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MRC NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's almost summer. Yay! With the continued improvement in Covid case numbers and the increasing number of vaccinated people, we are excited to announce our first Fun Day (in over a year!) scheduled for Sunday, June 27th 9am - 1pm. See additional details on page 3. If you'd like to volunteer to assist the Social Committee for this event, please contact Janice Carter (jcarter@justbits.com).

Summer will bring some schedule changes. Jonathan Sun will be teaching a kids' tennis camp weekdays on court 1 from 10:30am - 2:30pm beginning June 14th. We are also excited to announce our first USTA team since 2019, Mens 4.5 captained by Ben Wu. Thank you Ben, it's been years since we had a mens USTA team at the club! With our relaxed Covid rules and masked plus distanced spectating now allowed, come out and cheer on the team. For those concerned about busy courts, know that we will adjust organized tennis activities as needed to ensure available courts for member reservations.

Also, beginning June 1, Monday Rally Hit and weekend Coed Ten-

nis will take a break until September.

Many of you have asked about private lessons and clinics for adults. We are actively looking for a tennis Pro. In the meantime, if you have a pro you

available to schedule on court 5 after 10:30am daily. For those with personal ball machines, please schedule on either court 1 or court 5 after noon.

Finally, thank you to Robert Falls, Khin Tint, Humberto



have worked with elsewhere and would like to have them coach you at MRC, please contact Rita Armstrong (rita.armstrong300@gmail.com). We do require USPTA or other comparable insurance and there is an \$18/hour court fee.

There has been a lot of activity with the MRC ball machine so it's received a tune up and a new remote control. If you have not signed up to use the ball machine, it's

Melara, Alan Tse, Mimi Lim, Bob Levenson, Kazue Preiser, Todd High, John Picetti, Warren Young, Mike and Rebecca Evans, Bob Lopez, Ken Hoeck, Helen Brosnan and Janice Carter for volunteering at the club's Earth Day cleanup, Saturday April 24th. The grounds look great thanks to all of you!!

Happy Hitting!

Jan

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet your new MRC newsletter editor, Ramesh Dronamraju! Ramesh recently volunteered to manage our quarterly newsletter, taking over from member Carol High. Thank you Carol for your enthusiasm and creativity these past three years and also your contribution as a member

of the board.

We welcome members involvement in the club activities. If you would like to get more involved please let any board member know: MRC Board of Directors will respond to you.

Do you have ideas or content for the news letter? Please reach out to Ramesh at rcdronamraju@gmail.com

We publish quarterly, June 1, Sept 1, Dec 1 and March 1.



ON THE LINE-EDITORIAL NOTE

Hello Members

Happy Summer to you all. For those people who don't know me I am Ramesh. I moved from Boston to sunny California and made Burlingame as my home a year ago. I was hoping to enjoy my recent retirement which I feel well deserved, with lots of travel and tennis. But luck would have it, we all became prisoners of our home. Thanks to pandemic to remind us how vulnerable we all are.

Few weeks ago, attempting to get out of my boredom, I decided to do couple of things. One was to volunteer to the club and second was to teach my grand kids some values which they can carry through their life. Yes, things like discipline, concentration,

motivation and respect.

Then came the issue of how? These are big words for a six and three year old to comprehend. In the first place do I have to pass it on to them? Suddenly I am not sure about myself. All I know is I love to play tennis and when I play:

Every time I toss the ball to serve, I have the discipline to maintain same toss.

Every time I receive a serve, I concentrate on the server for little clues to find the best way to return the serve.

Every time I was down by 15-40, I motivate myself that I can comeback.

Every time my opponent hits an ace, I tap my racket as a sign

of respect to my opponent.

Then I thought; Why not teach them tennis. Tennis offers all the things that I want to teach them and even more.. Fitness and Fun.

It is a great game that turns one's motivation into excellence in whatever they want to achieve in their life. I am glad it is part of my life and I am sure you all enjoy as much as I do.

Friends, weather is getting warmer, pandemic is receding, let us get into the courts and have fun.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Ramesh

Why was the MRC club website down? They had a problem with their server



MEET YOUR BOARD

Meet Janice Carter. Janice is MRC 2021 Social Director. In that position she manages events, Fun days, and custom programs like mixed doubles ladder.



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EARTH DAY CLEANUP

To honor the Earth Day on Saturday, April 24, 9 AM to Noon, several club members volunteered. It was a family environment where every member worked for the common good of the earth in general and for the club in particular. It was a great volunteer run. Everyone grabbed tools and wearing their masks and following Covid guide-

lines raked and cleaned the club and its surroundings. MRC provided pizza and drinks. MRC is grateful to all of you who participated and appreciate your volunteer spirit. Special appreciation to

all who participated.

KUDOS



MRC FUN DAY

HELLO YELLOW (Covid Tier)!!!!

MRC will relaunch our famous Fun Day on Sunday, June 27th from 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM, to celebrate Independence day!

If you have never experienced a fun day, it's the morning full of social doubles where you get a new partner every 30-40 minutes. Tennis play is followed by food and drink and actual in person conversations.

Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share: we will provide the beverages, barbe-cue and tennis balls.

Please register your interest in the tennis portion of the day by sending an email to jcarter@justbits.com.

We will have a cap of 30 players.

Hurry, register and have fun.

Ken and Janice

Mark your calendar

JUNE 27, Sunday, 9.00-1.00PM



My tennis
opponent is not
happy with my
serve.
He kept on
returning it.



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UPDATE

1. Four people are now allowed in the clubhouse at a time with masks.
2. Spectating is allowed on the deck while maintaining social distance and wearing masks.

WELCOME TO THE CLUB- NEW MEMBERS

If you are looking for a singles partner or a doubles partner give your members a try. Members should book their courts using MRC booking system (mrccourts.skedda.com) with user ID as their email and password as MRC. Member directory is available on millbraeracquetclub.net.

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The difference of great players is at a certain point in a match they raise their level of play and maintain it. Lesser players play great for a set, but then less.
Pete Sampras



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SPECIAL MEMBER PROFILE

This quarter profile is Khin Tint. She was interviewed by Carol High on March, 26, 2021:

How do you pronounce your name? “K-in.” My middle name is also Khin and my last name is pronounced “tin” (the ‘t’ is silent).

What is your home country? I was born in Burma (now Myanmar).

What was your introduction to tennis? In high school I took 10 tennis lessons, but the ball seemed very heavy to me. Two years ago I started playing tennis with some Burmese friends and I enjoyed it. I became addicted. I wanted to play every day! I begged more people to play with me and I improved. I also play at San Carlos and I played singles with Rita one or two times. I was happy to play in the women’s doubles extravaganza at MRC. MRC is now my second home!

How many days a week do you play tennis? I play every day and sometimes 10 times in a week! MRC in the morning and San Carlos in the evening. Some days I play three times a day! I play in San Carlos, San Jose, Fremont, Hayward, Oakland, and San Francisco.

What made you want to join MRC? Jeanine and Teddy. Jeanine and I were on a USTA team together and Jeanine invited me to MRC as a guest a few times. I joined in summer 2020 during the pandemic because I wanted to continue playing and I could find partners to play with at MRC (other courts were closed). I play both singles and doubles, plus women’s and mixed.

What’s the best thing about tennis? It’s good for your health and, similar to piano, which I teach, you have to practice a lot. You have to play more and practice to improve. I’m a student of tennis. Don’t give up and with practice, you got it! It’s muscle memory.

What’s the worst thing about tennis? Getting an injury is the worst thing.

A favorite tennis memory? I met Humberto Melara through tennis at Orange Park in South San Francisco (we’re dating now). He’s a 4.0 player and I’m a beginner. We got to know each other as we both live in San Francisco and we started to practice together. I wanted to play on the mixed doubles ladder so I made Humberto join MRC!

My biggest pet peeve is ... people who drive slowly in front of me, especially in the left lane when I’m rushing to play tennis. I

dream a lot about tennis...in my dream I’m trying to return the ball!

Any hobbies? Playing piano, tennis, and watching movies. I like love stories and scary movies.

Any favorite foods? I’m lactose intolerant so I like Asian foods the best — Thai, Chinese, Burmese. I like cooking Asian foods, too.

Any favorite travel destinations? I like travel a lot. I travel to Asia so I can find foods I can eat.

Your greatest accomplishment? I have three healthy children and they’re all on their own. I’m lucky to have them. Plus, I always wanted to be a teacher from a young age but I didn’t know what to teach. At age nine, dad bought a piano and we took lessons. I started teaching piano, it’s my business. It’s satisfying to share music and my knowledge with the next generation. I’m never tired of teaching. I’ve always liked piano and I’m proud of my piano skills.

What would MRC members be surprised to know about you? I like to go to casinos to gamble in Las Vegas or Reno. I have a limit, though. I play the slot machines, you don’t need to use your brain. I have good luck. Eight out of 10 times I win!



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ORGANIZED TENNIS CALENDAR

Men Doubles Sunday 12.00 -2.00 PM
Thursday 8.30–10.30 AM

Contact: Ken Hoeck

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Women Doubles Tues day 8.30-10.30 AM
Wednesday .12.00-1.30 PM
Friday 8.30 –10.30 AM

Contact : Rita Armstrong

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MRC recognizes and appreciates the efforts by Bob Lopez and Janice Carter to organize Monday Rally and Co-ed Tennis.

USTA CALENDAR

All interested members please contact Ginny Machak at ginny@machak.org for details. Ladies SFPTL league will start again in September. Members interested in playing on an established team call the team captain.

If you want to be captain contact Ginny Machak.



League Type	Format	Team Registration Open	Player Registration Open	Team Registration Close	Playing Season	Maximum Number of Matches per Team	Playoffs	Sectionals
Adult 18 & Over	2 Singles 3 Doubles	April 26	April 26	May 10	May 31 - July 18	7	July 22 - 25	July 30 - Aug. 1
Adult 65 & Over	3 Doubles	April 26	April 26	May 10	May 31 - July 16	7	July 26 - 30	Aug. 10 - 12
Adult 40 & Over	1 Singles 3 Doubles	May 31	May 31	June 14	July 5 - Aug. 22	7	Aug. 26 - 29	Sept. 3 - 5
Mixed 18 & Over	3 Doubles	June 7	June 7	June 21	July 19 - Sept. 5	7	Sept. 9 - 12	Sept. 23 - 26
Adult 70 & Over	3 Doubles	Aug. 9	Aug. 9	Aug. 23	Sept.13 - Dec. 3	10	N/A	N/A
Mixed 55 & Over	3 Doubles	Aug. 9	Aug. 9	Aug. 23	Sept. 13 - Dec. 5	10	Dec. 9 - 12	Dec. 17 - 19
Combo	3 Doubles	Aug. 9	Aug. 9	Aug. 23	Sept. 13 - Dec. 5	10	N/A	N/A

Please use Venmo to pay dues and guest fee (\$5) !!

Just make sure your guests sign our guest book, located on the inside or outside table, depending on wind conditions. We offer contactless payment via Venmo. **The club's Venmo username is @Millbrae-RacquetClub.**

Load it into your Venmo app now and you will be set to go. The club's scan code is also posted prominently in several spots at the club. You can still use the payment envelopes next to the guest book, but you will find that payments via Venmo are faster and smarter.

For further information contact us at MRCBoardofDirectors@gmail.com.

HAPPY HITTING AND LOTS OF FUN.



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