

# La Mirada Tennis Club

LMTC  
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## Winter League

Well, spring is here and we have barely completed half of our Winter League. What happened to sunny California? We had a hint of what was going to come when the

very first round had to be cut short because of rain. In addition to the rain, league play has been held up when the courts had to be reserved for two USTA

sanctioned tournaments. As of this writing the Nets—Team 4 are leading the league. Shown below are team photos of the league teams.



Team 1—The Strings



Team 2—The Deuces



Team 3—The Aces



Team 4—The Nets

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## Out of Africa—submitted by Alex Chisholm

In 1980, my wife and I traveled to Africa to teach pastors and community leaders the basics in cassette recording. They learned how to record the Bible in their particular tribal dialect and they also made recordings that targeted health and hygiene issues. (This was just prior to the AIDS epidemic.) We gained a lot personally out of Africa. In fact, according to our records, our first child was conceived in Africa! (I know ... that's a little too much information.)

We are going back to Africa. I have been invited to teach a New Testament Survey course for African pastors. (Not coincidentally, I just finished my doctorate in theology in 2003 at Biola University.) The seminary is located in Kitale, Kenya which is about a three hour drive from Nairobi. There will be about 40 pastors. Many of these men will travel for days to get to the school. They simply yearn for any kind of education! They can't

get enough of it.

These men, and there will be a few women, have absolutely no way to pay for this schooling. My wife and I must pay for everything. If you would like to contribute to this African project, we would love to hear from you! ICM (International Christian Ministries) is sponsoring our trip. All contributions are tax deductible, and you will receive a receipt in less than two weeks. Donations can also be made online at [www.icmusa.org](http://www.icmusa.org). Be sure to put my name in the comments box. Their phone number is 661-832-9740. If you can catch me at the courts on Saturday morning, I can give you my newsletter and contribution slip. Or just call me at (909) 980-0084 and I will be glad to send you the stuff.

La Mirada Tennis Club is a lot like a family. You guys came through and helped Mel Caparino after he suffered serious head trauma. Money was raised to pur-

chase a van for his family. That meant a lot to the Caparino family. Again, LMTTC is great group. It's more than a mere tennis club.

Alex Chisholm, member since 1988.



This is me standing next to a Pokot warrior in 1980. I think he's laughing at the way I'm holding my spear.

## DON KNABE CHARITY TOURNAMENT

The 9th Annual Don Knabe Charity Doubles Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of June 24th and 25th. Some of our members monetarily assist with sponsoring this charity event and many others help by entering and playing in the tournament.

There is no question that this is the most important event for the La Mirada Tennis Club during the calendar year. The reasons for this are the funds earned go to two worthy programs. The first

is the BIOLA University Physically Challenged Program and secondly, the County of Los Angeles Teen Program.

Funding from this event has allowed BIOLA University to introduce new players to their physically challenged programs. These funds have given their athletes the opportunities to take their game to new levels and at the same time experience life in a new and meaningful way. You have to be proud of their contributions

to the game of tennis as they inspire others to reach new heights.

We've accomplished a great deal, but much more can be done. You as a member are encouraged to enter the tournament and at the same time solicit your friends who play tennis to also participate. Don't pass up this opportunity to help two worthy causes and also support the La Mirada Tennis Club in an important endeavor.

# VALENTINE'S MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN

On Saturday, February 11th, the La Mirada Tennis Club hosted its first Valentine's Day Round Robin tennis event; it turned out to be a tremendous success. For starters the weather was very accommodating, perfect for tennis.

It goes without saying that no event can be successful as this one was, without a lot of planning and people working in the background. Scott Devens did an outstanding job in lining up 20 mixed doubles teams and planning an event that focused on fun rather than competition. He succeeded. The players commented on how much fun they had.

Susan Devens and Donna and David Webster assisted in assigning the various players on to the courts. Donna displayed her talents by decorating the tables with pink table cloths and setting a beautiful flower pot at each table. She also made sure each lady left with a box of chocolates. How does Donna do it? She has really taken to tennis and it is easy to see the tremendous improvements in her game in the three years she has been playing. More important Donna is a great asset to the club. She is a good example of what an active member can do to help the La Mirada Tennis Club (that David is a

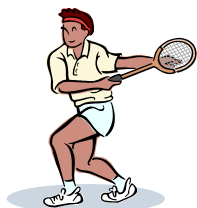
lucky guy!!)

Dimas and yours truly decorated the event with colorful balloons. As an added bonus I took pictures of the doubles teams and presented the ladies with a 5x7 portrait before the end of the event, which they really appreciated. I also recorded a Valentine's Day CD which we raffled off, and I heard the lady that won it really enjoys listening to it. This event would not have been successful without the participation of the Cypress Tennis Club, Friends of Tennis, and our club. Check out the photos from this great day at [www.lmtc.us](http://www.lmtc.us).

## 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.*



**Rick Fulgencio**  
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**Mara Lyn Lee**  
3-9



**Chris Gabion**



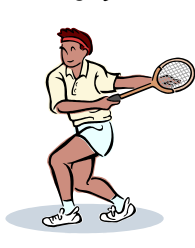
**Bob Lugo**  
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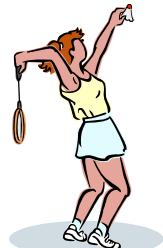
**Agnes Johnson**  
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**Gamble Yeung**  
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**Rick Oswald**  
3-30



**April Lundstedt**  
4-3



**Marilyn Prigge**  
4-10



**Ron Martin**  
4-22



**Terri Boyle**  
4-25



**Jan Minz**  
4-28



**Brian Tubiera**  
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**Lisa Babilonia**  
April

## New Members:



Terri Boyle



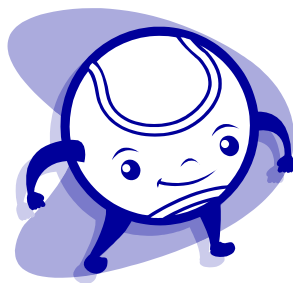
James Hoh



Sam Nakaatari



Virginia Olivas



# WELCOME

## Pico Rivera Tennis Club Inter-Club Match

On Sunday, March 19, the Pico Rivera Tennis Club and the La Mirada Tennis Club held their first inter-club match. Dimas was instrumental in lining up this match.

That this match ever got underway and completed was short of a miracle. The reason I write this is because we had rainy weather, just a few days prior to the scheduled match and to top it off, it rained in the early morning hours in

the immediate area. However, by some divine intervention the courts were spared from any rain. As we arrived at the courts in the morning, we could see that the rain had missed the courts. The sun was shining brightly and the weather was just right for tennis.

David Webster had the honor of assigning the players to the various courts. Although the La Mirada Tennis Club was the stronger

club, everybody enjoyed the matches.

The beans, rice, steak picado, guacamole, and salsa was the perfect menu for the cool day. The food was delicious.

Thanks to Dimas for providing the drinks and coffee for the Pico Rivera Tennis Club. Pictures of this event can be seen by clicking on to our website [www.lmtc.us](http://www.lmtc.us).

## Bert Haze

Bert Haze, one of our Club members, was injured in a vehicle

accident. Don't know the extent of his injuries, but I'm told he is recov-

ering and we hope to see him back on the courts.



## Road Trip

It's not too late to sign up for the Road Trip to the

San Vicente Inn and Golf Club. Check the website

[www.lmtc.us](http://www.lmtc.us) for details.