



SRSRC Tennis Newsletter

February 2012

Tennis Director's Message



It's a new year and some new things are happening in Tennis at SRSRC.

We had our first Awards and Recognition Party January 20th. A big thanks to the Tennis Committee for putting on a great event. Singles players, both men and women, who competed throughout 2011 were presented

with awards. Winning league teams were recognized for their efforts. The Ladies B team won four divisions in 2011 and the USTA League Ladies 3.5 Senior Team won their San Diego Division and competed at the sectional level where they made it to the finals. Congratulations to all!

Cardio Tennis (currently on Monday evenings) will start up again on Saturday mornings. Come out for a fun, high intensity cardio workout and improve your game while you're at it.

Another new event added to the calendar is CC-B Ladies Doubles Mixer. This will be held in April (date TBA). This event is a great way for newer players to meet other players and get more doubles experience in a fun, social setting.

The Junior Program is growing and we are adding more events for our younger players. The first Junior Round Robin Singles Tournament in 2012 will take place Sunday, March 18th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 2 and 16 - "Challenge the Pros."
- Feb 12 - FlexTennis doubles mixer.
- Feb 24 - Friday night tennis social.
- March 1 and 15 - "Challenge the Pros."
- March 3 - Saturday Morning Cardio Tennis begins.
- March 11 - FlexTennis doubles mixer.
- March 18 - Junior Round Robin Singles.
- March 30 - Friday night tennis social.

For more info on any of these events, contact Robin Harris/Tennis Director at 858 271-6222
See you on the courts!

Robin



Brag Board



SRSRC's Tennis Pro Robin Harris competed in the 2011 USTA National Women's Inter-sectionals and the Babolat World Tennis Classic.

SRSRC's Tennis PRO Robin Harris recently competed in the 2011 USTA National Women's Inter sectionals held November 14-20 in Boca Raton, Florida.

Robin was a member of the So. California Women's 55 team. The team successfully defended its title on the extremely slow green clay courts.

So. Cal, the top seed, faced the second seeded Florida team in the final. Robin was the MVP (Most Valuable Player) of the day, rallying from 1-4 in the third set to beat her opponent. The match lasted 3 hours and 20 minutes. She then paired with team captain Carolyn Nichols to clinch the deciding doubles.

In addition, more recently, Robin competed in the Babolat World Tennis Classic - January 22-29 in Rancho Mirage, Ca. She won the Women's 50 Doubles with Tracey Thompson and lost in the Final of the Women's 55 Doubles with Carolyn Nichols.

Club member Mariko Atoji also competed in the Women's 40 singles. Mariko made it to the quarterfinals before losing to eventual winner, Jennifer Dawson, also from San Diego.



Robin proudly showing the 2011 USTA National Women's Intersectional medal.

Tennis Awards & Recognition Party

The Tennis Awards & Recognition Party was a great success. Thanks to the 50+ people who attended the event making it very special. The evening was kept alive and well entertained by Vince Petrucci as Master of Ceremony. The Tennis Committee received over 30 donated items to be raffled off during the evening. Some members were lucky to walk away with three or more prizes. Aren't you sorry you missed it? We raffled off tennis lessons, ball machine cards, balls, and many other gifts.

We honored our tennis Pros Robin Harris & Doug Denton, and awarded the Singles Match Play finalists. In addition, we recognized the 2011 winning teams, four from the B division and one 3.5 USTA Senior Women's division and presented their trophies from the Leagues. The winning team members are listed on page 4.

Kudos to the members of the Tennis Committee for all their work making this event a success. Thanks Sue for the nametags and table centerpieces. Special recognition goes to Vince Petrucci who was the driving force behind this impressive idea. We hope to see more members for the Second Annual Tennis Awards & Recognition Party. See page 5 for pictures.

Men's Singles Match Play

Match Play Flight Winners

\$100 1^{st+} Rob Levy (Overall Champion)
\$60 2nd Scott Surrell
\$40 3rd Scott Marcus
Gift 4th Gary Kuebler

Flight Winners

\$80 1st Jose Samperio
\$60 2nd Sean Hogan
\$40 3rd Bob Schwartzberg
Gift 4th Art Alvarez

Women's Singles Match Play

Match Play Flight Winners

\$80 1^{st+} Maria Alvarez (Overall Champion)
\$40 2nd Kristin Hampshire
\$30 3rd Valentina Zabaco
Gift 4th Erin Rowland

Flight Winners

\$60 1st Christina Bernstein
\$40 2nd Sonia Escobar
\$30 3rd Laura Swartz
Gift 4th Devera Marshall

Women's League Tennis

Winning Teams - 2011

USTA 3.5 Senior League Winners

Sue Gale – Captain

Debbie Lustigson	Jean McDonald
Carol Murphy	Patricia Perry
Jane Petering	Marti Richley
Karen Rose	Bernadette Solberg
Joanne White	Kris Fillius

North County Double Tennis League B Division Winners

Lisa Carson – Captain
Amy Huber – Co-Captain

Maddy Dodson	Roberta Wexler
Michele Fisher	Sheryl Hayes
Eileen Hennessey	Dawn Lie
Sandy Petty	Judy Provol
Robyn Rice	Mary Roberge
Cindy Ryan	Teri Smelik
Laura Swartz	Kerry Walker
Leslie Dowaschinski	

Tennis Competitors - B Division Winners

Laura Swartz – Captain
Robyn Rice – Co-Captain

Lisa Carson	Leslie Dowaschinski
Michele Fisher	Sheryl Hayes
Amy Huber	Jennifer Johnson
Sandy Petty	Judy Provol
Mary Roberge	Teri Smelik
Kerry Walker	

Leahs League - B Division Winners

Lisa Carson – Captain
Leslie Dowaschinski – Co-Captain

Michele Fisher	Sheryl Hayes
Eileen Hennessey	Amy Huber
Jennifer Johnson	Dawn Lie
Sandy Petty	Pam Pond
Judy Provol	Robyn Rice
Cindy Ryan	Teri Smelik
Laura Swartz	Roberta Wexler
Vivienne Topoleanu	

North Coast Invitational - B Division Winners

Leslie Dowaschinski – Captain
Judy Provol – Co-Captain

Lisa Carson	Michele Fisher
Sheryl Hayes	Linda Hoover
Amy Huber	Jennifer Johnson
Fiona Klerekoper	Robyn Rice
Teri Smelik	Laura Swartz

Tennis Awards & Recognition Party



Hank honoring Pros Robin and Doug



M.C. Vince Petrucci



Sue, Karen, Carol, Patricia, and Kris



Donna holds the winning ticket.



Robin, Gary, Scott, Rob, and Doug



Erin, Kristin, and Maria



Robyn and Scott



Leslie, Lisa, Robyn, Vivienne, Cindy, Mary



Mark, Cindy, Laurel, Kai, Viv, Jim, and Nick

Doug's Corner

The end of January concluded this season's first Grand Slam event, the Australian Open 2012. Knowing this event as well as I do, I always have keen interest on how the tournament unfolds.

For three consecutive years, back in the late 1980's, I either attended or worked at the Australian Open. I've seen this tournament grow from a relatively small grass court Grand Slam event at Kooyong, to a major hard court even at Melbourne Park. Having three major stadiums all with retractable roofs, and the largest prize money in tennis today for both men and women, the Australian Open is truly one of the four major Grand Slam tournaments.

For the players, the Australian Open is a rough start to an already brutal schedule. Many of the top players only had three weeks off between the end of last season and the beginning of this season. With so much pressure on rankings, endorsements, and overall performance, most pro players need to be in Australia by December 26th.

Some big name players decide to spend all of December and January in Australia to acclimatize themselves to the summer conditions and court surfaces. With tournaments in Perth, Brisbane, Auckland, Hobart, Adelaide, and Sydney, then finishing in Melbourne, its a hectic four weeks of tournament play.

I am always eagerly watching at the beginning of the Australian Open because many of the players I work closely with during the rest of the year, end up playing many of the top seeds in the early rounds. It is a great opportunity for those lower ranked players, who have worked hard in November and December, to show off their talents, gauge their progress, and pick up some substantial money to keep them going for the rest of the year.

As it usually turns out, the men's final featured the top two players in the world: Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal. Novak Djokovic was the winner in a record setting five set, nearly six hour match. In the women's final, Victoria Azarenka defeated Maria Sharapova in rather routine fashion, to not only become the Australian Open champion but also gain the world #1 ranking.

For me, Indian Wells is just around the corner, with possible other tournaments looming later in the year. It should be an exciting year of tennis.

Hope to see everyone on the courts!

Doug Denton

Doug



Meet the Tennis Committee

From L to R: Hank Posters, Leslie Dowaschinski, Vince Petrucci, Robin Harris, Sue Gale, Lisa Carson, Kris Fillius, and Donna Dickinson.

Roadmap to Better Tennis

by Ed Collins

Do not let anyone convince you that success is a mysterious gift, handed only to a few. It is achieved in a step-by-step manner that produces not only physical improvement, but psychological reinforcement as well.

Lessons are cumulative—one is built upon another. It'll help you to understand how the strokes and shots are developed, the stages of learning, and the necessity of practice and match play.

Tennis is more fun when you possess technique. By that, I mean you need a half dozen strokes to become a strategic all-court player. You could choose to play only from the back court, but that takes away a lot of the enjoyment.

You will need to learn how to produce topspin, for driving the ball and hitting passing shots; and underspin for drop shots and handling short balls; and volleys, half-volleys and an overhead to play from the forecourt.

Patience - It Takes Time

On good days, against an erratic player whose game is manageable, you are buoyed with confidence; other days, a superior player makes you question that you know anything.

Hang in there is more than an expression of encouragement; it is sound advice for anyone intent on reaching a high level of play. With measures of persistence, practice, and good humor, over time you will get to where you want to go.

Lastly, I recommend that you always hold this thought in your head: The key to success is enjoyment; if you are having fun, you are on the right track.

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