



# BASELINES



News Of The San Diego Tennis Federation May 2001

## El Presidente urges SDTF members to strike!

### Annual Bowl-A-Thon to benefit Mama's Kitchen, Stepping Stone.

Put down your rackets for an evening and take up a bowling ball instead! The San Diego Tennis Federation will hold its annual Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser on Sunday May 20th, from 5 - 8 PM at Aztec Bowl. Join us! We're spare no trouble to raise funds for two worthy groups. This year proceeds will benefit two community organizations serving the gay and lesbian community, Mama's Kitchen and Stepping Stone. Bring your friends, family and significant others along too for an evening of fun and fund raising.

Through a special arrangement with Aztec Bowl, a minimum donation of \$20.00 will allow you to bowl 3 games. Shoes are included in the price. "I'm very excited that we've got the opportunity to get together and help the community this way," says **Arthur Pugeda**, SDTF President and Gutterball King. "The more members that come out, the more money we'll raise!" Look for and fill out the pledge sheet accompanying this month's newsletter. Bring it when you come to bowl along with your donation and any other funds you raise. One hundred percent of the after-expenses proceeds from the Bowl-A-Thon will be added to the contribution SDTF will make this year to the club's designated charities. The SDTF will also contribute 75% of after-expenses proceeds from San Diego Open XVI to Mama's Kitchen and Stepping Stone.

Mama's Kitchen cooks and delivers hot meals to people living with HIV. Stepping Stone provides alcohol and other drug recovery and prevention services primarily to the gay and lesbians community of San Diego County. For more information on each of these organizations, see the story on page 4.

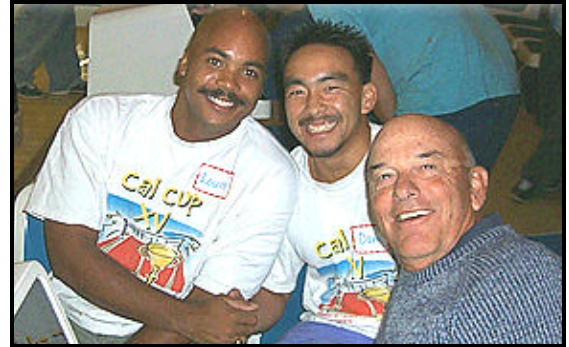
We'll see you at Aztec Bowl - 4356 30<sup>th</sup> Street in San Diego (near the corner of 30<sup>th</sup> and El Cajon) on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Archives project documents history of SDTF, gay and lesbian tennis

SDTF Webmater **André Lalias** has taken on the task of sifting through the San Diego Tennis Federation's archives and putting together a living history of the organization. He's also documenting the history of other lesbian and gay tennis organizations and posting those online as well. **Scott Williford**, one of the Federation's first presidents and a long-time SDTF member, turned over cartons of material documenting the club's history. **André** has undertaken the task of organizing this archival material and readying it for display to the Federation. Plans are to display archives at SDTF events such as San Diego Open XVI and Cal Cup, and at community events like the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival in July.

Dubbed the "Hall of Fame" material to be displayed will include newsletters, programs, t-shirts, photos, albums and other materials from SDTF's

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**Louis Sands, Daniel Lee and Jim Frailey** enjoying last years Bowl-A-Thon festivities. Join them this year and benefit two community organizations!

Photo courtesy Andre Lalias

### SDTF CALENDAR FOR MAY

#### SDTF Executive Board Meeting

Monday, May 7 6:30 PM

Arthur Pugeda's home

3936 Brant Street

San Diego, CA 92103

Phone (619) 299-7446 for directions

All members welcome!

#### SDTF Annual Bowl-A-Thon

Sunday, May 20; 5 - 8 PM

Aztec Bowl

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storied past.

In addition to organizing SDTF's archives, **André** has been busy contacting all other lesbian and gay tennis clubs and asking them for their histories. These histories are being posted at the Federation's web site; [www.sdtf.org](http://www.sdtf.org). **André** has been enjoying the response he's been getting to his queries from the outside world, and to the histories he's collected and posted so far.

"This is great PR for us!" says **André**, "We are generating a lot of traffic to the website, and perhaps lots of entries for the San Diego Open."

According to **André**, the Gay and Lesbian Tennis Association (GLTA) is also very excited about this project. The GLTA is the governing body for gay and lesbian tennis organizations throughout the world. No other club has undertaken this kind of project, much less shared it with others.

If you want to take a look, go to [www.sdtf.org](http://www.sdtf.org). On the bottom, you will see the "Archives" link, then follow to the history for a look at each organization. If you are or have been a member of another gay and lesbian tennis organization and would like to add to or augment that club's history, contact **André** at [aliasalias@earthlink.net](mailto:aliasalias@earthlink.net).

## Board appoints Jim Winters Cal Cup Captain

Even though it's 5 months away, it's time to start thinking about a berth on San Diego's Cal Cup team. The board has asked **Jim Winters**, one of the Federation's premier players, to serve a Captain this year's team.

As Captain, **Jim** will appoint 12 singles and 6 doubles berths to represent the Federation in the October 4-5 competition that will be played in San Diego. The remaining 12 singles and 6 doubles spots will be determined by a competition to be played in September.

Cal Cup is an annual competition played between teams from San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Host duties rotate between cities. This year will mark the 6<sup>th</sup> time that San Diego, the Cup's first host, will host the event.

"Cal Cup is important to the San Diego Tennis Federation because it's an event that put the Federation on the map," says **Scott Williford**, former SDTF president, who will act as an advisor to the board. "We were the new kids on the block when we invited the senior teams from San Francisco and Los Angeles to play against us. We whomped them, dominated Cup play during the 80s, and made a name for ourselves on the gay tennis circuit."

**Scott**, along with **Jim Winters**, Federation founder, proposed and put together the competition. Both look forward to hosting the event again.

"There's always a special camaraderie that comes around when we get to host the Cup," declares **Scott**.

Next month's newsletter will include an application for Cal Cup berths. All Cal Cup team members, including those selected directly by **Winters** must be SDTF members by September 1<sup>st</sup> and must have played in a Federation event during the year. Qualifying events include Team Tennis, San Diego Open, Ladder Challenge, and the Singles and Doubles tournament to be held in August.

Those singles players and doubles teams not directly selected by **Jim** will compete for the remaining berths during a round-robin competition to be held after Labor Day.

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# Mama's Kitchen – Stepping Stone, Bowl-A-Thon and San Diego Open XVI charities, outline services



Founded in 1990, **Mama's Kitchen** is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization providing food and caring to those suffering with AIDS throughout San Diego County. **Mama's Kitchen** currently provides three meals a day to 380 people, all over San Diego County. These people range from small infants and their mothers, to young families with children, to people in their sixties. They come from nearly every ethnic, religious, and social group. The mission of mama's kitchen has never been more compelling, nor the burden so great. Since 1995 **Mama's Kitchen** client numbers increased 28%. Last year **Mama's** prepared and delivered an astonishing 78,445 meals. The number continue to grow. This year **Mama's Kitchen** will deliver 93,152 meals. The number of women they serve has doubled. Children account for about 80 of the meals that **Mama's** delivers each day. None of this would be possible without the love and commitment of more than 550 dedicated volunteers who help prepare, cook, and deliver meals daily. Besides the basic necessities -- nutritious food -- these volunteers provide a lifeline for **Mama's** clients. They visit with clients, evaluate their condition, and inquire about their needs. When necessary, they make follow-up calls to case managers or referrals to other agencies. Life, health, and hope. **Mama's Kitchen** delivers all three. **Mama's Kitchen** owes thanks to its volunteer board of directors, who share the tremendous responsibility to fund, publicize, and guide the organization. No small task, but done with professionalism and success. To know and be affiliated with **Mama's Kitchen** is to meet and know caring, compassionate, and dedicated people. For more information about **Mama's Kitchen**, visit [www.mamaskitchen.org](http://www.mamaskitchen.org).



## Stepping Stone

**Stepping Stone's** mission is to create, sustain and extend life-enhancing alcohol and other drug recovery and prevention services primarily to gays and lesbians in San Diego County. **Stepping Stone** has earned respect and a national reputation as a quality program, serving nearly 17,000 men and women since 1979.

Currently **Stepping Stone** serves 2,500 people through their residential and day treatment programs. They keep residents in the community, and out of more costly institutional settings.

**Stepping Stone's** "bed day" costs are lowest in the state, less than 1/10 the cost of similar, for-profit programs.

**Stepping Stone** is also successful because of the high rate of volunteer support -- especially of professionals to donate their services.

**Stepping Stone Central** is a 28-bed, six to nine month recovery home. Its goal is to provide adequate living space along with the support, education, time, and opportunities necessary to prepare the recovering alcoholic and/or addict to re-enter society. The residential program combines a daily way of life practiced in Twelve Step programs augmented by the expertise and experience of professional staff and trained volunteers.

**Stepping Stone Hillcrest** is the hub of the recovery services and is the first contact into the array of services. **Stepping Stone Hillcrest** serves as a community-based alcohol and drug recovery day treatment program that offers a supportive social environment combined with a full range of program services.

For more information about **Stepping Stone**, visit [www.steppingstonesd.org](http://www.steppingstonesd.org).

### May Birthdays!

Oliver Cleary May 10  
David Enkelis May 21  
Glenn Federe May 21



Did we forget your birthday? Check with Bryan Lepree to make sure we've got the right date!

### Welcome to new members

Steve Nugent  
Bruce Kerschner  
Ed Durham  
Leon Ramos  
Rick Craven

### Welcome returning members

Terry Overbey  
Ben Tsou  
Nick Tchou  
Brad Jennings  
Allen Sanchez

# Team Tennis Recap – Playoff race heats up

by Joan Rivers

The race for the 2001 Celebrity Team Tennis playoffs is heating up. *The Homewreckers*, under the tutelage of my friend **Heidi Abramowitz**, have used skills not seen since the days of **Daisy Duke** (Catherine Bach) to amass a 3-1 record alongside foe *Charlie's Angels*.

*The Bottoms Up* were on Top at 3-0. Wrong Answer. It was more than obvious that the **Bottoms Up** were in unfamiliar territory on **Top** of the team standing. They ended at 3-2. Note to Bottoms Up: The secret to a good bottom is realizing you're not a good top.

*My Butt Don't Cost A Thing* have been selling it on the side to a 2-2 record and *Brenda's Star* demanded and received R.E.S.P.E. C.T. to increase their playoff chances at 2-2. More on those *Dangling Chads* later.

Standout performances from the last three weeks were: **Shaynaynay** (Jerry Sabio) used her round-the-way girl street savvy and a pot of pickled pig feet to subdue, former plus size model and true Poseidon Adventure, **Shelly Winters** (Jim Winters) with a 8-7 victory. Note to Shelly: A buffet is not an appetizer. If Calista Flockhart can puke away pounds, so can you.

**Anna Kournikova** (Rowel Cannu) sank to an all-time low by playing in running shorts with slits on both sides up to her "goodness". Let's put it this way, when Anna goes to the gynecologist for a Pap smear, she does not have to undress...and I know that was not her "sugar walls" I saw when miss thing leaped for an overhead. Her strategy did not work and Anna fell, facedown bottom-up, to **Gustavo Kuertan** (Bert Frost) 8-1.



The tax evading queen of perpetual indulgence **Imelda Marcos** (Arthur Pugeda) clubbed a 'recovering' **Bobby Brown** (Rob Voces) 8-1 with a pair of Prada pumps she borrowed from **Karen Walker** of "Will and Grace". In other words, Bobby was treated like **Rosario** when the brisket comes out dry.

Now the *Dangling Chads*' 0-5 record. The name alone was the kiss of death. I haven't seen "chads" dangling since **Mrs. Sophia Petrillo** (Jim Frailey) lost her swimsuit in a synchronize swimming exhibition at Shadey Pines.

Enough talk, it's time to find Bjork and cook that goose that she wore to the Oscar...see what happens when you cross designers with psycho flight attendant beaters. Smooches, **Joan**.



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These beautiful and quality shirts are so attractively priced at the unbelievable low price of just \$7.00 that you'll want to own several! The shirts will have the Federation's logo on the back and the words "San Diego Tennis Federation" on the front. Satisfaction guaranteed! Strangers and hunky men will be stopping you in the street to ask where you got that fabulous and inspired T-shirt!

This month's newsletter comes with an official order form. Prepayment is required on all orders. You can send your order along with payment to our P.O. Box or simply give it to any Board member. Shirts will be available by mid-June.

Those members wanting a tasteful and well-designed polo (collared) shirt can also order one for \$40.

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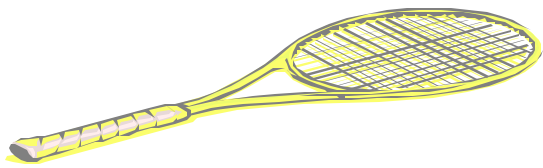
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# Golden Racket Award



What's well-run, right on track, organized, rules-based managed, and great fun? No, it's not your job, it's celebrity Team Tennis! Thanks to Bryan Lepree (who calls himself Al Bundy on the circuit), SDTF is in the midst of several months of competitive tennis with a generous drop of humor and an air of gaiety (pardon the pun). Bryan strikes that careful balance of rules and good judgement in his position as director of Celebrity Team Tennis. A special "thank you" to him for his hard work and tireless energy.

If we were to stop there we wouldn't do Bryan justice. No, not at all! Has anyone taken a look at the roster lately? One hundred and two members and counting! More and more people are hearing about the Tennis Federation and what great fun it is. We've all got Bryan to thank for that. He does it all - from distributing flyers, to speaking before groups, to doing what he can to spreading the good word about the Federation.

And when we say tireless, we really mean tireless. A few weeks back Bryan had put in several hours of tennis when he stopped by to make announcements for Friday Night Doubles. He was ready to head home and take a well-deserved rest. However, when he found out that we needed another player to round out a team, Bryan didn't think twice about canceling his plans to help out.

So, that's Bryan. And that's why he deserves this months Golden Racket Award.

Now he may call himself Al Bundy, but with that walk, don't you really see Peg?

# Stump the Ump!

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 match I began experiencing stomach cramps and had to take extra time between games before I recovered and was able to play. My opponent was a real sport and allowed me to get my act together. What are the rules about injury and sickness time outs?*

This is a good question, and the USTA thinks so too, since they've made so many changes to this rule in the past few years. The USTA now refers to this as a Medical Condition, and includes, but is not limited to, an injury, illness, and heat-related condition or cramping.

A Medical Time-out consists of evaluation time as determined by a Referee plus a maximum of three minutes treatment time. A player requesting a medical time-out may leave the playing area to contact the Referee, the deputy referee, or other official in charge of the match. If an official is present, the player may not leave the playing area without his permission.

### Case

My opponent requested a medical time-out for treatment of leg cramps. The Referee granted his request. I thought a player could receive treatment for injuries but not for loss of physical condition. Who was right?

### Ruling

The Referee was right. The regulations no longer distinguish between injuries and natural loss of physical condition.

### Case

Early in the third set I felt woozy and requested a medical time-out. The Referee told me that I was not entitled to a medical time-out because I was suffering from a non-treatable loss of physical condition. Was the Referee's decision correct?

### Ruling

No. The Referee should have allowed enough time for a qualified medical person or trainer to evaluate whether you were suffering from general fatigue that was not accompanied by a treatable medical condition such as cramps, vomiting, some forms of dizziness, or blisters. If your general fatigue was accompanied by a treatable medical condition, then the Referee should have allowed it to be treated. Otherwise no treatment is allowed.

## Volunteers needed for San Diego Open XVI

As draws fill up and the San Diego Open XVI gets closer, the need for volunteers to help run one of the GLTA's premier tournaments becomes greater.

SD Open volunteer chair, Rancy Breece, is asking all interested SDTF members and their friends, . We'll need help with the welcoming party, and with staffing tables at 3 sites during the tournament which runs from June 30 to July 3. Volunteers will be assigned shifts of 4 hours.

If interested, see Rancy or call (619) 543-1370.



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# Financial hardship waiver of fees defined – Board urges members meeting criteria to apply

Last year's SDTF Executive Board proposed to define conditions under which players in extreme financial hardship may waive some fees associated with SDTF membership. This year's board has adopted the proposal.

As stated in Part 8 of the by-laws of the San Diego Tennis Federation "players in extreme financial hardship should inform the Treasurer of the circumstances so the Executive Board may consider waiving or deferring amounts owed." The Board will permit up to 3 members to waive fees during the calendar year under the following conditions.

### Definition of "A player in extreme financial hardship"

- Full time student (12 units or more)
- Unemployed and not earning an income.
- Going through a medical disability.

### Conditions of receiving waiver to amounts owed

- Volunteer at San Diego Open.
- Volunteer at SDTF functions - i.e. team tennis, picnics, Christmas Party, etc.
- Written request - at the request of the Board, documentation may be required.
- Two-thirds vote of approval from SDTF Executive Board.

### Distribution of Funds: Recipient may choose three items below to be waived

SD Open  
 Team Tennis  
 Singles Tournament  
 Doubles Tournament  
 Cal Cup Entry Fee  
 Membership Fee to SDTF

If you wish to waive fees, please inform Chris Clarke, Treasurer, so the Board can consider the request.

## Treasurer's Report March 2001

Prepared by Chris Clarke

### INFLOWS

Fees Cal Cup	25.00
Membership Dues	245.00
SDO Income	340.00
Team Tennis	75.00

**TOTAL INFLOWS 685.00**

### OUTFLOWS

Club Activities	234.76
Newsletter Printing	87.04
Other Expenses	10.00
Postage	34.00
SDO Expense	1,268.10
Utilities	70.00

**TOTAL OUTFLOWS 1,703.90**

**OVERALL TOTAL -1,018.90**

**ACCOUNT BALANCE 1,850.96**



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