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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello MRC Members,

Happy fall. Yes, we had that late summer rain, but though it kept us off the courts for a few hours, I for one, would love to see more. Bring it on!

There are many new faces at the club with a broad range of tennis experience. Meet our newest members on page 4. Please introduce yourself and invite them to hit or play some social tennis.

Our courts and clubhouse are

looking great. Many thanks to our members that have contributed time and expertise (details on page 5). In the spirit of giving back, join us on Sunday, October 16 from 9-12 for a fall cleanup day. Bring your gloves, rakes, weeders and pruners to spruce up our outdoor areas. You'll be rewarded with pizza and beer at noon!

Finally, a quick reminder, if you are the last person to

leave in the afternoon/evening, please make sure all the court gates are locked, the umbrellas are closed and tied, chairs are pushed under the patio tables, lights are off inside and the clubhouse doors are locked. As a volunteer club, it's up to us to keep things safe and secure. Thank you.

See you on the courts!

Jan

SPECIAL REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS

Dear members,

We need your cooperation on the following.

1. Recently there were incidents in the club where the umbrellas were left open after members left the club. We request if you were to use the umbrellas please make sure to properly close them before you leave the club. This helps the longevity of the umbrellas.
2. Friendly reminder to members requesting to cancel their reservation if

you are not going use, even in the last minute. This will allow someone else to use the court when you cant'. We have heard from members who wanted to play, checked Skedda and all courts reserved, then checked webcam later and saw empty courts. Please be considerate of your fellow members.

3. When you reserve a court using Skedda bookings, you must include the names of all players. Please add/update players prior to using the court.

4. Please be sure you lock all the gates in the fence, club house doors and door to the parking lot if you are the last person to leave the club. We have noticed some intruders (non-members) entering the courts and playing. It is our club and we need to protect our property. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.



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ON THE LINE-EDITORIAL NOTE



I love watching US Open tennis tournament, especially when the big three (Nadal, Djokovic and Federer) are on the court. I was also impressed when young Carlos Alcaraz was crowned as the US Open champion at age 19. Few days later, came the big news of Roger Federer's retirement. The news was not surprising. I was disappointed by the news of Federer's retirement, but I would say, his timing can not be anything other than perfect for the retirement. Every champion has to fade away giving space to new champion. But giving space to young champion like Alcaraz !!

Alcaraz is a Spanish player who was appearing in his eighth major tournament and second at Flushing Meadows but already has attracted plenty of attention as someone considered the next big thing in men's tennis. He's the youngest man to win a major title since Rafael Nadal was the same age at the 2005 French Open, and the youngest at the US Open since 19-year-old Pete Sampras in 1990.

Federer, in contrast at the age of 21 Federer won his first grand slam tournament. He retires with 20 titles by winning *eight titles at Wimbledon, six at the Australian Open, five at the*



US Open and one at the French Open. His 2009 trophy at Roland Garros allowed Federer to complete a career Grand Slam.

Federer is a champion's champion. He has the most complete game of his generation and captured the hearts of sports fans.

While I cherish the outstanding accomplishments of Federer and wish him a well deserved farewell, I welcome Alcaraz as current number 1 ranked player.

Alcaraz is imbued with boundless enthusiasm and energy, not to mention skill, speed, stamina and composure. And now he's a US Open champion and the No. 1 player in men's tennis.

"He's one of these few rare talents

that comes up every now and then in sports. That's what it seems like," said Ruud, a 23-year-old from Norway who graciously accepted his number 2 ranking in tennis.

"You have to give everything on court. You have to give everything you have inside. I worked really, really hard to earn it," Alcaraz said after the

win. "It's not time to be tired."

While I have mixed emotions about Federer's retirement I am excited by the future of men's tennis. Tennis is a great sport. I am glad I am a part of it. Guys and gals let's enjoy it. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Ramesh



"Dear Roger, my friend and rival. I wish this day would have never come... it's a sad day for me personally and for sports people around the world. I said it to you when we spoke and now it's here.

"It's been a pleasure but also an honor and privilege to share all these years with you, living so many amazing moments on and off the court.

We will have many more moments to share together in the future, there are still lots of things to do together, we know that.

Rafael Nadal

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MRC FUN DAYS-HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Come and join us at remaining 2022 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.

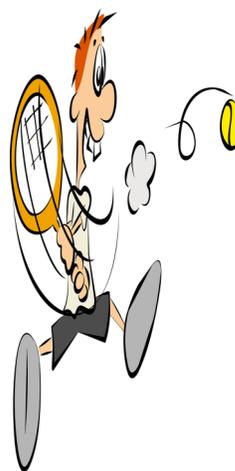
MRC will provide all the beverages and tennis balls. Because Fun Days are popular, sign-up quickly when you receive the email announcement, using the link in the email or at the MRC website under Events/

Fun Day registration. If you can't get either method to work, contact Ken Hoeck at frankus33@aol.com

Sunday, October 9th
"Halloween"

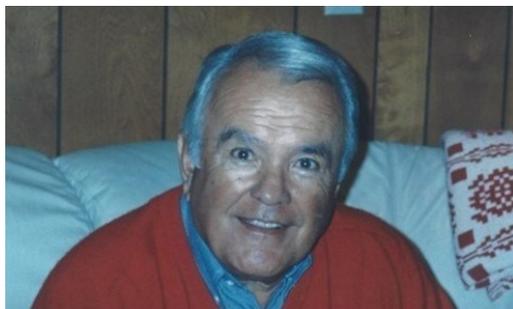
Sunday, November 6th
"Veterans Day"

Sunday, December 4th
"year-end Potluck"



ORBITUARY-FRANK D GIANNINI MRC FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT

Frank D. Giannini passed away on July 1, 2022 at the age of 88. Frank was a natural leader, becoming president of the companies he worked for and of every recreational organization he joined. He cofounded the Millbrae Tennis Club and served as its first president. He and his friends then started the Millbrae Racquet Club and he again served as the first president in 1976 and 1977. He was also president of the California Golf Club in South San Francisco and the Oakmont Golf Club in Santa Rosa, and



Head Commissioner of the Millbrae Lions Little League program. He rose to president of two glass contracting companies he worked for.

Frank is survived by (among others) his wife Peggy, and brother Rudy and his wife Ann; Rudy served as MRC president in 1993 and Ann in 1994. Frank's full obituary is at:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sfgate/name/frank-giannini-obituary?id=35765684>

Contributed by
Jim Van Ness

Loud, excessive talking and or shouting that might distract other players is not allowed.

Watch the clock. If someone made a reservation for the court you are on after your reservation time is up, be sure to be off the court.

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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.



Between the points, you should send the balls directly to the server if it is singles and to his net partner in doubles.

You should always give benefit of doubt on all close calls to the opposing team.

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WELCOME TO THE CLUB- NEW MEMBERS

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MEET YOUR SPECIAL MEMBERS WHO OFFERED THEIR SERVICES TO THE CLUB: RITA ARMSTRONG, OLE FLODIN, KEN HOECK,GINNY MACHAK, HUMBERTO MELARA, MIMI LIM, NANCY TORRES AND ALAN TSE.

Hi members,
You should have noticed when you enter the club the newly painted clubhouse inside and outside. Also you can not miss the new sign plates. It all happened because of the efforts of a few members who decided to offer their services to the good of club. Mimi Lim, Allan Tse and Humberto Melara

worked hard to paint interior of the club.
Ken Hoeck managed and purchased all the new permanent instruction signs.
Nancy Torres worked with Ginny Machak on the outside paint scheme and Nancy's daughter doing the lettering on our new sign.
Ole Flodin worked on making and putting up the new MRC club sign and other club sign-

age and setting the 4x4. The 4x4 was from Rita Armstrong and she was glad to see *it put to good use*. Rita Armstrong is in the process of *cleaning and fixing the padding in the couch cushions in the clubhouse*.
Special thanks from the BOD on behalf of all members for their contributions.

Kudos to all, **Thank you** ,
Thank you, Thank you.



Humberto showing his painting skills

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

Just make sure your guests sign club guest book. It is located on the inside or outside table depending on the wind conditions. We offer contactless payment service via Venmo. The club Venmo user name

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 envelope

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

When a serve is hit out, do not hit the ball back over the net. Call it out, either grab it and put it in your pocket or lightly hit to the net.

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COVID REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

If you have been in contact with someone that is Covid positive, neither you nor any of your family members should come to the club until 5 days after exposure and a negative rapid antigen test on day 5.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in advance.

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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

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USTA TEAM UPDATE

The Millbrae Muskrats

Another season of USTA 55+ mixed 7.0 has just begun. I do not know how the team name came to be. I think there was a desire for a team mascot, and after a few poorly dictated texts, The Millbrae Muskrats were born. Our season so far is no less the muddle, for at our first few matches, we met strong players, and were unable to win a single court; I guess such goes the life of the lowly muskrat. Still, it's most exciting to be at other clubs playing against fresh faces, so we shall paddle forth. I have had numerous requests from club members to play; however, the team is limited to 7 or 8 fixed pairings of agreeable

demeanors. Maybe next year I will be able to welcome some new players. So if being a crepuscular tennis-rodent appeals to you, play as much mixed tennis as you can, stop by and watch our home matches, and frequently listen to Captain and Tennille (yes, I had to look it up too).

Team Captain

Robert Falls

The Millbrae Hurricanes

We would like to thank MRC once again for allowing us to use the courts. We look forward to a fun and healthy 2022/23 season. Our first match is on Oct 3, we are looking forward to it. We wanted to express special thanks to Ginny, Rita, and the MRC Board for making the season happen.

Team Captain

Nancy Shaw

Co-Captain

Always be certain your opponents are ready before you serve.

Always observe all the court rules, insist the others do the same.

When returning the ball to another court, the correct way is to return it on a bounce or two.

Do not return the ball while play is continuing on other court.

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