



# BEYOND THE NET

Lake Murray Tennis Club Newsletter

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Summer 2010



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Douglas Goodall, LMTC President*



As the 09-10 term ends I wanted to thank everyone for their support this last year, and for their encouragement regarding the next. I have been lucky

enough to meet many of our members in this last year and it has been a pleasure to get to know them. The board and management have worked hard to keep the club up to the high standards the membership has come to expect, and based on the feedback I have received they have done a good job, I am proud to report.

Most of the work done around the premises has been the design of Diane Bailey with the help of volunteers. I am very pleased with what she has been able to accomplish and still remain within budget. Things are done at a slower pace, though a greater sense of pride is gained by the use of members and local youth.

While those charged with the oversight and function of Lake Murray Tennis Club continue to do their best, the city has continually pushed the renewal of our permit further behind, holding up our efforts to move on our new courts. Our friend and valued partner, Donn Goss, has been heading the project since

his first term in 2007. Thanks to Donn our club complies with the city's requirements for handicap access and paved the way for approval of our new courts. His work and overall contributions will be remembered for years to come. Donn has also continued to maintain the negotiations with the city regarding our occupancy permit. He called to inform me he had finally gotten through to the city representative who assured Donn there would be a meeting scheduled for July 2010 to finalize the permit. Donn also indicated his availability for such matters has been diminished due to other more pressing responsibilities. Losing Donn in negotiations is a setback, though other equally qualified and connected members are willing to step up and help. This may be the break for which we have been waiting so patiently. We know the city will be charging fees for occupancy and they will be retroactive to 2008. Our hope is the city will recognize our place in the community as an extension to the park and a resource for our youth when considering our fee. After all, we have been able to keep our membership options affordable and wish to continue.

We hosted the Grossmont Valley Boys Individual Tennis Tournament again this year. The players really enjoyed the venue and hoped to return next season. A few of our members who play in the early afternoon were denied

courts during the event and voiced displeasure in regard to the tournament. The board had hoped the community and city would appreciate our efforts to support the students and gain goodwill throughout.

The club membership is down from last year, as expected during these difficult economic times. Though currently at a manageable number allowing members more access to the courts at convenient times while...

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## MANAGEMENT REPORT

*Dan and Kathy Emmerson*



We would like to welcome in the summer season at LMTC with plenty of activities, new families, and friendships being kindled!

Have you noticed how diverse this club has become? Tennis enthusiast' of all ages and levels are present day and night on our courts. Emmo Tennis is very proud being part of this special community and hope to see everyone's tennis improving over the summertime! If you have any new ideas on activities you would like to see or want to volunteer your time in helping around the club please contact us and we would love to discuss your concerns and ideas!

## PRO CORNER

Lenny Packard, Head Pro



This issue of our newsletter brings us to the start of our summer plans. May your summer vacations go smoothly.

When you are in town the teaching staff is ready to serve your needs. Besides my private lessons I will be running my Jr. clinic on Fridays at 4:30-6:00 designed for beg. to inter. players 18 and under. This clinic costs ten dollars, runs all year and has been in action for 17 years. I will also be forming teams to compete in inter-club play starting in August. Two of the divisions will be a 14 and under intermediate coed team and a boys 18 and under int-adv team. Call me if you want to participate in workouts for these ventures. Also offered is an adult clinic on Mondays at 5:30-6:30 for Beg.-Int. level. Remember you can start your own clinic by calling two or three of your playing partners and scheduling with myself or one of our other pros.

See you through the windscreens.  
(858)405-0907

### CURRENT MEMBERSHIP As of April 30th 2010

Total Memberships: 399  
Single: 275  
Couple: 128  
Family: 76  
Total Members: 520  
Single: 275  
Couple: 64  
Family: 19

## TIP FROM OUR HEAD PRO

Lenny Packard

Be on your toes when your opponent is prepared to strike the ball. Get that first step moving once you know the direction of their shot. Start that racquet back on that groundstroke as you take that first step. Set your body in the position of the court where they have been placing their shots. Prepare to have fun win or lose.

## INTERNATIONAL BOOK AWARD

By Karen Ronney



Navajo area Coach and Author Karen Ronney received top honors in the 2010 International Book Awards this week in five categories. Ronney is a USPTA and PTR teaching

pro at Lake Murray Tennis Club and the Patrick Henry High Girls' Tennis Coach. She wrote *Proud Parents' Guide to Raising Athletic, Balanced, and Coordinated Kids: A Lifetime of Benefit in Just 10 Minutes A Day*. The book won 1st place in the categories of Health and Fitness, Parenting Family-Reference, and Sports. It was a finalist in the areas of Education and Pre K-12, and Parenting Family-General. For more info, go to <http://www.internationalbookawards.com/2010pressrelease.html> or [www.karenronney.com](http://www.karenronney.com). To date, Coach Karen's book has won 34 regional and national publishing awards. Also, Coach Karen was recently a featured author on local television. To see her interview on San Diego Living go to <http://www.youtube.com/user/kronney#p/a/u/0/TYUlf8hsHwc>.

## DID YOU KNOW...

Kathy Emmerson



Your children can get community service hours working around LMTC. They can do yardwork, clean-up, and various projects needed to help LMTC. The schools have forms to fill out and we will clock in their hours. Looks great on their portfolio! Contact Kathy Emmerson for more information.

The rattlesnakes are out in full force. Please watch where you are walking while at the club. They have also been seen under cars in the parking lot. Keep your children on the cement pathways and let them be aware to stay away from a snake if they see it and report it to the front desk.

We need your used tennis balls. Everyday people need balls not just for tennis but for school projects, hospital equipment, physical therapy, doggie balls, T-ball practice, etc.

Please DO NOT throw your used balls in the trashcans on courts. Instead bring them to the clubhouse. We have a special ball bin to place your used balls. Thank you for this consideration!

We now have court net measuring sticks! Thanks to Jim Herber we now have sticks hanging on fence between court 1&2, 3&4, 5&6, 7&8 and 9&10. The sticks are the exact length of the middle net strap. Feel free to measure and adjust the net straps.

## TEACHING PROS

USPTA Certified teaching professionals

Tournament season is here and it is time to get your game at its best! Call today and schedule a lesson with one of our Pros.

Lenny Packard: 858-405-0907  
Dan Emmerson: 619-697-1418  
Allison Bradshaw: 619-392-6665  
Karen Ronney: 619-644-1166  
Nathan Welden: 619-920-9052

## Junior Tennis Camps at Lake Murray Tennis Club

It's time again for fun summer tennis activities, camps and classes. Join us for the 5th Annual Mission Trails Tennis Academy for kids age 5 through high school starting June 22 through August. See exact days and times below. The one-week camp includes 10 hours of instruction, and the fee is \$150. The three day mini camp is 7.5 hours of instruction for \$100. Other options include twice weekly classes for all levels in June and July, including the QuickStart format for kids ages 5 to 10, challenging clinics for intermediate levels, and advanced tournament and high school workouts. For dates, fees and more information, contact Coach Karen Ronney at [coach@karenronney.com](mailto:coach@karenronney.com) or 619-644-1166.

## LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS

Deborah Adcock, Leagues and Tournaments Chair



This summer we have a lot of leagues starting up! We have the Over the Hill Gang starting June 1st every 3rd Thursday (men only). We have women's seniors

(turning 50 this year and up) in the 4.0 division playing on Thursdays, and new this year--super senior team of ladies (turning 60 this year and up), on Fridays--division and start date to be announced later. In World team tennis we have two 3.5 teams, three 4.0 teams, and two 4.5 teams. World team consists of men and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles. They will be beginning their seasons in the beginning of June. Sign-ups for all open teams are in the club house. If you are interested, but don't know how to get started, I will be happy to get you any information you need. Please let me know!

## PREMISES

Diane Bailey, Premises Chair



In the last few months some changes have taken place around Lake Murray Tennis Club grounds. The lawn has been replaced with mulch with a path to a table and benches. (Take a few minutes, sit down at the table and watch the matches on courts one and two.) Some new plants have gone in along with mulch around many of the plant areas. The rains this winter have helped the plants but have also encouraged lots and lots of weeds. We are working to get rid of those weeds!

This work this winter and spring has been done by some very dedicated volunteers. Our most faithful volunteers are Gail Stockton, Phil and Helen Pittman and Rollie Buckalew. Joining us on some of our 'second Saturday of the month work sessions' have been other volunteers like Susan Ioanides, Emily Hart, Erin Slaughter from the office, and Patrick Henry High community service volunteers Oleg Usherana, Hannah Ratican and friend Maddy. A special thanks to Phil Pittman who has

become our resident waterer. Without him our plants would not survive our long dry seasons. Thank you also to Kathy Williams and her family for the donation

of the new table and benches. Thanks to everyone who has had a part in improving the look of our grounds!

Join us on our 'work Saturday', second Saturday of the Monday anytime between 7 and 11 AM.

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generating the necessary capital to maintain the club and remain within budget. When our permit is renewed we will need to raise money to help with the final cost of the new courts. Many fundraising ideas have been presented like, commemorative bricks and walls, tournaments, sponsorships, etc...

An advertising idea, proposed by Terry Ouellette, would include promotional banner posting inside the club grounds though not visible from

the street, park, or within the courts themselves. They would be placed throughout the walkways of the courts. To get a feel of how this might be received by our members I asked several of you and gained mixed opinions, ranging from enthusiasm to complete opposition. I would like to request all interested members email [president@lakemurraytennisclub.com](mailto:president@lakemurraytennisclub.com) with your feelings about this idea. If you have other ideas for fundraising I would like to read them as well.

I look forward to meeting even more of you, and another great year of tennis and improvements at our club in 2010.

## CLUB JUNIOR LADDER

Year round scheduled matches for LMTC juniors.

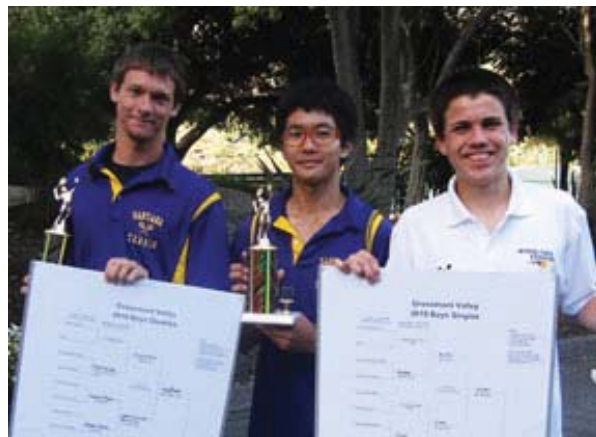
To be added, contact:  
Amy Laird at 619 469-8445  
or email [thelairds@cox.net](mailto:thelairds@cox.net)

## LMTC HOSTS HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Douglas Goodall Grossmont Valley Boys Tennis League Representative

The Grossmont Valley Boys Tennis League Individual Tournament 1st and quarters were held at Lake Murray again this year. Those winning the quarters advanced to the semi and final rounds to rank. They also advance to the CIF Individual tournament at Barnes May 24th - 28th. Quarter final winners include: Singles: Jackson Autry of El Capitan, Anthony Tran of Mount Miguel, Kevin Clark of Santana, and Jorge Balderrama of Monte Vista.

Doubles: Scott Hung and Danny Kimble of Santana, Arturo Torres and David Dang of El Cajon Valley, Jorge LeBaron and Jacob Lechien of Mount Miguel, and Stephen Chance and Peter Belanger of Monte Vista.



Grossmont Valley Boys Tennis Individual Champions  
From left to right: Danny Kimble and Scott Hung of Santana ((Doubles); Jorge Balderrama of Monte Vista (Singles).

The semi and final rounds were held at Sycuan Tennis Club. The final results were:

Singles Champion: (6)

Jorge Balderamma  
defeated (1) Jackson Autry.

Doubles Champions: (1)  
Scott Hung and Danny Kimble of Santana defeated (2) David Dang and Arturo Torres of El Cajon Valley.

Jorge Balderrama (shown left) entered the tournament as the #6 seed, defeating the #3, Eric Vigil in the quarter final - in straight sets, followed by two straight against Anthony

Tran, the #2, in the semi's, and finally Jackson Autry the #1 in a hard fought third set tiebreak 7-3 for the championship. The coaches, parents and players of the Valley league express their deepest appreciation to Lake Murray Tennis Club for its generosity.

## Around The Club

**Friday Nite Fling: Fridays at 6pm**

**Junior Drop-in Clinic: Fridays  
4:30pm-6:30pm**

**Beautification Day: Every 2nd  
Saturday 7-11am**

## LEAGUES

### USTA

**Mens 4.0: Sundays 9am-12pm**

**Womens 3.5, 4.0: Tuesdays 9am-12pm**

**Womens Senior 4.0: Thursdays 9am-12pm**

### WORLD TEAM TENNIS

**4.5: Thursdays 6:30-9pm**

**4.0: Wednesdays 6:30-9pm**

**3.5: Mondays 6:30-9pm**

**OVER THE HILL GANG: Thursdays 8-10am**

### LMTc HOLIDAY HOURS

Thanksgiving Eve: Closing 4pm

Thanksgiving: Closed

Christmas Eve: Closing noon

Christmas: Closed

New Years Eve: Closing 4pm

New Years Day: Closed

Easter Sunday: Closed



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## CLUB HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 8am - 9pm

Friday 8am-8am

Saturday and Sunday 7am-6pm  
(6pm-8pm with reservation)

## LOOKING FOR A MATCH?

Use Match Finder, our club's online contact resource. Player contacts, ratings, and match preferences. Log into [www.lakemurraytennisclub.com](http://www.lakemurraytennisclub.com); password: 6060 - today!

## PRO SHOP TIDBITS

Junior Rackets available now. Great Prices!

Give your racket a summer tune-up. Choose string from Yonex, Prince, Wilson, Luxilon, or Gamma. If you have questions on stringing you can count on an HONEST answer.

We can usually get a racket done within 24 hours or while you wait.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: *Douglas Goodall*

Vice President: *Terry Ouellette*

Treasurer: *Marty Sterling*

Secretary: *Nira Lipovsky*

Memberhip: *Lisa Serrano*

Leagues: *Deborah Adcock*

Premesis: *Diane Bailey*

Social: *Ken Schiermeyer*

Past President: *Donn Goss*

**Meetings every 3rd Monday 5pm**