



BASELINES



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New board meets, sets agenda and plans for 2001

The San Diego Tennis Federation's 2001 board held its initial meeting on Sunday, January 7 to set the club agenda for the coming year and discuss important issues.

In addition to the board, over a dozen general members attended the meeting held at President Arthur Pugeda's house. Arthur hosted the pre-meeting social, treating members to a home-cooked meal that included lumpia, pancit, broiled salmon and rice.

T-shirts, the San Diego Open, Cal Cup, Team Tennis, the singles ladder and the creation of a new board position, that of Webmaster, were among the many topics presented at the two-hour meeting.

Webmaster position proposed

The board voted unanimously to amend the Federation's charter by creating a new board position, Webmaster. Creation of the new position would add a ninth member to the board. Federation members have overwhelmingly supported the idea. Federation by-laws also require that 2/3 of the club members approve amendments to the charter. Accordingly, the board is distributing ballots in this month's newsletter so members can vote on the issue.

Andre Lalias, current Webmaster, will take the board position upon member approval of the amendment. Andre has been responsible for creating and maintaining the Federation's website at www.sdtf.org. He received special recognition from the board and members for his contributions.

T-shirts approved

Soon SDTF members can wear the Federation colors anywhere they go.

The board approved creating t-shirts and selling them to members at cost. The initials SDTF or name San Diego Tennis Federation will appear on the front of the shirt and the Federation logo, created by Andre Lalias, will appear on back. Romeo Matias suggested that the club use Vintage Graphics to produce the shirts. Vintage Graphics has produced quality shirts for the club and other organizations in the past.

Vice-president J.R. Rivera is looking for businesses to underwrite costs for the shirts and for other SDTF events including the San Diego Open. Without underwriting or sponsorship, t-shirts may cost members \$6 - \$7 or more.

San Diego Open on horizon

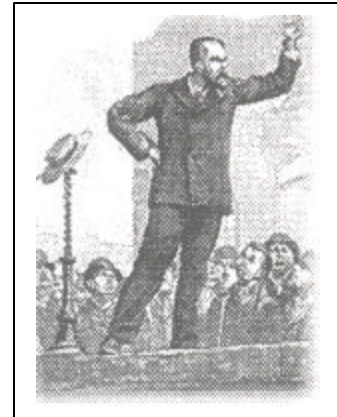
Jerry Sabio and Bruce Even have volunteered to co-chair this year's San Diego Open. Romeo Matias who has been volunteer director for previous Opens will act as an advisor. Marc Pickney who was previously announced as the paid director, has been asked to step aside in favor of the volunteer effort.

The Open will be played during the weekend before the Fourth of July. One of the best events on the GLTA circuit, it

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Arthur Pugeda, "El Presidente," makes point during January board meeting

Charter amendment proposal

The Board of Directors proposed an amendment to the San Diego Tennis Federation's charter creating a new board position, Webmaster. The text of the proposed amendment is stated in the following paragraph.

Secton A - Position 9. Webmaster

The Webmaster will be responsible for maintaining the SDTF website as an information source for the club. The webmaster shall work with the respective chairs to ensure that the contents of the website are accurate and current. The webmaster shall work with the Treasurer to ensure payment of the site.

Help us ratify this amendment! SDTF's by-laws state that the general membership ratify proposed charter amendments and that amendments must be approved by two-thirds of the voting members. Enclosed with the newsletter is a stamped, self-addressed post card asking for your vote on this charter amendment. Simply mark your "ballot," and mail or return to a board member ASAP. The board has also proposed that the SDTF's current webmaster, Andre Lalias, fill the board position should members approve the charter amendment.

Singles league proposal

By Greg Anthes

I suggest the San Diego Tennis Federation create a singles and/or doubles league for competitive play. The league would be similar to what I played in as a member of the Capital Tennis Association, Washington, D.C.'s version of the SDTF.

Leagues popular

In DC these leagues are very popular for several reasons. First, the leagues provide members with at least one guaranteed singles/doubles match each week. Second, members have the opportunity to play various opponents during the season and gain experience against different playing styles. Third, matches become very competitive and members measure their level of improvement under match conditions. Finally participants have an additional opportunity to get to know other association members.

CTA organizes league

The CTA organizes and conducts two seasons of singles and doubles leagues. The CTA contracts with various tennis facilities to purchase blocks of courts to guarantee availability. Normally, 2 hours of court time per week is reserved for each league. Participating members pay a fee to cover court costs and ball expenses. Board members, or co-chairs appointed by the board, volunteer to organize the logistics of setting up league, oversee match play, and record and distribute match results.

I proposed league play during January's board meeting and will attend the February meeting to talk about the ideamore. I've provided all board members with a detailed proposal including an explanation of the rules and structure adopted for each league downloaded from the CTA's website. Please contact me if you want more information or a copy of the proposal.

SDTF suggestion box debuts - doubles as ballot box

Tell us what you think and what you want!

Thanks to the efforts of membership chair Bryan Lepree and the carpentry skills of Ralph Mananaquil, SDTF now has a suggestion/Ballot box. The board encourages all members to give us their input, anonymously or not on any issue you feel is important.



The box will be at all Friday evening doubles at Balboa and at Sunday morning workouts at City College. Fill out one of the suggestion forms or drop on in on your own. The box will also double as a ballot box so members can register their vote or issues such as the proposed charter amendment.

Special thanks also go to Bryan for the information board he's bringing to club events.

Letters to Baselines

Dear Editor:

Baselines sucks! For one thing, there's no gossip columnist. What I really want to know is the stuff that's really important, like are we going to ever see Frank again now that he's found true love, and what kinds of games do they play on game night at Ben and Bart's house? So how about it, when are you going to let someone tell us what's really happening around here?

Signed, Want to know

Dear Want:

Don't expect me to write one, I don't know anything about what's really happening, and I'm secretary and newsletter editor!. If we have a gossip columnist, I do have a couple of requirements. First, if we have a gossip columnist, the role can't fall to some bitchy queen with a poison pen and an interest in everyone else's affairs simply because she has none of her own. The gossip columnist functions like the court jester. The jester used humor and comedy to bring issues to the king's attention no one dared to say to his face. Second, if folks don't want it, it goes. Kind of like the first Bush administration. Now that I've laid down those rules, someone's going to have to step up to the throne and claimed the tiara for her own.

Ed.

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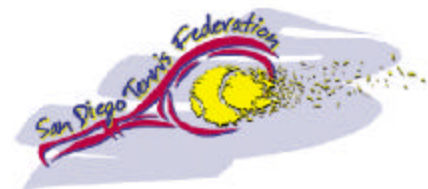
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Andre Lalias/Webmaster

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Player Profile

J.R. Rivera - SDTF's Poster Boy!

"I'm in love with tennis! I like everything about it, especially the athletic part of it. Tennis is a very athletic game; it challenges me, makes me learn more, do more all the time. I enjoy using all of my abilities to play the game, and look forward to getting better. I also want to give back to the game and the club. As vice president I'll do my best, go the extra mile to make this a good year for the San Diego Tennis Federation!"

Birth sign Impressions:

Sagittarius - You have to guess the actual date!

The first thing you notice about him is that he's hot. Um, er, oh dear, I mean. The first thing you notice about him is that he hits everything with heat! Watch J.R. in action. He's the Nolan Ryan of the SDTF; very intense, concentrating all the time, burning every shot by opponents. Serve, return, groundstrokes, volley - you name it, it's hot.

The next thing you notice is that he is nice. Actually, more than nice; perky, friendly, trustworthy, honest and faithful. Always wearing a cheerful smile. Kind of like his favorite character from his favorite movie - Julie Andrews/Maria Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* - in his case, he's the boy-next-door, the one you take home to meet the folks.

Marital status

Single. He's a family-oriented type of guy; nice, honest. Should he meet someone special it'll be a partner who also wants to adopt a couple of kids, provide a home to kids who would not otherwise have one. "There's so many kids out there being thrown out of their homes, I'd like to be a parent to a couple of them."

Mini-bio

Born in the Philippines and moved to the U.S. with his family in 1987. Graduated from University City High School in La Jolla in 1992. He now works as an X-ray Technician. "I love my work because I'm taking care of people. I'm taking care of all kinds of people, old people, young people; you name the kind of people and I'm working with them. I love doing that and love my work!"

Tennis weapon Tennis weakness

His backhand; like all his shots, it's hot. Only in his case, it's really, really hot!

His approach shot. "Oh, no! Don't tell them that!" he says in mock dismay. "People are going to know my weakness!"

Other hobbies and interests

"I have none. I've been too busy playing tennis, I don't have a life any more. I'm just dedicating myself to tennis. And to taking lessons with Jerry Sabio. Thanks, Jerry!"

Tennis role model

Next to Jerry Sabio? Got to be Stephanie Graff. "She works really hard at her game and has awesome legs." Then again, it could be most any player that does something he admires. At Morely Field one recent evening, he stopped to watch a singles match in progress. The more cynical among us might assume that he's admiring the hunky young man in the sweaty and clingy t-shirt. No, J.R. only has eyes for his opponent, a young lady who's moving so fast she's but a blur. "Look at her, she's got great footwork!" he exclaims as she covers the court like a blanket. Again, great footwork - just like J.R.!

Sexiest male player(s)

Marat Safin, Alex Corretja, and Pat Rafter, for their accents, because they're so masculine. And John-Michael Gambil just because he's so good looking. "I have a lot of favorites!"



Celebrating birthdays in
February
(we give dates - not years!)

Bob Wing - February 6
Dragan Marinkovic - February 18
Sonny Genio - February 19

Welcome new members!

Michael D'Elia
Glenn Federe
Mark McDonough
Ken Pomeroy
Tony Timmons
Jonathan Whittenhall

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draws all levels of players from across the country. Jerry and Bruce announced the need for more volunteers to help them with the Open. Among the many volunteer opportunities available are creating a logo, getting programs, helping secure playing venues at Balboa, Barnes and Peninsula tennis clubs, etc. Volunteers are urged to contact either Jerry or Bruce.

SD hosts Cal Cup

In addition to putting together a team that will challenge San Francisco and Los Angeles for bragging rights in the state, the Federation is hosting this year's Cal Cup event. Generally played the first weekend in October, Cal Cup is a challenge match between teams from the three cities.

Scott Williford has volunteered to work as an advisor to help San Diego set up the hosting effort. Discussion of the details of fielding a Federation team for the Cup was tabled until the next meeting.

Team Tennis scheduled

Bryan Lepree will direct the Spring Team Tennis season. Team Tennis, one of the most popular and competitive events of the year will run from March through April on Sundays. This month's newsletter also contains a mail-in application for Team Tennis. Other items discussed included a bowl-a-thon, tentatively scheduled for May 18th, a team tennis award ceremony and member picnic in June, and a doubles tournament in August.

Social chair Peter Mayers will head up the Federations public relations effort, starting with updating contact information and ads in community newspapers. Bryan Lepree suggested increasing recruiting efforts in the lesbian and gay community with outreach to other clubs, and flyers on local college bulletin boards as well as ads in their newspapers.

Stump the Ump!



A new feature! Certified United States Tennis Association umpire and SDTF member, Chris Clarke, challenges you to "stump" him with a tennis rules question. Every month Chris will take one of your questions and give you the "official" answer.

During a recent game I made a perfect volley at the net, putting it well out of my opponent's reach. He says the point was his because my hip touched the net when I made the shot. I say, "Fuzzy balls, it doesn't matter if I hit the net or not, the point's mine!" What do you say?

If your racquet, you or anything you are wearing touch the net while the ball is in play, you loose the point--it's called a foul. If you touch the net after the ball bounces twice (ball out of play) then there is no foul. The opponent cannot stop the point to claim that another player has touched the net. If a player stops a point and the individual accused of touching the net denies doing so, the person stopping the point looses that point. It is always the responsibility of a player committing a foul to make the call, never the opponent. The opponent can make an inquiry at the completion of a point. If an inquiry is made during a point, a hindrance may be claimed. Always wait until the point is over when you suspect someone of touching the net.

The Code - Principle 20

Touches, hitting the ball before it crosses the net, invasion of opponent's court, double hits, and double bounces. A player shall promptly acknowledge if: a ball touches him; he touches the net; he touches his opponent's court; he hits a ball before it crosses the net; he deliberately carries or double hits a ball; or -the ball bounces more than once in his court.



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Volunteers and sponsors needed for San Diego Open 2001

Message from the tournament directors

by Bruce Even

Yes, it's a while yet before the arrival of summer and our San Diego Open 2001 tournament, but preparations for it have already begun. The tournament this year will be from June 30-July 3. In order to continue the tradition of making it one of the top tournaments of the year, we are now asking for your help as a volunteer and to solicit sponsors.

This year, we have two new co-directors of the tournament: myself, Bruce Even and Jerry Sabio. While we will try our best to make the tournament a success, making it so really depends on all of us club members. That's why both Jerry and I plan on being very proactive in motivating many of you to get excited about participating in this year's tournament. We will make sure you are continually updated on its progress via this newsletter or other means, so stay tuned.

Volunteers and sponsors needed

We have many areas that are in need of volunteers. These include the following: registration, site management, officiating, court runners, draw party/social activities, tournament packet, data base, draw sheets and scheduling, accommodations/housing, finances, website, trophies, sponsorships and general help. Even if you decide you can help out for only a few hours, we can use your help!

Sponsorship is an area Jerry and I want to put emphasis on this year and for a couple of good reasons. One is that we have been requested to put up a \$1,000 deposit for the courts at Barnes Tennis Center. Since most of our monies to pay for the tournament come from tournament registration fees which aren't received until late, we currently don't have the money to pay it.

Also, we'd like to keep the tournament fee as low as possible. More monies from sponsors would go a long way towards achieving that goal. Previous tournament directors have told us that getting sponsorship can be difficult, so we do have a challenge in front of us. J.R. Rivera has been chosen to head up our sponsorship recruiting team, but Jerry and I will be working closely with him on that as well.

Help charitable organization

Monies received for the tournament not going towards expenses will go towards a designated charity not yet decided upon by our members (75%), and to the club (25%). We plan on getting that charity information to you as soon as its been decided upon so you can let our future sponsors know this. In addition, for your information, we will be posting our expenses and sponsorship totals received in our newsletter so we all know exactly where our tournament monies are going to.

Logo design needed

One more need is ideas for this year's tournament logo. One of our creative members will be asked to put your idea down on paper if you aren't an artist. Please write down your logo ideas and give them to us as soon as possible. With our logo decided upon, we can move quickly to get our information up on our website and that of the GLTA.

Goal is great Open

Jerry and I are anticipating that, with everyone's help, we will have another great tournament that we all can be proud of. In the upcoming days and weeks, we will be soliciting you for help, so please don't run away from us when you see us approaching!

If you don't want to be run down, please contact me, Bruce Even, in order to sign up to be a volunteer, or to provide housing for a tournament participant, ideas for a logo or on anything else. This is a chance to give something back to the game of tennis that you love so much.



Demonstrate your artistic flair! Design a logo for San Diego Open XVI. Our last two are shown above. Want to tackle something else? Volunteer for other positions!

GTLA events calendar

Aloha Tennis Open
Honolulu
Feb. 16
SFTC Clay Court Classic
Fort Lauderdale
Feb. 16
Palm Springs Doubles IV
Palm Springs
Mar. 24
2001 Pride Classic
Los Angeles
Apr. 13
Orange Blossom Tennis Championships
Orlando
April 13

Note: This calendar taken from GLTA website <http://www/gлта.org>

Next month - GLTA rankings for SDTF players!



SDTF Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chris Clark prepared the following report for the year just ended and for the month as of January 21. Monthly reports will appear in each newsletter

Account Balance as of 01/01/2000 \$5,265.13

Activity 1/1/00 - 12/31/00

INCOME

Membership Dues	3,890.00
SDO Income	12,092.33
Team Tennis	569.59
Total Income	15,412.74

EXPENSES

Bank Charge	92.25
Cal Cup	1,147.02
Charity	3,850.00
Club Activities	1,541.39
Friday Night Doubles	568.04
Gifts	25.00
Grand Prix	112.50
Internet Web Page	219.45
Newsletter Printing	470.57
Non Profit Expense	633.24
Office Supplies	72.01
Postage	408.29
Printing	76.10
Professional	1,000.00
Refund	35.00
SDO Expense	10,039.74
Telephone	9.10
Total Expenses	20,299.70

Account Balance as of 01/01/2001 \$21.17

Activity for 1/1/01 - 1/21/01

INCOME

Fees Cal Cup	12.50
Membership Dues	1,880.00
Total Income	1,892.50

EXPENCES

Friday Night Doubles	102.53
Newsletter Printing	352.03
Office Supplies	60.79
Postage	102.00
Printing	4.90
Total Expenses	622.25

Account Balance as of 01/21/2001 \$1,291.42

Unusual Expenses:

- Professional fees paid to Tournament Director for 2000 San Diego Open.
- Non Profit Fees included \$500 to establish Federal non-profit status; other expenses associated with this category included documents, filing fees, reference materials.
- Charity included contribution to agency from proceeds of 1999 San Diego Open.

Team Tennis gets underway with Celebrities galore!

Marat Safin, Julie Andrews, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Jeff Stryker and a host of other "Celebrities" may be among the participants in this Spring's Team Tennis season.

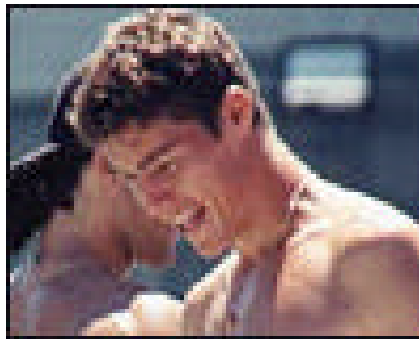
All SDTF participants will get to become the celebrity of their choice and play all season on their team under that name. No longer will Jim Winters face Aaron Pratt in the finals - this time it'll be Chris Evert versus Venus (or is it Serena?) Williams!

Membership Chair, Bryan Lepree is heading this year's competition, one of the best and most exciting events on the SDTF calendar. Play starts Sunday, February 25 and runs through April. Top teams vie for the coveted crown in playoffs scheduled for May 6. Awards will be given at an SDTF picnic planned for June.

The season kicks off with a Draw Party on Sunday, February 18, 6 p.m. at the Balboa Tennis Club. At the party Bryan will provide rules, schedules and help create teams. Teams will be made up of 8 players of all levels.

During competition, team members will play both singles and doubles against opponents at their own level.

Be a part of the action! This month's newsletter includes a flyer with more information and an application. Cost for team tennis is \$15 per person and covers expenses for balls, draw party and trophies. Entries must be received by Friday, February 16th.



Marat Safin and Julie Andrews, just two of the many celebrities who may be taking part in this year's Team Tennis competition!



Don't let your SDTF membership die!

We'd love to continue to send you this newsletter and enjoy your company in other SDTF events such as Team Tennis and Cal Cup!

Please send in your dues to P.O. Box 3547 San Diego, CA 92163-1547 or see any board member. We don't have a ghost of a chance without you!

SDTF Valentines honored

We'd like to pay tribute to the following Valentines, Federation members in relationships. These couples (at least the ones this intrepid reporter knows about) are listed here along with the number of years they've been together. Tennis widows, those who are spouses of Federation members but not members themselves are listed in bold. - *My apologies to those I overlooked - Ed.*

Archie and Eric - 5
 Jerry and Steve - 9
 Jim and **Bob** - 19
 Fred and Brad - 4
 Chris and **Ed** - 41/2
 Ben and Bart - 9
 Sonny and **Allen** - 4
 Steve and **Tim** - 9
 Daniel and Louis - 21/2
 Archie and Eric - 4
 Romeo and **Jorge**



Ten Reasons to Attend SDTF Meeting at El Presidente's Home

The SDTF board of directors invites all members to attend a general meeting at president Arthur Puggeda's home on Sunday, February 4, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. We need your help in planning events and setting the agenda for the coming year. The board has listed the following as the top-ten reasons for attending:

10. Arthur will feed you and he is a very good cook.
9. His home has been featured in *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Architectural Digest*.
8. Arthur makes awesome lumpia.
7. Martha Stewart raves about his decor.
6. Arthur's broiled salmon fillet is to die for and he may even give you the recipe!
5. He has a spa.
4. His rice is fluffy and moist, never sticky.
3. We'll talk about you if you aren't there.
2. His recipe for pancit was handed down from mother to daughter.

And the number one reason for attending the meeting at 3936 Brant Street San Diego. It's conveniently located and after the meeting you can head down the street to Flick's to watch videos and get a beer.

Jerry's 'recruits' learn the fine art of tennis-stroke by stroke

You'd think he was a former Marine Corps Drill Instructor instead of a former Navy Sonar Technician. The way he barks at and puts his "recruits" through their paces reminds one more of Parris Island than a City College tennis court.

"Okay, you maggots!" he barks. "We're doing overheads now! I want you to run up and touch the net and then hustle back to get the overhead I'm putting at the baseline. And hustle, I want some hustle out there! I've seen 3 year olds move faster than you sorry excuses for tennis players!"

Now, anyone who knows Jerry Sabio knows that none of the above is true. When he teaches the Saturday morning tennis clinics at City College he's the kind, gentle, patient Jerry we've all come to know and love. Still at the end of one of his clinics, you know you've been drilled.

There's forehands, backhands, volleys, overheads, approach shots. You name it, Jerry teaches it. Not only do you get the chance to practice your strokes, Jerry's always there with sound advice, tips, pointers and encouragement. All of it delivered with infinite patience and support.

And he's effective. The cadre of exhausted but improved players that finish up one of his clinics is testimony to that. The word around the Federation is that if you're not at Jerry's clinic, you're missing out and soon to be trounced by those who do. What's more enlightening is that players of all levels are showing up and having fun. Just could be that not only are people improving their games, the SDTF is gaining more depth so that we can take that Cal Cup that is so rightfully ours!

How do you sharpen your skills and become one of Jerry's recruits? Simple! Show up at City College at 8:30 on Saturday morning tennis racket in hand. The fun begins at 9:00 and lasts until 11:00. Bring plenty of water -you'll need it. Best of all it's free. So grab your racket and hustle on down - we'll see you there!

Welcome back Jim Frailey and John Davis - it's nice to see you both back on court with us - we missed you!