2013
Year In Review
Southern California Tennis Association

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Once a twelve-month period concludes, it goes into the record book. There is always much to analyze. Often, there is a theme to the year. For 2013, “Changes & More…” seems an appropriate way to describe what took place within the Southern California Tennis Association.

Administratively, the face of the SCTA was altered dramatically when Henry Talbert, Bob Kramer, Darren Potkey and Barbara Sportelli, who had nearly 100 years of combined service and were instrumental in the organization the USTA sectional standard, made life transitions. Though they moved on, their indelible presence will be felt for some time.

Bruce Hunt, who had earned leadership kudos for his recent work as the Executive Director of the San Diego Rotary Club, was chosen to replace Talbert as the SCTA’s Executive Director. An ardent player who has a commanding understanding of order and bottom-line complexities, he was the Associate Executive Director then the Executive Director in Northern California from 2000 until 2006.

Tennis instructor extraordinaire, Vic Braden; the youngest Grand Slam tournament singles winner, Michael Chang; former WTA No. 1, Lindsay Davenport; ATP doubles standout and another former world’s best, Rick Leach; 1950’s US Top 10 performer, Gilbert (Gil) Shea; and junior star, as well as Youth Tennis San Diego founder, Kathy Willette, were the stars of the SCTA’s Hall of Fame induction gala. It was held at the Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades on the evening of September 22nd.

Greg Hickey, President of the organization, and Master of Ceremonies, Andrew Krasny kept the event flowing at an appreciated pace. Topping the list of the honorees’ recollections was the role played by the SCTA, along with each of their families. They all had an impact on the development of each honoree’s tennis skills, and helped mold their lives. Woven into the fabric of the inductees “look back” accounts were tales of tournaments and opponents, as well as a wonderful collection of insightful lessons learned.

Willette, who was Billie Jean Moffitt’s (in time, King) nemesis when she was a junior competitor, then named Kathy Chabot, mentioned the important role Wilbur Folsom played in her tennis development. Soon after graduating from high school Folsom lost his left leg in a car accident, but became an inspirational coach. She noted the San Diego Tennis Patrons, the Barnes Junior Tennis Center and the After-School tennis program that have all become building blocks for tennis in the District. “No one sees dreams come true without giving…” she added.

Chang brought out that those in this year’s Hall of Fame class had a lot in common. He remembered spending time at Braden’s Tennis College and recalled dealing with Willette, who was deeply involved in tennis development in San Diego. He recounted playing Davenport’s husband, Jonathan, as a junior. He also touched on all that his parents, Joe and Betty Chang, had done for him, and the importance of having his older brother, Carl, coach him while he was on the pro tour.

In perhaps the smoothest line of the night, Chang said that whenever he won a tour-
he took the ball so early, which made him practically unbeatable.

Leach, with a smile, talked about playing the National Father & Son Hard Court Championships when he was eight. He said that Dick, his father, was by far the best player on the court and he was the worst. So when they finally got a match point, he walked back to the baseline and told his dad, “Just ace him…”

Leach’s father, who taught him how to play and with whom he won ten National Father & Son titles, was a 2011 Hall of Fame inductee. Davenport, who married his younger brother, Jonathan in April 2003, said with a smile, “There aren’t many families you can marry into where your brother-in-law has more Grand Slam titles than you do…”

Everyone who watched the video presentations by Emmy winning television tennis broadcast producer Harold Hecht, Jr. and enjoyed the individual commentaries left the ceremony echoing the same feeling as Willette when she said, “Thank you to the SCTA for creating this activity for the tennis community…This incredible honor has taken my breath away…”

Headliners

Charlie Pasarell will never forget July 13th. That is the day the former UCLA All-American, BNP Paribas Open founder and 2007 SCTA inductee became a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame, along with Cliff Drysdale, Martina Hingis, Thelma Long and Ion Tiriac.

The NEC Wheelchair Tennis Masters Championships, held at the state-of-the-art Marguerite Tennis Pavilion in Mission Viejo, was spectacular. Not only for the athletic skill that was featured in the early November event, but also because this was the first time the year-end event has taken place in the US, and featured outstanding performances by local stars David Wagner and Greg Hasterok.

Though the annual Los Angeles ATP men’s tournament went into the memory book, early in the year, the Los Angeles Tennis Challenge put the focus back on the pros. As Cheryl Jones wrote, “March 4th, a different kind of tennis made its debut in Pauley Pavilion on the UCLA campus, just a little east of the courts where the tournament had been a mainstay since the 1984 Olympic Games. It seems that Los Angeles has always been hungry for competitive professional tennis. That night, well over 8,000 avid fans filled the seats, in a sold out event with the apt name, the Los Angeles Tennis Challenge. The celebrity player line-up for the show was enticing in and of itself. A few of the stars that call the area home for at least part of the year were on hand. They included Bob and Mike Bryan, Mardy Fish, James Blake, Tommy Haas, Pete Sampras and their good friend – the lone out-of-towner – Novak Djokovic. They thrilled the crowd with several hours of wonderful tennis, along with a surprising net collapse and later still, a bit of darkness. Through it all, no one complained. It was professional tennis in Los Angeles.”

Jones continued, “In a pause in the play, Henry Talbert, the Executive Director of the SCTA, was honored. He received the inaugural Gussy Moran Humanitarian Award, presented by 10sBalls.com (Moran was the talk of more than London in 1949 when she shocked the world with the lacy panties she wore beneath her Teddy Tinling created tennis frock at staid Wimbledon. She was born in Santa Monica and lived most of her life in Southern California. She passed away in January of 2013.). Talbert graciously accepted the award that recognized his service to tennis and the community as a whole.”

Special People

As is always the case, Southern Californians distinguished themselves, earning award-winning recognition. Well-known official Jane Goodman received the John T. McGovern Award. Heidi Stryker earned the Janet Louer USTA Jr. Team Tennis National Organizer of the Year Award. John Cyrus, who works at El Dorado High School, was one of only twelve coaches named to the USTA’s 2013 No-Cut Coach All-Star Team. Tuesday, October 29th was “Roz King Day” and the City of San Diego recognized the widely respected tennis and public parks tennis advocate.
At the Annual Meeting, the following received awards in recognition for all that they contributed to tennis in 2012:

- **Henry Talbert**
  Lifetime Achievement

- **Jonathan Hammel**
  Evelyn Houseman
  Junior Sportsmanship

- **Maegan Manasse**
  Evelyn Houseman
  Junior Sportsmanship

- **Michael and Maria Smith**
  Family Of The Year

- **Lakewood Tennis Center**
  Organization Of The Year
  (Eric Stephens accepted.)

- **Gideon Smith**
  Curt Condon

- **University of San Diego**
  Long Ellis Intercollegiate
  Photo Norman Tam

### Service Awards

- **Conan Lorenzo**
  Jr. Team Tennis

- **CathyAnn Simon**
  Junior Competition

- **Howard Farer**
  (Pasadena Poly)
  High School Tennis

- **Kristine Abatay**
  (CSU Long Beach)
  Tennis On Campus

- **Terry Lynch**
  (Ventura County Junior Tennis Association)
  Central Coast

- **Phong Nguyen**
  (Redlands Racquet Club)
  Inland Empire

- **Geoff Griffin**
  San Diego
Mention LA84 Foundation/NJTL in the section and the immediate response will be – Melanie Bischoff is the reason the program has been so successful. “The SCTA, with support from the LA84 Foundation, has been growing the game locally since 1985 through the National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL) Program. Originally, the brainchild of former UCLA and professional stars, Arthur Ashe and Charlie Pasarell, along with businessman Sheridan Snyder, NJTL’s goal is simple: To encourage youngsters, with a specific focus on those in urban areas, to try the game.

“Matthew Jones, Director of Tennis, Challengers Boys and Girls Club said, ‘LA84 Foundation/NJTL affords Southern California youngsters an often inaccessible opportunity to learn the sport of tennis while learning life skills, building self-esteem and having fun all at the same time.’”

Bischoff continued, “The program strives to instill a love of tennis in those who are economically disadvantaged, and provide them with an opportunity to play, compete and to develop good sportsmanship. During the summer, NJTL is offered at 135 sites. On a Year-Round basis, the program can be found at 42 locations. In total, 8,800 youngsters were introduced to tennis.

“Orientation, at the Los Angeles Tennis Center – UCLA, kicked off 2013. Adam Jacobs, Director of Junior Tennis at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, led the activity. Following the completion of the summer season more than 250 players attended the NJTL Summer Play Day orchestrated by Dee Henry on August 7th. A lot of tennis was played and everyone enjoyed the In-N-Out burgers. The following day, more than 100 players participated in a round robin organized by Darren Potkey, Director of Junior Competition.”

According to Bischoff, “The Year-Round effort concluded with an amazing Fall Play Day. NJTL partnered with USTA Serves, Johnson & Johnson, and BenGay. The joint venture featured Sloane Stephens, who made the day a great experience for the players.”

NJTL is growing steadily in San Diego as Bischoff brought out. “There are six programs and two Year-Round sites,” she said. “At the end of the six-week session, over fifty youngsters attended a Special Activity Play Day that was held at Peninsula Tennis Club. Karen Ronney, the Tennis Service Representative in San Diego, who organized the event, was thrilled with the turnout. All the participants received lunches from Subway and T-shirts.”

The San Diego NJTL story didn’t end there. “A group of youngsters attended the Southern California Open Kids Day at La Costa Resort & Spa and met some WTA professionals who played the tournament,” Bischoff noted. “Additionally, NJTL participants from the programs at three military sites in the area took part in a center court clinic that called attention to tennis development taking place at the facilities. Emirates Airlines, the tournament sponsor, made a generous donation of Ten and Under Tennis equipment to the programs.

“Another 2013 highlight was the NJTL Life Skills curriculum that was offered at Belvedere Park, in East Los Angeles. The tennis and education component that was part of the offering at Belvedere Park also captivated the community.

“Special thanks are extended to all of the amazing NJTL coaches, Westcoast Sports Associates, the organization that again sponsored two sites, and the SCTA Foundation, which supported five new Year-Round locations. Last, but no means least, a sincere and grateful thank you goes to the LA84 Foundation for the funding and partnership twenty-eight straight years. The NJTL Program would not exist without the backing received.”
SCHOOL TENNIS

Tiffany Geller Reed, who is responsible for School Tennis, was clear about 2013, “We had a busy year,” she said. “We worked with many school districts and trained over 150 teachers and After-School staff. The Los Angeles Unified School District, including ‘Beyond the Bell’ Middle and Elementary Schools programs, was just one area of concentration.

A partnership was established with TGA, as well as with the already mentioned ‘Beyond the Bell’ involvement, to train staff members to teach tennis at twelve elementary schools. “Teacher workshops were held for the Alvord, Anaheim, Freedom Schools, Wilmington and Claremont districts. School Tennis has been involved with the Lawndale School District for a few years. This year one of the schools organized a tennis festival and over 400 students participated.

“The USTA has a package of resources designed to make starting and maintaining a PE or After-School Tennis easy for teachers, as well as other staff members and administrators. Some of the assets are trainings, curriculum with DVD, equipment discounts and staff support. The SCTA has many plans for 2014 to get tennis into more school systems, including PE classes, After-School programs and kids tennis clubs.”

Anyone with questions about School Tennis or interested in beginning a program, should contact Tiffany Geller Reed at Geller@scta.usta.com

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS

Ken Grassel is the Jr. Team Tennis maestro. He summarized the year focusing on the 14 Intermediate and Advanced National Championships, October 17-20, and the 18 Intermediate and Advanced event that took place October 24-27.

“Both tournaments were held in Columbia, South Carolina, close to the state capitol, at Cayce Tennis and Fitness Center and Lexington County Tennis Complex, under the expert direction of Jorge Andrews and his capable staff, who were very welcoming to all of us,” Grassel said. “In the 14 Advanced, Team Top Gun from Rancho Penasquitos Tennis Center in San Diego, coached by Solomon Liu, won the championship. Surf & Turf Tennis Club, another San Diego team, coached by Alex Levie, was the 14 Intermediate finalist.”

In the past Southern California had not been able to send teams to compete in the 18 National Championships because of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) regulations. “The CIF granted an exemption, which allowed the girls to compete,” Grassel admitted. “This was a joint effort between our section and Northern California. The Linfield Aces from Temecula, the Advance team, led by Hector Arelano, finished eleventh out of sixteen teams. The Sunshine Aces from Arcadia, under Mark Feng, was the section’s Intermediate entry and came in fifteenth.”

Grassel concluded, “I had the pleasure to work both of the South Carolina tournaments, and I was very proud of the way the four teams represented Southern California. The sportsmanship, camaraderie and team spirit exhibited was great. Matthew Feng from the Sunshine Aces 18 Intermediate team, and Eshan Talluri from Surf & Turf 14 Intermediate team were recognized by the coaches at the closing ceremonies as the Sportsmanship Award winners.

“I always like to thank the coaches, who pull their teams together to make the journey across the country for the event, and the awesome parents who support their children’s participation. Overall, I was happy whether teams from the section ended up a national champion, a finalist, or finished eleventh or fifteenth. More important, having two players from the section selected for the Sportsmanship honors says a lot about the Jr. Team Tennis Program in Southern California.”

For information about Jr. Team Tennis contact Ken Grassel at grassel@scta.usta.com
Though Darren Potkey, who had been the Manager of Junior Competition for fourteen years, has become the Executive Director of the Georgia District, he can look back on 2013 with a great deal of pride.

Spring in Southern California provides the section’s juniors with opportunities to prove why the level of tennis played locally is among the best in the country. That was clearly seen in the final round results of the International Tennis Federation Championships at Claremont, USTA International Spring Championships at Carson, and 46th Asics Easter Bowl Championships at Rancho Mirage.

Gage Brymer, in another marathon test for which he is becoming known, outlasted Luca Corinteli of Alexandria, Virginia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, in the Boys’ 18 title round. JC Aragone and Mackenzie McDonald of Piedmont were doubles finalists. Hibi continued her brilliance overwhelming Tornado Ali Black of Miami, Florida, 6-3, 6-2, for the Girls’ 18 title. Kalman Boyd was a Boys’ 16 finalist and so were Emma Higuchi and Rebecca Weissmann of Loveland, Colorado in the Girls’ 16 doubles title round.

Connor Hance endured a 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 contest to defeat John McNally of Cincinnati, Ohio in the Boys’ 14 final. Bryce Pereira teamed with Michael Zhao of Princeton Junction, New Jersey for doubles honors. In the Girls’ 14, Ashley Lahey, along with Kelly Chen and Annette Goulak, were finalists. At the Boys’ 12 Spring National Tennis Championships, Brandon Nakashima was a finalist.

Brymer kick-started his season reaching the Boys’ 18 final at Claremont. The Girls’ 18 doubles was all Southern California as Erin Larner and Monica Robinson slipped past Mayci Jones and Alyssa Smith 1-6, 7-6, 10-7.

The Easter Bowl was the conclusion of the “weather’s warming up” events, and Southern Californians performed solidly at eight different desert tennis clubs, including Cathedral Canyon, Desert Princess, Deep Canyon, Monterey, Palm Valley, The Springs and Woodhaven. The Sunrise Country Club was the tournament’s home site.

We, of course, are very pleased with all the Southern California players’ results, particularly sweeping the 18s divisions at the Easter Bowl, with two competitors from the same town winning,” Potkey said. “Hance should also be recognized for his performance, not just winning the tournament, but, from all accounts, the high level of play in the Boys’ 14 final.”
National Clay Court Championships

At the National Clay Court Championships, Gabrielle Andrews and Zoe Katz were Girls’ 18 finalists. Taylor Fritz and Daniel Gealer finished in the same position in the Boys’ 16 doubles battle. Ivan Thamma and Conrad Russell of Palo Alto were the Boys’ 14 doubles winners. Claire Liu, who trains at the Home Depot Center in Carson, defeated section rival Dominique Schaefer 6-4, 6-2 in the Girls’ 14 final. Schaefer and Alexandra Angyalosy of Glenview, Illinois were doubles finalists. Nakashima was again a Boys’ 12 singles finalist, but teamed with Tyler Zink of Lititz, Pennsylvania for doubles honors. Carson Branstine defeated Caty McNally of Cincinnati, Ohio, 7-6, 6-4, for the Girls’ 12 trophy.

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National Championships

The National Championships is where reputations are earned, and section juniors came up with the goods. Kayla Day escaped with a dramatic 1-6, 6-3, 7-5 singles victory over Ashley Lahey in the Girls’ 14 final. Fritz teamed with Anudeep Kodali of Durham, North Carolina for the Boys’ 16 title. At the Barnes Tennis Center in San Diego, Shibahara was a Girls’ 16 singles finalist, but she rebounded to claim, with Savannah Slaysman of Phoenix, the doubles crown. Even more noteworthy, Shibahara received the Girls’ 16 Sportsmanship Award. Alafia Ayeni paired with William Howells of Richmond, Virginia to claim the Boys’ 14 title over Roscoe Bellamy and Max Mendelsohn of Little Rock, Arkansas. William Grant joined Garrett Johns of Atlanta to take the Boys’ 12 doubles championships. In an 18s sweep, Henry Craig and George Goldhoff were Boys’ finalists, and so were Andrews and Taylor Townsend, who trains at the USTA Center in Boca Raton, Florida, in the Girls’. Carson Branstine was a Girls’ 12 finalist.

Not To Be Overlooked

Gabrielle Andrews and Zoe Katz
Photo Cynthia Lum
Dominique Schaefer
Photo Karen Quincy Lobberg
Ventura County Star
Carson Branstine
Photo Jackie Cooper Tennis Club
Ivan Thamma

Age Brymer, a senior at University High School in Irvine at the time, won his third Ojai Boys’ championship, becoming the third player in the event’s 113-year history, matching Trowbridge Hendricks of Los Angeles High School’s 1899 to 1901 run, and the trio of CIF titles claimed by Bobby Riggs of Franklin High School between 1934 and ‘36.

Claire Liu was a member of the US Girls’ 14 team that won World Junior Tennis title for the sixth time in the history of the competition, but first championship since 2010, in Prostejov, Czech Republic in early August. Nakashima was a member of the Boys’ 12 team, which didn’t lose a match at the “Coupe Le Blanc – Le Blanc Cup” in Montreal, Canada.

Ai Takamori Malawy, Junior Competition Assistant, noted that the Competition Training Center (CTC) Team Cup, played at The Claremont and Upland Tennis Clubs, that San Diego, coached by Eric Mann, downed San Gabriel Valley, led by Barry Friedman, 19-12. The victory gave San Diego a three-peat title run.

At the 16 Intersectional Team Championships played in steamy Shreveport, Louisiana at the Pierremont Oaks Tennis Club, Potkey pointed out, “Southern California dropped a close match in the final, 5-4 to Midwest.
We have reached at least the semifinals for nine of the past ten years, and won three times. Kalman Boyd, Jessica Failla, Paulina Ferrari, Taylor Fritz, Daniel Gealer, Raquel Pedraza, Austin Rapp and Meredith Xepoleas represented the section, with Guy Fritz as the coach.”

Martha Katsufrakis has organized the K-Swiss Summer Grand Prix since its inception thirty-three years ago. The circuit, which began on June 1st and concluded on August 31st, featured 13,440 players competing for points, in order to be one of the eight performers per age division to earn places in the Grand Prix Masters Championships draws. (Final round scores can be found in the Results section.)

“Because of the program’s reputation for offering an opportunity to test their skills and improve, juniors from throughout the section as well as states like Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah participated,” Katsufrakis said. “So did youngsters from Mexico and other countries. With so many outstanding players taking part, each of the 42 tournaments was a test.”

Five players distinguished themselves by becoming members of the prestigious 1000 Point Club. The new members included: Peter Clemente III – Boys’ 14 – 1000 points; Chase Lipscomb – Boys’ 16 – 1120 points; Ivan Smith – Boys’ 12 and Jadie Acidera – Girls’ 16 – 1200 points; Leo Hibi – Boys’ 14 – 1380 points.

“Each of those who joined this exclusive group was presented with a certificate and prizes,” Katsufrakis said. “More important, their names will be on the 1000 Point Club member list forever.”

The Pete Brown “First Serve” High School Boys’ Tournament took place in the fall. The Girls’ event was held in the spring. The results included:

**Boys’**
- Corona del Mar d. Great Oak – 3-3 (42-32); Rowland d. Northwood – 3-3 (45-35); Rowland d. El Dorado – 4-2; Temple City d. San Gabriel – 5-1

**San Diego**
- St. Augustine d. Palm Springs – (Score Not Available); Mt. Miguel d. San Dieguito – (Score Not Available)

**Great Oak and Corona del Mar**
- Girls’
  - Corona del Mar d. Orcutt Academy – 5-1; Martin Luther King d. Marymount 5-1; Valencia d. Cerritos – 4-2; Troy d. Yorba Linda – 4-2

**San Diego**
- Alpha Flight – Our Lady of Peace Academy d. Rancho Bernardo – (Score Not Available)

**Beta Flight – Mira Mesa d. Grossmont – (Score Not Available)**

A two-day 10 and Under Tennis Player Development Camp was held at the Barnes Tennis Center in mid-September. Six boys and six girls from the Intermountain and Northern California sections participated, along with Southern California. Local players taking part included: Taylor Cataldi, Sebastian Gorzny, Sarah MacCallum, Zachary Pellouchoud, Phoebe Peus, Lawee Sherif, Cody Ray Emery, Ayala Stephens, Kaytlin Taylor, Mason Tran, Winta Woldeab and Noah Zamora. Grant Chen and Mark McCampbell were the coaches.

Pierre Schantz, a regular in Chris Emery’s Jr. Team Tennis program at Heritage Park in Irvine who has moved from Intermediate to Satellite to Advanced in the Boys’ 14 in the past three seasons, received four major film animation awards in 2013, for “Parkour Race.”

The year closed for juniors at the 11th Pacific Cup at the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center in Beaverton, Oregon. Carson Branstine, Jacob Brumm, Jake Douglas, Jennifer Gadalov, Timothy Sah, Ivan Smith, Alexandra Valenstein and Sydney Van Alphen represented Southern California, and Marc Lucero coached the team in the tournament that included the Intermountain, Northern California and Pacific Northwest sections.
As they have for over thirty years, the College & University Scholarship Seminars were held during the spring and fall. These free gatherings offer youngsters who aspire to play intercollegiate tennis, along with parents and teaching professionals, details concerning what coaches look for when recruiting players. A wide array of other topics were also covered, including NCAA rules, tips on how to create a meaningful player resume and developing an overall approach to realizing scholarship success. Meeting sites included: Barnes Tennis Center, Flint Canyon Tennis Club, Racquet Club of Irvine, Santa Barbara Tennis Club, Seal Beach Tennis Center, Sunset Hills Country Club, Upland Tennis Club and Valencia High School.

Spring 2014 Scholarship Seminar Schedule
(The Seminars are Free and No Reservation is needed. The contact listed at each location should be called only for directions to the site.)

April 9th (Wednesday)
Barnes Tennis Center in San Diego at 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Kerry Blum (619) 221-9000

April 16th (Wednesday)
Racquet Club of Irvine at 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Scott Spearman (949) 796-3000

April 17th (Thursday)
Westlake Athletic Club in Westlake Village at 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Chris Dudeck (818) 889-6164

April 23rd (Wednesday)
Seal Beach Tennis Center in Seal Beach at 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Seal Beach Tennis Center (562) 598-8624

April 24th (Thursday)
Upland Tennis Club in Upland at 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Paul Salvador (909) 985-2725

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Tennis On Campus

Under the direction of Linda Milan, Tennis On Campus (TOC) has impacted the non-varsity intercollegiate tennis scene throughout the section and gained attention nationally. Like a prize winning author, she keeps producing award-winning scripts. In her latest, Milan offered, “Club tennis players had another memorable year. A record number of teams participated in the Section Championship in February. Competition was intense as only three spots in the National Championship draw were available. At the end of the two-day competition: UCLA, UCSD and UCSB played their way to the tournament in April. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, UCI and USC, all previous national competitors, were disappointed not earning a berth in the tournament.”

Looking at the ultimate TOC showcase, Milan said, “UCLA, the 2011 winner, felt it had the team to gain another championship. After winning its pool and moving to the round of 16, the Bruins eliminated its first two opponents and reached the semifinals. Sadly, fate wasn’t wearing blue and gold. Two key players came down with stomach ailments and were not able to compete. A third player managed to recover enough to play mixed doubles. The team’s fervor pushed the match into overtime, but UCLA came up short. Overall, they finished fourth in a field of 64 teams.

“Both UCSD and UCSB were seeded No. 2 in their respective pools. UCSD could not have been in a more competitive situation. They survived a second match overtime, but dropped the final contest in a Super-Tie-Break to finish second in pool play. UCSD also won back-to-back contests, but faced the 2012 finalists in its third match. The Gauchos came up short and ended up second in the pool. Ultimately, UCSB and UCSD, playing in the Silver Draw, came in twenty-first and twenty-fifth respectively.”

The National Spring Invitational was held in Tucson, Arizona. Cal Poly Pomona, CPSLO, UCI, SDSU, USD, UCLA, UCSD and USC chased the top prizes – two automatic berths in next year’s National Championships. Based on the team’s experience and talent, CPSLO and USC felt the odds were in their favor to claim at least one of the two positions in the 32 draw. As it turned out, USC downed CPSLO in the final, thus guaranteeing Southern California two more positions in next year’s National Championships.”

The fall TOC season began with the 5th annual Cal Poly SLO tournament in October,
After the NCAA Team Championships in May, if the men or the women from UCLA and USC are ever involved in a 4-3 match again, they will be very pleased, but only if they have the four. Each of the squads, representing each of the schools, finished on the short end of that score.

The UCLA men, the top ranked team in the country, dropped an agonizing 4-3 final round decision to University of Virginia, the No. 2 team in the rankings, at the University of Illinois’ Khan Outdoor Tennis Complex. The agony resulted from a match point that the Bruins won; then lost. Team captain Adrien Puget was up 5-3 in the final set and hit a backhand volley winner or so he thought. But, his foot brushed the bottom of the net, and the chair umpire called a violation. Given life, Mitchell Frank, Puget’s opponent, regained his form and went on to take the match; and with it, the championship.

UCLA’s coach Billy Martin told Danny Harrington, the school’s Assistant Sports Information Director, “I thought we had it. We were right there, match point. I will replay it 100 times…but, we will get over it. It’s not the end of the world. It’s not like that one point decided the match. I think it was a fair call.”

UCLA was appearing in the trophy round for the first time since winning the title, under Martin, in 2005. The team’s 29 wins was the most since 1986. (UCLA finished 29-2 that year, too.)

The last four years, USC, under the masterful leadership of Peter Smith, has been the story of men’s intercollegiate tennis. Having four-peated, the Trojans were looking to continue the run. Ohio State had other plans and squeaked out a 4-3 quarterfinal decision. In the same round, Pepperdine lost to Georgia by a theme breaking score of 4-2.

Prior to the tournament, UCLA Assistant Women’s Coach Rance Brown said, “Stanford is the dark horse. All their players are healthy for the first time this season, and they are going to be formidable.” They were that and more winning the women’s NCAA title, with a trio of Southern Californians playing starring roles, in the 4-3 (What else could it be?) triumph over Texas A&M. Nicole Gibbs led the way, and Krista Hardebeck and Stacey Tan ably assisted her.

In an interesting local connection, Texas A&M is coached by Howard Joffe, the former Pepperdine All-American, who spent time as a USC Assistant coach. His team was involved in another 4-3 tussle, downsing UCLA in the semifinals. In quarterfinal payback, the Bruins gained revenge for their 4-3 Intercollegiate
Tennis Association Indoor final loss by topping North Carolina 4-1.

The Cardinal, according to long-time coach Lele Forood, had a “brutal” draw. Yet, they proved they had the goods, defeating No. 1 Florida, who was looking to three-peat, 4-3 in the semifinals. Before that, Stanford downed USC in one of the longest matches in tournament history, (more than five hours), 4-3 in the third round.

Gibbs became the first Stanford performer since Amber Liu (now Amber Liu Chang) to win two NCAA singles titles when she defeated Mary Weatherholt of Nebraska, 6-2, 6-4. Kaitlyn Christian and Sabrina Santamaria of USC proved they were the best in the intercollegiate women’s game, scoring a 6-4, 6-3 decision over Robin Anderson and Skylar Kente. They also finished with a 37-1 record.

Kaitlyn Christian and Sabrina Santamaria
Photo Dan Avila

The championship was the school’s first ever women’s season-ending success. With the victory, Christian and Santamaria put a “Triple-Crown” — Riviera Women’s All-American Championship, National Indoor Intercollegiate Championship and the NCAA Championship — in the record book. They also finished with a 37-1 record.

Christian and Santamaria were named the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Women’s Doubles Team of the Year. Tracy Lin and Riza Zalameda of UCLA were the last Southern California partnership to be named, in 2008, National Women’s Doubles Team of the Year. Having won the National Indoor Intercollegiate event in 2011, the Trojans have four career National Championships.

The NCAA tournament was tremendously exciting, and will be remembered for years. Players from the section were standouts as the All-Tournament Team emphasized. Marcos Giron of UCLA was named the top No. 2 singles performer. Not only was Gibbs named the No.1 singles player in the women’s competition, she also earned Most Outstanding Player honors. Tan was the best at No. 4 singles, and Hardebeck, along with her partner Natalie Dillon, were recognized as the best No. 3 doubles team.


Some of the all-conference selections made it clear that Southern Californians performed impressively during the year. Campbell Johnson of Cal, with Chris Konigsfeldt, was selected the Pac-12 Doubles Team of the Year, as well as the Pac-12 Freshman/Newcomer of the Year. UCLA’s Billy Martin was named Pac-12 Coach of the Year. Giron was the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s Southwest Region Player to Watch.


Second Team. Bisharat/Claudia Razzeto, Guillermo/Khunpak Issara and Danielle Flores/Jenny Jullien of Saint Mary’s were First Team Doubles selections, while Nicolette Tran/Sheehan-Dizon of BYU were All-West Coast Conference First Team honorees. Catherine Isip of Saint Mary’s earned a spot on the
According to Dena Meiste, Pepperdine’s men’s tennis program’s first-ever NCAA title, was recorded in 1984. Jerome Jones (no relation) in 1984. (The Pepperdine star, won the NCAA doubles with Illinois, in late May. Jones, a former Pepperdine star, was also inducted into the ITA Men’s Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame at the University of South Carolina, in 2009, he was inducted into the Pepperdine Athletics Hall of Fame.

Entering his 37th year as coach (1977-78 was his first in Malibu), Gualberto Escudero joined Jones in the Pepperdine Athletics Hall of Fame. Simply stated, he is Pepperdine Women’s tennis. During his stay with the Waves, he has become the women’s tennis coach with the second most wins in NCAA history with a record of 632-239 (65.8%). Thirty of his teams have appeared in the NCAA Championships, including 26 in a row, and four reached the quarterfinals. Twenty-nine of his players achieved All-American status. In 24 of the last 26 years, his teams won the West Coast Conference (WCC) title. On three occasions, he was named ITA West Regional Coach of the Year three times.

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The fall intercollegiate season came to an exhilarating close, capping a memorable collection of performances by local players. Topping the list was Clay Thompson’s 6-4, 7-5 victory over Jared Hiltzik of Illinois in the ITA Men’s National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships final. With that triumph, his fifteenth in a row, the UCLA senior claimed his first national title ever, along with the Sportsmanship Award, at the tournament hosted by Columbia University, at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York.

Following the match, Thompson explained to Tom Loughrey, ITA Web/Media Manager, and Stephanie Neppel, the organization’s Director of Communications, “I’ve never won a major tournament at any level. I got to the final at Easter Bowl and that was the closest I’ve ever gotten. But, I was having a blast out there. It’s such a cool tournament. To be in New York, at Flushing Meadows where all the greats have played, it was an amazing experience.”

In a repeat of the ITA/Riviera All-American Championships title contest, Jamie Loeb of North Carolina, again defeated Robin Anderson of UCLA. The Ossining, New York native downed the defending champion from Mavtawn, New Jersey, was looking to become the first back-to-back winner since Aurelia Miseviciute of Arkansas, in 2007 and 2008, 6-3, 6-2.

UCLA’s trophy collecting continued with Marcos Giron scoring a 6-4, 6-2 decision over Patrick Pradella of Baylor in the men’s Consolation final. Giron and teammate Mackenzie McDonald finished on the short end of an 8-7 score in the Consolation Doubles to Peter Kobelt and Kevin Metka of Ohio State. In a similarly tight encounter, Brynn Boren and Zoë Katz of USC downed Pleun Burgmans and Emily Flickinger of Auburn 8-7 for women’s Consolation Doubles honors.

Danny Harrington, UCLA Associate Director, Sports Information, noted that Thompson qualified for the Indoor event after winning the Consolation singles title at the ITA Men’s All-American Championships in October. His only loss, during the fall, was to Axel Alvarez of Oklahoma, who he defeated in the semifinal in New York. With the National Indoor triumph, he became the second Bruin to earn the coveted title, joining Benjamin Kohloffel, the 2005 and 2006 champion.

In addition to Thompson, Giron, Boren and Katz, ten other players from the section were in the men and women’s competition. (No other section could match the number.) They included: Christian, Henry Craig, Clay Thompson, Jim Elton, Nancy Ramirez, Beatrice Rosen, Alex Sarkissian, Ray Sarmiento, Sofia Tavitian, Warren Wood, Kelly Jones.
of Denver, George Goldhoff of Texas, Guillermo of Pepperdine, Johnson of Cal, Sarah Lee of Michigan, Santamaria, Alex Sarkissian of Pepperdine, Ray Sarmiento of USC and Scandalis of USC.

Sarkissian told Dena Meiste, the Pepperdine Assistant Director of Athletic Communications, “This tournament in Flushing Meadows was an amazing experience. It was great to come out here with our new associate head coach, Marcelo Ferreira, and compete against the nation’s best college tennis players. I’m honored to have been selected.”

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Small College Regional Championships, held at the Biszantz Family Tennis Center in Claremont, served as a lead up to the National Small College Championships. The end of September tournament was also a Southern California Tennis Association’s “Adopt-a-Regional” showcase. It featured an array of talented players from the section who have made an impact on the Division III level.

That was certainly the case in both singles finals as Southern Californians were trophy winners. Skylor Butts of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps downed David Konstantinov of Whittier 7-6, 6-3 for the Men’s title, and Andrea Madrigal of University of La Verne defeated Katie Kousman of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 6-3, 6-4 for the Women’s championship. Lea Lynn Yen, another local performer who attends Pomona-Pitzer and teammate Samantha Chao of Hong Kong edged Crystal Lim and Caroline Ward of Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 7-6, 7-6 for Women’s doubles honors.

The winners earned coveted spots in the mid-October Small College Championships (“the Super Bowl”) draws at the Three Oaks Tennis Center in Fort Myers, Florida. Jordan Brewer of Amherst also qualified for the singles and doubles championships, but was unable to participate. At Biola University, three Westmont performers played their way into the Fort Myers draws. Joshua Barnard participated in the Men’s doubles. Jessica Cedillo and Grace Davis were Women’s doubles competitors.

The Junior College & Community College Regional Championships took place at Cerritos College and three players from the section used the tournament as a stepping-stone to garner places in the Fort Myers tournament. Samantha Judan of Cerritos won the Women’s singles to secure her trip. Hali Dickson and Nikki Thornburg an Orange Coast tandem, followed suit by claiming the Women’s doubles.

In Florida, Butts was solidly impressive until he faced Abhishek Alla of Carnegie Mellon, who was 6-4, 6-1 better in the final.

“I had a great experience,” Butts said. “It was amazing being among so many great players. I felt it really opened my eyes to another level of play. It also forced me to grow as a player. I really enjoyed my time at the tournament, mostly because everyone was so friendly and helpful. The staff was great and they helped make everything run smoothly. Hopefully, I’ll be back next year.”

Paul Settles, the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps men’s coach who, in December, was named the 2013 Wilson/ITA Division III Men’s College Coach of the Year, said of Butts, “Skylor is a rare student-athlete who loves to work as much as he loves to play – the process, and not just the results, are very important to him. I am not surprised in the least by his performance this fall and I look for him to be one of our on-court leaders this spring.”

At the ITA Southwest Men’s Regional Championships, played at Pepperdine’s Ralphs-Straus Tennis Center, USC controlled the competition. Yannick Hanfmann defeated Alex Sarkissian, who was playing on his home courts, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0 in the final. In a Trojan versus Trojan battle for doubles honors, Max de Vroome and Eric Johnson downed Rober test and Leslie Chang and Shelby Postal of UCLA, 9-8. Lawrence Pelchat of Montana defeated Magday 8-4 for the Flight B title. Samantha Carter and Pelchat were 8-2 formidable against Mary Meyers and Tiffany Tran of Air Force Academy in the doubles final.

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Winning US Master’U BNP Paribas Team

Paul Settles and Skylor Butts
Photo ITA

The fabled Jack Kramer Club held its third Collegiate Women’s Invitational and its first men’s event. Tony Lupieri of Baylor slipped past Frances Alcantara of Pepperdine in the singles final, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0. Nate Lammons and Alex Sanders of SMU captured the doubles with an 8-5 decision over Emmet Egger and Jeff Hawke of Washington. Stefanie Tan of TCU was 6-4, 6-2 better than Georgiana Patras of Mississippi State in the women’s title round. The Fort Worth school (TCU) dominance continued when Seda Arantekin and Millie Nichols overwhelmed Ferry Angeles Paz and Noelle Malley of Ohio State 8-1 for the doubles crown.

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Given the all-star collection of players found in Southern California, it was no surprise that a number of residents were named to the US intercollegiate team that will take part in the 8th Master’s U BNP Paribas, in Aix-en-Provence, France. In addition to the US, the seven other countries involved were Belgium, China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland and Russia. The unique format involves two men’s and two women’s singles, a men and women’s doubles, along with a mixed doubles contest. Giron and Anderson of UCLA, along with the Trojan’s Samburgia carried the colors at the tournament in early December. The coaches, Greg Patton, (Boise State men’s coach), and Amanda Augustus, (California women’s coach), were also Southland natives. America won its third consecutive championship defeating Russia, 6-0, in the final.

(To see a video of ITA National champion, Clay Thompson go to http://youtu.be/s4S7Zoo4Zio)

Melanie Bischoff combined her LA84 Foundation/NJTL responsibilities with Community Tennis. The effort was ably assisted by the talented Tennis Service Representatives (TSRs). By name these essential individuals and their areas of concentration are: Philip Siordia – Los Angeles County; Donald Wong – Los Angeles County/San Gabriel Valley; Gina Havelka – Central Coast; Spencer Wayman – Orange County; Evan Smith – Inland Empire, and Karen Ronney – San Diego.

At the SCTA Community Tennis Association (CTA) 2013 Grant Meeting held at the LA84 Foundation, Bischoff, announced that the following organizations were recipients: 

ACEing Autism, Incorporated – Richard Spurling
California Tennis Association for Underprivileged Youth – Fred Williams
Healthy Rialto (City of Rialto) – Barbara McGee
Junior Team Tennis Orange County – Heidi Stryker
Kern Community Tennis Association – Jessie Horg
Morongo Basin Tennis Association – Gideon Smith
Neighborhood Junior Tennis Program – Steve and Barbara Tscherne
One All Tennis Association – Tovi Mosey
Orange County Community Tennis Association – Becky Edles Rye
Orange County Top Tennis – Alexander Venidis
Pasadena Tennis Association – Esther Hendershot

The grants were given to help tennis programs in local communities and it was great to hear that those who attended spoke about activities taking place in Southern California, involving schools, 10 and Under Tennis, wheelchair tennis, Play Days and other tennis events.”

Anette Padilla, Manager of Marketing, said, “During the year, 130 Play Days took place. With the rise of the 10 and Under Tennis format there was an influx of youngsters, who were new to tennis and looking for opportunities to play. The Play Day set up provided participants with the opportunity to be introduced to tennis in a low-key setting. Learning the rules of tennis, making new tennis friends and having fun was emphasized. As those taking part improve their tennis skills, the SCTA pipeline intends to move them into Jr. Team Tennis, and, in time, junior tournaments so that they can continue to improve and build an appreciation for the game.

“While Play Days were offered on a year-round basis at participating facilities, the largest were held in March and October. During March, they were aligned with Tennis Night in America, and in October with Nickelodeon’s World Wide Day of Play. Both were part of USTA National initiatives focusing on enabling youngsters to find more opportunities to play tennis. With the help of the six Tennis Service Representatives, there was a steady increase in Play Days and participation in 10 and Under Tennis.”

The success of Community Tennis activities was a direct result of the commitment of a huge number of tennis devotees. Some of the special people (and these are just a few of the countless number who staffed events) were Tovi Mosey, Director of One All, Nancy Abrams, the San Fernando Valley Jr. Team Tennis Coordinator and LaRhonda Amos. Then there was Benjamin Mendoza, the Student Body President and tennis player from Rancho Dominguez Preparatory School. He decided to develop an understanding of Community Tennis in his neighborhood so he worked, under Al Erby’s direction, at LA84 Foundation/NJTL sites, and provided assistance at the Pete Brown and Jackie Tatum Tennis Classics. A commitment like this is the key to the program’s success.

“It was a great year for San Diego tennis showcasing growth,” Karen Ronney said. “The area hosted an amazing sixteen Play Days and twenty-one Tennis Festivals, three
Recreational Coaching Workshops, and six Ten and Under trainings. Thanks to the direction of Conan Lorenzo, the Jr. Team Tennis Area Coordinator, the numbers jumped in all age groups, but particular in orange ball action in the Ten and Under Tennis category.

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There was even more as Ronney admitted. “The skill level showcased was outstanding at the Special Olympics Regional Tournament in Rancho Bernardo, the wheelchair tennis at Southwestern Community College and the LA84 Foundation/NJTL Special Activity Day at Peninsula Tennis Club,” she said. “Grossmont College hosted a throwback ‘Annual Woods and Whites Tournament’ advocating that participants use old fashioned wood racquets and wear all white clothing. The Police Athletic League, and Boys and Girls Clubs offered workshops on Ten and Under Tennis.”

Gina Havelka noted, “The statement I heard most often about the Community Development Workshop was, ‘It was one of the best I’ve ever attended.’”

She added, “More than 100 tennis enthusiasts came together at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, for two days, to explore new ways to grow tennis in their areas. The on-court Team Coaching Workshop covered teaching concepts designed to help those working with large groups, teams, and camps. The new three-hour session covered things like Athletic Development, Dynamic Stretches, Tennis Tools: Balls and Racquets. Skills such as Teaching Progressions for all strokes, Large Group Games, Doubles Tactics, Positioning and Responsibilities, Team Play and Competitive Scoring Formats, were discussed too.

With each passing year, the USTA reiterates the importance of Diversity & Inclusion, and that it is to building the game’s core. Ronita Elder is the spirited force behind D & I in the section. “Realizing that many paddle tennis players were also former tennis players, I reached out to the American Paddle Tennis Association, Solergy, a Wilson outfitter to work on the project ‘Helping the World through Racquet Sports: A Cause’”, Elder explained. “Social media has inspired the ‘Cause’ trend at breathtaking speeds. I’ll briefly share the ‘Causes’ that I worked with in 2013.

‘Helping the World through Racquet Sports’, at Venice Beach, on Martin Luther King Jr’s Day of Service, kicked off the year. Tennis and paddle tennis were the focus at the Free Play Day right on the beach, and hundreds of visitors were invited to use the 10 and Under Tennis equipment. Families and people just passing by were captivated by the chance to do something different, and I must admit, the resounding background jazz music helped a great deal. Venice Beach was the Mecca that Sunday, and it was a great way to...
Elder noted, “In 2013, D & I earned a place as a key business strategy for a variety of organizations, focusing on sustaining successful growth and creating value for its constituents. As the USTA stated, ‘Inclusion is leveraging the power of diversity in a respectful environment that encourages all to participate and contribute to furthering the mission’. That’s exactly what Henry Talbert did during his career with the USTA, initially, and the past sixteen years with the SCTA. I reported to him directly for over twelve years, but trying to find a special way to congratulate him, and the same time, make it a surprise, was difficult.

“On March 9th, I believe I succeeded. I was able to get him to attend the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells. Because he will never say no to children, the hook was the fact D & I hosted a clinic for youngsters during the tournament. The idea was to introduce a number of very talented juniors and their families to legendary coaches while giving Talbert, a send off fitting a tennis legend. His service spanned thirty-nine years, and it was historic because he was one of the first African-Americans hired by the USTA. Over the years, he had been an appreciated mentor and role model to many. These accomplishments aside, he always maintained a strong commitment to Community Tennis. Thanks to his influence, many individuals from every part of the country became more skilled tennis leaders. This will be part of his legacy, and it will never be diminished.”

Southern California received a USTA grant from the USTA to help with program development in the Coachella Valley and specifically Palm Springs. “The community is very diverse and steeped in cultural history and the lore of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, who settled there, at least 2000 years ago, in the Tahquitz Canyon area,” Elder said. “I must admit, this information came from members of the African-American community of Palm Springs, called Desert Highlands. No one I knew in the Coachella Valley was aware of this significant fact, but I had some knowledge of the situation. Finally, after twelve years, I was able to provide the Coachella Valley with some outreach.”

Elder concluded saying, “I’m honored to be growing tennis in Southern California. Everyone is working closely to leverage the power of diversity in situations that encourage participation and in the end, contribute to furthering the SCTA’s mission.”

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Southern California Sectional Championships Winners

18 & Over Adult League

Men’s 5.0 – Mountain Gators – Los Angeles
Men’s 4.5 – Canyon Crest Country Club – Inland Empire
Men’s 4.0 – Walnut Ranch Tennis Crosscourt – San Gabriel Valley
Men’s 3.5 – Kicking Aces – San Fernando Valley

Men’s 3.0 – Fountain Valley Tennis Club (The Wild Cards) – Orange County
Women’s 5.0 – Nellie Gail Ranch Tennis & Swim Club – Orange County
Women’s 4.5 – La Habra Tennis Club – San Gabriel Valley
Women’s 4.0 – Laguna Niguel Tennis Club (Weekday) – Orange County

Women’s 3.5 – Queen Anne Recreation Center – Los Angeles
Women’s 3.0 – Manhattan Country Club – Beach Cities

Mixed 10.0 – Tennis Pavilion (Mission Swingers Weekend) – Orange County
Mixed 9.0 – Whittier Narrows Tennis Center (EHRMagic) – San Gabriel Valley
Mixed 8.0 – Arcadia Park (The Smashers) – San Gabriel Valley

Mixed 7.0 – Seal Beach Tennis Center (Weekday) – Orange County
Mixed 6.0 – Manhattan Tennis Club – Beach Cities
18 & Over Tri-Level

Men’s 3.0-4.0 – To Be Named Later – Orange County

Women’s 3.5-4.5 – Sake Bombers – San Fernando Valley

Women’s 3.0-4.0 – Are You Sure – San Fernando Valley

40 & Over

Men’s 4.5+ – CSULA – San Gabriel Valley

Men’s 4.0 – Anaheim Hills Tennis Club (To Be Named Later) – Orange County

Men’s 3.5 – Fullerton Tennis Club (Aces High) – Orange County

Men’s 3.0 – JPL1 (Scholl Canyon Tennis Center) – San Gabriel Valley

Women’s 4.5+ – Palaio Del Mar – San Diego North County

Women’s 4.0 – Alta Vista – Beach Cities

Women’s 3.5 – Lomas Santa Fe Country Club – San Diego North County

Women’s 3.0 – Winner’s Tennis Club – San Diego North County

40 & Over Mixed

9.0 – Nellie Gail Ranch Tennis & Swim Club – Orange County

8.0 – Cerritos Tennis Club – Orange County

7.0 – Manhattan Country Club – Beach Cities

(Photo Not Available)

6.0 – Whittier Narrows Tennis Center (Racketeers) – San Gabriel Valley
The San Diego District Tennis Association always begins the year in a big way by holding its annual awards ceremony. The honorees for 2013 included:

- **Leland Housman** – Male Player of the Year
- **Debbie Spence-Nasim** – Female Player of the Year
- **Geoff Griffin** – Male Pro of the Year
- **Jason Hom** – Men’s Sportsmanship Award
- **Jami Jones** – Women’s Sportsmanship Award
- **Kraig Havilands** – Family of the Year
- **Dale Jensen and Amy Endres** – Community Service Award
- **ITF Seniors World Team & World Individual Championships** – Tournament of the Year
- **Carmel Valley Tennis Club** – Club of the Year
- **SCTA** – Sponsor of the Year

Tennis activities almost never stop in San Diego. There is always something going on. Whether it is an outing for military veterans organized by District President, Steve Kappes, along with Geoff Griffin, Balboa Tennis Club’s Director of Tennis, or the Greater San Diego City Tennis Council (GSDCTC) honoring Ben Press by naming the eight renovated tennis and four basketball courts at Roosevelt Middle School in his honor, the game appeals to youngsters, teenagers and those who have no age boundaries.

The game’s popularity led the District to team with Youth Tennis San Diego to secure the 2014 first round Davis Cup tie between the US and Great Britain. The January 31 to February 2 event will be played at Petco Park. The facility is the home of major league baseball’s San Diego Padres. A temporary red clay stadium court will be installed in the left field portion of the outfield.

With Davis Cup ties having taken place in bullrings in Spain and an airport hangar in Austria, San Diego will add its name to “first locations” with the contest staged in an outdoor baseball stadium, which opened in 2004.

The area’s rarely relenting commitment to the sport, along with William (Bill) Kellogg’s vast experience gained hosting previous Davis Cup and Fed Cup events made the decision to hold the contest on the West Coast an obvious choice. Kellogg, La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club President, is co-chair, with Jack McGrory, of the Davis Cup Organizing Committee.

“The playing surface will be European red clay,” Kellogg said. “The Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel is the official Davis Cup lodging site, and Youth Tennis San Diego (YTSD) is the Official Charity. Kerry Blum, YTSD Executive Director and Steve Kappes, President of the San Diego District Tennis Association, will be coordinating the efforts.”

The ITF Seniors World Team & World Individual Championships will also be staged at Petco Park, which has a temporary red clay court. The March 18 to 22 event will be played on the field adjacent to the Padres’ temporary court.

The ITF Seniors World Team & World Individual Championships played in San Diego in 2010 and 2011 were the first in the country. The event’s international scope and the fact that it was held in front of an audience, will likely be a draw for the team and individual championships in 2014.

The San Diego District Tennis Association always began the year in a big way by holding its annual awards ceremony. The honorees for 2013 included:

- **Leland Housman** – Male Player of the Year
- **Debbie Spence-Nasim** – Female Player of the Year
- **Geoff Griffin** – Male Pro of the Year
- **Jason Hom** – Men’s Sportsmanship Award
- **Jami Jones** – Women’s Sportsmanship Award
- **Kraig Havilands** – Family of the Year
- **Dale Jensen and Amy Endres** – Community Service Award
- **ITF Seniors World Team & World Individual Championships** – Tournament of the Year
- **Carmel Valley Tennis Club** – Club of the Year
- **SCTA** – Sponsor of the Year
Nothing seems to startle or stymie Kerry Blum. As Executive Director of Youth Tennis San Diego, she always, to be a tad clichéd, keeps things shipshape. “It’s hard to believe that Youth Tennis San Diego (YTSD) has been in the business of promoting tennis opportunities for 60 years. Like all 60-year-young enthusiasts, we embrace opportunity.

“In 2013, YTSD hosted multiple international, national and local events, and programs at the Barnes Tennis Center. The commitment to promoting tennis for every youngster was evident in the expansion of wheelchair, Special Olympics and Challenged Athlete programs, along with adaptive P.E. Classes. We were especially proud of the partnership with the Monarch School, which gives homeless children a chance to participate in tennis two days a week.”

Among the tournaments that the Barnes Tennis Center hosted were the National Girls’ 16 and 18, and National Mother & Son and Father & Daughter Championships, along with the Billie Jean King World Team Tennis, and Little Mo Championships, CIF Team and Individual finals. Additional high school championships held included First Serve and the inaugural WTT San Diego event. In addition, four junior Novice and five Satellite tournaments, as well as eleven Open contests and a collection of intercollegiate matches took place.

Organizing a National Championships for juniors is a daunting task, yet those who form the administrative core of the National Girls’ 18 & 16 tournament have the process perfected. That was clear when shortly before the girls appeared, the World Team Tennis Junior Nationals Championship took place.

The competition used the WTT non-elimination draw format with the 16 teams divided into four groups. Each team was comprised of three boys, three girls and a coach. Matches consisted of eight events; with two sets each of boys’ singles, girls’ singles, one set of boys’ and girls’ doubles, and two sets of mixed doubles. The first team to reach six games won the set. At five all, a nine-point Tie-Break was played. Team members, ages 14-18, were selected based on their sectional and national rankings.

The Barnes Bashers were 40-33 finalists to the Wisconsin Cheeseheads, representing the Midwest section, in the title round. Those on the YTSD team were Gabriela Armas, Henry Ji, Steven Chen, Valeria Corral, Victoria Robertson, Patrik and Peter Trhac, along with Martin Marin. Wolf von Lindeau was the coach.

The Central Coast Crushers finished fourth. Team members were: Morgan and Madison Hale, Jaime Barajas, Alexandra Bauer, Elizabeth Mulville and Jackson Powell. Bill Dunkle served as the coach.

The San Diego Attackers, who were sixth, featured Justin Chanthalangsy, Francis Dean, Karla Duly, Walter Nesses, Yolanda Lan Pham and Parker Stuart Wilson. Huong Nguyen handled the coaching.

Because of the depth of players found locally, a number were called into action when other sections were unable to field complete teams. For this reason, Allison and Gracie Mulville and Otilia Popa were on the Southern Sharknados of the Southern Section, and Sasha Kovacevic played for the Reckless Rebels of the Pacific Northwest.

The annual Junior Awards Banquet recognized the following for their 2012 performances: Players of the Year

- Logan Smith and Monica Robinson – 18s
- Logan Smith and Megan McCray – 16s
- Taylor Fritz and Paulina Ferrari – 14s

Sportsmanship
- Greg Lyon – Roland Brock Sportsmanship Award
- Kylie Haviland – Margaret Weckerly Sportsmanship Award
- Ivan Thamna and Jasym Gordon – Southwest Trophy Sportsmanship Award
- Taylor Fritz – Bob Carrothers Memorial Trophy
- Parker Wilson – Sophie Custado Sportsmanship Award
- Roy Chao and Britt Pursell – Jean Kremm Lauren Haneke-Hopps – YTSD Special Achievement Award
- Peter Trhac and Lindsay Brown – George E. Barnes Family Award
- Service To Tennis
- Lisbeth Blum – Olive Pierce Award
- Wilbur Folsom Award – Most Improved Junior Players
- William Chiu and Carolyn Xie – 18s
- Kalman Boyd and Kelly Shaffer – 16s
- Jacob Brumm and Daniela Morales – 14s

After School Tennis Program Awards
- Antonio Rosas – Angel Lopez Sportsmanship Award
- Taylor Dickey – Chabot Family Leadership Award
- Daniel Hoare and Isabella Cortina – Belinsky Family Award
- Justine Bogle – YTSD Sportsmanship Award

As Blum said, with an experienced smile, “Yes, it was a busy year for competitive tennis events, but we also managed to expand non-competitive outreach programs. After-School Tennis (AST), involving more than 100 schools, provided a pathway for children to participate in multi-level activities, which were accessible and affordable. A model of diversity, the program linked Tennis and Education. It is a model program conducted by volunteers during the afternoon and offered...
“With the opening of the Booth Educational Building, the Barnes Tennis Center was able to reach even the smallest tennis tykes,” Blum said. “Junior Aces is a program for preschool youngsters, which offers a place to develop self-esteem, camaraderie and an appreciation of sportsmanship. “Thank goodness 60 is the new 40. We have a lot on our plate and our courts, but we expect 2014 to be another banner year for promoting the growth of youth tennis in San Diego County.”

Becky Edles-Rye, Executive Director of the Orange County Community Tennis Association (OCCTA) provided details on the organization’s 2013 activities.

### Senior Sirs
For the fourth year, (beginning in the Fall of 2012 until the Spring of 2013), Los Caballeros dominated the results.

#### Division 1
- Los Caballeros – 64
- Nellie Gail Tennis Club – 63
- Laguna Niguel Racquet – 62
- Laguna Woods Tennis Club – 54
- Lake Forest Beach & Tennis – 51
- Racquet Club of Irvine – 47

#### Division 2
- Los Caballeros #2 – 31
- Mission Viejo Tennis Center – 31
- Canyonites – 29
- Coto De Caza Golf & Racquet – 6
- Laguna Woods Tennis Club #2 – 3

### Ladies Evening Doubles League (LEDL)
- 4.0-4.5
  - Racquet Club of Irvine – 164
  - Nellie Gail Tennis Club – 141
  - Dana Hills Tennis Center – 137
  - Lake Forest Beach & Tennis – 105
  - Coto De Caza Golf & Racquet – 66
- 3.5-4.0
  - Mission Viejo Tennis Center #1 – 117
  - Mission Viejo Tennis Center #2 – 104
  - Dana Hills Tennis Center – 103
  - Lake Forest Beach & Tennis – 90
  - Rancho Santa Margarita – 66
  - Newport Coast Tennis Club – 62

### Michael Chang Tennis Classic
“The third Michael Chang Tennis Classic was a huge fundraising success,” Edles-Rye said. “This year’s recipient, along with the Chang Family Foundation’s outreach programs, was the Prince of Peace Foundation’s orphanage for special needs children in Tianjin, China. More than 750 players took part in the activities at the Newport Beach Tennis Club, which included a kick-off clinic, tournament and a high school event.

“Chang, who became the youngest Grand Slam tournament winner when he captured the 1989 Roland Garros title, led the clinic. He was assisted by a world-class group of teaching professionals. He also participated in the exhibition match with Scott Davis, Rick Leach and Vince Spadea, while a courtside dinner was being served. Another highlight was the first ever player party, which included dinner and dancing late into the night, hosted by the Newport Beach Tennis Club.

“Thanks were extended to all those who helped make the Tennis Classic memorable, along with the spectators. Generous sponsor support was received from Honda Motor America, VantaQuest, TriGuard Management, Nestlé, Affinity Investments, Wells Fargo, Yogurtland and Charles Schwab.”
RESULTS

High School

**BOYS’ 18**
Samuel Kang d. Evan Nguyen
6-2, 6-3

**BOYS’ 18 DOUBLES**
Jordan Geis/Ricky Kurtz d. Ryan Dugan/Jake Stivers
4-6, 6-2, 10-7

**GIRLS’ 18**
Justine Huang d. Jennifer Emerson
6-0, 6-0

**GIRLS’ 18 DOUBLES**
Justine Huang/Kaitlyn Nguyen d. Isabella Evans/Amy Huang
6-0, 6-0

**CONSOLATION**

**BOYS’ 18**
Luke Barnard d. Dane Keith
6-2, 6-3

**BOYS’ 18 DOUBLES**
Brett Kittelsen/Evan Kittelsen d. Kevin Nguyen/Brandon Wong
6-0, 6-3

**GIRLS’ 18**
Aleyeh Roknaldin d. Megan Muklevicz
6-2, 6-0

**GIRLS’ 18 DOUBLES**
Maison Chiu/Marvy Chiu d. Michelle Chung/Asin Dagher
6-0, 6-0

**Tennis After School**

Edles-Rye pointed out, “Tennis After School (TAS) Coordinator, Teresa Caro was dogged in her determination to revive the program. Her focus resulted in nine new schools and 116 participants becoming involved. TAS also conducted several Play Days and partnered with the World TeamTennis Orange County Breakers to hold several fun activities at UCI.”

She continued, “In mid-October, the OCCTA Board of Directors held a free clinic at San Juan Elementary School in San Juan Capistrano. More than 45 youngsters participated in ‘Hit for Prizes’, which Spencer Wayman, a SCTA Tennis Service Representative sponsored.

“Thanks were offered to the SCTA for the prizes and help with the clinic, along with Board members, Bob Hochstader, Brad Albert, Brian Mills and Mike Story, the OCCTA webmaster, for providing assistance.”
In late March, the section’s robust senior talent was showcased at the 33rd Senior International Tennis Federation (ITF) team and individual events that took place in Antalya, Turkey, as well as the Super-Senior championships held mid-September in Austria and the Czech Republic. Both competitions were played on terre battue (red clay).

Though Stuart Duncan captained the Men’s 35 Italia Cup team and was its top player, his semifinal stops in both the Individual doubles with Marius Raicea of Romania, and the mixed doubles with Carolina Blouin of Raleigh, North Carolina, were especially praiseworthy.

The Men’s 40 Trabert Cup team featured a Southern California trifecta with Carsten Hoffman, William (Willie) Quest and Neel Grover, who played and served as captain. Deborah Higa and Stephanie Stone were on the Women’s 40 Young Cup squad, which placed fourth. Jeff Tarango, a member of the Men’s 45 Dubler Cup that lost to France in the final, finished third in the singles championships. Alissa Finerman was on the Women’s 45 Court Cup team.

Bill Moss and Thomas Schlack played for the Men’s 50 Perry Cup team. Ros Nideffer was the reason the US defeated France 2-1 for the Women’s 50 Bueno Cup. She won her singles match, as well as the doubles point with Vicki Buholz of Dallas, Texas.

Tina Karwasky, the top Women’s 60 performer in the world in 2012, played down, and was part of the victorious Women’s 55 Connolly Cup team. She won the World 55 doubles, with teammate Susan Wright of Grand Junction, Colorado, defeating Carolyn Nichols and Pat Purcell of St. Louis, Missouri, 6-2, 4-6, 10-4. Both Karwasky and Nichols were in the last four in singles.

Not only did Karwasky captain the Women’s 60 Marble Cup team, she helped the US defeat Austria 2-1 for its fourth consecutive title round victory. In the Individual tournament, she defended the titles she won a year ago in Umag, defeating Nora Blom of The Netherlands 6-3, 6-1. Teaming with Mary Ginnard of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the ITF’s top rated team completed a Klagenfurt Sweep, in Austria, taking the doubles 6-1, 6-2 over Pauline Fischer and Shirley Fox of Great Britain.

Cathie Anderson and Charleen Hillebrand were members of the Women’s 70 Gibson Cup team, which was seeking its seventh title. Unfortunately, Great Britain proved to be 2-1 superior in that trophy battle. Frances Maclennan of Great Britain and Heidi Orth of Germany edged Anderson and Donna Fales of Coral Gables, Florida, 7-6,
match, King lost to Elisabeth van Boemmel of Germany, but in the singles she outlasted her opponent 6-3, 5-7, 6-2. King’s trophy collecting wasn’t over as she and Ria Graham of New Port Richey, Florida were 6-7, 7-5, 10-7 better than the Australian duo, Nola Collins and Joy Rigter in the doubles final. Richard (Dick) Doss was on the Mulloy Cup team that whitewashed France 3-0 for Men’s 80 honors. He and John Powless of Madison, Wisconsin were 6-2, 6-3 doubles finalists to George McCabe of Oxford, Ohio and Chuck Nelson.

E
evry January, the Desert Circuit brings a star-studded cast of senior competitors to the four tournaments that are storied for the settings, in which they take place, and the level of play featured. Andy Scorteanu’s 24th Monterey Country Club Senior Tennis Classic was the first of the “not to be missed” tournament tests.

The Plaza Senior Tournament, presented by Ken Agee of Union Bank, under the direction of Kurt and Ana Hagstrom celebrated its 20th Anniversary. Looking ahead, the Haggstroms, in unison, said, “With any luck, we will do this for another 20 years.”

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“The first year in 2007, we had 80 players take part,” Steve Solomon said. “This year, 121 couples entered, but only 118 played so there were 236 players involved. It was the biggest event we have ever had, and it’s probably the biggest mixed event in the world. Though it seems I say the same thing following every tournament and some find it hard to believe, we had more players than in 2012. The increase was over ten percent.”

Tournament participants enjoyed a buffet luncheon, dinner dance, and received tickets to a day of tennis at the BNP Paribas Open, held at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, during the Grass Court Championships. Players were also given an extraordinary gift bag, a custom designed hat and a performance jersey. Those who could find the time were able to utilize a cash card for Casino play, as well as a discount card at the Agua Caliente Resort.

In addition to the Tennis Channel, Maui Jim, Extra Holidays by Wyndham and BNP Paribas provided tournament support. And as is always the case with Solomon events, the duo matched donations up to $1,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the USO to support US troops.

Solomon admitted, “After the tournament, I’m convinced that mixed doubles events, with combined age draws, have considerably more players than events within the same age groupings. Maybe, the USTA should consider adopting the concept and look into changing the format.”
The best players in the country returned to Mission Hills for the Tennis Channel National Men’s 60 Hard Court Championships. Tournament Director Steve Solomon, offered, “It was a great field. There were at least seven players who could have won the singles, but Tony Dawson survived a stern test to defeat Phil Landauer, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, in the final. He also teamed with Tom Smith for the doubles championship. They defeated Geoff Cykman and Landauer, 6-4, 6-2.”

Playing through injuries is part of competing, not just on the professional level. “Geoff (Cykman) played with a blister that covered his foot, but he was solid in the doubles final after receiving a walkover from Fred Robinson, the No. 2 seed who was injured, in the third/fourth singles playoff,” Solomon said. “So was Dave Sivertson. Though the Director of Tennis & Athletics at Mission Hills and the No. 4 had to retire in the singles, he was able to recover in time to team with Paul Wulf for a 6-3, 7-6 victory over Dave Bohannon and Bob Muir in the third/fourth place contest. Phil (Landauer) was the best of overcoming injuries stories. He had a major bike accident last year, but, based on his tournament play, has made a wonderful recovery.”

The Solomons are always looking for ways to make their tournament better. “We moved the tournament dinner from the clubhouse and made it an elaborate outdoor barbecue,” Solomon said. “It was held at court-side shortly after the doubles matches were completed. Everyone was very pleased to sit outside, have great food, and enjoy the lovely Palm Springs evening. Those on hand enjoyed the informality, and we are planning to hold the tournament dinner outside in the future.”

Consolation play was another National Men’s 60 highlight. “Our back draw, unlike regular USTA back draws, involved those who lost on the first and second day of competition,” Solomon pointed out. “Winners from the first day fed into the second day. We made sure that those who were eligible signed up and played the day after they lost in the main draw. The Consolation was seeded, and it gave players a chance to compete as long as they won. The rewards were the same as for those in the main draw.

Everyone felt they had an opportunity to win, which is not the case with USTA Consolation events. By the way, of the thirty-six players eligible for the back draw, thirty signed up and played to completion without a default or walkover.”

The National Women’s 50 - 90 Hard Court Championships, at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, was filled with first-rate performances.

Tina Karwasky continued her Women’s 60 domination defeating doubles partner Mary Ginnard 6-4, 6-4 in the final. They then teamed up to keep their undefeated, the last two years, (as Karwasky is in singles), streak going dismissing Kathy Barnes and Susan Bramlette, 6-2, 6-4, in the doubles title round.

As is always the case when Cathy Anderson and Charleen Hillebrand face off, the Women’s 70 provided a ferocious struggle which Anderson survived 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. In a similarly well-contested match, Lynn Little and Diane Willauer edged Claudia Giacomini and Sheila Weinstock, 7-5, 7-5, for the doubles trophy.

Margaret Canby won a Women’s 80 showdown against Doris Lutz 6-3, 6-4. Jane Buffington and Bev Winans turned the table on the singles finalists stopping Canby and Lutz 6-3, 6-3 for the doubles crown.

Tournament Director Bill Kellogg noted that there was only one entry in the Women’s 90 singles, the event Pat Yeomans had been responsible for filling the draw until she passed away this spring, was not held. The doubles was contested, and Elizabeth Cookson and Lucille Trefzger defeated Jane Howard and Helene Salveta 6-4, 6-2.
The Men’s 65 finals were contrasts as Les Buck swept Logan Jenkins aside 6-0, 6-2 while Thomas Bozarth and Gary Doi outlasted Dean Corley and Ron Hextell 5-7, 7-5, 6-3 in the doubles. In a similarly testing contest, Karel Placek stopped Jack Metalsky 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 for the Men’s 70 title. Corley and Hextell, playing their true age division, were 6-1, 6-1 strong against Chris Bowen and Ken Girard in the doubles final.

Continuing the “always a test” singles theme, James Curry sidestepped Rollin Odell 6-4, 1-6, 7-5 for the Men’s 75 top spot. The doubles final, in which Bob Duesler and William Ulmer overcame 6-4, 1-6, 7-5, Lenny Lindborg and Jerry Robinson, brought division play to an exciting close. Donald Albares had the goods against Richard Murray in the Men’s 80 final as the 6-2, 6-3 score supported.

The same was true of the long-time combination Donald Neuman and Saul Snyder who eliminated Jack Largent and Emery Peterson 6-2, 6-0 in the doubles.

Rich Haskell, the spirit behind the Verne Hughes Memorial National Men’s 75 - 90 Hard Court Championships, played at the Laguna Woods Tennis Club, said, “A record of 111 players competed in the eight events. Southern California, including some who are Laguna Woods residents, was well represented in the finals.

“Herm Ahlers avenged last year’s loss with a long 7-6, 1-6, 6-2 win over Lester Sack in the Men’s 75 final. Hank Leichtfried and Lenny Lindborg upset Bob Duesler and Jim Nelson, 6-2, 6-4 in the doubles final. Roger Hing defeated George McCabe, 6-1, 7-6, for the Men’s 80 gold ball, but he and Saul Snyder were overpowered by Richard (Dick) Doss and John Powless, 6-2, 6-3 in the doubles final.

“The Men’s 85 saw newcomer, Clem Hopp defeat Tony Franco 6-2, 6-3 in the final, but Franco teamed with Graydon Nichols to down Jack Graham and Wayne Hippenstiel, 7-5, 6-4 for the doubles championship. In the upper age group, Bob Seymour won a close Men’s 90 final, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, over from Neville Halligan of Australia. However, Halligan returned the favor when he partnered with Melvin Brown to defeat Seymour and Bob Sherman, 6-3, 6-0 in the doubles final. Sherman, who needs three more gold balls to reach 129 and pass Gardner Mulloy, was unable to achieve his goal.”

Haskell noted, “This is the second year the tournament was successfully held at Laguna Woods, a senior community. Over one hundred fans attended each day, not including the players. Spectator seating was available on all courts, as well as on Court 1. The tournament committee and residents welcomed the fine tennis, and the competitors seemed to be more comfortable at the club with people their own age. The players and spectators were treated to morning refreshments, a sit down banquet with entertainment, an ice cream social and luncheon barbeque.”

The National Father Daughter, Senior, Super, Ultra Senior & Mother Son Hard Court Championships was held at the Barnes Tennis Center under the direction of Tom O’Brien. Adam and Berkeley Brock downed Bruce and Sabrina Man-Son-Hing 2-6, 7-6, 6-2 in the Father & Daughter final. Diane Barker and Matthew Hane defeated Valerie and Timothy Sah, 6-2, 6-3, in the Mother & Son title round.

Bill and Tiffany Kellogg won the Senior Father & Daughter title 6-1, 6-7, 6-3 over David and Ashley Martin. Herm Ahlers and Krista O’Connor claimed the Super Senior Father & Daughter trophy 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 over Ron and Julie Baird. Graydon and Carolyn Nichols were the Father Over 80 & Daughter win-
ners, scoring a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Donald Neuman and Jodie Neuman-Rea.

“As the tradition of this wonderful event grows, it is always a treat to make new friends as well as to reunite with old friends,” O’Brien said. “Special Congratulations to repeat Father & Daughter Senior champions, Bill and Tiffany Kellogg, four-time Super Senior champions, Herm Ahlers and Krista O’Connor, and five-time consecutive 80 & Over champions Graydon and Carolyn Nichols.

“In the spirit of building new friendships, a thank you is extended to everyone that participated in, and supported the first Grandfather-Granddaughter Pilot event which was very successful. Joe and Katie Chang defeated Ivor and Sabrina Man-Son-Hing, 1-6, 7-6, 10-6, in a spirited final.”

Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein and Andi Polisky’s second Mission Hills Senior Women’s Grass Court Championships proved to be even better than their first effort, which says a great deal. The courts, at the facility, lived up to their “best grass courts in the game” reputation.

Mai Ichikawa-Abel defeated Christina Markey 6-2, 6-0 for the Women’s 35 title. In hardily a surprise, the steadfast tandem of Jennifer Lyons and Julie Shapiro took the Women’s 45 doubles, 6-0, 6-3 over Julie David and Kim Denig. Tracy Houk claimed the Women’s 50 trophy 6-4, 6-2 over Denig. Denig put up a “W” in the scorebook teaming with Diane Dimartini for a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Kathryn Kolankiewicz and Sara Loetscher in the doubles final.

Tracey Thompson stopped the ever-busy, co-Tournament Director, Ramsower-Pearlstein 6-2, 6-4 for the Women’s 55 trophy. They joined forces to score a 6-3, 6-2 decision over Mary Morgan and Sherri Bronson for the doubles title.

Pam Schultz won the Women’s 60 round robin defeating Mona Redman 6-3, 6-7, 7-6. In another “Oh so close” contest, Janis Hasse and Fay Matsumoto escaped with a 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 victory over Sue Morgan and Gail Glassman in the doubles title round. Janet Watanabe was 6-1, 6-3 better than Barbara Hubbard in the Women’s 65 final. Liane Bryson and Carol Gay downed the singles contestans 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 in the division’s last doubles match.

Lurline Fujii doubled, taking the Women’s 70 singles 6-1, 6-2 over Teri Eggers, then joining Claudia Giacomini to defeat Lynn Little and Diane Willauer, 7-6, 4-6, 6-2 in the doubles round robin conclusion. Mardel Railey was brilliant in the Women’s 75 final racing past Barbara Pflanz, 6-0, 6-1. Jarka Dolemo and Gregg Kuperstein defeated Ashley Elliott and Onnaca Heron in the Mixed 80 round robin 6-2, 6-0. Brent and Mai Ichikawa-Abel were the Mixed 100 champions, scoring a 7-5, 6-1 victory over Mona Redmond and John Virgin. Leslie Haughney and David Kane earned the Mixed 120 trophy with a 6-0, 6-1 decision over Don and Kathleen Abbott. Kane wasn’t done as he teamed with Lynn Little to defeat Andi Polisky, the other Tournament Director, and Peter Smith 6-2, 7-5 in the Mixed 140 final.

At the National Men’s 45 Hard Court Championships, hosted by the Westlake Tennis & Swim Club, it was all Jeff Tarango. He defeated Curtis Dunn 6-0, 6-0 for the singles gold ball then joined Steve Oliver for a 6-4, 6-4 victory over John Letts and Bruce Man-Son-Hing in the doubles.

The National Senior, Super Senior, Ultra Senior Father & Son Hard Court Championships took place at the Biszantz Family Tennis Center on the Claremont McKenna College campus. Jerry and Brett Morse-Karzen captured the Senior Father & Son title in a 6-3, 6-3 decision over Clint and Jim Bowles. Ronald and Adam Rubenstein slipped past Carl and John Erikson 6-4, 7-5 in the Super Senior Father & Son gold ball round. Rafael Sr. and Rafael Jr. Nieto downed Jim and Paul Settles, 7-6, 6-4, in the Ultra Senior Father Over 80 & Son final. (Paul Settles was also the Tournament Director.)

The National Men’s 65 & 70 Hard Court Championships was played at the Racquet Club of Irvine. Brian Cheney defeated Hugh Burris, 6-2, 6-4, in the Men’s 60 final. He and Dan Bohannon were 6-4, 6-3 better than Brent Abel and John Virgin in the doubles title round. Jimmy Parker was the Men’s 70 winner over Leland Housman, 6-3, 6-1. Dean Corley and Michael Stewart were “on” in the
doubles as the 6-2, 6-0 over Richard Ortiz and Tony Pauz shows.

“There were 152 players,” Tournament Director Scott Spearman said. “The competitive fields were very strong. The weather was nice, and everyone seemed to like the poolside dinner party with ‘Lou the Magician’ providing the entertainment. Overall, it was a great tournament.”

Larry Mousouris, the Tournament Director of the Ted Smyth National Men’s 50 Hard Court Championships, said, “We had a great tournament with a full draw of 64 in singles and 16 good doubles teams. This was up about 30 percent over last year, which is good for tennis.

“Mike Fedderly came through strong after a disappointing National Indoor a month earlier. He defeated Tom Kong 7-5, 6-4 in the final. It was Fedderly’s third National Hard Court title. Kong, who is from Oxnard, is a newcomer to the event and did a great job reaching the final. Fedderly received a gold ball, as well as the $1,200 winners check. Kong earned $600, along with a silver ball, as well as the $1,200 winners check.

“Mark Wooldridge had a fine homecoming (He grew up in Santa Barbara.) teaming with Fedderly to defeat two-time defending champions Ross Hessler and Jon Tyrell 6-4 in the doubles final. The winners received $400 each and the all-important gold ball for their efforts.

“I must mention that the tournament is named for the memory of Ted Smyth, a long-time supporter of junior tennis in Santa Barbara. He was also a USTA umpire and the National Hard Court Championships Head Referee for 25 years at the Santa Barbara Tennis Club.”

The Indian Wells Tennis Garden hosted the National Men’s 55 Hard Court Championships. John Picken scored a 2-6, 7-6, 6-0 victory over Myron Pushyk in the singles final. Wes Cash and Mark Vines were “invincible” as the 6-0, 6-0 score against Pushyk and John Virgin indicates in the doubles final.

The National Husband & Wife Mixed 100, 120 & 140 Hard Court Championships moved from the Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades to the Palm Valley Country Club, in Palm Desert. Jodi Neuman-Rea and Patrick Rea dominated the Mixed 100, downsing Jennifer and John Lyons, 6-1, 6-3. Mas and Susan Kimball were similarly strong dispatching Jeff and Marion Dearth, 6-2, 6-1 for the Mixed 120 trophy. David and Frances Dickenson were similarly dominant, scoring a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Ken and Maria Girard for Mixed 140 honors.

The National 40 Hard Court Championships, along with the Father & Son and the Grandfather & Grandson, ended the 2013 gold ball battles at the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club. Tony Bujan earned the men’s title by working past Michael Chang, who is an Orange County eye doctor, not the 1989 Roland Garros champion, 6-2, 3-6, 6-0. In the doubles, Bill Behrens and Jeff Tarango defeated Neel Grover and Peter Smith, 7-5, 6-4. Sophie Woorons-Johnson proved that the thirteen year difference in their ages was an advantage as she defeated local resident Ros Nideffer, who is fifty-three, 6-3, 6-1. In the doubles, which was an “All Section” affair, Tracie Currie and Debbie Spence-Nasim slipped past Deborah Higa and Jami Jones, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4. Currie and Tarango, in another exciting contest, downed the husband and wife tandem Desi and Dina McBrude, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2. With three sets being the norm, Peter and Riley Smith were able to grab a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Brett and Brian Joelson in the Father & Son final. Ivor and Bruce Man-Son-Hing escaped with a 5-7, 7-5, 6-4 win over Earl Rutz and Josh Robbins in the Grandfather & Grandson final.

The National 55 Hard Court Championships was played at the Swim & Racquet Center in Boca Raton, Florida. Southern California was represented by an all-star collection of senior women performers.

“Intersectionals – The word carries a lot of excitement as players from the different sections of the country compete, alternating, every other year, between hard courts and clay courts,” said Anne Russ, the captain of the 65s team.

“This year’s event took place on clay.”

The tennis is always super-competitive and the background of how the lineups are composed is fascinating. Russ explained, “A roster, with players listed in order of strength, was submitted a month prior to the tournament for the Seeding Committee to evaluate. Participants always wonder if the captains are completely honest in placing their players! Once all the rosters are collected, the teams are seeded, which is an arduous process with e-mails going back and forth among the captains and the Intersectional and Seeding Committees. Final discussions take place at captain’s meetings the night before competition begins.”

Jami Jones, Qynh Le and Katie McGlennan were on the 35s team with Deborah Higa, Gretchen Magers and Debbie Spence Nasim, (who also played on the 45s team). Melinda Murray was the non-playing captain for the 35s, and with the 45s, was both the captain and a competitor. Carolyn Nichols performed dual duties, filling 35s and 55s roster slots. Though unseeded, the 35s battled to a fourth place finish.
Tracie Currie, Jennifer Dawson and Cammy MacGregor teamed with Higa, Magers and Nasim, along with Murray, to form the 45s squad. In the final, according to Nichols, Southern was overwhelmed 5-0. Magers claimed a three set victory over the formidable Jolene Watanabe, and Nasim was similarly successful in her three set triumph over Fran Chandler. The impressive collection of performers dominated the competition not losing a set in the tournament.

Kandy Chain captained the 55s “Dream Team”, as she called it, that included Una Davis, Robin Harris, Jackie Heston, Tina Karwasky, Nichols and Tracey Thompson. “The section had some of the top ranked players in the country and the world.” Chain said. “We had great bonding experiences during the course of the week. We even visited alligators while riding airboats in the Everglades. Carolyn gave us clay court sliding and drop shot lessons. We shared Gatorade, towels, lunches, dinners and happy hours. We rooted, coached, shared stories, laughed, and even cried when Jackie had to put her dog down. We came together as a team. Being finalists in the country and the world,” Chain said. “Out of fifteen participating sections, Southern California was seeded No. 1. The team defeated: Eastern 3-0; Southern 2-1; and Florida 3-0. Doris, Roz and Lynn were undefeated in their singles matches. Sheila was our designated doubles player.

“We were still in a position to take third place, but in order to do so, we would have to upset New England, the No. 3 seed. Surprise, surprise – We did it. Carol was smart and focused the entire match and defeated Molly Hahn, who already had three decisive victories over stalwart competitors, 6-4, 6-4. With the whole team cheering me on, I defeated Lee Delfausse. What a wonderful tennis ‘high’ for me. Another contributing factor was the role Judy played. Coaching is allowed on side-changes and she gave me key suggestions. What a boon it was to have someone so knowledgeable and astute providing assistance. The afore-mentioned ‘Doubles Duo’ – Kathy and Dee outplayed Hahn and Delfausse to decide the match.”

Women’s 45 Team

Women’s 55 Team

Women’s 65 Team

There is no ‘sandbagging’. In our first match, against Mid-Atlantic, we were down 2-1 after the singles. We then made a group decision and broke up the two strongest doubles players – Kathy and Dee, who usually play together.

“As it turned out, it was a smart move. Kathy was successful playing with Andi and Dee and I won our match though it was too tight for comfort.”

In their next match, the 65s faced Southern, the No. 1 seed. “I prevailed against Phyllis Taylor, surviving a couple of match points, because I was inspired by my teammates being courtside, and was able to play better than my usual,” Russ said. “Kathy and Dee performed their doubles magic, beating the #1 ranked Brenda Carter and Anne Hunt. But in the end, we lost 3-2.

Seeded No. 4, the team finished third. “I want to extend a special thanks to Lurline, my roommate, who helped me keep track of the time, along with the whereabouts of the car and a collection of belongings,” Russ said. “In her typical ‘Aloha Spirit’, she plied us with macadamia Roca and Carmel-pecan-praline-chocolate-covered yummies. All of us loved the treats.”

Norma Veal, the non-playing captain, handled the 75s. Doris DeVries, Roz King, Lynn Little and Sheila Palmer were members of her cast. “We triumphed with style and precision,” Veal noted. “In a field of eleven teams, Southern California was seeded No. 1. The team defeated: Eastern 3-0; Southern 2-1; and Florida 3-0. Doris, Roz and Lynn were undefeated in their singles matches. Sheila was our designated doubles player.

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Colleen Clery Ferrell served as the Intersectional Coordinator. “This was my first time in the position, and I had big shoes to fill, succeeding Roz and Fran Wakefield, both iconic women in Southern California senior tennis. I am very proud of the results and the efforts of all players who represented the section.

“Out of fifteen participating sections, Southern California 45 and 75s teams were both winners. The 55s team was a finalist. The 65s team finished third, and the 35s finished fourth. I want to thank everyone for all the planning, organizing, cheering, coaching and playing that was a part of making the teams successful.”

Russ concluded, “Colleen, the new Southern California Coordinator, was at every crossroads lending a helping hand or offering vocal support, and it was much appreciated.”
Long ago, Bob Dylan sang “The Times They Are A-Changin’” and with the departures of Henry Talbert, Bob Kramer, Darren Potkey and Barbara Sportelli the SCTA witnessed major changes during the past year.

Talbert, whose name is synonymous with class, ended his stay after sixteen years as the Executive Director of the SCTA, when he retired. Kramer distinguished himself during his time with the SCTA, first as the Executive Director while also serving as the Tournament Director of the Los Angeles men’s professional event. In time, he relinquished his ED responsibilities and focused solely on making the ATP’s annual local stop each July a “can’t be missed” event. Now, he will concentrate on maintaining the Kramer Foundation’s commitment to the game in the Southland. Potkey focused on ensuring that Junior Competition was the standard for sections producing a multifaceted program involving youngsters of all ability levels. His hands-on approach made him a familiar face to almost every junior competitor and their family. Sportelli, as Executive Assistant, was a quiet, but essential presence behind the scenes since the mid-1970s. She joined the organization when Perry Jones reigned and became LA’s District Director of Tennis, William (Bill) Bond, International Tennis Hall of Fame member Gene Mako, who was much more than Don Budge’s doubles partner, Gussy Moran, an individual who lived life fully, far beyond the “Gorgeous Gussy” persona, and Pat Yeomans the long-standing SCTA historian and the individual who was

Final Thoughts

Other than losing two Davis Cup matches, Bob and Mike Bryan, who grew up in Camarillo, had a season to remember. Not only did they win eleven titles, including three Grand Slams, they finished as the International Tennis Federation’s World Champions for the ninth time in the past eleven years. In the process, the twins upped their tournament record to 93 and their Grand Slams to fifteen.

On Christmas Eve, Bob and his wife, Michelle announced the birth of Robert Charles, who joined sister, Micaela, as a member of the Bryan team.

Sloane Stephens, who regularly trains at the Los Angeles Tennis Center and the USTA facility at Carson, had a breakout year. Reaching the semifinals in Australia, the quarterfinals at Wimbledon and the fourth round at both Roland Garros and US Open, she ended 2013 ranked No. 12. She brought a memorable twelve months to an end by hiring Paul Annacone, a Southern California resident, to direct her game in the coming year.

Community Partners/ DhhEAF of Los Angeles and Ojai Valley Tennis Club, Inc., which combine tennis and education to help youngsters realize goals while becoming healthier, received USTA Serves Spring Grants. ACEing Autism Inc., International Rescue Committee, Inc., San Diego District Tennis Association, University of La Verne, and Ventura Education Partnership were recognized with year-end funding by the same organization.

The Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) named Richard Spurling, who is the heart and soul of ACEing Autism, the Humanitarian of the Year. The United States Professional Tennis Association’s California Division, at its annual award ceremony saluted: Larry Loeb and Karl Akkerman won the Service Award, Stephen Vorhees was Facility Manager of the Year and Head/Penn finished up as Manufacturer of the Year.

At the conclusion of each Year In Review a final salute is given to those who left the tennis community. The list of those who passed away is headed by former USC star and distinguished La Jolla Beach & Tennis Director of Tennis, William (Bill) Bond, International Tennis Hall of Fame member Gene Mako, who was much more than Don Budge’s doubles partner, Gussy Moran, an individual who lived life fully, far beyond the “Gorgeous Gussy” persona, and Pat Yeomans the long-standing SCTA historian and the individual who was...
almost solely, responsible for making senior tennis, across the US, a viable entity.

Thanks to their efforts, Robert (Bob) Cranor and Warren Ward made tennis officiating better. William (Bill) Hussey led a storied career as a US diplomat turned tennis ambassador. Jim Kelly did the same as an international karate and tennis champion. So did Russ Lanthorne when it came to establishing La Jolla High School tennis as one of the best to be found.

Kirby Galt, Gordon Gregory, Fred Jenks and Michael Joyce (father of Michael and Brigid Joyce) were committed, on a life-long basis, to making the game better. The same may be said of Aimee Oki, Jim Ray, Herbert Roedding and Peter Lloyd Stacey, as well as Patricia (Pat) Hickey Muller, SCTA President Greg Hickey’s mother.

Henri Lazarof, a prolific composer and music educator, set a standard with his atonal arrangements and the “Tuesday Game” he hosted at his home near UCLA for over 40 years.

JC Aragone was the Southern California US Open Wild Card winner, and Mackenzie McDonald teamed with Chanelle Van Nguyen for mixed doubles honors. But, Mayo Hibi was the star. The local champion became the first player from the section to claim the US Open National Playoffs Women’s Qualifying Tournament honors. In the end, Hibi finished a match short of earning a spot in the US Open Women’s main draw.

The old cliché, “A team is only as good as the sum of its parts,” proved true when a group of Southern California teaching professionals joined forces to win the Open Women National Championship, in Las Vegas. Christen Bartelt, as she has for the past five years, served as captain. Her teammates were Page Bartelt, Yulia Bolotova, Dina McBride and Amanda Parson Siegel.

The Tennis Service Representatives, who form the backbone of the game’s continued development locally, became stronger with the addition of Evan Smith and Spencer Wayman at the beginning of 2013. The SCTA staff became even better when Madeline Segura joined the group later in the year. Segura, who established an impressive reputation leading the USC Tennis Club to a formidable position in the Tennis On Campus Program, is now the Assistant for Adult & Senior Tennis. She replaced Norman Tam who accepted a position with Solinco Sports.

Victoria McGregor, a tennis-playing senior at Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy, was a 2013 Rose Court Princess. Kayla Johnson-Granberry made it two-for-two when the Pasadena High School tennis team member, who plays at the Altadena Park courts, was named to the 2014 Rose Court.

In the fall, Ken Solomon, the Chairman and CEO who has been the driving force behind the Tennis Channel’s phenomenal growth, was honored at the New York NJTL’s Leadership Awards Luncheon for his role in the game. (He was also acknowledged by the Barack Obama administration at a White House reception that he and his father, Steve Solomon attended.)

Prior to the beginning of the New Year, when asked about the coming twelve months, Executive Director, Bruce Hunt offered, “I am declaring 2014 the Year of the Tennis Pipeline. To successfully promote and develop the growth of tennis in Southern California, there needs to be a focus on activating more youngsters in schools as well as adults in their work places and when they are at home.

“We need to fill the pipeline with people at tennis festivals and Play Days. Attendance at Jr. Team Tennis, Red-Orange-Green-Yellow ball junior tournaments, Adult Leagues and other tournaments will also add to the influx. They will lead to more tennis advocates, more people playing and more USTA members.”
Southern California Tennis Association Hall Of Fame

In 1968, Perry Jones used a trophy given to Bill Tilden when he won six consecutive United States singles titles (1920-1925), and had it mounted on a pedestal, listing the initial fifteen Southern California Tennis Association Hall of Fame inductees. There are now (including the 2013 honorees), 76 members in this very exclusive club.

1968
Alphonso Bell
James Bettner
Thomas Bundy
Edward Dickson
Mirion Jones Farquhar
William May Garland
Grace Gilliland
Isaac Jones
Crawford Kent
Simpson Sinsabaugh
Reese Taylor
William Thatcher
Archibald Way
Gerald Young
William Young

1969
Maureen Connolly Brinker
Maurice McLoughlin
Rafael Osuna

1970
Perry Jones

1971
Eloise Watson Bekins
Claude Wayne

1972
May Sutton Bundy
Ellsworth Vine

1973
William Henry

1976
Ethel Sutton Bruce
Violet Sutton Hope-Doeg
Elizabeth Ryan
Florence Sutton

1976
1992
Dorothy (Dodo) Bundy Cheney
Joe Hunt
Robert Kelleher
William S. Kellogg
Gene Mako
Alice Marble

1976
1992

1998
Joe Bixler
Jack Kramer

1998

2000
Alex Olmedo
Brad Parks
Leonard Strauss
George Toley

2000

2002
Louise Brough Clapp
Jon Douglas
Carl Earn
Allen Fox
Karen Hantze Susman

2002

2005
Tracy Austin
Glenn Bassett
Beverly Baker Fleitz
Pancho Gonzalez
Pancho Segura

2005

2007
Darlene Hard
Gertrude (Gussy) Moran
Charles (Charlie) Pasarell
Denis Ralston
Ted Schroeder
Pam Shriver

2007

2009
Bob Falkenburg
Peggy Michel
Bob Lutz
Robert Lansdorp
Patricia (Pat) Yeomans
Stan Smith

2009

2011
Pat Canning Todd
Dorothy Head Knode
Billie Jean King
Franklin (Frank) Johnson
Dick Leach
Billy Martin
Kathy May Fritz
Hugh Stewart

2011

2013
Vic Braden
Michael Chang
Lindsay Davenport
Rick Leach
Gilbert (Gil) Shea
Kathy Willette

2013
Southern California Tennis Association
Senior Hall Of Fame

2009
Phyllis Adler, Willis Anderson, Dorothy (Dodo) Bundy Chaney, Robin Hippenstiel, Evelyn Houseman, Verne Hughes, Gracyn Wheeler Kelleher, Bill Lurie, Merwin Miller, Corky Murdock, Mary Arnold Prentiss, Carol Schneider, Bob Sherman, Bill Smith, Walter Westbrook, Patricia (Pat) Yeomans

2010
Bob Duesler, Virginia Glass, Charlene Hillebrand, Joan Johnson, Ed Kauder, Mel Lewis, Dorothy Matthiessen, Jim Nelson, Ben Press, Suella Steel

2011
Cathie Anderson, Sinclair Bill, Gordon Davis, Tina Karwasky, King Lambert, Hank Leichtfried, Lenny Lindborg, Judy Louie, George Sarantos, Robin Willner

2012
Jim Bisch, Ellen Bryant, Vincent (Vince) Fotre, Robert (Bob) Galloway, Catherine (Cathie) Hall, Julie Sampson Hayward, Dee Wiliams Horne, Ron Livingston, George Yardley
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 2013 SECTIONAL & GRAND PRIX CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

111th Junior Sectional Championships
(Presented by Solinco Sports)

BOYS’ 18
Henry Craig d. Logan Smith
2-6, 6-2, 6-1

BOYS’ 18 DOUBLES (June)
Ernesto Escobedo/Eduardo Nava
d. Robbie Bellamy/Craig
7-6, 3-6, 7-6

BOYS’ 18 DOUBLES (November)
Taylor Fritz/Riley Smith d. Graham Maassen/Jake Yasgoor
6-3, 6-0

GIRLS’ 18
Ena Shibahara d. Yuki Chiang
6-0, 6-4

GIRLS’ 18 DOUBLES (June)
Zoe Katz/Maegan Manasse
d. Alyza Benotto/Jessica Perez
6-3, 6-2

GIRLS’ 18 DOUBLES (November)
Gabrielle Andrews/Elizabeth Profit
d. Alexis Pereira/Annika Ringblom
6-2, 6-1

BOYS’ 16
Connor Hance d. Austin Rapp
7-6, 6-4

BOYS’ 16 DOUBLES
Zac Brodney/Hance d. Nicholas Borchenco/David Goulak
7-6, 6-1

GIRLS’ 16
Jada Hart d. Claire Liu
6-4, 7-5

GIRLS’ 16 DOUBLES
Paulina Ferrari/Kalani Soli d.
Katie Chang/Annette Goulak
6-4, 6-2

BOYS’ 14
Ivan Thamma d. Jacob Brumm
6-4, 6-4

BOYS’ 14 DOUBLES
Robert Liu/Timothy Sah
d. Roscoe Bellamy/Bryce Pereira
6-4, 7-6
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**Girls' 10**
- Winta Woldeab d. Jasmine Tolmoyan
  - 6-0, 6-0

**Boys' 10**
- Griffin Daehnke d. Cody Ray Emery
  - 6-2, 6-2

**Boys' 12 Doubles**
- Ivan Smith/Siem Woldeab d. Dostanic/Svajda
  - 6-4, 4-6, 6-4

**Girls' 12**
- Isabella Harvison d. Michelle Deng
  - 6-1, 6-3

**Boys' 12**
- Stefan Dostanic d. Zachary Svajda
  - 6-4, 6-2

**Girls' 12 Doubles**
- Harvison/Britt Pursell d. Amanda Chan/Amanda Tabanera
  - 6-7, 7-6, 6-2

**Boys' 10 Doubles**
- Emery/Samuel Landau d. Bryce Nakashima/Russell Soohoo
  - 6-1, 6-1

**Girls' 12 Doubles**
- Harvison/Britt Pursell d. Amanda Chan/Amanda Tabanera
  - 6-7, 7-6, 6-2

**Mixed 18**
- Gabrielle Andrews/Nicholas Valko d. Elizabeth Profit/Riley Smith
  - 3-6, 6-3, 10-8

**Mixed 16**
- Paulina Ferrari/Ivan Thamma d. Yuki Asami/Maxwell Cancilla
  - 6-1, 6-0

**Mixed 14**
- Katie Chang/Timothy Sah d. Michael Bott/Isabella Oedekerk
  - 6-0, 6-4

**Mixed 12**
- Michelle Deng/Harry Yang d. Britt Pursell/Ivan Smith
  - 6-4, 6-4

**Mixed 10**
- Taylor Cataldi/Zachary Pellouchoud d. Cody Ray Emery/Tori Hickey
  - 6-3, 6-3
33rd K-Swiss Summer Grand Prix Masters Championships

BOYS' 18
Konrad Kozlowski d. Harun Ajanovic
6-1, 6-7, 7-6

GIRLS' 18
Ashley Kratzer d. Elyse Pham
6-4, 6-1

BOYS' 16
Derek Chen d. Chad Gilfenbain
6-4, 6-3

GIRLS' 16
Jadie Acidera d. Madeleine Gandawidjaja
7-6, 6-2

BOYS' 14
Curtis Tam d. Justin Wartenberg
6-4, 6-4

GIRLS' 14
Dominique Stone d. Mahli Silpachai
0-6, 6-2, 6-4

BOYS' 12
Ivan Smith d. Griffin Daehnke
7-5, 6-2

GIRLS' 12
Maya Pitts d. Skyler Grishuk
6-1, 6-2

BOYS' 10
Dylan Feldstein d. Kyle Kang
6-3, 6-1

GIRLS' 10
Seychelle Balog d. Kaytlin Taylor
6-2, 6-3

27th Central Coast Grand Prix Masters Championships

BOYS' 18
Jaime Barajas d. Patrick Corpuz
6-2, 6-3

GIRLS' 18
Sophia Whittle d. Madison Hale
6-0, 6-2

BOYS' 16
Chad Gilfenbain d. Jeremy Model
6-1, 6-4
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9th Desert Cities Grand Prix Masters Championships

**BOYS' 18**
Raul de la Torre d. Matthew Leggat
6-1, 1-6, 6-2

**GIRLS' 18**
Constance Branstine d. Ashley Chao
6-0, 6-2

**BOYS' 16**
Nicholas Borchenko d. Jonathan Star
6-4, 2-6, 6-3

**GIRLS' 16**
Nicole Camaratta d. Gillian Parker
6-4, 6-4

**BOYS' 14**
Christian Kontaxis d. Nik Speshilov
6-4, 3-6, 7-5

**GIRLS' 14**
Jennifer Shin (Pictured) d. Gracie Mulville
6-3, 6-0

**BOYS' 12**
Ryan St Jean d. Bruno Krenn
6-4, 6-2

**GIRLS' 12**
Colbey Shae Emery d. Katie Tavasoli
4-6, 6-2, 6-1

**BOYS' 10**
Vasyl Yazadzhiev d. Jared Gura
4-6, 6-3, 10-1

**GIRLS' 10**
Peyton Dunkle d. Madelyn Ferreros
6-1, 6-4
**BOYS’ 12**
J.J. Henderson d. Jinta Sasamori
6-0, 6-0

**GIRLS’ 12**
Caroline Goldberg d. Shekinah Daffon
6-3, 6-2

**BOYS’ 10**
Eugenio Gonzalez d. Eduardo Gonzalez
6-2, 6-3

**GIRLS’ 10**
Alexis Golin d. Ayline Esina Samardzic
6-2, 6-3

**31st Junior Satellite Masters Championships**
(Presented by Solinco Sports)

**BOYS’ 18**
Harun Ajanovic d. Dylan Wong
6-2, 6-1

**GIRLS’ 18**
Helena Bui d. Lauren Torres
7-5, 6-0

**BOYS’ 16**
Chad LeDuff d. Noah Lawson
6-1, 6-1

**GIRLS’ 14**
Frances Cornwall d. Clair Dean
6-1, 6-1

**BOYS’ 12**
Nicholas Figueira d. Diego Fernandez del Valle
7-5, 6-2

**GIRLS’ 12**
Rena Lin d. Amy Huang
6-4, 6-4

**BOYS’ 10/8**
Samuel Landau d. Michael Fourticq
6-1, 6-1

**GIRLS’ 10/8**
Ella Pachl d. Seychelle Balog
6-2, 6-3
Inland Empire Grand Prix Satellite Masters Championships

**BOYS’ 18**
Grady Harrell (Pictured) d. Ronald Griffin
6-2, Retired

**GIRLS’ 18**
Nicole Arribere d. Clementine Garrett
6-0, 6-0

**BOYS’ 16**
James Andra d. Ryan Chan
6-0, 6-4

**GIRLS’ 16**
Jordyn Boothroyd d. Lindsey Gelinas
6-3, 6-1

**BOYS’ 14**
Corey Lunsford (Pictured) d. Santhosh Shunmugaraja
6-0, 6-0

**GIRLS’ 14**
Megan Tagaloa d. Aubrie Weissbuch
6-4, 6-1

**BOYS’ 12**
Cameron Mofid (Pictured) d. Vinod Krishnamoorthy
6-2, 6-3

**GIRLS’ 12**
Chloe Barberi (Pictured) d. Katie Golbranson
6-2, 6-2

**BOYS’ 10**
Nikhil Vupputuri d. Shekar Krishnamoorthy
6-2, 6-4

**GIRLS’ 10**
Jenna Lee d. Faith Lee
6-1, 6-2

Novice Jamboree Championships

**BOYS’ 18/16**
Chance McClelland – Champion
Blake Bowers – Finalist

**GIRLS’ 18/16**
Kristen Vilett – Champion
Olivia Gesikowski – Finalist

**BOYS’ 14**
Hunter Hosick – Champion
William Shanks – Finalist

**GIRLS’ 14**
Tracy Lee – Champion
Karen Thompson – Finalist

**BOYS’ 12**
Colton O’Connell – Champion
Adam Mofid – Finalist

**GIRLS’ 12**
Sara Soderberg – Champion
Emily Quesada – Finalist

**BOYS’ 10/8**
Steve Nguyen – Champion
James Ignatius – Finalist

**GIRLS’ 10/8**
Cami Brown – Champion
Isabel Coscolluela – Finalist

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127th Open Sectional Championships

**MEN’S**
Campbell Johnson d. Dennis Mkrtchian
7-6, 6-3

**MEN’S DOUBLES**
Brian Battistone/Trent Aaron (Pictured) d. Mkrtchian/Maxime Tabatruong
Walkover

**WOMEN’S**
Katsiaryna Zheltova d. Ena Shibahara
6-2, 6-1

(Photography Not Available)

**WOMEN’S DOUBLES**
Anna Klavins/Zheltova d. Sarah Dvorak/Tamitha Nguyen
Default

**MIXED DOUBLES**
Xavier Smith/Zheltova d. Ena and Shuhei Shibahara
6-2, 6-3

US Open Sectional Qualifying Championships

**MEN’S**
JC Aragone d. Mackenzie McDonald
6-4, 6-3

**WOMEN’S**
Mayo Hibi d. Elizabeth Lumpkin
6-3, 6-1

**MIXED DOUBLES**
McDonald/Chanelle Van Nguyen d. Kaitlyn Christian/Dante Cipulli
6-3, 7-6

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**MEN’S 35**  
Guillaume Gauthier d. Tim Britton  
6-4, 6-2

**MEN’S 50**  
William Konya d. Greg Haywood  
6-3, Retired

**MEN’S 55**  
Mark Gerlach d. Roger Hulburt  
7-6, 6-3

**MEN’S 60**  
John Flowers d. Emmanuel Acholonu  
6-3, 6-2

**MEN’S 40**  
Michael Chang d. James Dao  
Walkover

**MEN’S 65**  
Elson De Cantuaria d. Bruce Beinlich  
6-1, 3-6, 6-0

**MEN’S 50 DOUBLES**  
David Porte/Art Chen d. Jonathan Fears/Brad Joelson  
6-3, 4-6, 6-4

**MEN’S 65 DOUBLES**  
Angel Abreu/J.P. Wammack d. John Flowers/Hulburt  
6-3, 7-5

**MEN’S 70**  
Jack Metalsky d. Karel Placek  
6-3, 6-3

**MEN’S 70 DOUBLES**  
Bud White/Joel Fleiss d. Hamilton Sah/Wes Simmons  
7-6, 3-6, 10-8
**MEN’S 75**
Lloyd Goldwater d. Bob Ouwendijk  
6-3, 7-6

**MEN’S 75 DOUBLES**
Bob Duesler/George Gill d. Mike Carrico/David Inman  
6-3, 6-3

**MEN’S 80**
Roger Hing d. John Bennett  
6-1, Retired

**MEN’S 80 DOUBLES**
Rich Haskell/Don Neuman d. Bennett/Bob Isenberg  
6-4, 7-5

**WOMEN’S 40**
Alice Moyo d. Olivia Burgos  
6-2, 6-0

**WOMEN’S 45**
Michelle Carter (Pictured)  
d. Sharon Hebert  
Walkover

**WOMEN’S 50**
Michelle Carter d. Tai Sisson  
Default

**WOMEN’S 55**
Kim Zebot d. Mary Firek  
6-2, 6-2

**FATHER & SON**
Bruce and Bruce Man Son Hing  
d. Tom and Matt Loucks  
7-6, 1-6, 6-4

**MOTHER & DAUGHTER**
Darcy and Juliana Simon (Pictured) d. Sharon Herbert and Gabriela Zaccagino  
Walkover
31st Senior Grand Prix Masters Championships

**MEN’S 45**
Elson DeCantuaaria d. Kevin Quinn
6-4, 6-3

**MEN’S 50**
Thomas Kong d. Thomas Schlack
6-4, 5-7, 10-4

**MEN’S 50 DOUBLES**
Dave Porte/Schlack d. Humberto Hernandez/Guillermo Garcia
6-2, 6-4

**MEN’S 55**
Brian Patno d. Jay Gardener
6-4, 6-4

**MEN’S 55 DOUBLES**
Ken Landis/Kenton Stalwick d. Randy Houston/Gary Grandolph
8-7 (10-3)

**MEN’S 55 DOUBLES**
Dave Porte/Schlack d. Humberto Hernandez/Guillermo Garcia
6-2, 6-4

**MEN’S 60**
Larry Loeb d. John Flowers
4-6, 6-4, 10-2

**MEN’S 60 DOUBLES**
Harry Fritz/Rob Wheatley d. Tommy Lee Childress/Philip Brooks
6-4, 6-2

**MEN’S 65**
Mario Cernousek d. Logan Jenkins
7-5, 6-4

**MEN’S 65 DOUBLES**
Gary Doi/Thomas Bozarth d. Donald Roberson/Art Santilli
6-2, 6-3

**MEN’S 65 DOUBLES**
Mario Cernousek d. Logan Jenkins
7-5, 6-4

**MEN’S 65 DOUBLES**
Gary Doi/Thomas Bozarth d. Donald Roberson/Art Santilli
6-2, 6-3

**MEN’S 70**
Jack Metalsky d. Dean Corley
Walkover

**MEN’S 70 DOUBLES**
George Balch/Lenny Lindborg d. Corley/Ron Hextell
Walkover

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Walkover

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George Balch/Lenny Lindborg d. Corley/Ron Hextell
Walkover

**MEN’S 75**
Art Wahl d. Jerry Springer
7-5, 6-3

**MEN’S 75 DOUBLES**
Steve Drummy/Jerry Headley d. Bob Duesler/George Gill
2-6, 7-6, 6-3

**MEN’S 75 DOUBLES**
Steve Drummy/Jerry Headley d. Bob Duesler/George Gill
2-6, 7-6, 6-3

**MEN’S 80**
Roger Hing d. Saul Snyder
6-4, 6-4

**MEN’S 80 DOUBLES**
Hing/Snyder d. Richard Haskell/Donald Neuman
6-1, 6-3

**MEN’S 80 DOUBLES**
Hing/Snyder d. Richard Haskell/Donald Neuman
6-1, 6-3

**MEN’S 85**
Arnie Pompan d. Leon Silverman
6-0, 6-4

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6-0, 6-4
27th NTRP Sectional Championships

MEN’S 5.5
Michael Chang d. Brian Blumenfield
2-6, 6-4, 12-10

MEN’S 4.5
David Castillo d. Juan Araque
6-2, 6-1

WOMEN’S 4.5
Kiersten Woods d. Karly Given
6-1, 6-3

MEN’S 4.0
David Pinard d. Michael Johnston
6-2, 3-6, 10-6

MEN’S 4.0 DOUBLES
Matthew Kou/Jon Mak d.
Russell Baingo/David Lubnow
6-2, 7-5

WOMEN’S 4.0
Dana Iverson d. Sally Namie
4-6, 7-5, 10-8

MEN’S 3.5
Ben Hunkins d. Michael Wronski
6-4, 6-2

MEN’S 3.5 DOUBLES
Ron Growsky/Daniel Taylor d.
Mark Bergersen/Steve Leffler
6-2, 6-3

WOMEN’S 3.5
Itzu Chen/Lillian Hsu (Pictured left) d. Mischel Ebon Libunao/Carmen
Taylor (Pictured right)
3-6, 7-5, 10-3

WOMEN’S 3.5 DOUBLES
Itzu Chen/Lillian Hsu (Pictured left) d. Mischel Ebon Libunao/Carmen
Taylor (Pictured right)
3-6, 7-5, 10-3

MIXED 3.5 DOUBLES
Kenneth Tow/Tracy Lee d. Paul
Forrest/Sophie Lam
6-4, 4-6, 10-8
17th Wheelchair Sectional Championships

MEN’S OPEN
Marcus Causton d. Anthony Lara
6-1, 6-1

MEN’S OPEN DOUBLES
Causton/David Eads (Pictured) d. David Van Brunt/Michael Yousefi
2-6, 6-2, 10-7

MEN’S A
Van Brunt d. Atif Moon
6-3, 6-1

MEN’S A DOUBLES
Hadyanto (Jimmy) Sutandar/Eddie Medel d. Dan Larson/Devin Eshelman
1-6, 6-3, 10-5

MEN’S B
Tam Albertson d. Ken Straiton
3-6, 6-1, 10-3

MEN’S B DOUBLES
Albertson/Jerry Russell d. Mike Applegate/David Mendoza
3-6, 6-1, 10-3

MEN’S C
Dan Michener d. Michael Thomas
6-3, 2-6, 10-5

JUNIOR OPEN/A
Juan Solis d. Jesus Hernandez
8-2

JUNIOR OPEN/A DOUBLES
Jesus Hernandez/Angel Cardenas d. Effrain Preciado/Solis
8-5