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VINNEY RIVEROLL assumes the role of SDTF President.

Nominated by the board to replace Vinney in the Vice President and Public Relations role is **FRANK JANUARY**. Congratulations to both gentlemen.

May Birthdays

(No one has to know what year!)

Tony Inga
May 14

WELCOME!

New Member

Wayne Alan Douglas

Returning Members

Bruce Even
Don Mixon

Sexpigs@raunch.com Walks Away with Championship

by Chris Clarke

The SDTF is nearing the end of its second decade, however the drama continues. This year was no different for team tennis. At the conclusion of regular season play, a three-way tie for second place needed to be reconciled. The first round of playoffs got under way, with lineup controversies. Then the championship was played on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14....but who won?

Amidst charges and counter charges of stacking team line ups, captains Jim Winters and Aaron Pratt are the center of this year's controversy. A tournament committee meeting will be convened to determine this year's victor: **Sexpigs@raunch.com** or **There's Something (Cold) About Mary**. Stay tuned. (If the lineup passes the tournament committee's mustard, the winner will be "Sexpigs".)

The championship day got off to a flying starts with the Aaron Pratt vs. Jim Winters match going to a tiebreaker. The day saw other tiebreakers between Randy Miller vs. Fred Victoria and Rob Paton vs. Ben Tsou. After the singles portion, Sexpigs was leading 51-48. As it should, it came down to the doubles. It looked like Sexpigs was going to sweep and easily win the championship, when the team of Sonny Genio and Carlos Salas played an amazing match by winning 10-1, giving the edge to Mary 80-78....so did they win? Sexpigs' captain, Jim Winters challenged the alternate rule. The Alternate Rule states, **"Each team is allowed 1 alternate per match without a penalty. Each subsequent alternate will be penalized 2 games for singles and 3 games for doubles."** Since Marys had two alternates, they were penalized 5 games, which gives the victory to Sexpigs 83-80. There lies the controversy.

Singles

Jim Winters defeats Aaron Pratt 8-7(1)
 Nick Tchou defeats Bert Frost 8-4
 Fred Victoria loses to Randy Miller 7-8(3)
 Brian Smith defeats Doug Baker 8-3
 Ben Tsou defeats Rob Paton 8-7(1)
 Jim Frailey defeats Chris Clarke 8-3
 Brad Kirby loses to Sonny Genio 4-8
 Paul Shick loses to Carlos Salas 0-8

Sexpigs = 51 Mary = 48

Final Score

Sexpigs 78 Mary 80

Add Penalty for Alternates

Sexpigs 83 Mary 80

Doubles

Smith/Tchau lose to Pratt/Frost 6-10
 Winters/Victoria defeat Miller/Baker 10-5
 Tsou/Frailey defeat Paton/Clarke 10-7
 Kirby/Shick lose to Genio/Salas 1-10

Sexpigs = 27 Mary = 32



Perhaps the most adorable Team Tennis audience member ever.



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

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

Chicago Indoor Int'l, August 4-6, (773) 296-2511 www.chicagomsa.com/ciitc.html

Vancouver Int'l Pride Open, August 5-7, (604) 990-9642, <http://vta.vancouver.bc.ca/>

Milan, **Italian Gay Open**, August 31-September 3, (39-338) 366-4921

Portland, **The Rose City Open IX**, September 1-4, (503) 235-8022, www.teamportland-tennis.org/rco/

Atlanta, **The Peach**, September 1-4, (404) 766-6486, www.atta.org/thepeach

Los Angeles, **Centre Court Championships**, Sept 2-4, (323) 665-8608, www.lataweb.com

Montreal, **La Coupe de la Reine**, September 2-4, (514) 766-2501, <http://webtonique.com/pages/tennislambda>

Washington, D.C., **Capital Classic 2000**, September 9-11, (202) 939-0220, <http://capital-tennis.hypermart.net/>

Novice/Beginner Tennis Clinic

by Doug Baker

The first of our beginner tennis clinic was held at 6pm on May 7 at Morley field. Eight players participated under Jim Frailey's volunteer teaching. My special thanks goes out to Rob Voces and Jerry Sabio (my new volunteer HEROES). They assisted Jim by feeding balls during the last hour's drilling.

All the players got sweaty and commented that they looked forward to coming to the next class. Classes were organized to provide two months of teaching to prepare players to join the Friday night doubles. Participants will be asked to pay 35\$ which covers the SDTF one year membership fee. If you know anyone interested in participating have them show up Sunday at 6:00 pm. Direct questions and confirmations to Doug Baker @ (619) 293-0544.



San Diego Open XV
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History of the SDTF (Part II)

By SDTF Founder, Jim Winters

Editors Note: Our club is a teenager (18 years), and many of the current members are not familiar with the history or the original members of the club, the following is Part II.

Our 2nd San Diego Open was held again on President's Day weekend in February of 1987. This time the second day was partially rained out, but we managed to finish again with some great weather on the final day. That year Arnie Barba took top honors in Open Singles and Doubles. By the summer of 1987, Scott Williford was back as President with a mission in mind – to retain the California Cup and to find a new date for our third San Diego Open (that wouldn't cause a rain-out). We were successful on only half of that, though. An inspired group of San Francisco players pulled out all the stops in Cal Cup to edge us by four points on their Berkeley courts, by winning the second championship.

After doing studies of historical February weather patterns, our Board pushed to move the date of our 1988 tournament to July 4th, since Seattle had not committed to having another tournament at that time. It was as if our tournament was a culmination of many years of hard work paying off for our club. Everything seemed to work out without a hitch. Mother Nature even cooperated with perfect weather.

Although we were able to regain the California Cup two years ago in LA, I think our 1988 tournament was one of our club's proudest accomplishments, before or since.

And that's some of the history of San Diego gay tennis. We have come a long way in the last eighteen years, and we are rightfully proud to be part of the growing history of gay tennis. We hope we can use our lessons learned to help other new clubs developing around the country.

SDTF Founder/Member Profile Jim Winters

It goes way back, when Noah was looking for two of everything I was chosen as the Homosexual. After sailing for 40 days and 40 nights, eating berries and all the time I wanted one of those little lamb chops. I decided to go AWOL and jumped ship. My life started in Philadelphia. My folks decided it was time to make a break away from the enormous family we had. We jumped on a plane and headed for the good life in San Diego. We landed in Mission Hills and my life began at the age of 3.

Many years passed (actually 4), and at the age of 7 I took up tennis as my chosen sport. Spending many summers at the Vic Braden tennis camp in Rancho Bernado would mold me into the tennis player I always wanted to be. I played junior tournaments in San Diego and around the country enabling me to establish a USTA ranking. I played Varsity Tennis at Hilltop High School for three years, then attended Southwestern College with 5 of my tennis buddies. We all played tennis together as the top 5. If you must know where I stood on the ladder, I was the number 2 player in singles and number the #1 doubles team. After graduating, I attended San Diego State for two years, playing tennis for one of the two years. During the second year at San Diego State, I decided to give tennis a break. I always knew that I would play again someday, little did I know I would form a tennis club and meet so many wonderful people.

It was in 1983 where I met my life partner, Jim McMillan, who was one of the original members of the SDTF. Jim Mcmillan possessed many qualities that I was looking for in a partner. He was as cute as could be, honest and very down to earth, and he was a pretty good tennis player. Only after two weeks we knew that we would be spending a lifetime together. Jim and I moved into our first apartment in 1987. We would live in the same apartment for nine years. We had saved enough rolled pennies to buy our first condo in Hillcrest.

Along the way I met some very special people in my life that would become life long friends: **Scott Willford** and **Doud Ford**. Not only would they become life partners, they have shown me what true friendship is. **Dave Sheehan** would also become a friend that would see me through thick and thin. **Vince Riveroll** was another one who stands out as someone I could always count on when I needed an ear to bend. **Chris Littlefield** is another friend who has recently showed me what the word friend really means. I could go on and on, but I would run out of space in this Newsletter.

Well as far as my career goes, I work for Quest Diagnostics (8 years) as a National Account Manager. We specialize in Drug and Esoteric Testing. I travel extensively visiting with our large clients. I will continue to play tennis as the sport brings me many new friends and the exercise I need in order to keep me from becoming the (large) Shelly Winters on the tennis court. I am always willing to lend a hand when needed and if anyone ever needs a few pointers in tennis I won't charge you a dime. Give me a call and we'll do lunch.

