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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to you all,

Tennis, lots of tennis! Lessons, clinics, teams, social play, and Fun Days! Even if you don't wish to play tennis at our Holiday Extravaganza Fun Day on December 5th, please drop by and enjoy a bite and libation. All food and drink is being provided by MRC.

For new member families with beginner players, come out on Sundays from 12-1.30 PM for a rally hit on courts 4 and 5 with Harry Qian, Harrison Qian and others. To help members connect with similar

level players check out our new "Find a Player" link on the top navigation bar of the MRC web site home page. It is password protected using the same password you use now to

access the web page.

Lastly, a warm welcome to our new members and families and Happy Holidays to all! Happy hitting!

Jan



To all members from MRC Board of Directors



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet your spotlight member Ole Flodin. Ole is a member of the club for over thirty years and is 4.0 tennis player. He is humble about it. All I can say is when you watch him play I always wonder how good he would have been in his prime age. But most of all, he is a dedicated volunteer who decid-

ed to offer something back to the club in a special way. He brought back one of his multiple talents, to become a carpenter. He built beautiful benches by himself, painted and donated to the club. So when you want to relax for a minute after a long game, you know whom you need to thank for the seat you are sitting on. We are honored to

recognize Ole on member spotlight for this quarter issue. Ole, keep doing all the good work. 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

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Dec 1 and March 1.



ON THE LINE-EDITORIAL NOTE

The grand slam tournaments are special to me. This year USOPEN is even dear to me as I was clinging on to my couch rooting for history to repeat one more time after the great Rod Laver achieved it some fifty years ago. I have to admit, while I was disappointed to realize my wait has to be prolonged to see the new calendar year grand slam champion, I was thrilled by the performance from the women's side.

I was excited as a fan and it really allowed me realize the depth of women's tennis.

Surprise US open champions are not rare. But when a 18 year old first time qualifier, goes all the way to championship without dropping a set, that is an

achievement. That is what happened this year. 18 year old qualifier Emma Raducanu surprised the tennis world by achieving the impossible by winning over another 19 year old teen, Leylah Fernandez in two sets. Raducanu will be youngest grand slam tournament winner since 17 year old Maria Sharapova won another grand slam tournament at Wimbledon in 2004.

Raducanu, ranked 150, had to go through three qualifying rounds and stay on her stellar performance to triumph over another 19 year old teen Fernandez. She did that with class: not losing a set. Last person that achieved this accomplishment is Serena Williams in 2017.

Nerves and jitters are expected; even understandable. After all, she is competing her best in uncharted territory at a major tournament. Finally when it was over several records were broken but most importantly the depth of women's tennis is revealed. The future of women's tennis will be so bright and we can expect every player who enters the draw can has a chance to win the tournament. It is illustrated when four different woman champions were crowned at four major grand slam tournaments in 2021.

Once again even though I was disappointed that there was no calendar grand slam champion on the men's side, I was excited by the depth and future of women's tennis. Tennis is a great sport. I am glad I am a part of it. Guys let's enjoy it. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Ramesh

**Why don't fish play tennis?
Because they are afraid of the net**



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MRC FUN DAYS-HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

MRC announcing its famous fun days and the yearend extravaganza on Dec5 Sunday, 10.00 to AM - 2.00 PM.

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

MRC will provide all the food ,beverages , tennis balls and holiday treats (from 10:00 to 2:00) while you play tennis, meet other

members, and relax on the deck.

MRC has supported the San Francisco Firefighters annual Toy Drive for many years. We will collect toy donations at our Holiday Fun Day. Unwrapped toys (soccer, football, basketballs, etc.) for 12+ kids.

Because fun days are popular, we invite all members for this yearend special event. Members who are not playing also are invited. So sign-up quickly when you receive

the email announcement, using the link in the email or at MRC website under Events/Funday registration. If you can't get either method to work, contact Ken Hoeck at frankus33@aol.com

Sunday December 5th (year end pot-luck celebration)



“ True Heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic, It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.”

Arthur Ashe

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS

MRC is trying to bring all members together by adding a special page on MRC website. The page is called “Find a Player”.

You could post on this page your skill level, the days and time you would like to play,

and contact details. This will be useful in particular for all the new members and also not so new members to find other players who are available to play.

This feature is a result of

creative suggestion made by Bob Lopez for which MRC likes to thank him.

KUDOS

HOME	∨
Find a Player	
Teaching Pros	
Skedda Court Scheduler (link)	
EVENTS/Newsletter	∨
Member Directory	
Galleries	∨
Board of Directors Info	∨
Board of Directors only	
Pro's Page	
MRC high speed webcam	
Members	∨

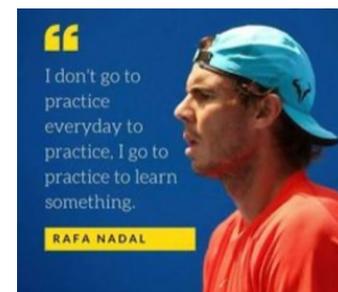
FAREWELL TO SPECIAL MEMBER PROFILE

This quarter's “special member profile “ will be the last and final interview conducted by club member, Carol High. She will be moving away from this task.

Carol will be still a member

and we want to thank Carol High for her service to MRC and wish her lots of luck.

THANKS CAROL



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UNCLE SLEEPY UNSOICITED 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 and ask them

If they want to play.

Can I bring a guest to play?

I guess so. You can if you (or your guest) pay the \$5 per guest fee, either by using Venmo or by cash. Don't leave cash on 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 play 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?

Oh my God! Call or send a text or email to Claudia Edson. She will help you to get a duplicate.

That's all folks for now. Have fun and it's time for me to sleep.



SPECIAL REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS

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 play-

ing. It is our club and we need to protect our property. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

MRC BOD

WELCOME TO THE CLUB- NEW MEMBERS

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"Tennis is mostly mental. Of course, you must have a lot of physical skill, but you can't play tennis well and not to be a good thinker. You win or lose the match before you even go out there."

Venus Williams



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MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBER- SECRETARY JIM VAN NESS

Meet Jim. Jim and his wife Arline moved to Millbrae in 1976. Not knowing about MRC, they joined the 250 member Millbrae Tennis Club (after two years on the waiting list). Jim was soon running their weekend tournaments, which took place on three high school tennis courts over two days.

Jim and Arline joined MRC sometime in the 1980's, paying an \$1,800 initiation

fee, but quit after a few years because hardly anyone asked them to play. They rejoined MRC in the mid 1990's. In 2007, then President Bob Lopez recruited Jim to be on the Board of Directors as Tournament Director. After nine years of running Fun Days and some interclub matches, Jim moved over to the Secretary position on the Board in

2016. Along the way he helped Stan Kubiak completely rewrite the MRC By-Laws, which hadn't been updated since the club was founded in 1976.

Jim graduated from and spent his working career at San Francisco State University. He began in the Accounting Office, working his way up to be Accounting Officer before becoming Director of Budget Planning. He finished his career as the first campus Internal Auditor.



SPECIAL MEMBER PROFILE INTERVIEW BY CAROL HIGH MEET JEANINE AND TEDDY DIAZ DE RIVERA

Where is your home town ?

We grew up in the Philippines. Jeanine spent four years in England as a child.

Where did you meet?

We met in college at the University of the Philippines. I was in the ROTC program and Jeanine was involved in officers training. Teddy says his eyes met her hair, Jeanine had long hair, and when she turned

around, he went gaga.

How did you hear about MRC?

Jeanine started a tennis meetup in Daly City and ended up with over 600 members! When we were looking for more challenging tennis, we saw MRC online. The reviews were good so we joined MRC.

How long have you played tennis?

Jeanine started playing tennis first in 2016 and I soon followed as "otherwise, I'd never see her."



Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome.

Arthur Ashe

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SPECIAL MEMBER PROFILE (CONTD)

What's the best thing about tennis?

Winning is elating! It teaches you about yourself. It's all about you! Even if you play lousy, you have to take it. It keeps us healthy.

Jeanine: I let the experiences teach me and I evolve. It's affirming to be outdoors.

Teddy: It's great exercise and you meet a lot of nice people, the camaraderie. You laugh a lot.

What's the worst thing about tennis?

When people get too competitive and get nasty, then it's no fun. If people let emotions take over it's no fun.

What's your killer shot?

Teddy: People say I'm consistent. Most points are lost due to unforced errors. I'd like to learn to hit harder but with accuracy.

Jeanine: Do you call a lob a killer shot? I'll hit a short ball, lure them in, and then lob over the opponent's head.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, we have a 13 year old one-eyed dog, a Lhasa Apso Shih Tzu mix. His name is PraiseBe.

Any favorite travel destinations?

Lots! Travel is one of the things we like to do. We like to visit Ha-

waii, Spain, the UK, Truckee, and the Philippines to visit family.

We've always wanted to visit ... Lake Como, Italy. We're going in 2022! Palawan is a group of islands in the Philippines that's called "best place to visit" by Travel & Leisure and Conde Nast. It's undeveloped and we want to visit before they build resorts.

We want to go to Spain or Mexico to learn Spanish! It's on the bucket list.

We always look for proximity to a tennis court—we found one on Crete in Greece and we played in London at Hyde Park.

My biggest pet peeve is ...Jeanine: the cold. I was raised in a tropical country. My body feels the cold weather. ...Teddy: People who say things but don't follow through.

Greatest accomplishment: Our marriage and children!

What would MRC members be surprised to know about you?

We've both climbed Mt Fuji! Teddy in 1979 and Jeanine in 1980 when we were in college.

Anything else you'd like to share with MRC members?

We love you all! We were blessed to have found the MRC community during covid.—and free use of the ball machine, too! Thanks to the board who takes care of MRC!



It makes you want to help, too. It's a special place. The board listens to members needs!

Were did the idea of goat yoga come from?

We were on Maui on the way to Makawao for lunch. Jeanine asked Teddy what else there is to do as we've done all the tourist things. Teddy had heard of "goat yoga" and reserved it right away as they were getting booked up! The little goats like to jump on your back when you're in downward dog or in child's pose because they get treats. We saw it on Hawaii Life TV show, too. They have a patent on the goat yoga concept.



"Rather than viewing a brief relapse back to inactivity as a failure, treat it as a challenge and try to get back on track as soon as possible."

Jimmy Connors

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ORGANIZED TENNIS CALENDAR

Men Doubles

Thursday 8.30–10.30

AM Contact:

Ken Hoeck

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Women Doubles

We will be resuming shortly, probably with a different schedule -watch for an email announcement.

Contact :

Rita Armstrong

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Beginner Rally

Sunday 12.00 –1.30 PM

Contact:

Bob Lopez

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TENNIS COURT RESERVATION REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

To all members:

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. Thanks in advance for your compliance. MRC board



USTA CALENDAR UPDATE

Winter USTA Leagues are forming:

USTA Nor Cal is now registering teams for its winter leagues, which play matches between January 3 and mid-March with play-offs into early April. Teams have to be registered by December 6 for the following leagues:

Adult 40 and over

Adult 40 and over Daytime

Mixed 18 and over

Adult 65 and over Daytime

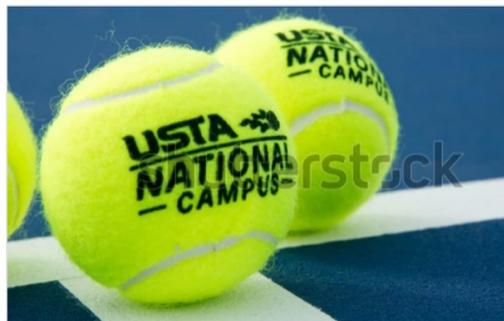
If you might be interested in being captain and forming an MRC team for any of these leagues:

1. Go to the USTA NorCal Adult League Calendar web page for more information at:

<https://www.usta.com/en/home/play/adult-tennis/programs/northern-california/adult-league-calendar.html> and click on the league you are interested in.

2. contact MRC's Scheduling Director, Ginny Machak, for information on MRC's requirements:

ginny@machak.org or 650-520-7463



“If you react the same way to winning and losing, that’s a big accomplishment. That quality is important, it stays with you for the rest of your life, and there’s going to be a life after tennis that’s a lot longer than your tennis life”

Chris Evert

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GALLERY OF MEMBERS IN ACTION AND FUN



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