



2023 Marin Championships

Mill Valley Tennis Club

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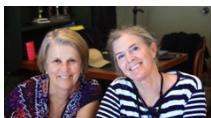
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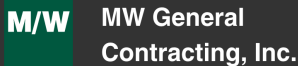
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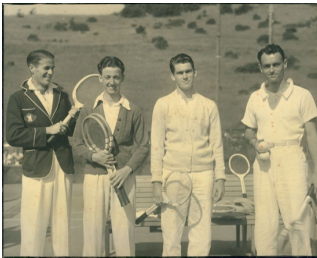


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History of the MARIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Early Tennis Competitions

The Mill Valley Tennis Club was founded in 1929. In February 1930, MVTC hosted an exhibition match featuring four nationally ranked players: Gerald Stratford, Cranston Holman, Phil Neer and Howard Kinsey. More than 200 spectators enjoyed a caliber of tennis never before seen in Marin County.



That same year, the fledgling Club entered a team in the annual inter-club competition among the top Bay Area tennis clubs. A few local "ringers" were recruited to supplement the members on the team roster, and this group went on to defeat all comers, including the Berkeley Tennis Club and the California Club in the finals. The team members included Dr. Weiss, Jack Cosgrove, Elmer

Sewell, Ted Lindner, Elmer Gaetjen, Fred Haas and Wilmer Trainer. The Club repeated as winner of this Northern California Inter-Club event again the following year.

This success spurred Club members to initiate an open invitational tournament, dubbed the Marin County Tennis Championships, in May 1930. Despite only four courts, no clubhouse and only a small dressing room building, the tournament was a huge success, largely because of the generous hospitality of the members, outstanding weather, food stands temporarily installed and the high quality of tennis among the competitors. Robert Sellers, the reigning Pacific Coast champion, defeated Gerald Stratford in the men's singles final in a hard-fought, five-set (!) match.



The final night of the tournament saw a spontaneous demand for a celebration. With only a few hours notice, the Outdoor Art Club was rented, and enthusiastic members scoured the county to secure large quantities of spaghetti, French bread and illegal (Prohibition era) wine. The party was a huge success, and marked the beginning of the annual "Spaghetti Festival," a very popular Club event for more than 25 years.

A Rich Tournament Tradition

From this early beginning, and for more than 90 years, Mill Valley Tennis Club has hosted some of the premier tennis tournaments in northern California. Exhibition matches and tournaments during the 1930s featured Don Budge, Helen Wills Moody, Alice Marble, Margaret Osborne, Frank Kovacs, Virginia Wolfenden, and Patricia Canning. During the 1930s through the early 1960s, the Marin County Tennis Championships were a fixture at MVTC, regularly attracting the best open players from across the Bay Area.



In the early 1960s, through the efforts of Howard Morehouse, the National Men's 35s Championships came to MVTC, where they remained until 1977. This prestigious tournament attracted nationally ranked players from around the country. Local tennis promoter, and former pro Barry McKay won the National Men's 35s twice in the early 1970s. Tom Brown, Whitney Reed, Clifford Mayne, Hugh Ditzler and Don Kierbow were among the many other nationally ranked winners in this tournament.



In 1977, Bob Seymour helped the Club initiate the Marin Seniors Tournament, now an annual event at MVTC. This tournament, featuring ranked players from across the country, has been rated by the USTA since the early 2000s as a Category II National Tournament, just one notch below the national championship level.

From 2000-2004, MVTC hosted an Open Invitational Tournament as a successor to the long-running open invitational at the Golden Gateway Tennis Center in San Francisco – a tournament MVTC Pro Polo Cowan had won each of the prior three years. This exhibition-style event brought some of the top area open players to Mill Valley, to compete before an appreciative crowd on Friday evenings as a prelude to summer cocktails and BBQs.



More Recent Years

The popularity and prestige of the Marin Seniors Tournament has continued to grow. In recent years, over 250 players from all over the country -- including New York, Florida, Texas, Missouri, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Oregon -- have competed in this annual event. Competition includes men's, women's, singles, doubles, and mixed in age groups ranging from 30s to 75s. Prize money is over

\$25,000. The name of the tournament was changed from Marin Seniors to Marin Championships about five years ago in recognition of its larger scale and wider scope.




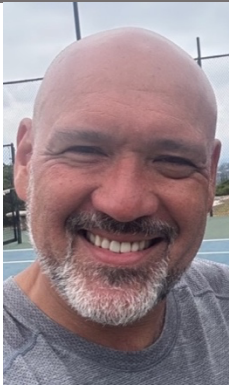

This tournament has been named the NorCal Senior Tournament of the Year several times, including three of the past four years, in recognition of both the quality of play and the quality of the event. Credit for this, in true MVTC tradition, goes to the large number of member volunteers who devote considerable time and effort to making this event so special.

Tournament chairs have included Bob Seymour, Dick Dresel, Marilyn Stevens, Jani Ross, Susan McShannock, Christi Costamagna and Susan Tighe.





By Jim Tighe -- July, 2020




Men's & Women's Seeds

Abel, Brent	<i>Rancho Mirage M70D: #2Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>
Aspatore, Jonathan	<i>Mill Valley, CA. M40D: #2 Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>
Ballou, Nicholas	<i>San Ramon M30S: #1 Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>
Bax, Leon	<i>Salinas M50S: #1 Seed; M50D: #1; Mxd50D: #2</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born in the Netherlands • Grew up with judo and tennis and was nationally ranked in both • Played NCAA D1 at the University of Texas San Antonio • Was a researcher and assistant professor in clinical epidemiology at Kitasato University School of Medicine in Japan for 8 years • Started tennis again after moving from Japan to the US • Enjoying tennis, mountain biking, calisthenics, aikido, scuba diving, hiking • Founder of mental fitness start-up 2Mynds
Brandt, Daniel	<i>San Francisco, CA M40D: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born in Tokyo, Japan. • Grew up playing the junior circuits there and was nationally ranked. • Played at University of the Pacific, NCAA Division I, 1992-96. • While there, played Justin Gimelstob at UCLA in doubles, but his personal claim to fame is having a 2-0 record against Michael Chang (but in doubles and after he retired) at the Harper For Kids Pro-Am in Newport Beach - both times in the finals and partnering with Scotty Davis. • Currently represents the Olympic Club -- is very active in the USTA leagues having played in over 600 matches. Been to Nationals 10+ times with various formats (9.0 & 10.0 Mixed, 4.5 40+, Open 40+). • Will start competing on the Husband & Wife circuit, with Yuki!
Chassera, Nicolas	<i>San Francisco M40D: #2 Seed M50D: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in France • Notable tournament wins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2018 Marin Senior 45 Doubles ○ 2017, 2015, 2013 Marin Senior 40 Doubles




Men's & Women's Seeds

<p>Cook, Tom</p>	<p><i>Modesto</i> <i>M60S: #5 Seed</i></p> <p><i>(no bio available)</i></p>
<p>Cykman, Geoff</p> 	<p><i>San Francisco</i> <i>M65S: #1 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in San Francisco. • Conference champion at #3 for San Francisco State University. • Played over 150 USTA matches, and over 250 NORCAL tournament matches in the past 20 years. • Ranked # 1 nationally in 2013 in Men's 60 Singles and Men's 60 Doubles • Ranked #3 nationally in in 2018 in Men's 65 Singles • Won 4 gold balls in singles, 3 in doubles, and one in mixed doubles • 20 out of 21 years playing the Mill Valley Senior Tournament. • Played on 3 USTA international cup teams and played for the USA in 2019 in the 65s, The Britannia Cup, in Croatia
<p>de la O, Miroslava</p> 	<p><i>Davis, CA</i> <i>W35S: #2 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learned how to play tennis as a kid in Mexico on clay courts • Played for Davis Senior High School, including one CIF section championship and one CIF section runner-up • Qualified and participated in first USTA ntrp National tournament in March 2023 in San Diego • Hoping to keep her tennis going so she can play competitively against her own kids as adults
<p>Delgado, Robert</p>	<p><i>Santa Monica</i> <i>M65S: #3 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked Riviera Country Club • National Ranking of 10 for 2018 60 men's singles <p>Winner of the Pacific Southwest in 2018 60 singles. Winner of Las Vegas category two 60 singles</p>
<p>Ditmer, Doug</p>	<p><i>San Ramon, CA</i> <i>M65D: #1 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won a gold ball at the US hardcourts men's 60s in 2017. • At the world championships the same year finished 3rd in Men's 60s doubles. <p>Had some injuries in the last year or so and is trying to make a comeback.</p>




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<p>Driver, Brad</p> 	<p><i>Belmont</i> <i>M60S: #2 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Piedmont, CA. Grew up playing and practicing with pro players such as the Gilbert family, Linda Siegel, Richard Carlson, Devin Sconyers and others. • Played NorCal and national juniors since 1971. • Ranked top 15 NorCal most years. • Played for UC San Diego 1980-1984; All-American 1984. • Family all played. Sister Wendy was #2 in the nation, played for Cal. Dad, Dr. Maynard Driver, played in the ATA in 1940s and 50s with other top black players like Althea Gibson and Arthur Ashe. Was captain of Columbia tennis, first black captain. • Been playing the senior adult circuit for almost 10 years. For a few years was ranked #1 in both singles and doubles. Still enjoys play 4 days a week at the Bay Club.
<p>Dougery, Tarrin</p>	<p><i>San Rafael</i> <i>W40S: #2 Seed</i></p> <p><i>(no bio available)</i></p>
<p>Dunn, Curtis</p> 	<p><i>Angwin, CA</i> <i>M55S: #1 Seed</i> <i>M55D: #1 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top 5 Junior from Southern Cal • 3-time NCAA Team Champion at Stanford • 9-time member / 4-time captain of USA Senior Team in World Team Championships • One silver / one bronze from World Team Championships • Ranked 2nd (Singles)/4th (Doubles) in 2022 in US M55; 5th (S)/36th (D) in World • 2023 Bronze (Singles)/Silver (Doubles) at US Hard 55s • Still chasing an elusive gold ball!! (Maybe in the 90s?)
<p>Drexler, Dy</p>	<p><i>San Jose</i> <i>M30S: #2 Seed</i></p> <p><i>(no bio available)</i></p>
<p>Fraim, Brian</p>	<p><i>Mill Valley</i> <i>M65D: #4 Seed</i></p> <p><i>(no bio available)</i></p>
<p>Fritz-Krockow, Mariko</p> 	<p><i>Orinda, CA</i> <i>W40S: #1 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up all around the world including Washington DC, Japan, Germany and Barbados. • Played Junior ITFs as a junior and was ranked as high as #55 in the world. • Played for UCLA and UVA during college career. • Currently ranked #1 in the US (40s) and #4 ITF (40s). • Recently had the honor of representing the USA as part of Team USA at the ITF World Masters Championships in Turkey where her team won a silver medal.


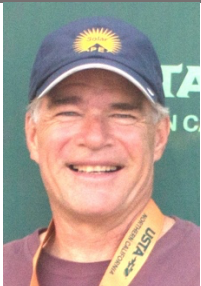
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<p>Garrett, Joel</p> 	<p><i>Corte Madera M65S: #5 Seed M64D: #2 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduate of Terra Linda HS, COM and SDSU • 45-year teaching pro in Marin County • #1 NorCal Doubles 65+ in 2022 • Winner 65+ Doubles of 2021 and 2022 Pacific Southwest Senior Championships and 2022 Oregon State Senior Championships • Finalist 65+ Doubles at Pacific Coast Seniors in 2022 • National Champion on 65+ 9.0 team in 2022 • 4.5 Finalist MTC Memorial Weekend Championships 2023
<p>Goldfien, Jeffrey</p> 	<p><i>Campbell, CA M60S: #6 Seed</i></p> <p>Grew up in Mill Valley and his junior tennis years were based at the Mill Valley Tennis Club. He also played just about any other sport that involved a ball, and in college he discovered a new one: Lacrosse. After a bit of Open tennis after college, he spent the better part of 3 decades doing other things. Having returned to competitive tennis in the past few years, he is enjoying the effort to re-build his form along with a good competitive mindset, and making real the promise of the tennis as a truly enjoyable sport of a lifetime.</p>
<p>Goldman, Georgina</p>	<p><i>Mill Valley W50D: #1 Seed</i></p> <p><i>(no bio available)</i></p>
<p>Gormley, Travis</p> 	<p><i>Visalia, CA M45S: #2 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Aberdeen, South Dakota; began playing tennis at the age of 8. • Competed in junior circuit tournaments from ages 10 to 18 in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota. • Played four years high school tennis Aberdeen SD • College tennis division NAIA, Northern State University, Aberdeen SD. 1993-1996 • Graduated from Northern State in 1999. relocated to Central Valley California and has been competing off and on in NorCal and SoCal USTA league tennis and tournaments ever since.




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Greenwald, Jeff	<i>San Anselmo M40S: #1 Seed M40D: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Former world-ranked pro on the ATP Tour. ● Reached the No. 1 ITF ranking in the world and U.S in the men's 35-age division ● A leading expert on the mental game of tennis. ● Internationally recognized sport psychology consultant and licensed therapist. ● He is a speaker and author of <i>The Best Tennis of Your Life</i>.
Grimshaw, Leora	<i>Mill Valley Mxd50D: #2 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grew up in King City, CA; moved to Marin in 2007 from Boston, MA ● Ranked as high as 5th nationally in the women's 35's singles and top 10 in women's 35's doubles. ● Won a silver ball in singles at Women's Open Singles at the National Grass Courts ● Won 2 bronze balls in Women's 35s Doubles at the National Hardcourts. ● Spent the last 22 years coaching high school teams and working at various clubs in Boston and Marin as a full time teaching pro. ● Now teaching full time at Harbor Point for the last 2.5 years and loving it!
Hamilton, Michael	<i>San Anselmo M45S: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grew up in Mill Valley and played primarily at Boyle Park, learning from Boyle Park tennis legends such as Beat Bossart, Tahiti Bob, and Tad Yukawa. ● Ranked #9 in NorCal in Boys 18 and under singles in 1996. ● Played #1 singles at University High School and helped lead team to four straight conference championships. ● Live in San Anselmo and am starting to introduce 3-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter to tennis.
Hart, Jonathan	<i>Atlanta, GA M65S: #5 Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>
Hasson, Travis	<i>La Mesa, CA M40S: #3 Seed</i>
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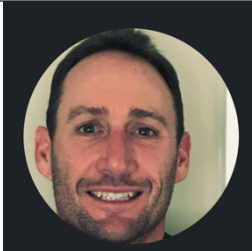

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Hiddleston, Craig	<i>Palm Desert M55S: #2 Seed M55D: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Vancouver, Canada • Played at Univ of San Diego as a freshmen and played #1 singles and doubles at Univ of Texas San Antonio in senior year • Was ranked in top 4 of US in Men's 50s. Was ranked #21 in World ITF rankings in Men's 50s and 55s • Has regularly represented Canada at the ITF World Team Championships in the men's 50s and 55s
Hoefelmann, Ole	<i>Emerald Hills. M55S: #4 Seed M55D: #2 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played junior tennis in Germany and Japan • Played four years for St Mary's College
Jacklich, Jeffrey	<i>Modesto M60S: #1 Seed Mxd50D: #1 Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>
Jackson, Wesley	<i>Cathedral City, CA M70S: #3 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITF world champion Dubler Cup Dublin, Ireland • ITF world champion Von Cramm Cup Umag, Croatia • Winner of Austrian, Nederland, and Hungarian national championships • Winner of USTA national singles, doubles and mixed • 23 Gold and silver USTA balls • ITF World individual doubles finalist • Ranked #1 mens 45 USTA singles • Ranked #2 mens doubles with Geoff Cykman and also Wendell Pierce • Multiple winner of Marin Championships
Janas, David	<i>El Dorado Hills M55S: #7 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started playing tennis in Jakarta, Indonesia • Played in USTA Mid-Atlantic region as a junior • Quit at 17 and glad to be playing tournaments again
Jee, Mark	<i>San Francisco M65D: #2 Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>



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Kepler, Rick	<i>Aptos, CA</i>	<i>M55S: #3 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Lafayette and Orinda. • Played for Dick Leach at USC • Two of his children played Div 1 Tennis at Cal Poly SLO. • At Seascapes Sports Club in Aptos, CA, ran the longest running Challenger in the United States, 32 years. • NCS Doubles Champ 1984, #1 in the 18s Norcal Doubles, USC Men's Tennis 85'-89' • #1 In Norcal Men's Open Doubles 2000 • #4 in the U.S. Father/Son 2008 • 12 Gold Balls, #1 in the U.S Men's doubles (6 years straight w/ Brian Cory) • Represented the United States two times for World Team Competition in my 40s. Finished #2 in the World in Mexico. • USTA NORCAL Board Member for 10 years • Founder of VelocityTennis.Com • Just starting to play senior tournaments in the 55s after a 10 year hiatus. Won first ever level 2 in 55s doubles w/ Craig Hiddleston at Shadow Mountain 2022. 	
Kline, Keith	<i>Redwood City</i>	<i>M65S: #5 Seed</i>
<i>(no bio available)</i>		
Krohn, Alex	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	<i>M40S: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Santa Rosa, CA • Top 3 in NorCal juniors 16's and 18's • Top 25 nationally ranked junior • Wins in the juniors over Andy Roddick and Robby Jinepri • Played 4 years at Fresno State, number 1 and 2 singles senior year • Physical Therapist and father of 2 girls 	
Lal, Shibu	<i>Larkspur, CA</i>	<i>M50S: #2 Seed M50S: #2 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born in Dhaka, Bangladesh • Former professional tennis player, now plays competitively in Open and Men's senior and national tournaments. • A member of the Bangladesh Davis Cup team, he is the winningest player in the Bangladesh Davis Cup history. • Has won a few Category II national tournaments in the Men's 35s. • In 2005, he was No. 1 in NorCal in the Men's Open singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles. • 7-time NorCal player of the year in the Men's 35s division 	

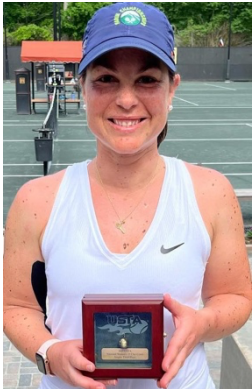

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<p>Lamonica, Marc</p> 	<p><i>Mill Valley M40D: #1 Seed M50D: #2 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Santa Rosa, CA • Top 5 NorCal Junior • UC Davis 3 time All American, NCAA singles finalist division II. • 2018 USTA 5.0/5.0+ national finalist team. • Was ranked #2 in Division II college in country • Formerly ranked #2 in USTA NorCal open singles. Rolex Division II national collegiate doubles championship
<p>Lehto, T</p>	<p><i>San Rafael M60S: #4 Seed</i></p> <p><i>(no bio available)</i></p>
<p>Lesage, Don</p>	<p><i>Carpinteria, CA M65S: #4 Seed</i></p> <p><i>(no bio available)</i></p>
<p>Levitas, Allen</p> 	<p><i>Los Gatos, CA M45S: #3 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Sunnyvale, CA • #1 at Wilcox High School for 3 years; won the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League in 1994 and 1995. • Won the SDSU walk on tournament in 1995 and 1997. • 2nd place in the country for the team 4.5 competition in 2009 (lost to Minnesota in the finals 3-2) and rated 5.0 (UTR 9 or 10) for the last 14 years. • Played basketball (over 30 years), practiced Brazilian Jiu Jitsu for 3, parents immigrated from Russia, have 3 kids (16,15, and 11), and wife is from Brazil and also plays (4.0).
<p>Liu, Paul</p> 	<p><i>Fremont, CA M50S: #4 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born in Guangzhou, China. Immigrated to the USA at age 8 and settled in Oakland, CA. • Picked up tennis with a wooden racket at 14 after watching Sampras, Agassi, and Chang win the French Open. Learned how to play reading Tennis Magazine, watching TV and continues to learn every day. • Played for Oakland High School (Class of 1990) and won Oakland Athletic League • Played sporadically USTA league and tournaments since 1997. Recommitted to the game in 2019 and have never looked back. • When not playing tennis, moonlights as a tech exec in self-driving car, AI and cybersecurity industries. • The entire family plays tennis and is very blessed to be able to play this great sport.

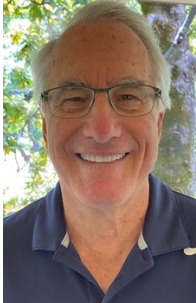


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Loft, Andrew	<i>Ross, CA</i> <i>M60S: #3 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in NJ • Played college tennis at Trinity College including 1st singles. • Won two Men's 50 NorCal tournament singles titles (Cal Club and City of Oakland championships)
Long, Donald	<i>Rochester, NY</i> <i>M75S: #1 Seed</i> <i>M80S: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Long was the #1 tennis player for Springfield College from 1962-65. • Upon graduation he accepted a position as "interim" soccer, squash, and tennis coach at Wesleyan University. The "interim" position became permanent, and it turned into a 40-year career. Upon retirement in 2002 he began playing the senior tournaments; quickly rising in the rankings to become one of the top three players in the US.. • He has been selected six times to represent the US team at the World Championships winning one gold and two silver medals. • In US national competition he has won 5 gold, 6 silver, and 20 bronze medals.
Lukeroth, Clinton	<i>Stockton, CA.</i> <i>M75D: #2 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played high school tennis at College Park High in Pleasant Hill, CA. • Focused on wrestling in college and didn't play tennis at San Jose State. • Started playing class tournaments in the 1970s. • Ranked number one in team doubles in northern Calif many times including last year. • Ranked in the top 10 to 15 in the national doubles. Defeated Brent Abel and Robert Olson to win the Pacific Coast Championships in the 55's. • Played in the quarterfinals of two National Category 1 tournaments. • Best singles ranking nationally was 20th in the 65s, Number 3 in northern Calif last year. • Played the final of the Portland Division 2 and the semis of the Las Vegas and Marin Category 2s last year.



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<p>Martin, Mylene</p> 	<p><i>Pleasanton, CA W35S: #1 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born and raised in Paris, France -- was top 10 player in France in the 16s and represented her region in the national team championship. • Played all four years at University of San Francisco and finished 66-6. Went undefeated her freshman year. Earned two consecutive All-WCC Second Team Singles awards along with two All-WCC Academic Honorable mentions. • Played on two USTA 5.0+ teams that made it to the Nationals, finishing third once and fifth once. • Won Adult Grand Prix along with the Marin Championships, against Jenny Kapoor. • Won the Pacific Coast Seniors and Family Championships in the Women's 35s in 2022. • Won her first USTA ball (silver) at the USTA Level 1 Hard Court Championship by reaching the doubles final with Mariko Fritz-Krockow. • Reached the #1 ranking in the US in the Women's 35s in 2023. Currently holds the #1 ranking in NorCal in that category. • Currently the Marketing and Communications manager for ACEing Autism, a nonprofit organization providing tennis programs to children with autism spectrum disorder.
<p>Martinez, Geoffrey</p> 	<p><i>San Rafael, CA M65D: #1 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in San Pedro, CA • Started playing tennis at age 15 • Semi-finalist in doubles, 18 and under, St Louis National Clay Courts, 1974 (lost to Ferdi Taygan and Tom Kreiss). • Played #1 singles at Long Beach State, 1976-1977. Played in the NCAA Singles Championships, 1976. • Member of the 2012 USA Austria Cup Team. • Three-time National Grass Court Singles Champion (2001, 2002, 2003). National Indoor Singles Champion (2011). Holder of 12 USTA Balls. • Ranked #1 in Singles and Doubles in NorCal in many age groups, and ranked as high as #2 in Singles nationally. • Defeated top seeded Alex Olmedo in the Southern California Men's Open Championship (1976). • Former top 300 ATP World Ranked Player in Singles and Doubles. Played in the US Open in 1978 and 1980. • Won the Silver Ball at the 2021 65 Grass Court singles and the Bronze ball in doubles last year.

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<p>McNaughton, Robert</p> 	<p><i>Kentfield, CA</i> <i>M75S: #2 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Hawaii, currently lives in Marin • Plays a lot of USTA matches and tournaments and gets close. Lost to Brent Able last week in the Pacific Coast Seniors in Men's 75+ singles in the semifinals. • Notable accomplishments recently are: 2023 3rd Place in the Wilson World Championships (L1 Mxd Dbls) in 75+, and 2022 2nd Place North South Challenge in Men's 75+.
<p>Meacham, David</p> 	<p><i>Foster City</i> <i>M60D: #1 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born in Seattle grew up in Washington State • Started playing tennis on grass when living in England at age 14. Played 3 years high school reaching #1 in singles. • Won Washington State Community College Tennis Championship at Columbia Basin College. • Played 2 years at University of Washington where we won the PAC-12 North both years. • Played on 6 USTA National teams for NorCal. • Ranked Nationally and in NorCal in 55 and 60 doubles. • Won Washington State Open 60s in 2022 with Mark Strem.
<p>Meyer, Brett</p> 	<p><i>Larkspur</i> <i>M45S: #4 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played junior tennis in Colorado and was ranked in the top 25 in the state for age group and in the top 100 in the Intermountain Region. • Captain and #1 Singles for Heritage High School his senior year when the team finished third in State 5A (largest high schools). • Played collegiate tennis at Division III Principia College, winning 73% of all singles matches. • Finished senior year ranked 38th in the country for Division III and named Academic/Athletic All-American.
<p>Miller, B.J.</p>	<p><i>Oakland</i> <i>M80S: #4 Seed</i></p> <p><i>(no bio available)</i></p>
<p>Miller, Becky</p>	<p><i>Belvedere</i> <i>W50D: #2 Seed</i></p> <p><i>(no bio available)</i></p>



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Morgan, Chris	<i>Mill Valley</i> <i>M70D: #2 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grew up in San Rafael ● 9th in the under 12 juniors in NorCal ● Wins over Mike Machete, Rick Fisher and Terry Moore in the juniors. ● 7 Marin Seniors doubles titles ● 9 Pacific Coast doubles titles ● Best senior ranking singles Nationally top 15 ● Best seniors ranking doubles top 5 Nationally ● 2 Bronze Balls in doubles ● One second place finish Nationally 65+ USTA team ● One first place finish Nationally 65+ team
North, Roger	<i>Portland, OR</i> <i>M80S: #3 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grew up in Plainfield, New Jersey. Played high school tennis there and later at Swarthmore College (near Philadelphia). ● Gave up tennis for 25 years, then started playing again in Portland, OR and discovered USTA senior tournaments, in which he has been playing since 1993. ● Started traveling to and playing Nationals in 2019 when he was 75 and ranked #6 in 2021 and #7 in 2022 (men's 75+ singles). ● Most significant tennis win was in high school against Bill Tilden (of course, he was the grandson of THE Bill Tilden, but still...) ● Has been a professional musician (drummer) since 1967, and among other things, performed at the original Woodstock Festival in 1969.
O'Brien, Peter	<i>Walnut Creek</i> <i>M80S: #2 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Born and raised in Yonkers, NY. ● Played #1 for Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA. ● Won Pacific Coast and Washington State in 80s last year. ● Ended year ranked in top 5 in 80s. ● Won 1 Silver Ball and 1 Bronze Ball last year.
O'Neal, Timothy John	<i>El Cerrito</i> <i>M64D: #4 Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>




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<p>Park, Michael</p> 	<p><i>Kaneohe, HI</i> <i>M60S: #8 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has lived in Kaneohe, Hawaii his whole life. • Been playing at the 4.5 level for the past 40 years. • Qualified for over 20 USTA national championships. • Taught high school mathematics for the past 39 years. • Head coach of his school's math team, and this year, captured their 30th consecutive state championship.
<p>Patterson, Craig</p> 	<p><i>Mill Valley</i> <i>M60D: #2 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Belvedere, CA • Ranked #1 in USTA Nor Cal Boys 12's 1974 • Ranked #1 in USTA Nor Cal Boys 14's 1976 • Finalist USTA CA State Tennis Championships Boys 16's 1978 • Ranked #3 USTA National Boys 16's Doubles 1978 • Finalist at CA Interscholastic Fed North Coast Section Tennis singles championships 1979, lost to Matt Anger • Top 12 USTA Nor Cal Mens Open player 1984 • #1 USTA Nor Cal Mens 45 Doubles player of the year 2010 • Husband and Wife Bronze Ball winner at the 2022/2023 USTA National Hard Courts, USTA National Grass Courts, USTA National Clay Courts with Toni Brayer
<p>Rhone, Rollin</p> 	<p><i>Culver City, CA</i> <i>M70S: #1 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Santa Monica, CA • Played all sports except tennis and golf • Scholarship offers from Fresno State, Howard University, UCLA • USTA senior career national ranking 4th in singles and #1 in doubles • Several sectional rankings at #1 SCTA • Served in United States Marine's Air Wing • US Open Main draw player • Coached tennis since 1976 - amazing clientele
<p>Sablan, Ryan</p> 	<p><i>Walnut Creek</i> <i>M40S: #2 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in the East Bay Area. • Played NorCal Juniors - ranked top 20 in the 18s and under. • Went to UC Berkeley -- go Bears! • 5 Time Adult 18 & Over 5.0+ nationals participant. • 5.0+ Team nationals finalist. • Doubles national hard courts and clay courts winner. • 3 USA world team nominations. • Practice at the Andrew Sisters and Araña Tennis Academies.



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Sanchez, Rudy	<i>Fullerton, CA</i> <i>M70S: #2 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1974-Gold ball Junior College National Mixed Dbls Champion w/Laurie Sherbeck • 2009-#1 SCTA Men's 55 • 2008-2013 #1 SCTA Father/Son #1 with son Jonathan Sanchez
Saviano, Ralph	<i>Brentwood, CA</i> <i>M65S: #2 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Los Altos Hills, CA • Played only a few local tournaments growing up -- also played football, soccer, basketball & track in high school • Played on Foothill College State Championship Team as a freshman, injured shoulder at Cal Poly SLO, and did not play again until age 35. • Played in the USTA NorCal 35's a few years- ranked in top 10. Began competing again Aug. 2019 in 60's. • Coached high school basketball past 10 years
Sconyers, Devin	<i>Corte Madera</i> <i>M60D: #2 Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>
Sharpe, John	<i>Moraga</i> <i>M75S: #3 Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>
Smith, Erika	<i>Oakland</i> <i>Mxd50D: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #1 USTA NorCal junior three times, top 3 seven times, national rankings ranged from top 10 to top 50 • Won Team Ivy League title all four years at Harvard, won Team Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference three years. • Highest professional WTA rankings: 277 in singles, 165 in doubles. • Made it to the round of 32 in doubles at the 1988 Australian Open. • Has won 22 national titles (gold balls), 2 in singles, 3 in mixed doubles, 17 in doubles. • Two World Championship titles (gold), one in doubles, one in mixed. One silver medal in doubles, one bronze in mixed.
Stovell, Wendy	<i>Belvedere</i> <i>W50D: #2 Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>

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<p>Strem, Mark</p> 	<p><i>Burlingame M60D: #1 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in San Mateo, CA • Highly ranked junior player back when it was called the Northern California Tennis Association • At the age of 14 won the Mr. Peanut National Target Tennis event in Madison Square Garden. Subsequently invited to compete against the local World Team Tennis affiliate San Francisco Golden Gaters (and won!) against the likes of Frew McMillan, Virginia Wade, Ilana Kloss and a few others. • Played 2 years at The University of Michigan where we won the Big Ten team championship both years. • Ranked nationally and in NorCal in 2022 in Men's 60s doubles with David Meacham. Won the Washington State Open; Finalist at the Pacific Coast Seniors; Semifinalist at the Pacific Southwest Seniors, and Quarterfinalist at the National Indoors.
<p>Tal, Ronald</p>	<p><i>Alameda M70S: #4 Seed</i></p>
<p>Talmadge, Michael</p>	<p><i>(no bio available)</i></p> <p><i>Santa Ynez M70D: #1 Seed M75D: #1 Seed</i></p> <p><i>(no bio available)</i></p>
<p>Warde, Jock</p> 	<p><i>Forest Knolls, CA M65S: #5 Seed M65D: #3 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of the Stanford University tennis team, 1972-1975. • CA State Mixed Doubles Championship with Eliza Pande, 1978. • Pacific Coast Championships 65 and over Double Champion with Mike Lamble, 2022. • Member of Norcal 9.0 National Championship Team, 2023.
<p>Wihlidal, Ronald</p> 	<p><i>Stockton, CA M75D: #2 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played #1 singles for UOP from 1966-1969 • No notable wins, but many heartbreaking losses to players like Fred Stolle, David Pate, Tom Gorman, Bill Maze, Whitney Reed, Carlos Kirmayr, Willie Oropez, and Brent Abel. • Lucky to have a doubles partner who tolerates my occasional forays to the net.

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Wirstrom, Robert	<i>Moraga</i> <i>M50S: #3 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lived in Paris, France the first 8 years of my life where I remember watching Björn Borg play the French and Wimbledon. As a fellow Swede it was pretty exciting. Started playing tennis in 1980 after moving to Cleveland, OH. Played some USTA junior and club tournaments there until about age 12. After high school, played on the University of Rochester (DIII) tennis team. Freshman year we made the team nationals in Kalamazoo and believe we finished 8th. After college, barely picked up a racket until 10 years ago when I started playing USTA league tennis. Our team finished second at nationals in the 40+ 4.5+ league in 2013.
Yates, Annie	<i>Corte Madera</i> <i>W50D: #1 Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>
Yorston, Karl	<i>San Rafael</i> <i>M65D: #3 Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>
Zahradnicek, Zdenek	<i>Napa</i> <i>M75S: #4 Seed</i>
	<i>(no bio available)</i>
Zebot, Frank	<i>Laguna Beach</i> <i>M70D: #1 Seed</i> <i>M75D: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hometown: Laguna Beach since 1973 6-time gold ball winner Ranked # 1 nationally four times in Men's Doubles Most memorable matches: 1) National doubles final of 55s at Indian Wells cavernous stadium court in front of a less than capacity crowd of 12 spectators including janitor. 2) Winning husband-wife national grass courts with wife Kimberly 3) Playing past 21 years with loyal doubles partner Mike Talmadge. Swims daily at Tennis Club of Monarch Beach.

Tournament Sites



Mill Valley Tennis Club

285 Manor Drive
Mill Valley, CA 94941

***Sean Packenham, GM
Linda Daniels, Asst Mgr***



Harbor Point Tennis Club

475 E. Strawberry Dr
Mill Valley, CA 94941

Patrick Kaliski, GM



Scott Valley Tennis Club

50 Underhill Rd
Mill Valley, CA 94941

Matt Holt, GM
