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MRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ALL THE BEST AND HAPPINESS FOR THE YEAR 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HI MRC

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all your support throughout the year. The success of our all volunteer club is built on the efforts of our members. In this past year, we have enjoyed many successes with your volunteer contributions.

As we enter in to the new year 2024, on behalf of MRC BOD please allow me to extend my personal and genuine appreciation to

each and every one of you for your valuable contributions and may 2024 be amazing,

wonderful and bring everybody good health, fun and great tennis. Wishing you a happy new year.

Missy



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ON THE LINE- EDITORIAL NOTE

ended the year with a career high of 24 grand slam wins by bagging US Open to end the year.

Djokovic' dream of Golden Slam. It will be another exciting year to watch these men to challenge each other in men's tennis.

As I recall the best in tennis for last year, I believe Novak Djokovic, playing some of his best tennis at 36, challenged the future flagbearers of tennis in bagging 24 grand slam wins to his tally of achievement. His extraordinary season last year helped him to equal the Rafael Nadal record of 22 major titles at the Australian open. In support to Rafael , if he was not having the injury, things could have been more interesting in the tennis world. But no one could deny credit to Djokovic in his continued winning streak at the French Open until the young Alcaraz stopped him at Wimbledon. Djokovic

In my opinion, very few would be dare to challenge his remarkable season. The very few who might not surprise me are Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz. If it would be young 20 year old Alcaraz, who by him self created a history of his own by winning Wimbledon at the age of 19 we will see a new champion's champion in him. Alcaraz said "Djokovic said he wants to win four Grand Slams and Olympic gold, but we are here to stop him". That was indeed a bold statement for a future flag bearer of tennis. Rafael Nadal, a member of the big three in Tennis along with Djokovic and recently retired hall of famer Roger Federer also would like to add a final chapter to his glorified career by challenging

On the other hand, the women's tennis was anything but a great contrast to men's tennis. It is full of refreshing talent which gave us four different Grand Slam champions last year. While Men's Tennis is going through the transition from old guards to young flag bearers, women's tennis has churning out new champions every tournament like Coco Gauff, Aryna Sabalenka, Iga Swiatek, Marketa Vondrousova to name a few. All playing their best tennis carrying banner of women's tennis at its peak.

I am so excited to watch them in 2024. My folks, tennis is a great game. I am glad I am part of it. Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Happy 2024.

Do not criticize your partner while you play doubles. Instead offer encouragement. Always display good sportsmanship- compliment your opponent on good shots.

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MRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2024

The Millbrae Racquet Club Board of Directors has approved the following slate of nominees to serve as Board members in 2024.

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Tuesday Women's Tennis

Rita Armstrong (non board member)

Thursday Men's Tennis:

Ken Hoeck

All the above positions are vol-

unteer positions and Thank you to all who have taken on another year of being part of what makes MRC shine! Many hands makes for lightwork - leaving more time for tennis!

If you are interested in joining our board or seeing what there is to help out with at MRC, please contact Missy Chiesa TheChiesa@aol.com or 650-678-5214



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MRC FUN DAYS-HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Come and join us at remaining 2023 Fun Days.

If you have never experienced a Fun Day, it's a morning full of social doubles, in-person conversations, food and drink. It's the best place to meet people and to find your tennis partners.

MRC will provide all the beverages and tennis balls.

Because fun days are popular, sign-up quickly when you receive the email announcement, using the link in the email or at the MRC website under Events/ Funday registration. If you can't get either method to work, contact Ken Hoeck at frankus33@aol.com

Sunday, January 14th
"Hello 2024"

Monday, February 19th
"Presidents Day"

Sunday, March 24th
"Go Giants"

Sunday, May 5th
"Cinco de Mayo"

Monday, May 27th
"Memorial Day"

Sunday, June 30th
"Independence Day"

Sunday, August 4th
"Summer Fun Day"

Monday, September 2nd
"Labor Day"

Sunday, September 29th
"Almost Octoberfest"

Sunday, October 27th
"Halloween"

Sunday, December 1st
"Year End"

Sunday, December 8th
"Holiday Party"



Talk quietly when standing near the courts that are in use.

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WELCOME TO THE CLUB- NEW MEMBERS

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UNCLE SLEEPY UNSOLICITED ADVICE FOR NEW MEMBERS

How can I find someone at my level to play?

That's a piece of cake. Go to club website (millbraeracquetclub.net). Click on page called "Find a Player". It has a list of other members who are looking for someone to play with. Enter your data too. Don't be shy-- call or text them or ask them if they want to play.

Can I bring a guest to play?

Yes, pay the \$5 per guest fee, either by using Venmo or cash. Don't leave cash on the table. Fill out a provided guest fee envelope, put the cash in the envelope, and drop the envelope in the slot in the door between the two bathroom doors.

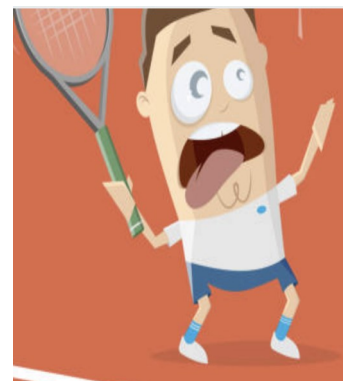
How do I schedule my court time?

Now you are talking. Go to MRC booking system

(mrccourts.skedda.com). Login with your email and use your password and you can schedule.

I lost my club key what should I do?

No worries. Call or send a text or email to Claudia Edson (stedson1@aol.com) She will help you to get a duplicate.



CONGRATULATIONS ROYALS

MRC team, Royals swept their opponents with 15-0 on October 25, 2023. under the captainship of Linda Grasburger and Barbara Young. Well done gals. Keep it up. KUDOS



Never walk behind the court when a point is in play. Wait until the point is over and then cross as fast as possible.

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ORGANIZED TENNIS CALENDAR

Men's Doubles

Thursday 8.30–10.30 AM

Contact:

Ken Hoeck

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Women's Doubles

Tuesday 9.00 –11.00

Contact :

Rita Armstrong

rita.armstrong300@gmail.com

USTA TEAM UPDATE

Our fall season USTA teams excelled on the Court!

Ben Wu's 8.5 Combo team won nine out of ten of their local league matches.

Humberto Melara and Missy Chiesa's Mixed 55- 7.0 team made it to the second round of playoffs. In the first round versus San Carlos, Lori Horn and Young Gong battled it out for close to four hours on a hot, dry afternoon at Carlmont HS in the deciding match. What a great way to represent MRC.

Lauren Rosen and Linda Grasberger's 6.5 Combo team also made it to the second round of playoffs. Pictured here are some of ladies who made this team so successful with their never give up attitudes.

UP NEXT:

65 & Over Daytime team registration is open until January 8, with the season beginning February 5.

55 & Over registration runs from January 22 until February 20 with the season beginning March 18.

18 & Over and 18 & Over Day-time registrations also run from January 22 until February 20. The season runs from April 8.

Check out USTA Norcal's website for membership information, tennis related links, and plenty more about USTA activities in our area.

To connect with other MRC players who may be interested in forming or joining a team, please consult the MRC directory or contact Lauren Rosen at laurensrosen@gmail.com



While playing tennis make calls on your own lines and let your opponent hear the call. If the ball is good say nothing and play on.

Thanks

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GALLERY OF MEMBERS IN ACTION AND FUN



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