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President's Report

By John Broderick



Carol Jory has decided to step down as President of the San Diego District Tennis Association (SDDTA) for personal reasons. Carol has offered her services when needed and will remain on the board of directors. As Vice President, I have agreed to assume the role of President and Simon Shen has agreed to assume the role of Vice President.

As a local adult community arm of the Southern California Tennis Association (SCTA) which serves a

regional function for the USTA, we have a great opportunity to provide the tennis community with a variety of programs, activities, USTA sanctioned tournaments and leagues in San Diego County. The SDDTA has 25 committees and all 33 board members of the SDDTA are volunteers and dedicated to providing service on their chosen committees. Simon and I feel fortunate and grateful to be entrusted with the opportunity to lead the SDDTA.

2022 is a pivotal year for tennis and our organization. The ongoing pandemic has presented a previously unforeseen set of challenges of rethinking how we approach what we do to grow the sport in San Diego County. One of the top priorities is offering USTA sanctioned tournaments on a regular monthly schedule again while getting the number of participants back to pre-COVID levels. We are currently exploring the idea of hiring a tournament coordinator to help all tournament directors field a more consistent tournament experience for players.

It's no secret the pandemic has created a situation where a great many new adult players have taken up the sport. Now the challenge is how we keep those players excited about and interested in continuing to play post pandemic. Because of the

massive increase in players there is also a shortage of inventory in tennis courts. In addition, the rise in popularity of pickleball has cannibalized tennis court availability in many clubs and public tennis facilities. The District is in the process of working with local high school districts to try and allow public access to their courts during the weekends. We're also exploring other proposed avenues to gain court inventory and will update you as we progress.

We will also find more effective ways as a resource to inform and educate the San Diego tennis community about tournaments to play and spectate as well as tennis instruction to improve your game and make the sport more fun and enjoyable. We plan to become a more fluid and cohesive arm of the SCTA though the spirit of teamwork and cooperation.

This past summer, the San Diego District Championship held at Balboa Tennis Club attracted a record 411 players. The board voted to give cash prizes for all events in the tournament and there were some NTRP winners taking home checks as high as \$400. Needless to say, the cash prizes were a popular idea amongst the players.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 15th at Balboa Tennis Club. We will be resuming one of the most anticipated and valuable tennis events the SDDTA provides to the San Diego tennis community, Tennis Fest. Jerome (Jerry) Jayapal has agreed to take over as Chair this year and will have the full support of all of the District's resources to pull off this great event. Tennis Fest's success depends on teaching pros from around the county donating their time on a Sunday to provide every type of free instruction for beginner, immediate and advanced players. We will have multiple vendors, free prizes and a tennis exhibition. Further details and registration information will be available on the SDDTA website in the future, www.sandiegotennis.com.

There's nothing like the feeling of sharing your passion with someone and in turn seeing them become passionate about what you turned them onto. Whether you play for exercise, competition, like to spectate or all the above, tennis always seems to provide the added value of learning ever evolving life lessons along the way.

We thank all of you who participate in tournament and league play. Your participation and support is one of the greatest resources we have in promoting the value tennis provides for our community.

In closing I'll leave you with this. The answer is always no unless you ask, and always be prepared for the best case scenario. I wish you all the happiest of holidays and a healthy and prosperous new year!



SCTA staff members met with board members of the San Diego District recently and had a productive exchange of ideas. Front row: Jeffrey Lee, Matt Previdi, Andy Schwich, Simon Shen.
Back: Linda Milan, Jerome Jayapal, Eric Alm, Steve Leffler, Esther Hendershott,
Randie Lettington, Trevor Kronemann, Anne Podney, John Broderick, Nancy Abrams, Cara Beltran

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USTA League Tennis

By Randie Lettington

2022: A Varied Menu for Tennis Players:

Please email Randie Lettington at: <u>SanDiegoUSTA@gmail.com</u> for information about all USTA/ SCTA leagues.

Leagues can also be customized if we have interested groups. See https://www.sandiegotennis.com/leagues for details.

Adult Leagues for Men and Women

<u>USTA Adult 40 and over leagues</u> (singles and doubles format) Winter (Jan-March) Offered at 3.0 (women), 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 level

- Women's Weekday and Weekend Options
- Men's Weekend (3.5, 4.0, 4.5)
- Local winners advance to Sectionals. Section winners advance to National Championships.

USTA 40 and Over Capstone Section League for 5.0 level teams (3 lines of Doubles)

<u>USTA Adult 18 and over leagues</u> (singles and doubles format) Spring (April-June) Offered at 2.5W, 3.0W, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 levels.

- Women's Weekday and Weekend (3.0, 3.5 and 4.0) Options
- Local winners advance to Sectionals. Section winners advance to National Championships.

SCTA Tri-Level Doubles League

Summer (July- Aug.) offered at two levels (4.5/4.0/3.5 and 4.0/3.5/3.0

- 18 and over league
- Women's Weekday and Weekend Options
- Local winners advance to Sectional Championships.
- Section winners for the 4.5/ 4.0/3.5 level advance to a National Invitational Event.

SCTA Adult Doubles leagues

Fall (Sept-Dec) Offered at 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, Open levels

- 18 and over league
- Women's Weekday, Weeknight (NC) and Weekend Options
- Local winners advance to Sectional Championships.

USTA Adult Mixed Doubles leagues

Combined NTRP levels 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 (10.0 level starting for 18 and over league only)

- Winter (Jan -March) 18 and over league
- Spring (April -June) 55 and over league
- Summer (June August) 40 and over league
- Fall (Sept- Dec) Tri-Level 18 and over league (9.0/8.0/7.0 and 8.0/7.5/7.0 local league)
- Local winners advance to Sectional Championships, Section winners advance to Nationals for the 18 and Over and 40 and Over Leagues. 55 and Over winners will advance to a National Invitational in 2023.

USTA Senior Doubles leagues for Men and Women Combined NTRP levels 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0

USTA 55 and over league - Summer (June - August)

Local winners advance to Sectional Championships.
 Section winners advance to National Championships.

SCTA 65 and over league - Late Spring/ Summer (June - August Women, August - October Men)

Local winners advance to Sectional Championships.
 Section winners advance to a National Invitational Event.

USTA One Singles Flex Leagues for Men and Women

Offered Winter/ Spring (Feb-May), Summer and Fall seasons at 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 levels.

Flexible schedule. Players coordinate matches at their convenience over the season.

USTA One Doubles Leagues for Men and Women

Offered Winter and Fall seasons for 2.5 Women and 3.0 Men

Fall/ Winter San Diego Tennis League

Weekday Women's Doubles League - 6 lines

Clubs throughout San Diego (South of La Jolla). 2 Seasons

Winter (Jan- March) and Fall (Sept- Nov).

Contact Eileen Carroll (619) 992-7033

For general information visit: www.sdleaguetennis.net

2021 USTA League Results

This year, 5 San Diego teams advanced to National Level Competitions by winning the Southern California Sectional Championships. They demonstrated they had the skills and determination to represent So Cal against the winners from the 17 Sections across the US and Caribbean - quite the accomplishment!

2021 Nationals Teams:

- 55 and Over League 8.0 Women Morgan Run (3rd in Nation)
- 18 and Over Adult League 2.5 Women Coronado Tennis Club (8th in Nation)
- 18 and Over Adult League 3.0 Women Rancho Arbolitos (8th in Nation)
- 40 and Over Mixed Doubles League 8.0 El Toyon (12th in Nation)
- 65 and Over Men 8.0 Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis (will compete in 2022)

USTA Adult 40 and over League (Summer)

San Diego Local League Winners

Men's 3.5 Coronado Tennis Center - Mike Kamas

Men's 4.0 Barnes Tennis Center - Buu Troung

(Sectionals Semifinalist)

Women's 3.0 Mountain View - Maria Corbitt

(Sectionals Finalist)

Women's 3.5 WD Mountain View - Michiyo Killeen

Women's 3.5 WE Mt. View Ballbusters - Angie Crawford

Women's 4.0 La Jolla Tennis Club - Terri Bourne

Women's 4.5 La Jolla Tennis Club - Amy Repetti (Sectionals Semifinalist)

North County San Diego Local League Winners

Men's 3.5 Kit Carson Park - Mark Warren

Men's 4.0 Rancho Bernardo Swim & Tennis - Timothy Ton

Men's 4.5 Kit Carson Park - Bernie Buggs

Women's 3.0 Lomas Santa Fe CC - Nellwyn Voorhies

Women's 3.5 Rancho Bernardo Community Tennis Center - Judy Nelson (Sectionals Finalist)

Women's 4.0 Fairbanks Ranch Country Club - Kami Guerrier

(Sectionals Finalist) Women's 4.5 Kit Carson Park - Teri Stevens

(Sectionals Semifinalist)

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USTA Mixed Doubles 18 and over League (Summer)

San Diego Local League Winners

7.0 Level Barnes Tennis Center - Tommy West

8.0 Level El Toyon - Sherr Aquino

9.0 Level Mt. View Co-ed Overhead - Thanh Chung

10.0 Level Barnes Tennis Center - Ronald Kao

North County San Diego Local League Winners

7.0 Level Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis - Joy Madden

8.0 Level Carmel Valley Tennis - Chris Kuba

9.0 Level UCRC-S&T - Janet Podney

USTA Adult 18 and over League (Spring)

San Diego Local League Winners

Men's 3.5 Coronado Tennis Center - Mike Kamas

Men's 4.0 Mountain View - Anthony Reyes

Men's 5.0 Fearhand - Ronald Kao

Women's 2.5 Coronado Tennis Center - Kelly Mineo

(So Cal National Team - 8th in Nation!)

Women's 3.0 Barnes/ Balboa - Hillary Halttunen

Women's 3.5 WD Mt. View Ace Breakers - Liz Louis

Women's 3.5 WE Mt. View Ball Busters - Angie Crawford

Women's 4.0 Coronado Tennis Center - Elsie Hammond

Women's 4.5 Barnes TC - Kellie Jaquez (Sectionals Finalist)

Women's 5.0 Team SD - Cami Gill

North County San Diego Local League Winners

Men's 3.5 Kit Carson Park - Mark Warren

Men's 4.0 Fairbanks Ranch CC - Andrew Dewey

Men's 4.5 Lomas Santa Fe CC - Kie Wilcox (Sectionals Finalist)

Men's 5.0 Da Boys - Mike Burzinski

Women's 3.0 CTA@RA - Karyl Oldenburg (So Cal National Team - 8th in Nation!)

Women's 3.5 WD La Costa Resort - Dee Dee Zielinski

Women's 3.5 WE Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis - Joy Madden (Local League)

Women's 4.0 WD Carmel Valley TC - Kellie Doyle

(Sectionals Finalist)

Women's 4.0 WE Rancho Bernardo Community Tennis Center -

Rene Carmichael (Sectionals Quarterfinalist)

Women's 4.5 Carmel Valley TC - Shelley Goodson

Women's 5.0 Overserved - Tina Giubilato

USTA 65 and over Adult Doubles League (Spring/ Summer)

San Diego Local League Winners

Women's 7.0 San Diego Tennis and Racquet - Ruth Hoffman

Women's 8.0 Barnes TC (Balboa) - Suzanne Lindemann

Women's 9.0 Barnes TC (Balboa) - Sue Sprague

(Sectionals Finalist)

Men's 8.0 Balboa TC - Lee Knight

North County San Diego Local League Winners - Sectionals

Women's 7.0 Kit Carson Park - Patty Smith

(Sectionals Semifinalist)

Women's 8.0 Kit Carson Park - Debbie L'Heureux

Men's 8.0 Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis Club - Peter Tollen (So Cal National Invitational Team!)

USTA 55 and over Adult Doubles League (Summer) San Diego Local League Winners

Women's 7.0 Peninsula Tennis Club - Ruth Hoffman

Women's 8.0 Barnes Tennis Center (Balboa) - Suzanne Lindemann

Women's 9.0 Barnes Tennis Center (Balboa) - Sue Sprague

North County San Diego Local League Winners

Men's 7.0 Kit Carson Park - Mark Warren (Sectionals Finalist)

Men's 8.0 Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis - Peter Tollen

Men's 9.0 Lomas Santa Fe Country Club - Kevin Pegels

Women's 6.0 Morgan Run Resort - Sandra Sweat

Women's 7.0 CTA @ Rancho Arbolitos - Vicky Benito (Sectionals Semifinalist)

Women's 8.0 Morgan Run Resort - Kristin Adams

(So Cal National Team- 3rd in Nation!)

Women's 9.0 Carmel Valley Tennis - Kellie Jaquez

USTA Mixed Doubles 40 and over League (Spring)

San Diego Local League Winners

7.0 Mountain View Mixed Nuts - Frances Simpson-Lang

8.0 El Toyon - Sherr Aquino

(So Cal National Team - 12th in Nation!)

9.0 Pacific Beach Tennis Club - Hillary Park

North County San Diego Local League Winners

7.0 Kit Carson Park - Joanne Reyes-Brisbin

8.0 Morgan Run Resort - Laurie Dunn

9.0 UCRC-S&T - Janet Podney (Sectionals Finalist)

SCTA Tri-Level Adult League (Summer)

San Diego Local League Winners

Women's (4.0-3.0) WD San Diego Tennis and Racquet Club -Lorena Monzon

Women's (4.0-3.0) WE Mountain View - Jackie Saenz

Men's (4.5-3.5) ECCTA - Wender Hwang

North County San Diego Local League Winners

Women's (3.0-4.0) Valley Center - Josie Hendrix

Women's (3.5-4.5) WD Kit Carson Park (Baby Got Backhand) -

Brianna Sullivan

Women's (4.5-3.5) WE Rancho Bernardo Swim & TC -

Stacey Dusseault

Men's (3.5-4.5) Rancho Bernardo Swim & TC - Timothy Ton

SCTA Adult Doubles League (Fall)

San Diego Local League Winners

Men's 3.5 Coronado Tennis Center - Mike Kamas

Men's 4.5 ECCTA - Wender Hwang

Women's 3.5 WE Balboa Ballbusters - Angie Crawford

Women's 4.0 WD La Jolla Tennis Club - Terri Bourne

Women's 2.5 One Doubles Coronado Tennis Center

North County San Diego Local League Winners

Men's 4.5 Lomas Santa Fe - Jacob Boone

SCTA Tri-Level Mixed Doubles League

San Diego Local League Winners

 $(9.0/8.0/\overline{7}.0)$ ECCTA - Wender Hwang

(8.0/7.5/7.0) Mountain View - Viviana Rozo

North County San Diego Local League Winners

(9.0/8.0/7.0) El Camino Country Club - Cathe Baird (8.0/7.5/7.0) Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis Club -

Rene Carmichael

USTA Mixed Doubles 55 and over League (Fall)

North County San Diego/San Diego Local League Winners 7.0 Level SD Mountain View - Frances Simpson-Lang

8.0 Level Morgan Run Resort - Monica Berenter

One Singles Winners- Spring:

San Diego South: Michael Kamas (3.5), Tommy West (4.0), Angie Crawford (3.5), Zoe Latham (4.0)

San Diego North: Alexis Toda (3.5), Erwan Martin (4.0),

Heather Lemon (3.0), Julie Gomez (3.5), Tisha Carney (4.0)

One Singles Winners- Summer:

San Diego South: Todd Hoyt (3.5), Oliver Thieler (4.0),

Veronica Ruffo (3.5), Francesca Kornberg (4.0)

San Diego North: Vitor Roque (3.5), Molly Mason/

Heather Lemon (3.0), Haruko Vajda (3.5)

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2021 USTA Nationals Recap

by Randie Lettington



55 and Over 8.0 Women Morgan Run - 3rd place
Left to right: Kathy Kleinfeld, Autumn Snow, Kathy Thompson,
Monica Berenter, Kristin Adams (Captain), Sarah Miller (Co-captain),
Meredith Priestley, Brenda Iwamura, Lisa Boehnlein

Captain Kristin Adams said, "We were beyond thrilled about the opportunity to play. On the Har-Tru clay courts at USTA National Campus in Orlando, the first match was a tough, close loss to Southwest. The team thought, "Well, we are at Nationals. It's just an honor to be here." The ladies then came back strong with a 2 line win over Midwest followed by a great Saturday sweep of all 3 lines in straight sets over Pacific Northwest and another solid win over Northern. They finished flight play with a 3-1 record.

"We didn't know if it was enough to bring us back Sunday. Later, we found out that we finished fourth in the standings and would play in the semifinals!" In the semifinals, they lost to Florida, who won the Championships. "Our next step was to battle Mo Valley for third place which we did by winning two out of three lines!"



18 and Over 2.5 Women Coronado Tennis Center - 8th place Left to right: Nancy Darquea, Kylie McNall, Carisa Hackworth, Kelly Mineo (Captain), Cheryl Sylvester, Marina Mata

The 2.5 level championships were held in Scottsdale, AZ. The So Cal team from Coronado finished 2-2 at Nationals with wins over Southwest and New England and tough losses to Pacific Northwest and Mo Valley.

Kelly Mineo said that a highlight for the team was making new friends by getting to know the other teams from around the country. "We met a lot of fun and friendly people from all over the country." At the conclusion of each day, they loved 'team bonding' over margaritas and tacos. "This time together was an opportunity to celebrate, commiserate or just share lots of laughter."

For this team, the trip was about reuniting after the team went in many different directions after the season ended. Two players moved out of the country. Many had very busy summers full of travel so getting together for team practices was nearly impossible! "Nationals wasn't just about the tennis for us - it was a reunion of friends. The trip was very special for us as we were able to all be together again."



40 and Over 8.0 Mixed Doubles - El Toyon - 12th place

The El Toyon team competed in Surprise, AZ on the last weekend of Nationals competition. Once Captain Sherr Aquino knew the team had the win over Orange County at Sectionals, she felt they could go all the way to Nationals and she was right! The team was anchored by a number of strong 4.5 men/ 3.5 women pairings.

The team rocked wearing custom orange team shirts and enjoyed the high level of competition. Their story was about matches so close that they were determined by match tiebreakers. While they finished 1-3, their losses were deciding line match tiebreaks to Mid-Atlantic and New England. They beat Pacific Northwest with 2 match tiebreaks but lost 2 lines the same way. Many of those matches could have gone either way. Great job getting a San Diego team to Nationals in Mixed!



18 and Over 3.0 Women Rancho Arbolitos - 8th place
Left to right: Beverly Clark, Michelle Hansen, Debbie Furgal,
Carolyn Knoll-Yenor, Karyl Oldenburg (Captain), Delaney Oldenburg,
Laurie Dietz, Casey Luckham, Katie Butler, Terra Adams

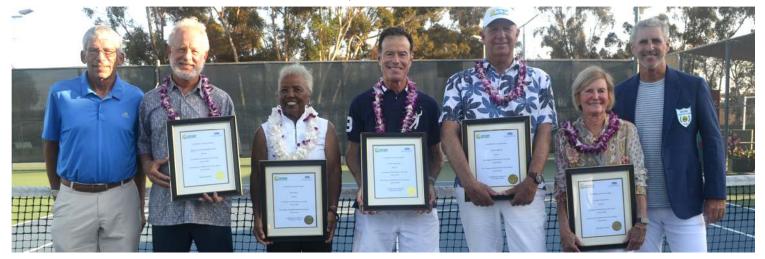
"Our team had the amazing experience of making it to Nationals held in Oklahoma City. Despite restrictions still in place due to Covid, Nationals was a great experience and we met wonderful women from all parts of the country," said Karyl Oldenburg.

This small team of 10 women competed in a 5 line Nationals which meant every person was important to the success of the team. For all but one player, this was the first time anyone had advanced to Sectionals and, incredibly, won, making it to Nationals! They finished 2-2 with a 5-0 sweep over Hawaii, an exciting win over Florida with 3 match tiebreaks and losses to powerhouses, Southern and New England.

There are THREE mother/daughter pairs on our team! "Our youngest player is 24 and our oldest 73- quite the age range! I have been a captain for many seasons, but this team's special connection with each other is what I believe was the key to our success. We all got along beautifully: everyone would play with any partner, and any line. This will be a once in a lifetime experience for most of us," said Karyl Oldenberg.

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San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame



Left to right: Jim Lackritz, Craig Belinsky, Roz King, Larry Belinsky, Geoff Griffin, Cathie Anderson, John Broderick

After waiting an extra year due to the pandemic, the San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame (SDTHOF) class of 2020 induction ceremony was held at Balboa Tennis Club on August 28th. First, I want to congratulate once again all the Inductees; Cathie Anderson (Senior Success), Arnold & Esther Belinsky (Philanthropy), Larry Belinsky (Senior Success & Community Service), Geoff Griffin (Community Service & Teaching Pro) and Roz King (Senior Success & Community Service). I also want to thank the Director of Balboa Tennis Club, Colleen Clery Ferrell for providing a home for the SDTHOF as well as a venue for the induction ceremony and reception.

I've been told by several who have attended all of the ceremonies since its inception in 2006 that they considered this event one a big success both in attendance and overall quality. I would like to thank Jim Lackritz, for MCing the event and the SDTHOF selection committee of Jennifer Dawson, Dave Jaehnig, Jim Kellogg, Simon Shen and David Whitehead. They volunteered their time in the selection process and played a big role the day of the ceremony helping with all the details wherever needed. In addition I would like to thank the following people who also volunteered to help the day of the ceremony; Diane Cabrera, Libby Jaehnig, board members Anne-Maria Lestikow, Amit Shah, and M.A. Hillier. In attendance were past inductees of the SDTHOF as well as many members of the board of directors of the SDDTA.

The reception was held on the lawn adjacent to the teaching courts. There were colorful purple and green table cloths and festive centerpieces with balloons on all 16 tables. Olympic Cafe was hired to provide the food and it was the perfect choice. Colleen Clery Ferrell told me she received a large number of compliments about the ceremony and reception. One story she reflected on was a gentleman who said he was an entrepreneur, he told her he never knew such an organization existed. He's a fan of tennis and both of his kids are strong junior players. After attending the ceremony he now wants to find ways to give back to the tennis community.

Scholarship Awardees

This year, the San Diego District Tennis Association and Angel Lopez awarded seven college students with scholarships of \$500 each. All recipients showed not only an enduring interest in tennis, but also high academic achievements and community service.

Anjni Agrawal of Rancho Bernardo High School attends UCSD; Michael Hao from Torrey Pines High School and Robert Liu from Westview High School are students at Claremont McKenna College; An Nguyen from Scripps Ranch High School attends SDSU and Derek Wong from Francis Parker attends Carnegie Mellon.

Isabella Cortina from Helix Charter High School attends Grossmont Community College and Ariana Martinez from Bear Creek High School, a student at Southwestern Community College, received Angel Lopez scholarships, given to Hispanic students.

For information on 2022 scholarships and an application form go to: https://www.sandiegotennis.com/programs



Anjni Agrawal



Michael Hao







Derek Wong





Isabella Cortina





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92nd Annual San Diego District Tennis Championships



Men's Open Singles Winner Johannes Seeman





Women's Open Singles L to R: Thelma Sepulveda (finalist), John Broderick, Lindsay Brown (winner)



Joseph Tyler



Alex Scemanenco and Victor Castro



Men's 4.5 Singles L to R: Oluwatobi Ojo (winner), John Broderick, Daniel Williams (finalist)



Alexander Georg Mandma and Roni Rikkonen



Sharon Reibstein



Women's 3.5 Doubles L to R: Madeleine Keach, Cynthia Herrera (finalists), Mary Jo Preti, Inge Bisconer (winners), Hiromi Sasano



Carla Zarbo

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Results of the 92nd District Championships

Men's Open Singles Johannes Seeman (1) def. Joseph Tyler 6-3, 6-3

Men's Open Doubles Alex Scemanenco/Victor Severo Castro (2) def. Alexander Georg Mandma/Roni Rikkonen 6-3, 6-4

Men's 40 Singles David Robles (2) def. Joseph Barbarie 6-1, 4-6, 6-1

Men's 50 Singles Trent Aaron (2) def. Kevin Smith (1) Wo (inj) Men's 55 Singles Jose Ruelas (1) def. Roberto Ancira (2) 6-3, 6-2

Men's 55 Doubles Bob Simmons/Jeff Ray (2) def. David Bushnell/Manuel Ortiz (1) 5-7, 7-6(4), 6-3

Men's 60 Singles Alexander Magtanong (1) def. Klaus Kuhn 6-3, 6-2

Men's 65 Singles Rich Hills (1) def. John Flowers (2) 6-1, 6-3

Men's 65 Doubles Jerry Naumann/John Flowers def. John Rhodes/Stephen Smidt 6-0, 6-2

Men's 70 Singles Logan Jenkins (1) def. Boris Katz (2) 5-7, 6-4, 6-1

Men's 70 Doubles Andrew Pearlstein/Veerachai Pongsrikul def. Bradley Hasper/Sig Kupka 4-6, 6-4, (10-8)

Men's 85 Singles Richard Virtue (1) def. Robert Yin 6-3, 6-2 Men's 3.0 Singles Al Calozzi (1) def. Mark Prebilic 6-3, 6-2

Men's 3.5 Singles Alexis Akira Toda (1) def. Aram Hosseini (5) 6-1, 6-7(5), 7-5

Men's 3.5 Doubles Dan Schon/Antonio Zuazo def. Michael Kamas/Adam Hoch, Christopher Barrera/Tom Steiner, RR

Men's 4.0 Singles Tommy West (1) def. Joseph Ray (2) 7-6(3), 6-1

Men's 4.0 Doubles Tamer Hussien/Sakda Kethdy (1) def. Al Alagata/Jack Autry (2) 6-2, 6-1

Men's 4.5 Singles Oluwatobi Ojo (1) def. Daniel Williams 3-6, 6-4, 6-1

Men's 4.5 Doubles Nhat Nguyen/ Edward Dabu (2) def. John Broderick/Joseph Barbarie (1) 6-2, 6-4

Women's Open Singles Lindsay Brown (2) def. Thelma Sepulveda (1) 6-2, 2-0 Ret. (inj)

Women's Open Doubles Julianna Gates/Katie Codd (1) def. Niki Shahbazi/Sara Beckman (2) 6-3, 6-3

Women's 3.0 Singles
Women's 3.5 Singles
Women's 4.0 Singles
Women's 4.5 Singles
Women's 3.0 Singles
Cynthia Herrera def. Angie Crawford (2) 6-3, 6-2
Women's 4.6 Singles
Women's 3.0 Singles
Cynthia Herrera def. Angie Crawford (2) 6-3, 6-2
Women's 4.6 Singles
Women's 4.0 Singles
Women's 4.6 Singles
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Women's 4.6 Singles

Women's 3.5 Doubles Inge Bisconer/Mary Jo Preti (2) def. Cynthia Herrera/Madeleine Keach 7-6, 4-6, 7-5 Women's 4.0 Doubles Women's 4.5 Doubles Tiffany Kellogg/Allison Sterett (1) def. Stepanka Gamboa/Priscilla Martinez 6-4, 6-3

Mixed Open Doubles
Mixed 40 Doubles
Mixed 4.0 Doubles
Mixed 4.5 Doubles
Mixed 4.5 Doubles
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Father-Son Doubles James Kellogg/Colton Kellogg (1) def. Sebastian Castaneda/Alejandro Castaneda 7-6(4), 6-4 Mother-Daughter Doubles Colleen Ferrell/Cassidy Ferrell (1) def. Millie Yablonicky/Jenna Yablonicky (2) 6-1, 6-0

Wounded Warrior Tennis Program Serves Again

By Josh Jorgensen



The San Diego Wounded Warrior Tennis Program resumed activities on September 28 after a pandemic-related hiatus. The program, which serves wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans had suspended in-person programming for 18 months. The next day, the Warriors were honored at the San Diego Open ATP 250 professional tennis tournament during its Military Appreciation Day.

The Warriors met and hit with tournament competitor Sebastian Korda, his father Petr, and Coach Dean Goldfine. The Kordas and Goldfine signed the Warrior's shirts and exchanged other tennis items with each other. The next week at the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, Petr was seen sporting a logoed Warrior shirt. The tournament honored the Warriors on center court between matches during a military appreciation ceremony.

The Wounded Warrior Tennis Program is run by the SDDTA with invaluable help from many volunteers, charitable supporters, and sponsors including the Balboa Tennis Club, which donates court time and hosts the weekly clinics and annual national camps. The program uses tennis as a means of rehabilitation and community reintegration and has served over 1,000 Warriors since 2009.

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San Diego Scores Big at the USTA National 40 Hard Courts, La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club

Top-seeded Hiromi Sasano won her fifth-straight singles title, losing only four games on her way to the title and Simon Shen paired with Stuart Duncan of Laguna Hills, captured the Men's Doubles title.



SDDTA Partners With San Diego Veterans Tennis Classic By Steve Kappes

The SDDTA partnered with the University of San Diego (USD) and the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) in presenting the First Annual San Diego Veterans Tennis Classic (SDVTC) on November 5-7, 2021 in the new USD tennis complex.

The SDVTC mission is to celebrate San Diego's military heritage and support veterans organizations and community partners through annual tennis competitions featuring elite athletes from USD, the USNA, and other prominent universities.

The 2021 SDVTC featured the men's and women's teams from USD, USNA, San Diego State University (SDSU) and the University of California-San Diego (UCSD). USD Men's Tennis Coach Ryan Keckley played a major role in bringing the multiple and varied partners together to form the SDVTC. He was also the SDVTC Tournament Director.

The SDVTC, thanks to supporters like the SDDTA, is now a national presence featuring a tennis and community engagement axis from USNA Annapolis to the Milwaukee Tennis Classic to San Diego. Annapolis, Milwaukee, and San Diego all have strong, historic connections with men's and women's national intercollegiate tennis competitions, honor our U.S. military, and have meaningful outreach activities and programs for veterans and young people from underserved backgrounds.

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