



2011 CALENDAR

Please post this on your refrigerator!



Socials begin at 9 a.m.
unless otherwise noted.

Location: Arroyo Vista Park,
Moorpark

Spring Social March 26th

Memorial Day... May 31

Independence Day... July 4th

Labor Day... Sept 5th

Holiday Party... Dec. 3rd

Presidents' Message

A New Day and A New Year

Ray has a new racket (and Rick has a new shoulder) The Moorpark Tennis Club is branching out to all disciplines. The latest is the MTC bowling league, which is a lot of fun. If you didn't sign up, you are missing out on a good time (and a sore back). We are bowling at the Harley Bowl in Simi Valley, which has become a state of the art facility.

A big thank you to Dan Yale for putting things together. There is also a hiking group headed by that erstwhile guide, Cabot Richards. Well, that is all of the news that is fit to print. Have a good year on the tennis courts (or the bowling alley or the hiking trail). The MTC board is trying to make the system work better and your cooperation is appreciated. **Wendy Williams** will continue as Coordinator for MTC teams.

Regards,

Rick and Ray

NOTICE TO CAPTAINS

Anyone who wishes to captain a Moorpark Tennis Club team in a USTA league, must indicate by e-mail, in the pledge form, their agreement to assure that all of the members of their MTC-sponsored team are members of the MTC. The e-mail pledge must be returned to Wendy Williams at wendywilli@roadrunner.com, before the date Captains are required to register the minimum number of team members with the USTA.

The MTC will compare the names you submit to the USTA for your team with the MTC Membership Roster. If any of your team members do not appear as MTC members, you will not be able to arrange for MTC team matches through Wendy Williams.

The purpose of this process is to insure compliance with the Membership Rule BEFORE a non-MTC member is placed on a MTC team or has played for the team.

CAPTAINS PLEDGE

This is to verify that all of the members of my team in the (fill in the name of the league) are members of the Moorpark Tennis Club, and their memberships are effective through the end of the league season. I understand that I will not be able to schedule MTC team matches until my team members are verified as MTC members. I agree that I will not add anyone to my team who is not such a MTC member, or play any person who is not a MTC member.

I understand that if I do not comply with each of the terms of this pledge, I will be barred from participating as a Captain or player on any MTC-sponsored team in a USTA league, for one year.

(Please add your name the date, and email this to Wendy Williams at wendywilli@roadrunner.com)

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Spring Adult League Captains Meeting

March 1, 7 PM, Sunset Hills Country Club



Total Tennis Academy

offers complete tennis instruction at CLU and Arroyo Vista courts

For further information regarding level, pricing and to sign up, call 805-495-0111

Links to the websites for the Moorpark Tennis Club:

Website: <http://www.moorparktennisclub.com>

MTC Singles Ladders: <http://www.moorparktennisclub.com/ladders/ladders.html>

National website & Moorpark Tennis Photos :

http://web.me.com/barrylivingston/Site_3

CHALLENGE LADDER RULES

1. Both challenger and challengee get a point. The match must be played for points to be earned
2. A challenge is made by phone contact (make sure your phone number on the ladder is correct). Contact is actually talking to the challengee
3. The challengee has 24 hours after contact to arrange for a match with the challenger, which match must be played within two weeks of the challenge, or the person unable to make his or herself available during the two week period defaults the match, NO EXCEPTIONS. A default will also occur if a match is begun and cannot be completed for any reason, or if a player or team fails to appear within 15 minutes after the scheduled time
4. A match is two out of three sets
5. If a player or team on a ladder defaults, they will drop one level (two levels if they default twice, dropped from ladder if they default three times)
6. If the challenger wins the match (or the challengee defaults), they will take the place of the challengee on the ladder. The challengee and those below will move down one place
7. A challenger will not receive a point as the result of a default
8. If a challenger who is not on the ladder loses and/or defaults two matches, they will be placed at the bottom of the ladder
9. A challenger who is not on the ladder may challenge any position on the ladder, or may request to be added to the bottom of the ladder without a challenge
10. A challenger who is already on the ladder may not challenge more than three places above their place
11. There shall be no more than one rematch challenge of the same persons or teams within a one month period
12. A challenge match must be completed before another challenge can be made on the same ladder
13. USTA rules shall apply to challenge matches, including a 12 point tie-breaker at six games all
14. The Ladder Chairman (Wendy Williams) shall, in her sole discretion, determine compliance with these rules, including defaults
15. The challenger shall furnish a can of Penn or Wilson balls for the match
16. Match results shall be reported by the winner within 48 hours to the "Report a Challenge" link that follows at the bottom of this page. Do not contact Wendy Williams by email or phone. All reporting should be done through the MTC Website on the Ladders page.

CHALLENGE LADDER POINTS

The system for awarding points to those who challenge and play members listed on the Challenge Ladders (the person challenged also receives points) has resulted in increased ladder activity. There are \$100, \$75 and \$50 gift certificates to Dan's Sports for the first, second and third-place winners (measured at the end of the year). Ladder points are awarded for **singles ladder play only** (men's or women's). So let's get some challenges going.

Club Membership

Players and captains are **REQUIRED** to be current dues-paying members of Moorpark Tennis Club in order to represent the MTC on a USTA league team.

If a captain allows a non-MTC member ("inelligible player") to play in a match, after learning that the player is inelligible, the inelligible player may be barred from participating on a MTC sanctioned team in the future, and the captain may not be allowed to captain a team. Inelligible players should get on the membership waiting list which can be accessed on the MTC website under the "Membership" tab/button.

*PLEASE ENSURE YOUR DUES ARE
CURRENT!*

	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR
Single	\$25	\$59	\$80
Family	\$32	\$80	\$105

Just a reminder to all MTC members to renew your membership early. There is no penalty for renewing early. Renewal dates start on the date you originally joined the MTC. Those dates are on the address label of the mailed newsletter. For an added benefit to you take advantage of the 3 and 5 year membership terms.

"Report a Challenge" link:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dHBpNWRvVWo5ZUIXQUtIOXN3MXRobnc6MA>.

Moorpark Tennis Club By-Laws

Article I

NAME

The name of this non-profit organization shall be the MOORPARK TENNIS CLUB.

Article II

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Moorpark Tennis Club shall be to:

1. Promote an organization for anyone who enjoys tennis regardless of age, ability, or place of residence.
2. Promote sportsmanship, fair play, and good conduct.
3. Sponsor and organize tournaments, ladder competition, club socials, interclub matches, and other tennis activities .
4. Provide membership rosters and club newsletters.
5. Participate in local and regional tennis competitions and activities.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to the general public.

Article IV

DUES

Membership fees shall be set by the Board of Directors, from time to time.

Article V

THE GOVERNING BOARD

The governing Board of Directors shall consist of the four elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer), and the four appointed committee chairpersons (Tournament Director, Ladder Chairperson, Membership Chairperson, and Social Chairperson).

Article VI

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

CHAIRPERSONS

1. The president shall preside at all meetings, appoint committees and otherwise be responsible for such duties as are usually delegated to presidents.
2. The vice-president shall assist the president in his/her duties. In absence of the president, the vice president shall perform the duties usually performed by the president.
3. The secretary shall keep a record of the minutes of all meetings and perform other duties that are usually discharged by a secretary. In the case of the absence of the secretary, he/she will find a substitute.
4. The treasurer shall maintain an up-to-date record of the club's income and expenses, co-sign all checks drawn against the club's account, and report on the financial condition of the club at each regular business meeting. The treasurer shall arrange the annual audit by an audit committee and file the appropriate annual reports with the state of California and the IRS.

5. The membership chairperson shall maintain a computer-based record of all club members, including names, addresses, phone numbers, level of play, and membership expiration date. He/she shall prepare mailing labels for the monthly newsletter and other special club mailings. He/she shall prepare the yearly club roster which will be mailed to all club members annually.

6. The ladder chairperson shall coordinate all Moorpark Tennis Club ladders and shall present current ladder updates for each monthly newsletter. He/she shall maintain records of challenges and results. He/she shall mediate disputes, clarify challenge rules, and make other necessary decisions regarding ladder play.

7. The tournament director shall be in charge of all Moorpark Tennis Club sponsored tournaments. He/she may appoint other tournament officials. He/she shall arrange for all awards for tournament and shall coordinate with the treasurer for payment of expenses and receipt of income.

8. The social chairperson shall be in charge of the regularly scheduled club socials. This includes deciding on times, formats, and publicizing these events.

Article VII

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The four officers shall be automatically reelected for one year each December, unless someone runs for election to replace the officer. In such case, an election by the membership shall be held at a November meeting called for that purpose. In order to qualify for election, the person seeking election shall inform the Board of Directors in writing by October 1 or the year in which they seek election.
2. The four committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the remaining officers, from time to time as needed.
3. If an officer or committee chair shall become vacant, the remaining officers shall appoint a replacement.

Article VIII

MEETINGS

1. The governing board shall meet a minimum of six times per year, the place and time to be determined by the President and other officers.

Article IX

FINANCIAL AUTHORITY

The treasurer and/or president shall have authority to pay Moorpark Tennis Club bills approved by the Board of Directors.

Article X

BY-LAWS AMENDMENT

The by-laws may be amended by the Board of Directors at any meeting.

Honor Code of Ethics

During tournament and challenge play, the following is in effect:

1. Players must know and adhere to the official rules of the USTA, under whose sanction all players are participating.
2. No coaching is allowed except between the second and third sets. This includes parents, friends, coaches or spectators. No one except the players themselves are permitted on the court at any time. Any player who receives impermissible coaching during the progress of a match is subject to disqualification.
3. It is considered unsportsmanlike conduct if you engage in:
 - a. abusive display of temper/language
 - b. obscene language or gestures
 - c. racket throwing
 - d. hitting the ball in anger
 - e. “gamesmanship” or stalling
 - f. cheating

Any of the above may be considered as grounds for disqualification by the Tournament Director or his designee.

4. If you do not have an umpire, then you must call all balls as if you were a linesperson, except that any doubt must be resolved in favor of your opponent.
5. When you are your own linesperson your obligation is to call all balls fairly and honestly on your side of the net, also to help your opponent when requested.
6. In the absence of an umpire, it is the responsibility of the server to call out the score.
7. Do not question your opponent’s call. Ask your opponent’s opinion when he is in a better position to see the ball than you. Do not enlist the aid of a spectator.

8. Calls of “out” and “let” should be made instantly and loudly. A delay or doubtful call implies that it was not seen clearly, and a ball you cannot call out is presumed good.

9. In doubles, the receiver’s partner may call the service line. If one partner calls the ball good, the other calls it out, the point goes to the opponents, as doubt has been raised.

10. When the first serve is obviously out, it is discourteous to return it across the net.

11. The foot-fault is a violation. The person who foot-faults is taking advantage of his opponent. The person who foot-faults knowingly is cheating.

12. Exclamations in the course of play are distracting and can be used against you, as the opponent is entitled to demand a replay. However, he must do so immediately and not continue playing and claim a replay after the point is over.

13. In doubles, in the course of play, there should be no conversation between partners except brief and simple instructions such as “mine”, “out”, etc.