



La Mirada Tennis Club

LMTCC
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XTRA! XTRA! Read All About It! Winter League Champs!

Winter League 2006 finally ends, but not without the threat of rain. The League Director Dave Webster was determined to get the final round in, although the sky was filled with dark clouds overhead and it looked threatening, he ordered the matches to start shortly after 9:00 am. I spotted these two lonely fans braving the weather to see the matches (picture; Diane Bote and Ed Pascual). It was hard to tell if they were cheering for their team to win or for the Winter League to finally end.

Going into the final round, the *Nets* had a commanding two win league lead, and the *Aces*, who trailed them, were their opponents. Could the *Aces* pull the upset of the year by beating the *Nets* in these three



Diane & Ed - Fans braving the weather!



"The Champions—2006 Winter League!"

matches, thereby taking the league lead by one game, and at the same time taking the league lead and championship? The miracle didn't happen and the *Nets*, as they had done during every round, won two (2) of their three (3) matches. The *Nets* are the 2006 Winter League Champions!

It was no surprise to this reporter that the *Nets* prevailed as champions. When you analyze the personnel on their team; they had Doug Minz and John Hogue. These

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Picnic Round Robin

The Annual Picnic Round Robin will be held on Saturday, June 10, at 9:00 am. The cost per person is \$8.00. We welcome anyone's favorite dish. If you decide to bring a dish, please contact Donna Webster, telephone # 562-943-3265.

This is one fun event you don't want to miss. Our chef Dimas and his assistant Ron Martin promise to grill some tasty Carne Asada along with some delicious Pollo "Loco." Mexican dishes of beans, rice, salsa, and chips will also be provided. Don't miss out on this tasty Mexican food.

Those in attendance last year who got to sample the Carne Asada and grilled chicken will agree with me that this is a *bargain* you can't pass up. Come out and enjoy a lot of tennis and satisfy your appetite with some delicious food. All for only \$8.00; it's a bargain you don't want to pass up.

Call Donna Webster, telephone # 562-943-3265 or Scott Devens, 714-236-0870 if you plan to attend. This information will help us determine the number of courts to reserve and the amount of food to order.



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Winter League Champs (continued)

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two players have more doubles experience than all the other "A" Teams in the league combined. Their experience goes back to the era of the wood racket. They could easily hold title to the legends of the LaMirada Tennis Club.

One note of interest is that John had been plagued by back injuries recently and Doug had also had a wrist problem which sidelined them before the league started. They sailed through their league matches without a problem and they crushed Lem Paco and Rick Jordan on their final match 6-1, 6-2. When you

consider the recent steroid problem in baseball, you wonder if John or Doug had any connections with Balco. We will never know; the league director never considered a drug or steroid policy. The heavy use of subs, distracted him from checking the possibility of 'sub'stance abuse. To avoid further controversy the league director has resigned his position.

On the *Nets* "B" Team they had Steve Sayce who when he covers the net has a wing span comparable to the B17. In order to pass him, you have to use a guided missile. Mike Patz, their other "B" player failed to make any of the matches. On the "C"

team, they had two steady scramblers; Ivan Chaing and Gordon Lee. Gordon, in Korean terms, is referred to as the *Byuk* which means wall. As many of you who have hit against the wall know, the ball always comes back.

Yes the *Nets* were loaded and they used every advantage they had to become champions of the Winter League 2006. Each player on the *Nets* was presented with a beautiful engraved mug signifying their championship. After the matches, all league players were invited to *Gondola's* restaurant for pizza and drinks.

Election Notification

The terms for our board will be up on August 1st of this year. As per the by-laws Dimas Benavides will become the President with the other board positions available for nominations. If you have an interest in becoming a member of the board please notify any board member before July 16th.

Positions open are, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer,

Tournament Director and Social Director.

For the new board, Ron Martin has been nominated for Vice President, Jan Minz has been nominated to be Secretary again, Nick Chico has been nominated to be Treasurer again and Donna Webster has been nominated for Social Director.

There can be more than one nominee. The only position we do not yet have a nomination for is Tournament Director.

Nominations can be any club member. Please be certain those nominated want the position and understand the requirements of the position.

Scott Devens

Welcome—New Members Wendy Bryan & Nate Valdivia

Happy Birthday — Hope It's Great!

Our club wants to acknowledge your birthday. We do this by inviting you to enjoy a cup of coffee or other beverage and donut in the Pro-Shop on any weekend of the month your name appears in the birthday section of the newsletter. We welcome you to take advantage of this free offer between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 noon.

We hope this is an offer you can't refuse.



Ramona Rich
5-15



Susan Devens
5-19



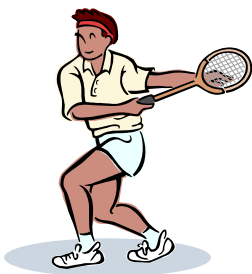
Dimas Benavides
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Doug Minz
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Mat Bote
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Bert Briones
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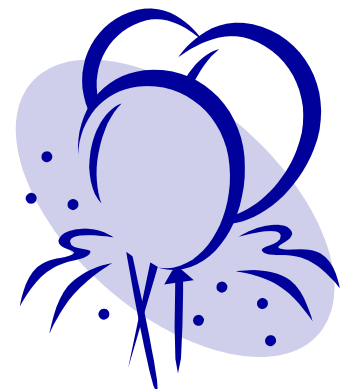
Ed Pascual
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Barbara Ginn
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Bill Gutierrez
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Singles Ladder 4.0

Below are the Top Ten Players on the Singles Challenge Ladder.

1.	Chris Gabion	714-484-7802	6.	Kenny Hachiya	562-893-1903
2.	Gerardo Lopez	562-946-9983	7.	William Hong	562-694-2439
3.	Kevin Koumphoh	562-943-3297	8.	Benny Baek	714-393-1915
4.	Walter Romanowski	562-941-6634	9.	Brian Tubiera	714-366-1187
5.	Steve Sayce	562-789-1395	10.	Mike Gutierrez	909-392-6767

We've had some great challenge matches. Most of them have gone to three sets. Chris

has settled into the No. 1 position and he has fought off several challengers. If you enjoy

competition here's your chance to get it and possibly move up on the ladder.

The LaMirada Tennis Club Charity Doubles Tournament

The 9th Annual La Mirada Tennis Club Charity Doubles Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of June 24th and 25th. There is no question that this is the most important event for the LaMirada Tennis Club during the calendar year. The reasons for this are that the funds earned go to two worthy programs. The first is the Biola University Physically Challenged Program and secondly the Southeast Recreation District Youth and Seniors Tennis

Development Program.

Monies from this event have allowed Biola University to introduce new players to their physically challenged program. These funds have given these athletes the opportunity to take their game to a new level, at the same time inspiring others by their achievements.

Your participation is *essential* to the success of this event. As

you've noticed the event is now the LaMirada Tennis Club Charity Doubles Tournament. You as a member are encouraged to enter the tournament at the same time solicit your tennis friends to also participate. We need your support to make this a quality event and at the same time help two worthy causes. There is no nobler deed than to help those that are in less fortunate circumstances. Get your entry in early.

Han Nguyen

I saw Han walking up the walkway as he was leaving the park. I stopped him to ask him how he was doing. Some of you are probably not aware that Han broke his ankle early last year. This might surprise you; he didn't break it playing tennis, he broke it playing golf.

We had a lot of rain early in 2005. He went out to play golf when the grass was still wet. Not wearing spikes and swinging at the ball, while standing on the slope, he lost his footing, slipped and somehow broke his ankle.

Han told me that he continues to have trouble with the

ankle and he really shocked me when he said he won't be playing tennis anymore. I hope it is only temporary. Han is not only one of our better players, but he is a gentleman in every respect.

I know that many of you feel as I do that the club has lost an outstanding member.

Make Use of the Website— www.lmtc.us

We know many of you try to keep abreast of what's happening on the Pro-Circuit.

You can easily do it by using our link to the US Tennis Association located on the bottom right

hand corner of our Home Page. There is a lot to see on the USTA Website. Give It a Try!