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April Birthdays

(No one has to know what year!)
Ralph Torres Manauquil
 April 2

Welcome New SDTF Members

Roy S. Johnson
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San Diego Open XV
Entry Forms are now
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website, www.sdtf.org.

“Goodbye SDTF”

by Scott Guiltner

Following in the footsteps of last year’s president, Dan Garza, I am announcing my early retirement as president of the SDTF. I have been presented with a job offer in Hong Kong, which is simply too good to pass up. Unfortunately, the SDTF could not match what my Hong Kong employer is offering without substantially raising your dues. This was a truly difficult decision for me to make, and one of my considerations was leaving the SDTF. I have made many friends through the organization and took my responsibilities as president very seriously...maybe too seriously - ask a board member. I hope that in my short term I have been able to make an impact on the team as a whole, and that as a board, we have heard your requests and implemented positive change. The board has done a phenomenal job, and will continue to be dedicated to all of the members. I am happy to announce that Vince Riveroll will be taking over as president. He has always been an ardent supporter of the team and has brought many new ideas to the table. Join me in welcoming Vince into his new position, and feel free give him any feedback you have. A new vice-president is being appointed and will be announced shortly.



Thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your president; short-lived though it may have been. It was truly a wonderful experience. If you’re ever in Hong Kong, be sure and look me up.

The Great Bowling Challenge is on

by Douglas Baker, Social Chair

With the aim of creating the momentum required to throw a successful “Meet your Jock Stud” fundraising party at the Gay and Lesbian Center, I have extended the social ‘bowling’ challenge to other sports teams to acquaint ourselves and illicit feedback and support.

Our first challenge was David Bair and his softball players. We creamed them (so to speak) with the help our high scorer Phil Charest who rolled a 250 (that’s 5 strike and 5 spares in a row!). Although everyone wanted another go, we had run out of time.

The next challenge is on May 6th against the Front Runners. This team of eight has already been solicited. If you have an interest in bowling with the swimmers or volleyball players let me know. Those dates will be set in May, one of which will be a couples night out. Are there other teams I’m forgetting? Are you involved with a sport and wish to organize a team of eight? If so, call me.



Upcoming GLTA Tournaments

Pride Classic, S. California, April 21-23, (323) 660-7552

Orange Blossom Tennis Championships, Orlando, April 21-23, (407) 649-6580, www.theorangeblossom.org

The Canadian Gay Open, Toronto, May 20-22, (416) 203-7182, www.tlga.org

U.S. Gay Open 2000, San Francisco, May 26-29, (415) 864-2485, www.gltf.org/~gltf

Ky2K, Louisville, May 27-29, (502) 561-9604, <http://home.att.net/~jilson/index.html>

2000 PINKster Tournament, Amsterdam, June 9-12, (31-20) 684-1679, www.euronet.nl/users/vu/smashing-pink

North Country Indoor Classic VII, Minneapolis, June 10-12, ph: (612) 724-5515, www.glassports.org

Liberty Open, New York, July 1-4 (212) 838-6131, www.metrotennisgroup.com

The Seattle Evergreen 2000, Seattle, July 1-3, (425) 771-3682 & (206) 361-7561, www.teamseattle.org/sta

Tennis London International Championships, July 7-9, (44-020) 7739-5567, www.maiko.demon.co.uk/tennis/home.htm

Boston Rainbow Indoor Classic Tennis Tournament, July 21-23, (617) 522-2255, www.tiac.net/users/chapin/tennis/

Team Tennis 2000

The season is well under way, and this year's team tennis is fraught with crass team names (Capriati's Crackheads), close matches (77-77) and tempers flaring (you know who you are). Trash talk abounds (again no names will be mentioned) and warnings for verbal obscenity and racquet abuse would be doled out liberally by any ump worth his weight (no, no, not you madam president).

The sidelines sharpen their nails and critique everyone on court for form and fashion sense. There's the excuses for why I lost (I already played/am going to play softball today) or why I didn't win as many games as I should have (those planes are so distracting). There are all of the bad (close) line calls. There's the line-up jockeying (Shelly) and those who won't (Pratt). And would someone please show up who can open the damn gates on time?! So, some things never change.

Team tennis remains the standout event of the year, providing all of the entertainment 32 queens could ever need on a Sunday morning. If you haven't experienced it, I suggest you come see what the fuss is all about. We're at City College every Sunday at 9 a.m. Check the website for the schedule and standings.

Current Standings

(as of April 16)

	W	L
Sexpigs @ raunch.com	3	1
Venus' Flytraps	3	1
There's Something (Cold) About Mary	3	2
Capriati's Crackheads	2	2
Anna's Portfolio	1	3
Steffi's Bridesmaids	1	4

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Vinney Riveroll, the GLTA's and SDTF's best player is now offering lessons for \$35 an hour. Whether you're a beginner or advanced, Vinney can teach you a lot (and he knows a couple of things about tennis too).

How the SDTF Came to Be (Part I)

By SDTF Founder, Jim Winters

Editors Note: Since this club is still a teenager (18 years), and many of the current members are not familiar with the history or the original members of the club, we thought it would be a great idea not only to tell you the SDTF story, and also to mention the people that were there (and still are). The following is Part I, written by founder, Jim Winters. Part II (to be published next month) will be continued by Jim Winters and adding more info will be Scott Williford.

In 1982, I and a gentleman by the name of Derek Juazo had an idea to start a gay tennis club. Derek wanted an elite club, only for the open-level players. After many weeks of soliciting in the gay papers, we were able to get our first players. Some that are still around today: Joe Arnold, George Hamilton, Marco Ruiz to name a few. We had our first meeting in 1982 in a restaurant in old town. It was there we decided as a group to change the format from the "Elite" to anyone that wanted to play tennis. Derek was not happy about this decision and left the club, never to be heard from again.

I was elected as the first President of the San Diego Tennis Federation in February of 1983.

In the early days, our monthly meetings were at the Grande in P.B. or at a member's house. Pot lucks were "in" and meetings were informal. Our most controversial decisions were selecting a logo for our first T-shirt and finding a house for the next meeting. But seriously, we did have some challenges. We struggled to make sure there were new activities to keep potential members coming out. I started our singles ladder and also organized our first team tennis season, which now is our club's most popular activity. In early 1983, we planned a challenge match with the Los Angeles Tennis Association (LATA), which took place at San Diego City College that spring. After considerable boasting by Fred Orange, we were humbled 10-1, George Hamilton getting our only win.

By 1984, the team had grown to about 25 members. We continued to meet every Sunday morning at City College for challenge matches and socializing. We also re-challenged the LATA team to

come down for another match in February of 1984. It was played at the River Valley Tennis Club, and this time we only lost 12-6. I had made our first contact with Les Balmain of the Gay Tennis Federation (GTF in San Francisco) at the US Gay Open in 1983, and set up our first team challenge with San Francisco for October of 1984. We shocked ourselves by winning 16-15. After a taste of winning, we confidently traveled to LA in February for our third match against team LATA. A 35 to 5 pomelling was the result. So much for our winning streak. Our rematch with San Francisco that Fall was not a whole lot better, as we lost 20-13.

1985 was a transitional year in many ways for the SDTF. At our mid-year elections, I decided not to run again, but there seemed to be a worthy successor in the wings. Few players had seemed so enthusiastic about leading the club in recent years as Scott Williford. He was elected as our second President in May of 1985.

The club had grown to about 40 members by this time, and there were a lot of new challenges facing us. We drafted and approved our first Charter and By-Laws, and we also held our first meeting to discuss the idea of hosting a national gay tournament. Looking back, I think we felt a bit overshadowed and maybe even intimidated by the larger clubs in SF and LA, who had already hosted successful tourney. Nevertheless, we really wanted the chance to make a name for our club by hosting our own tournament. Scott appointed Matt Carlson and George Hamilton as Tournament Chairs for the "First Annual" San Diego Tennis Federation Open. Actually we wondered if it might be our "last". We chose the only three-day holiday in the year that

was left to us, President's weekend in February of 1986. The first day was totally washed out by the only rain we got all month, but we got back on schedule and finished in beautiful sunshine. Bill Nissley was our first champion, beating Arnie Barba.

We could not tell the history of the SDTF without mentioning Gay Games II in 1986. Team San Diego returned home with more medals than any other city - 12; and we wore them proudly at an inspirational closing ceremonies in Kesar Stadium. Our team had come of age, over one of the most memorable weeks of our lives.

In late 1985, we heard of the "problems" the LA team had in making it up to SF for their July 4th challenge match. The addition of a 3rd California team had made scheduling all the head-to-head challenge matches more difficult. We drafted a letter to the LATA and GTF Presidents, Fred Orange and Grant Trent, in September of 1985. The letter proposed a three-team match to be played once a year that would be called the "California Cup". After considerable debate over the exact format, we agreed with the LATA and the GTF to play the top 24 players from each team in singles and doubles. The first California Cup match was played in October of 1986 and was hosted by San Diego, with the site rotating each year thereafter. Apparently, our depth of players had increased tremendously that year, because it was in large part due to the new faces that we were able to WIN the First California Cup handily.

Rich Ryan, bringing his experience and elegance from Houston, was elected in late 1986 as our third SDTF President.

(Part II to be continued in the May issue of Baselines)