 pm. This is a tournament where an able bodied player (Run) is paired with a player in a wheelchair (Roll). Entry forms will be available at Balboa Tennis Club reservations desk or email M. A. Hillier for an entry form at tennisma@cox.net. For more info call M. A. Hillier at 619-884-8911. Space is limited so get those entry forms in ASAP. Cost is \$25 per person and includes entry, t-shirt, and dinner. Make checks payable to Wheelchair Tennis San Diego.

El Camino Country Club Charlotte Tanner Fund Raiser Set for November 14

El Camino Country Club will host a golf tournament, silent auction, and banquet November 14. El Camino tennis professional Tamara Tanner, daughter of Charlotte and Roscoe Tanner, sadly learned her mother has been diagnosed with stage 4 Follicular Lymphoma and is currently undergoing chemo treatment. To participate in the golf tournament and/or banquet contact tamaratannerusa@gmail.com or 949-353-0814. Sponsorship opportunities are available and donations for the auction are welcomed. To help with her medical expenses, make your contributions at: www.gofundme.chartannerstrong.

Rankings in Review

By Jim Lackritz

In our yearbook and at sandiegotennis.com we publish our annual rankings from the calendar year.

To be eligible for a ranking in Men's Open, NTRP, and age group *singles* divisions, a minimum of *three* SDDTA sanctioned tournaments played during the calendar year with at least two wins (not counting defaults) is required. To be eligible for a ranking in Women's Open, NTRP, and age group *singles* divisions, a minimum of *two* SDDTA sanctioned tournaments played during the calendar year with at least one win (not counting defaults) is required.

To be eligible for a ranking in the Open, NTRP, and age group *doubles* divisions (Men's, Women's, Mixed, or Family), a minimum of *two* SDDTA sanctioned tournaments played during the calendar year with at least one win (not counting defaults) is required. If there are insufficient opportunities for enough players to meet the minimum requirements in a division, the committee may choose to relax the requirements.

Any player or team that meets requirements for a ranking is eligible as long as they are a current USTA member, regardless of their residency. As rankings are published in the yearbook, space limitations may not allow all eligible players in a division to be ranked.

We use the ranking system developed by the USTA to compile our initial rankings. The system bases its rankings on a combination of head-to-head results and how far one progresses in a tournament, with higher weights given to tournaments that have the larger draws. All players should check the accuracy of their tournament results so that all of their results are evaluated correctly by the ranking committee. If there are questions contact the District office at (619) 299-8647.

Club Liaison Committee Surveys Local Tennis Clubs

By Steve Leffler

The SDDTA Club Liaison Committee was formed earlier this year to improve communications between the District and tennis clubs within the District. Our hope is that we can establish a network of resources that will better enable the District and our local tennis clubs to identify and address common issues. As a first step in order to gather basic facts about our local clubs and identify common concerns, the SDDTA recently mailed a survey form to local clubs.

The SDDTA survey requested general information from each club including contact information, number of members or memberships, the type of club (private or public), the number of courts, and whether the courts are in a public park (and the club is therefore affected by city permitting processes). We also asked each club to rank various areas of concern to identify common issues. These areas included membership growth, financial issues, solar power or LED lighting installation, promoting member activities and tournaments, identifying sources for maintenance and repairs, communications about professional tennis such as the San Diego Aviators or community events such as Tennis Fest. Additionally, we inquired if clubs were interested in supporting outreach programs such as the SDDTA Wounded Warrior Tennis Program, wheelchair tennis, autism or other charities or community programs.

The committee expects to continue gathering data from the local clubs and we hope to convene a get-together of tennis club designates in the near future to get the networking started. If your club would like to participate in the survey, please contact the Club Liaison Committee at sddta@yahoo.com.

SDDTA Collegiate Scholarships

By Jami Jones



L to R: Megan Trippet, Jami Jones, David Colera

The San Diego District Tennis Association awarded two \$500 collegiate scholarships this summer to David Colera from Grossmont College and Megan Trippet from San Diego State University. David and Megan were chosen from among several worthy applicants. David has participated on the Grossmont Men's Tennis Team for two years (one year as a redshirt). He is an excellent student who plans to earn his associate degree in mathematics and eventually his bachelor's degree in civil engineering. In his free time, he enjoys teaching the game to junior players as well as performing community service. He will return to Grossmont this year to play his second season.

Megan has played on the SDSU Tennis on Campus Team for the past two years. She has also served as the team's secretary, vice president, and president. Megan has worked for the SDSU Disability Services for the past two and a half years, which has led to her being an active volunteer for events that raise disability awareness. She hopes to pursue a career in special education or disability advocacy. Megan and the rest of the SDSU Tennis on Campus Team did a wonderful job running their own Beat the College Player Court at Tennisfest this past May and we hope to have them back again this year. She will be returning to San Diego State this year to play on the SDSU TOC Team and continue her studies.

The SDDTA also awarded \$200 scholarships to three more exemplary candidates: Brianna Hooks (San Diego City College), Jackson Sosin (San Diego State University), and Grace Booth (Mesa College). All are extremely deserving and we are pleased to help them get one step closer to reaching their athletic and educational dreams. The 2017 SDDTA Collegiate Scholarship application will be on the District website January 1.

Tournament Evaluation Committee

By Carolyn Nichols

Goals: To improve tournament experience for players and tournament directors.

The tournament evaluation committee:

- Sends each tournament director information at the beginning of the year regarding important USTA rules, and what information should be on the tournament home page.

- Advise the tournaments to inform players about the feedback form that is on sandiegotennis.com in the tournament area.

- Assigns committee members to review tournaments using the committee's evaluation form.

- Prepares letters to the tournament directors based on the evaluations, sharing the feedback received.



2016 San Diego District Championships

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Joshua Habig



Linda Olson



Rory Tarantino



Ivan Thamma

IN the SWING!



Brett Buffington



Katherine Nguyen



Massimo Borgondo



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Women on the Tournament Trail

By Don Daniels

The La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club played host to the USTA National Women's 50-90 Hard Court Championships in May. **Ros Nideffer** was victorious in the 50s. **Carolyn Nichols** was the 60s finalist. **Cathie Anderson** took 3rd place in the 70s. **Jenny Keller/Judy Newman** (Scotts Valley) were 50s doubles finalists. **Robin Harris/Nichols** cruised in the 60s doubles, by dropping only 8 games in 4 matches. Anderson/Carol Ann Castell (WA) were runners-up in the 70s.

Jwani Sherif ousted **Leonie Daniels** in the Open singles of the 40th Annual Arthur Ashe Memorial. In the 3.0s, **Valerija Collins** outlasted **Veronica Ruffo** 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. **Yumi Hwang** got past **Nevanna Sacks** in the 3.5s 4-6, 6-2, 6-1. **Christina Bernstein** edged **Janene Christopher** 6-1, 6-7, 7-5 in the 4.0s. **Priscilla Martinez** took the 4.5s as **Carla Zarbo** had to withdraw due to injury. **Michiyo Killeen/Misa Patton** triumphed in the 3.5s. **Carrie Muschek/Orit Ostrowiak** crushed the 4.0 division. **Hillary Park/Zarbo** captured the 4.5s. **Francis Simpson Lang/Michael Armstead** defeated **Anthony/Lisa Shirley** 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 in the mixed 3.5s. **Carrie Muschek/Fevin Reyes** prevailed in the 4.0s. **Celia Gamboa-Wood/Norman Granger** took the 4.5s over **Zarbo/George Espinosa** 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

At the USTA National Open Hardcourt Championships, **Jessica Failla** captured the Open singles and the doubles with **Kaitlyn Christian** (Rancho Cucamonga). **Skyler Schaar/Jessica Anzo** (Temecula) took the third place playoff. The mixed Open title went to **Zoe Scandalis/Trent Miller** over **Hiromi Sasano/Emmanuel Mensah** 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. **Xavier Smith/Anzo** took third place.

Isabelle Lee ousted **Britney Chau** in the Open singles of the 42nd Annual Fallbrook Open. **Jacqueline Johnston** was 3.5 runner-up. **Alana Butler** cruised in the 4.0s. **Carol Durette/Teri Stevens** overcame a sluggish start to defeat **Caron Lieber/Mariann Byers** (Temecula) in the 4.0s 2-6, 6-1, 6-0. The 4.5 round robin went to **Sherie Van Wechel/Leslie Raleigh** (Temecula). Van Wechel/**Dale Miller** triumphed in the mixed 4.5s. The Mother/Daughter crown went to **Kelly Golnick/Savannah Homuth**.

Megan McCray defeated **Michalle Okhremchuk** in the Open final of the 100th Annual La Jolla Tennis Championships. **Anely Rubio** was victorious in the 40s. **Nevanna Sacks** came through in the 45s. **Colleen Clery Ferrell** continued her mastery of the 50s. **Ginny Beneke** proved her toughness against **Sue Sprague** in the 60s. **Susie Schweiger** was finalist in the 3.5s. **Janene Christopher** was the 4.0 finalist. **Julie Rea** ousted **Tiantian McCray** in the 4.5s. **Jenny Sharratt** was the 5.5 runner-up. **Okhremchuk** was runner-up in the Open doubles. **Cami Gill/Hiromi Sasano** captured the 40s. **Deborah Higa/Jami Jones** were victorious in the 45s. **Ferrell/Robyn Leong** took the 50s title. **Cher Arceneaux/Rory Tarantino** glided to a 60s win. In the 3.5 doubles, **Denise Baker/Jonell Tibbits** upset the top seed on their way to the championships. **Genevera Nelson/Jackie Wendt** they took the 4.0s without losing a set. **Heather Baker/Katherine Nguyen** upset top seeded **Tiffany Kellogg/Allison Sterrett** in the 4.5s 6-1, 1-6, 7-6. **Darice Carnaje/Monica Sweet** eliminated **Kellogg/Sterrett** in the 5.5s. **Xavier Smith/Katsiaryna Zheltova** (Irvine) outlasted **Sasano/Emmanuel Mensah** in the Open mixed 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. **Ros Nideffer/Rodolfo Rodriguez** triumphed in the 40 mixed. **Peggy Penn/Christopher Penn** captured the 3.5s. **Barbara Roorda/Edward Kardas** got past **Yen Hagler/Richard Neri** in the 4.0s 6-2, 4-6, 6-3. **Stepanka Hasting/Dave De Sure** prevailed in the 4.5s. **Carnaje/Robert Simmons** grabbed the mixed 5.5s. Family

event winners include **Eric Parker/Jillian Parker** (Father-Daughter), **Valerie Tan/Matthew Sah** (Mother-Son runners-up), **Ferrell/Cassidy Ferrell** (Mother-Daughter).

Maika Adair bested **Abby Valera** to win the Open singles of the 24th Annual Mountain View Tournament. **Helen Asker** defeated **Suzanne Sheridan** in the 3.0s. **Bea McLellan** dominated **Linda Olson** in the 3.5s. **Janene Christopher** proved to be too much for **Kumiko Okazaki** in the 4.0s. **Martha Oviedo/Veronica Ruffo** won the 3.0 round robin. **Helen Tullback/Lisa Shirley** eased to the 3.5 title. **Stacy Carlson/Sandra Isaac** outlasted **Susan Groce/Nikkirae Yamane** in the 4.0s 2-6, 7-6, 11-9. Mixed doubles winners were: **Okazaki/Shinichiro Okazaki** (3.5); **Christopher/Jack Autry** (4.0s); **Stepanka Hastings/Dave De Sure** (4.5s); **Dessie Wright/Harvey Lang** (70s).

At the 87th Annual Balboa Open Maureen Connolly Brinker Memorial Tournament, **Hiromi Sasano** cruised in the Open singles, and stopped **Maika Adair** in the final. **Dessie Wright** claimed the 70s singles. Unseeded **Rebecca Wood** upset 3 seeds including **Martha Torres** in the 3.5s. **Nina Keller** bested **Christina Bernstein** in the 4.0s. **Allison Sterrett** eliminated **Thanh Chung** in the 4.5s. **Debbie Higa/Jami Jones** continued to excel in the Open doubles. **Colleen Clery Ferrell/Mary Graber** got past **Mary Gunset/Christina Kaus** in the 45s 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. **Lisa Shirley/Helen Tullback** picked up another 3.5 crown. The 4.0 title went to **Karla McTaggart/Anne Zender**. Unseeded **Jillian Gee/Taylor Yoo** knocked off three seeded teams as they captured the 4.5s. **Cassidy Ferrell/Ivan Smith** prevailed in the Open mixed. **Sasano/Trent Aaron** triumphed in the 40s mixed. **Cheryle Pillow/Tim Pillow** were 3.5 finalist. **Andrea Felder/Jeff Chui** were runners-up in the 4.0s. **Priscilla Martinez/Jerry Sabio** eliminated **Kimberly Sabino/Christian Cunanan** in the 4.5s 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. The Father-Daughter doubles was captured by **Ted/Tamara Bell**.

In the 3.5 singles of the 15th Annual Rancho Penasquitos Tennis Open **Martha Torres** was the finalist. **Janene Christopher** took out **Desiree Wilson** in the 4.0s. **Carol Donahue** eliminated **Cami Gill** in the 4.5s. **Lisa Shirley/Helen Tullback** continued their torrid pace in the 3.5s. **Margaret Hulme/Lan Wilhelm** prevailed in the 4.0s. **Carol Donahue/Kathleen Gallo** captured the 4.5s. **Jodie Simbolon/Peter Tran** came through in the 3.5 mixed. Unseeded **Mia Vaughnes/Kevin McClun** upset top seeded **Kim Pathamavong/Stan Palmer** in the 4.0s 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. **Stepanka Hastings/Dave De Sure** added to their mixed 4.5 trophy collection. **Camila GarciaWright/Michael Bucher** triumphed in the 5.5 mixed.

Sabastiani Leon captured the Open singles at the 88th Annual San Diego District Championships as she defeated **Hiromi Sasano** in the finals. Leon also triumphed in the Open doubles with **Jessica Anzo** (Temecula). **Christine Anzai** took the 5.5s over **Katherine Ngyuen**. **Nina Keller** got past **Janene Christopher** in the 4.0s 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. **Martha Torres** bested **Linda Olson** in the 3.5s. **Thanh Chung/Araceli Marin** were victorious in the 4.5s. **Yen Hagler/Jennifer Knightly** edged **Christina Bernstien/Devera Marshall** in the 4.0s 4-6, 6-2, 6-3. **Cece Klos/Diana Meskimen** outlasted **Christina Khaokham/Helen LarsonGarcia** in the 3.5s 6-3, 5-7, 6-1. **Maika Adair/Curt Wheeler** went the distance to upset top seeds **Sasano/Emmanuel Mensah** in the Open mixed 6-4, 3-6, 7-6. **Mary Gunset/David Bushnell** edged **Kim Sabino/Voltaire Navarro** in the mixed 5.5s 6-7, 7-6, 6-3. **Stepanka Hastings/Dave De Sure** overcame **Sabino/Christian Cunanan** 6-4, 1-6, 6-2. **Yen Hagler/Charlie Bennett** (AZ) captured the 4.0s. **Evelyn Irving/Gene Norman** were 3.5 champs. **Judy Janc/Caron Shraeder** won the Mother-Daughter.

Men's Tournament Scene

By Don Daniels

At the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club Men's Invitational, **William Kellogg** romped through the 65s draw. **Sal Zimmitti** was too strong for **Bill Bethard** in the 70s. **Mike Carrico** was the 80s runner up. **Richard Evans/Kellogg** captured the 60 doubles. **Bethard/Karel Placek** were 70s finalists.

The 40th Annual Arthur Ashe Memorial Tournament saw **Trent Miller** continue his winning streak in the Open singles as he dominated **Robert Dabbs** in the final. **John Rhodes** turned back **John Flowers** in the 60s. **Paul Barton** thrashed the 3.0 division. **Joseph Reyes** upset second seeded **Michael Armstead** in the 3.5s 5-7, 6-1, 6-3. Unseeded **Amit Shah** toppled the number two seed **Ruben Fux** 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 in the 4.0s. **Spencer Warren** stopped **George Espinosa** in the 4.5s. **Barney Green/Gerald McFadden** took the 60 doubles title. **Juan Carlos Hernandez/Christopher Penn** triumphed in the 3.5s. **Juan Romero/Larry McDowell** captured the 4.0s. **John Broderick/Dave De Sure** won the 4.5s.

At the USTA National Open Hard Courts, **Emmanuel Mensah** had a stellar defense of his title. **Xavier Smith/Sabastian Bader** (San Juan Capistrano) were doubles finalists. **Timothy Sah** also had an awesome tournament as he took third place in the singles, and also the doubles with **Ryan Seggerman**.

Timothy Clark improved on his 2015 runner up result, as he took the 42nd Annual Fallbrook Open over **Robert Dabbs**. **Ashok Krishnamoorthy** eliminated **Robert Schmied** in the 4.0s. **Clark/Mike Burzinski** were Open doubles winners. **Joe Manheim/Jerry Storvold** outlasted **Edward Kardas/Byrton Slack** in the 4.0 doubles 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

At the 100th Annual La Jolla Championships **Emmanuel Mensah** was the finalist in the Open singles. **Manuel Ortiz** ousted **Massimo Borgondo** in the 40s. Unseeded **Eugenio Casta** captured the 45s by disposing of the top two seeds. **Ortiz** continued to shine in the 50s by beating **James Lievers**. **Mark McMahon** dominated **Brett Buffington** in the 55s. **Kip Hutchison** prevailed in the large 60s draw. **David Van Den Berg** was the 70s finalist. **Jerry Colletto** ousted **Lonny Lazaro** in the 75s. **Robert Yin** was the 80s champs. Unseeded **Jamie Armstrong** upset four seeds to win the 3.5s. **Amit Shah** got past **Arek Suszko** in the 4.0s 6-2, 6-7, 6-1. **Massimo Borgondo** was unseeded in the 5.5s, but managed to upend three seeds, including **Manuel Ortiz** in the final 6-1, 2-6, 6-2. **Rodolfo Rodriguez/Ini Ghidirmic** (Rancho Mirage) took the 40s doubles. **Jeff Ray/Bob Simmons** edged **Mike Burzinski/James Lievers** in the 50s 4-6, 6-1, 7-6. **Angel Lopez/Paul Press** added another trophy to their collection in the 55 doubles. **Juan Hernandez/Christopher Penn** captured another 3.5 crown. **Richard Neri/Benson Wong** prevailed in the 4.0s. **Andrew MacFarlane/Prabhakar Thanikasalam** carved up four opponents without dropping a set in the 4.5s. **Aron Ouye/Jeff Williams** captured another 5.5 title. **Alex/Adam Levie** triumphed in the Father-son.

Ivan Thamma eliminated **Robert Dabbs** in the men's Open singles of the 24th Annual Mountain View Tournament. **John Adair** defeated **Yong Sheng Peng** in the 50s singles. **William Tager** dominated **Nick Caesar** in the 60s. **Bob Royden** was 70s finalist. **Weixi Yao** won injury-plagued 3.0s. In the 3.5s **M. Amara Mastan** overcame a slow start to defeat **Kevin Olson** 0-6, 6-2, 10-8. Unseeded **Shinichiro Okazaki** blitzed **Uriel Bank** in the 4.0s. **Sam Arsanjani** squeezed past **George Espinosa** 3-6, 6-4, 10-8 in the 4.5s. In the Open doubles **Joshua Habig/Steve Harmon** outlasted **Tasuku Kiyuano/Shimpei Uchiyama** 5-7, 6-2, 10-3. **Barney Green/Gerald McFadden**

captured another 60s doubles. **Nicholas Naylor-Leyland/Olson** were the 3.5 winners. **Jack Autry/Ishmael Gamboa** captured the 4.0s. Unseeded **Ryan Ray/Ryan Torio** upset **Dave De Sure/Steve Harmon** in the 4.5s 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.

The 87th Annual Balboa Open Maureen Connolly Brinker Memorial Tournament saw **Ivan Thamma** eliminate **Emmanuel Mensah** in the Open singles. **Manuel Ortiz** continued his domination of the 40s. **Steve Harmon** ousted **Carlos Mejia** in the 45s. **Jose Ruelas** outlasted **Dmitri Pham** 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 in the 50s. **Curtis Worley** triumphed in the 60s. **Logan Jenkins** trampled the 65s field. **David Dollins** prevailed in the 70s. **Jerry Colletto** defeated **Lonny Lazaro** in the 75s. **Paul Barton** took the 3.0 title over **Mark McLeod**. **Sean Bentley** won the 4.0s. Unseeded **Ryan Torio** upset top-seeded **Keith Barksdale** in the 4.5s. **Massimo Borgondo** eliminated **Ryan Ray** in the 5.5s. **Thamma/Adam Levie** triumphed in the Open doubles. **John Broderick/Jeff Ray** were 50s champions. **Kip Hutchison/Marc Assaraf** took the 60 round robin. **Cesar Lagos/Edson Salazar** (Tijuana) cruised in the 3.5s. **Michael Grubstein/Charlie Bennett** (AZ) came through in the 4.0s. **Andrew MacFarlane/Prabhakar Thanikasalam** added to their trophy collection in the 4.5s. **Ken Zanio/Joseph Zerboni** took the 5.5 crown. **Jeff/Ryan Ray** won the Father/Son.

Unseeded **Rafael Lenhard** eliminated **Charles Pei** in the Open singles of the 15th Annual Rancho Penasquitos Tennis Center Open. The 3.5s was captured by **David Gonzalez**. **Albert Cohen** ousted **Nghia M. Le** in the 4.0s. **Tom Nguyen** outlasted unseeded **Christopher Tarter** in the 4.5s 6-3, 3-6, 7-6. **Jesse Steinberg** got past **Danny Ballez** in the 5.5s 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. **Lenhard/Brett Ishihara** (Redondo Beach) captured the Open crown. The 3.5 winners were **Daniel Anguiano/Mark Warren**. In the 4.0s **Daniel Scherer/Rand Smith** outdueled **Joseph Reyes/Christopher Vazquez** 4-6, 7-6, 7-6. **Avery Cramer/Ted Cramer** took the 4.5 title.

Rafael Lenhard continued his Open winning streak at the 88th Annual San Diego District Championships. **Massimo Borgondo** romped past **Manuel Ortiz** in the 40s. **Ortiz** rebounded to capture the 50s over **Jose Ruelas**. **Mark McMahon** outdueled **Alexander Magtanong** in the 55s 6-2, 5-7, 6-3. **Kip Hutchison** ousted unseeded **Michael Chemicky** in the 60s. **Logan Jenkins** eliminated **Iraj Aalam** in the 65s. **Dave Dollins** continued his fine play in the 70s by eliminating **Karel Placek**. **Jerry Colletto** breezed past **Don Dombrow** in the 75s. **Mike Carrico** was 80s finalist. **Joshua Habig** ousted **Jesse Steinberg** in the 5.5s. **Seth Makechnie** dropped only 11 games in the 4.5s as he turned back **Prabhakar Thanikasalam**. **Amit Shah** breezed to the 4.0 title, defeating **Samuel Michan** in the final. **Santos Gomez** outlasted **Nicholas Naylor-Leyland** in the 3.5s 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. **Adam Levie/Ivan Thamma** were victorious in the Open doubles. **Mike Burzinski/James Lievers** squeezed past **Bob Simmons/Eugene Jones** in the 50s 7-6, 3-6, 7-6. **Marc Assaraf/Hutchison** cruised in the 60s. **Dexter Godbey/Bradley Hasper** won the 65 round robin. **Jeff Ray/Simmons** came through in the 5.5s. **Andrew MacFarlane/Prabhakar Thanikasalam** were the 4.5 champs. **Stan Palmer/Eric Shanks** triumphed in the 4.0s. **Santos Gomez/Steve Hurry** outlasted **Jeff Greenwald/Eric Contreras** in the 3.5s 4-6, 6-3, 7-6. In the Father-Son **Thomas/Michael Savides** overcame **Donald/Alex McLeod** 6-2, 4-6, 7-6. **Keith/Kaila Barksdale** triumphed in the Father-Daughter.

Xavier Smith was Open singles finalist at the 16th Annual UCSD Triton Classic. **Thomas Pelletier** eliminated **Charles Cousin** in the 3.5s. **Gary Poon** dominated **Sam Michan** in the 4.0s. **Long Huynh** outlasted **Nicolas Barthelemy** in the 4.5s.

You are cordially invited to attend the

**San Diego District Tennis Association's
2017 Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet**

Friday, January 13, 2017

La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club
2000 Spindrift Drive
La Jolla, California 92037

6:00 P.M. — Reception in the Walnut Lounge

7:00 P.M. — Dinner Served in the La Sala Room

- Choice of Entrée:* ♦ *Hickory Smoked King Salmon*
♦ *Slow Roasted Angus Prime Rib*
♦ *Penne Pasta Pomodoro*

No Host Bar for all beverages including wine before and during dinner.

Dinner will be \$40.00 (includes tax and gratuities)

**Please return your reservation and check payable to SDDTA:
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Steel, Anderson Represent USA in Croatia

By Carolyn Nichols



L to R: Donna Fails, Sheila Weinstock, Charlene Hillebrand, Suella Steel



L to R: Susan Kimball, Brenda Carter, Betty Wachob, Cathie Anderson

Suella Steel, La Jolla, was a member of the four person team which won the Queens Cup (Women's 75) competition September 12-17 in Umag Croatia. Steel, along with Donna Fales (FL), Charleen Hillebrand (San Pedro) and Sheila Weinstock (MA) beat South Africa, Australia and Germany in the round robin to advance to the semis where they beat Great Britain. In the final they took out France 3/0. Steel was undefeated in singles and doubles during the week. **Cathie Anderson**, Del Mar, was a member of the Althea Gibson Cup (Women's 70) team which finished 7th. The USA played eventual champions Great Britain in their first match and then top seed and defending champion France in the 5-8 playoff before beating Austria to finish 7th. Anderson played doubles in the competition.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

4-6 *Pacific Coast Clay & Hardcourt Championship*
Brian Blumenfeld 760-931-7501

12-13, 19-20 *7th Annual Carmel Valley Open*
Alan Chang 310-408-6169

28-Dec. 4 *USTA National M/W/MXD 40s, Father-Son*
Bill Kellogg 858-454-6500

December

9-11 *4th Annual Carmel Valley Tennis Pro Tourn. \$\$\$*
Alan Chang 310-408-6169

January 2017

7-8, 14-16 *41st Annual MLK Jr. Memorial Tournament*
Frances Simpson Lang 619-867-7322

20-22 *USTA Women's Pro Circuit Pre-Qualifying*
Patrick Guion 858-759-5446

February 2017

3-5 *Riviera Oaks Resort Winter Tournament*
Greg Failla 760-788-3403

24-26 *La Costa Open*
Brian Blumenfeld 760-931-7501

March 2017

2-5 *128th Annual Pacific Coast Doubles*
Bill Kellogg 858-454-6500

17-19 *Elden B. Yeck Annual Memorial Spring Swing*
Susan Yeck 619-531-7999

31-April 2 *Pacific Beach Adult Open*
Steve Adamson 858-405-1004

April 2017

7-9 *2nd Annual Suja Tennis Classic \$\$\$*
Tamara Sarafijanovic 619-987-1082

22-23, 29-30 *40th Annual Ace Tennis Classic*
Scott Davis 858-487-9698

May 2017

6-7, 13-14 *29th Annual Peninsula Tennis Club Tournament*
Duncan Depew 619-226-3407

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