



NEW BOARD SPEAKS - SDTF MEMBERS LISTEN!

SDTF installed a new board at the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9. New board members are Arthur Pugeda - President; J.R. Rivera - Vice President; Chris Clarke - Treasurer; Rancy Breece - Secretary; Daniel Lee - Ladder Chair; Peter Mayers - Social Chair; Bryan Lepree - Membership Chair; and Archie Lejarde - Rules Chair. The Board would like to introduce themselves to you and share some of their goals for 2001.

Arthur Pugeda - President

Thank you all very much for giving me the chance to lead the club. I have been an SDTF member since the 80's, and it has been-- and still is--a lot of fun being part of it. For all these years, SDTF has provided me a chance to bring in and meet new friends. I'd like to "give back" to the club over the next year.

The board and I feel privileged to promote leadership and commitment to the members of SDTF. We will do our best to serve the interests of the members, recognizing that no one member is bigger than the club as a whole. So let's all enjoy this year's activities together and make this a dynamic club.

Just to make you aware of some happenings with a few of our members:

Romeo Matias is recuperating from extensive knee surgery. Have a speedy recovery, Romeo!

Andre Lalias was in a car accident and damaged his right shoulder. For members' information, Andre is the designer of our web site. He has decided to stay on as the webmaster; let's all thank him for the time he gives, and the creativity he brings to the job.

Anthony Jungers is undergoing chemotherapy, and is doing well.

Jim Frailey will be having coronary bypass surgery at UCSD. I'm sure the Duchess will bounce back right away.

Please let the board know if any of our fellow members have taken ill, or any other newsworthy events.

Christopher A. Clarke - Treasurer

As treasurer for the San Diego Tennis Federation, I take great pride in the fact that we serve members of the Gay & Lesbian community. Helping the organization meet that goal is my paramount concern. I will work hard to keep expenses at a minimum level to allow for more funding of events that directly benefit members. One of those changes has been to provide tennis balls for Friday Night Doubles. Some of our other expenses are funding and maintaining a WEB page, the monthly newsletter, annual Christmas party, Grand Prix awards and trophies for performance, participation and drama.



Chateau Genio, site of this year's holiday party!

Thanks, Sonny and Other Kudos!

Many thanks go to Sonny Genio for hosting the SDTF Christmas Party once again. As always, he and his partner, Allen, were gracious hosts, opening their humble chateau and well as their hearts to SDTF members and guests.

Heartfelt thanks also go to Chris Clarke for purchasing and picking up food, and helping to set up the buffet in plenty of time for the hungry hoards. And thanks to all who helped make the party a success! We're all looking forward to next year.

Special appreciation goes to the entire outgoing board who has done a superb job for the Federation. Vinney, Frank, Chris, Archie, Dan, Doug, Jim Mc and Jim W., it's not always been easy, we've thrown quite a few challenges your way! But you've done great and we thank from the bottom of our hearts!

El Presidente Calls General Meeting!

All SDTF Members Invited!

Sunday, January 7 3 p.m. to ?



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The San Diego Tennis Federation will play host to Cal Cup XVI in 2001.

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Join the board in sponsoring this year's events and keeping SDTF on the map. We can't do it without you!

2000 Winners Announced!

The outgoing SDTF board bestowed several prestigious awards upon various members of the Federation during the SDTF Christmas party held December 9 at Sonny's place.

Surprising no one, Jeff Luff walked away with the Drama Queen of the Year. Jeff thanked his many fans with a tearful speech that included a line from Sally Field's Oscar acceptance, "You like, me! You really like me!"

Doug Baker took honors as MVP. The board heralded Doug's work as social chair, increasing membership and raising over \$2,500 for the Gay Youth Alliance during the Bowl-A-Thon on Friday, December 1 at Aztec Bowl.

The Board also honored Adam Gusterine with a \$50 check as the winner of the 2000 Grand Prix. Way to go Adam!

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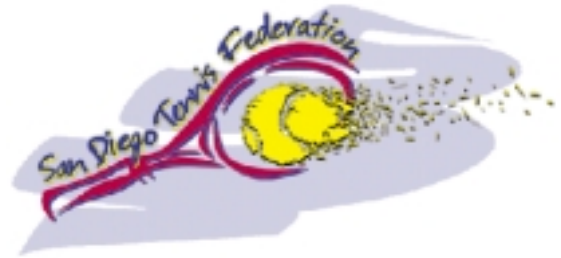
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Player Profile - Pete Mayer - Sailor on the Tennis Courts



First Impressions

The first thing you notice about him is that he gets to everything. When he's at the baseline, drop a shot just over the net; he'll get it and flick it back over as if on a stroll in the park. Now that he's at the net, try an offensive lob; he's chasing it down and slugging it back from 10 feet behind the baseline. Go cross-court; he's there to meet it. Smack a winner down the line and he's got a racket on it.

The next thing you notice are the smiling blue eyes and the impetuous grin framing an elfin countenance as he reaches a friendly hand across the net. " 'Ehlow, O'im Pait," he intones enthusiastically, his voice sliding across the vowels and swallowing the consonants, "Glod tah meahtyah!" As you shake his hand and introduce yourself in turn, you conclude that with that accent and sly grin he must be from some foreign country - say Texas or New York.

London Lad

Actually, Pete Mayer, our new Social Chair, was born and raised in London. East London to be precise. And his sexy accent's pure Cockney. Cockney like Eliza and her father spoke in "My Fair Lady." Except that while he may be fair, on court he's no lady, playing with a vigor and enthusiasm that tires people who just watch him.

Marine Engineer and Sailor

When not demonstrating his on-court prowess, Pete spends his time as a Marine Engineer. No, that doesn't mean he puts A Few Good Men together for the rest of us to play with (although one can imagine a few of Camp Pendleton's finest lined up at his door). Being a Marine Engineer or Technician means that he fixes boats, or more to the point in his case, sailboats. Good with his hands as well as his mind, there isn't a cracked hull or broken mast that hasn't been renewed or made right.

Working with boats is a natural for Pete. "I've always been involved with sailing," says Pete, "Always enjoyed being around water." His follows in his father's footsteps.

Pete's vocation and avocation have taken him to many parts of the world in many exotic ports. He spent a year in a port on the southern coast of Turkey, basking in the warm Mediterranean waters while gazing at snowcapped mountains just a few miles inland.

He's also spent quite a bit of time under sail. His most recent and longest journey a 9,000 mile, four-month trip from England to Thailand on a 53' sloop (that's a 1 masted sailboat to us landlubbers). He greeted the new millennium on the trip, spending New Year's 2000 in the middle of the Indian Ocean. The trip also produced one of his most embarrassing moments. While on passage through the Red Sea one night, he miscalculated the sloop's position causing everyone on board to panic when he declared that they were about to run aground. Turns out they were right where they should be, in the middle of the shipping lanes.

On Court and On Board

And on court and in the embrace of SDTF is also where Pete should be. He picked up tennis several years ago and fell in love with it. On his return to England though he wasn't able to pursue the game - too cold and not enough courts. When he moved to Oceanside last summer to take a position with a firm there, he sought an outlet for his interest in tennis and joining a social group. He found a listing for SDTF in the Update and the rest is history.

"What I like about tennis, is that you can never master it," he declares. "The more you practice, the better you get, but you still can learn more." That fits in with what he sees as his biggest weapon, his ability to learn. "I'm still trying to develop a weapon," he says, "So I'm open to suggestions."

He declares that a tad too much red wine and Doug Baker conspired to put him on the board as social chair. At the holiday party he asked Doug a few innocent questions about what the position entailed and the next thing he knew he was on the board. Which goes to prove that the high seas is not the only place one can be shanghaied.

SDTF is all the better for it though. With a mind as quick as his feet, he already planning social events for the coming year. "I really enjoy the camaraderie of the SDTF," Pete says. "Even though I'm a C player, I've always felt welcomed and encouraged to play. I may not be Pete Sampras, but I'm treated like him!" Okay, so Pete's declaring himself to be a C player but we know that he won't be at C level for long and that he'll bring a ocean of enthusiasm and experience along to benefit the club.



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Typically a fund raiser involving bowling is held in May or June to enhance the charitable contribution made after the San Diego Open in July.

The office involves maintaining financial records, checking account, preparing annual income tax returns to the California Franchise Tax Board and Internal Revenue Service. Periodic reports describing the financial status of the organization are prepared and presented to the SDTF board. Non-profit status forms must be filed annually with the state as well. Minutes of meetings showing compliance with Roberts Rules of Order must be maintained with tax documents.

Bryan Lepree - Membership Chair

As the old American Express slogan goes, "Membership has it's privileges." The privilege of being a member of the San Diego Tennis Federation has been the opportunity to play the sport of tennis throughout the year--much credit to mother nature.

As a member of this unique organization, one gets to experience the joys of the sport as well as the intermingling with the array of individual personalities. For it is these individuals that has kept and will keep the tennis federation thriving into it's 18th year of existence. The greatest moments of being part of this group have come off the court. The quality time spent with new and old friends is something that exceeds the parameters of a tennis court. Getting to know one another and being part of a person's growth through good and bad times is one of the factors that influences membership renewal.

As we as a group of developing tennis players and exciting personas press forward into the new millennium, it is the membership chair's responsibility--along with your encouraging recommendations--to continue assisting in the growth and well being of the SDTF. It is with this forward thinking and positive attitude that we, as a whole, will create and implement ideals that will allow us to maintain manageable membership levels while enhancing our visibility throughout surrounding communities. In spite of any past or future growing pains, I challenge old and new members to keep the spirit of unity, respect, and love of sport alive and flourishing. Let's have fun and enjoy getting to know one another on and off the court--this is the foundation to our federation's success. Get out and Play Ball!!!

Rancy Breece - Secretary

Like Arthur, I originally joined SDTF in 1984, stayed for a number of years and then took a hiatus in 1990. After re-joining in fall 1999, I was pleasantly surprised to see all the veterans from the old days and overjoyed to meet all the new members.

It's good to know that we've got a good mix of the old and the new as well as a steady stream of people interested in playing with and joining us. Folks like Art (and Empresses-for-Life Jim Winters who founded the club and Scott Williford who brought it to national prominence) provide a steady foundation upon which we can build. The new blood (to my mind at least), J.R., Chris, Bryan, Archie and Pete supply the energy, enthusiasm and verve to keep us heading in exciting new directions. I'm proud to be a member of this board and club.

Next issue - J.R. Rivera - Vice President; Pete Mayer - Social Chair; Daniel Lee, Ladder Chair; Archie Lejarde, Rules Chair

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