



San Carlos Tennis Club

President's Letter



Jeff Peterson
SCTC President

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SUCCESS AT LAST!!

I am delighted to report that we have reached a successful conclusion in working out a Use Permit for SCTC's continued headquarters use of the Arguello tennis courts. Dramatic changes in City finances, followed by development of a new collaboration with the school district, have made this a challenging process of initiative and adaptation to changing partners and priorities. While much Board attention has gone into this process, I am particularly grateful to the efforts of Barby Pickett, John Geer, and Ron Ludlow for their supportive roles through this process. The story in brief:

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PAJARO DUNES AWAY TRIP

What an away trip! The weather was great, the food was great, the tennis was awesome.

We were able to enjoy walks on the beach and we had great sunsets every night. The weather turned out to be great and we had clear skies the entire time. The fog decided to roll in on Sunday, as we rolled out.

We also enjoyed for the 1st time in the history of the away trips a real beach bonfire with some of the most interesting (???), creative, bizarre, hilarious singing and storytelling you've ever experienced. (Sorry no photo allowed). If you were not able to attend you missed something very special. But there is always next year, so plan ahead and be prepared to be part of it. This was a Thursday through Sunday event, which included 3 nights of lodging, two mornings of scheduled play, and free play the rest of the time.



We started with a Mexican Fiesta Party on Thursday night – although at the time, a lot of us were watching the Giants beat San Diego--GO GIANTS! Some of us went out to dinner afterwards to a great Mexican Restaurant (which had the game on a big screen).

Every morning we had a continental breakfast at court side, which included pastries, fruit, hot coffee, and juice.

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SCTC VS. WOODLAKE INTERCLUB RESULTS

The last in the series of interclub tournaments was held at the Arguello courts on Sunday, September 19th. Six men and six women from each club participated in a mixture of men's doubles, women's doubles, mixed doubles and combo doubles. It was a fun day of fun of exciting matches. Woodlake fielded a very strong team that consisted of a former pro as well as one 4.5 player. We played strong but came up just a bit short and thus succumbed to the tenacious Woodlake line-up 11-13.



Click [here](#) for more photos.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued from page 1)*



The San Carlos School District (SCSD) is the owner of the four Arguello tennis courts, located on the Arundel School campus and adjacent to Arguello Park in San Carlos. For many years, the City of San Carlos administered these tennis courts, with an understanding that the tennis facilities and land would eventually be transferred to the City. In mid-2009, the San Carlos School District determined that they would retain this land for SCSD, and administration of this facility reverted to SCSD.

For the 2009-2010 school year, SCTC administered these courts under an informal lease collaboration with SCSD. We introduced junior programs through our collaboration with SCTC's teaching pro Aaron Elbert and his Top Performance Tennis Academy, which subsequently transitioned into his partnership in the Silicon Valley Tennis Academy (SVTA). We educated the SCSD leadership on revenue opportunities associated with such junior programs, while helping them understand the requirements and responsibilities involved in the maintenance and improvement of tennis facilities. SCSD recognizes and values SCTC's long record of leadership in developing and providing valuable recreational and competitive tennis program offerings to the community, and our valuable collaboration and assistance to SCSD concerning this facility and potential future tennis facilities development.

For the 2010-2011 school year, SCSD has retained SVTA as their agent for supervision of the Arguello court facilities, and for generation of substantial revenues to SCSD from SVTA's instructional tennis program offerings during certain hours. The SCTC Board concluded that our club would be best served by avoiding the liability exposure of a long term lease arrangement. We have worked out a 3-way collaboration with SCSD and SVTA, and have negotiated a Use Permit on attractive financial terms that will allow us to continue our broad spectrum of tennis offerings.

This new arrangement results in some modified but still reasonably convenient court availability times for SCTC utilization. We plan to test out this new arrangement for one year, to determine its suitability for our needs over the long term. We are also considering alternative arrangements with other school districts in the area, which could make larger numbers of courts more easily available for club activities.

While our new arrangement brings the challenge of adapting to some changes, we are delighted overall to be part of this great new flourishing of tennis at the Arguello courts, and to be contributing to the development of our next generation of SCTC tennis players! We invite you to leap into this new collaboration with us. Discover and leverage our access opportunities for the use of these courts (the only lighted courts in San Carlos) for reserved use at advantaged rates, and join in for the smorgasbord of SCTC's diverse activities that will continue to flourish as well. Share your experiences and your ideas for improvement with your Board members, so that we can chart the best course for the next year and beyond.

Join The Year-End Fun!

As each year draws to an end, we close with four wonderful activities. We have just completed another stunning SCTC Away Trip at Pajaro Dunes, led by Ana and Tom Akin. Enjoy the story and pictures within this Newsletter and appearing on the SCTC website. Pencil in the Away Trip early for next year -- it is great fun with great friends (old and new) -- and the stuff that great memories are made of!

On **Sunday, October 31st**, we mark the end of our Tournaments season, led by Scott Reid and Jan Enzone (Interclubs), with SCTC's ever-popular **Halloween Tournament!** Sign up and indulge your imagination (and ours!) by wearing a great costume and cranking the fun up an extra notch!

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PAJARO DUNES TRIP (continued from page 1)

After Friday morning play we had a great “make-it-yourself lunch” with fresh cold cuts and a variety of breads and all the fixings with some extras thrown in. Friday night was our potluck lasagna dinner night. Everyone brought something, which made it a great dinner with lots of variety, all the lasagnas were just fantastic, and of course there was dancing after dinner. Afterwards, some even stayed up late and had a blast playing, “Catch Phrase” and cards.

Saturday started with a Burrito Brunch and then we had a White Elephant gift exchange, which was a lot of fun. The Tournament winner was Joan Prack, who got 1st pick and last steal at the exchange. Afterwards people were free to do as they pleased. Some played some more, others hit the beach, a few went into town. We had a catered dinner, with BBQ ribs, chicken, baked beans, salads, and much, much more, then back to the dance floor. Saturday night there was a bonfire with singing, drinking, joke telling, and storytelling. Stephanie Meyer held everyone’s rapt attention as she told a spooky ghost story with a Scottish accent that left us spellbound, while Skip Prack and Jeff Peterson and others entertained us with their jokes and folk singing.

So, in all, we played, we danced, we stole each other’s gifts, we ate, we enjoyed the beauty of nature, and most of all we enjoyed each other’s company. This was a great group of people and we’d like to thank everyone who participated.

Your hosts,
Tom & Ana Akin



Editor’s note: Tom and Ana did such a wonderful job that we invited them to do it again next year, and they said yes!

Rent and reserve
lighted
Tennis courts for
practice or fun
with friends or
teammates!

Just email to
Barby Pickett,
SCTC’s Court
Coordinator for
details!

courtcoordinator@sancarlostennis.com



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued from page 3)*

Thanksgiving weekend will bring the great fun of our final tennis activity of the year, the calorie-burning **Turkey Fun Day, on Sunday, November 28th**, produced courtesy of Gary Boseck! Mark it on your calendar now, and be sure to join all your tennis friends for this last battle on the courts, before the rains claim the winter!

SCTC always finishes the year with our memorable SCTC Holiday Party and Annual Meeting. This year, **Holiday Party** Director Jan Tallett is planning a very new format. Instead of the pricier dinner and band format of some years, we are innovating a FREE cocktail party format, with beer, wine, snacks and dancing to a terrific DJ into the wee hours, all for no charge! After the difficulties of working through two years of challenging changes around use and access to the Arguello courts, it is time to celebrate a little, and for all to come together to plan and build for the future! Please circle **Friday night, December 17th** on your calendar right now! Bring all your best tennis stories and memories from the past year, and join us for the year-end fun!

Landings And Launches!

While our SCTC Presidents most often serve for a single year, I am coming to the end of serving you for two years. The difficult circumstances surrounding our future at Arguello induced me to stay on for a second term, to see the process through to a successful conclusion. I am indeed thankful to be reporting the good news shared above on this front.

I am deeply grateful to the talented and dedicated team of SCTC members who have volunteered with me these past two years to serve you with our wonderful array of SCTC program offerings. Some volunteers have been truly Herculean or Amazonian (as the case may be) in leading multiple areas of SCTC activities and holding multiple Board positions. It has been exciting for me to welcome growing numbers of members into SCTC, and especially so to see many new faces who have enthusiastically stepped up to join the SCTC Board in recent months and weeks, expanding our vision, strength, and capacity!

SCTC succeeds and thrives on the strength of each of our contributions. Serving your club in a Board position is easy, fun, and satisfying. You are surrounded by a wonderful team of generous colleagues, always ready to help explain how we make each activity work, and to lend a helpful hand. Please take this opportunity to step up as a volunteer, and help us to raise SCTC achievements to ever higher levels. Our VP John Geer (vp@sancarlostennis.com) heads the Nominating Committee building our new 2011 Board. Just pop an email to him or to me to express your interest, to learn more, and to figure out where you can leverage your talents in service to your friends in tennis!

Thanks for all of your support over these past two years. I look forward to seeing you soon on the courts, and at our SCTC Holiday Party and Annual Meeting!

Jeff Peterson
president@sancarlostennis.com

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THE SCTC
WEBSITE AT:

SAN CARLOS
TENNIS.COM

Did you know ...
that YOU too
could
Volunteer ... for
SCTC
Committees or
Board Roles?

We would LOVE
to have you on the
team with us!

It's Easy!

Just email Jeff
Peterson
to explore
opportunities
to share
your excess
of talents!

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HALLOWEEN TOURNAMENT

HALLOWEEN SWITCH MIXED DOUBLES 2010 LAST TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR



The last tourney of the year will be held Sunday, October 31st, from 9am to 3pm at the Arguello courts. Space is limited due to court availability. Hurry and register [online](#)--spaces are going fast. If you're not playing, stop by for lunch to socialize and check out the costumes.

It has been a pleasure to have served
as your 2010 Tournaments Director.

Thanks,
Scott Reid



Sunset at Pajaro Dunes



Click [here](#)
to view
more
great
photos in
the web
photo
album!

FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Continuing the hard work and initiative that Ron Ludlow and Dale Russell brought to the cleaning of the Arguello courts in recent months, our new F&M Director Bob Martindale was retained by SCTC to carry this on over the past couple of months, cleaning the courts single-handedly - and we've all enjoyed the benefits! Under our new 3-way collaboration with SCSD and SVTA, the payment and contracting for these court cleaning efforts will be supplemented by SVTA going forward. We are also working on adjusting the lighting activation timing at Arguello for the earlier onset of darkness at this time of year.

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TEAM TENNIS RESULTS

Traditional Team Tennis has now wrapped up another successful season. Six teams, made up of the thirty six players listed below, and supported by 15 other subs, played monthly matches from April through September.

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 5	Team 6
Dawn Campbell	Ruth Waters	Carmen Keenan	Lisa McKenna	Jenn Bulka	Chanelle Murphy
Becky Snow*	Linda Utter	Dorothy Benke*	Janet Stamm	Christine Rammler	Barbara Turner
Johanna Gelb	Irina Kurjatko	Gail Ghose	Victoria Fantuzzi	Kathi Williams*	Susan Glines
Chuck Cropley	Rod Sorenson	Phil Waters	Robert Falls*	Kurt Friedenbach	Bob Anderson
Koof Kalkstein	Gary Durr	Roger Van Cleve	Jim Schwartz	Jim Staples	Howard Foster
William Hardie	Eugen Kurjatko*	Rick Green	Nathan Birman	Humberto Melara	Scott Reid*

*The colored boxes contain the names of the Captains.

At the end of the regular season, Kathi's team was atop the standings, remaining undefeated. The season was chock full of close matches, with outcomes determined by tie breaks. The difference between the third and sixth place teams was their respective success in tie breaks. The standings going into the October playoffs were as follows:

	Team Captain	Matches Won	Sets Won	Games Won	Games Lost
1st	Kathi Williams (5)	6	28	263	162
2nd	Dorothy Benke (3)	4	18	216	233
3rd	Becky Snow (1)	4	15	205	223
4th	Eugen Kurjatko (2)	3	16	211	241
5th	Scott Reid (6)	1	18	224	220
6th	Robert Falls (4)	0	13	203	243

Fine weather was in store for the Traditional Team Tennis Playoff's on Saturday, October 16th. The top four teams played for the championship, with subs provided from the other two teams. With an afternoon of tennis ahead of the group, most showed up early for a bit of food, drink and friendly chatter before getting down to business.

Kathi's team took on Eugen's and quickly jumped out to a 3-0 set lead, with the two men's doubles matches going their way. But Eugen's team fought back, winning upper women and upper mixed to get back to 3-2. Unfortunately for the underdogs, Kathi's upper mixed team dominated in their set and won the match 4-2. In the other semi-final Becky and Dorothy's teams fought a hard battle.

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FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE UPDATE (continued from p. 6)

If you have been to Arguello recently, you will have seen the new shed being fitted out to be SVTA's headquarters for supervision of the courts. When we hold SCTC events, we will set up our canopy activities adjacent to it and extending into the parking lot a bit. In addition to having a teaching pro available at the courts, the SVTA shed is planned to also provide some basic pro shop facilities, including racquet stringing -- so stay posted for the extra benefits that may flow from this.

Bob Martindale, Facilities Director
facilities@sancarlostennis.com

HOLIDAY PARTY!

The SCTC Annual Holiday Party



Friday, December 17th



Festivities Begin at 7:30 p.m. and Include

- ❖ Hors d'oeuvres
- ❖ SCTC Annual Meeting and election
- ❖ DJ / dancing / beer / wine

Twin Pines Community Center
20 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont

FREE TO MEMBERS
\$20 for Non-Members

Music Provided by Renowned DJ Chris Webb

RSVP by December 1st - please detach and send with payment to:
Jan Tallett-SCTC, 2908 Sherwood Drive, San Carlos, Ca 94070

SCTC Holiday Party, Saturday, Dec. 17th 7:30 - 11:30PM

Name(s): _____

Number of guests (including self) _____

Amount included _____

Optional: You may use your PAYPAL account to pay online at the SCTC website
Check here if using PayPal: _____



2010 TREASURER'S REPORT

Here is our 2010 financial statement as of 9/12/2010 (at left).

09/12/10		
2010 SAN CARLOS TENNIS CLUB		
TREASURER'S REPORT		
		2010
		YTD
GENERAL REVENUE		
MEMBERSHIP		8,947
NEWSLETTER ADS		0
MISC/ADJ		62
	Subtotal	9,009
GENERAL EXPENSES		
INSURANCE		466
ADMINISTRATIVE		64
USTA Membership (exp 5/31/11)		0
BOARD MEETINGS		666
RECRUITMENT DRIVE / PR		0
CHAMBER OF COMM.		166
WEBSITE		641
NEWSLETTER		10
MEMBERSHIP / DIRECTORY		24
MISC / OTHERS		17
	Subtotal General Expense	2,052
Arguello Court Operation EXPENSES		
Court Maint (Equip & Supplies)		2,332
Arguello Rental Expense to SCSD		4,400
Arguello lighting Expense to PG&E		1,669
Arguello Court Operation REVENUE		
USTA Match Rental Income		5,651
USTA Practice Rental Income		564
Private Player Rental Income (non-USTA)		0
SVTA Jr Pam Rentals Income		2,163
Pvt Coaching Rental Income		0
Coached Clinics Rental Income		33
NET COURT OPS - ARGUELLO		10
NET EVENT INCOME / <LOSS>		
TOURNAMENTS		560
FUN DAYS		461
TWILIGHT SOCIALS		83
TEAM TENNIS		1,394
AWAY TRIP		4,045
HOLIDAY PARTY 2010		0
HOLIDAY PARTY 2009		435
HIGHLANDS LIGHTS 2009		0
LADDER COMPETITION		0
HOME TOWN DAYS		(134)
NEW MEMBER MIXER		0
CARLMONT COURT FEES		(500)
INTERCLUB		22
	Subtotal Net Events	5,829
OPERATING INCOME / <LOSS>		
		12,796
NON-OPERATING		
INTEREST INCOME / <EXP>		1
CAPITAL		0
OTHER		0
TOTAL NON-OPER. Inc / <Exp>		1
NET INCOME / <LOSS>		
		12,797
BEGINNING BALANCE		30,492
ENDING BALANCE-TOTAL		36,891
CHECKING		20,978
CERT. OF DEPOSIT		15,913

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has grown to 336 members as of October 18th. The SCTC still offers more activities than any other Community Tennis Club on the Peninsula. We currently have a special membership rate of just \$45 for the remainder of 2010 plus all of 2011. Current members can now renew their membership for 2011 for just \$45. You will be receiving email reminders for this if you haven't renewed already. Be sure to invite your non-member friends to join SCTC and enjoy our activities at the reduced membership rate.

Please contact me at membership@sancarlostennis.com if you have any questions!

Ron Ludlow, Membership Director

TEAM TENNIS RESULTS *(continued from page 7)*

With a full half of the players being subs, the battle started as the other match did with Dorothy's group up 3-0 in sets, reflecting dominance by her upper players. Becky's lower men and lower mixed brought the battle back to 3-2, but then lost the match on the final set as well.

In the subsequent runner up competition, the air seemed to go a bit out of Eugen's team sails, as Becky's team won 5 sets to 1. In the championship, a real barn burner developed. Playing two sets in parallel, as was the case all day, Kathi and Dorothy's teams kept trading wins. In every one of three rounds, each team won a set, resulting in a tie-break (like last year) to determine the championship. The tie break was pre-determined to be between the lower women's teams, and Dorothy's lower women had just won their set 8-3. Not looking good for Kathi's season long winning streak!

However, her women breezed through the tie break, winning it 10-2 and bringing the championship to our season long leader. Congratulations to Kathi's team, including Christine, Humberto, Jen, Jim and Kurt and the captain herself!

Click [here](#) to read about the Advanced Team Tennis Results.

Team tennis will start up again next spring, with sign ups posted in March. We hope to see you on the courts in 2011!

SAN CARLOS TENNIS CLUB was organized in 1975 to promote tennis activities in the area. The Club currently operates in collaboration with the San Carlos School District and the Silicon Valley Tennis Academy, maintaining the four Arundel school tennis courts (adjacent to Arguello Park) and providing a wide range of tennis activities and programs for all ages, both for members and for the public.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: SCTC is administered by a Board of dedicated and tireless volunteers, according to the Constitution & Bylaws on SCTC's website. The Board meets monthly to plan events and to establish and review goals and policies. All members are welcome to attend the meetings, usually held monthly at 6:30 PM on the second Monday of the month at 643 Bair Island Rd., Redwood City, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room. However, they DO move around on the calendar sometimes, so please check with secretary@sancarlostennis.com for updates! The Board is elected at a General Membership Meeting held in December during SCTC's Annual Holiday Party.