



# SANTA MONICA TENNIS CLUB INFORMATION

## ELIGIBILITY

Every adult tennis player is welcome to join SMTC. You do not have to be a resident of Santa Monica.

## ROSTER

A Members' Roster may be accessed on the website via a password (given with the acceptance of your membership application).

## NEWSLETTER

"on the line" is issued bi-monthly to all current members and includes announcements of all upcoming events, the latest ladder positions and entry blanks for the upcoming activities via the website.

## ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY OPEN PLAY

The club reserves three courts at Reed Park for "Open Play" most Sundays throughout the year, except when the courts are being used for tournaments or other sanctioned activities. These three reserved courts are for the exclusive use of members. Open play guidelines are posted on the website and posted on the bulletin board at Reed Park.

### SMTC TOURNAMENTS

These tournaments are held throughout the year at Reed Park. Most are one-day, Sunday tournaments. Main events include the Hello Tournament in February, Anniversary Tournament in the summer, the Mens/Ladies Doubles Tournament in July, the Club Championships in the fall, and the Turkey Shoot tournament in November.

### INTERCLUB TOURNAMENTS

These one-day matches with other clubs are scheduled throughout the year.

### CHALLENGE LADDERS

SMTC maintains singles, doubles and mixed doubles challenge ladders which are open to all current members, regardless of ability. Guidelines are published on the website and standings are also posted on the website and the bulletin board at Reed Park.

### BOARD MEETINGS

The board of directors meets regularly. Any suggestions, problems, or accolades should be brought to the attention of a board member who will present them to the board at the next meeting. A general meeting, open to all members, is held annually in the fall and announced in the newsletter.

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

These include, but are not limited to, the Hello Tournament party, the Club Championships awards party and weekend trips to tennis resorts, usually in southern California.

### The National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP)

**1.0** - This player is just starting to play tennis.

**1.5** - This player has limited playing experience and is still working primarily on getting the ball over the net; has some knowledge of scoring but is not familiar with basic positions and procedures for singles and doubles play.

**2.0** - This player may have had some lessons but needs on-court experience; has obvious stroke weaknesses but is beginning to feel comfortable with singles and doubles play.

**2.5** - This player has more dependable strokes and is learning to judge where the ball is going; has weak court coverage or is often caught out of position, but is starting to keep the ball in play with other players of the same ability

**3.0** - This player can place shots with moderate success; can sustain a rally of slow pace but is not comfortable with all strokes; lacks control when trying for power.

**3.5** - This player has achieved stroke dependability and direction on shots within reach, including forehand and backhand volleys, but still lacks depth and variety; seldom double faults and occasionally forces errors on the serve.

**4.0** - This player has dependable strokes on both forehand and backhand sides; has the ability to use a variety of shots including lobs, overheads, approach shots and volleys; can place the first serve and force some errors; is seldom out of position in a doubles game.

**4.5** - This player has begun to master the use of power and spins; has sound footwork, can control depth of shots and is able to move opponent up and back; can hit first serves with power and accuracy and place the second serve; is able to rush the net with some success on serve in singles as well as doubles.

**5.0** - This player has good shot anticipation; frequently has an outstanding shot or exceptional consistency around which a game may be structured; can regularly hit winners or force errors off of short balls; can successfully execute lobs, drop shots, half volleys and overhead smashes; has good depth and spin on most second serves.

**5.5** - This player can execute all strokes offensively and defensively; can hit dependable shots under pressure; is able to analyze opponents' styles and can employ patterns of play to assure the greatest possibility of winning points; can hit winners or force errors with both first and second serves; return of serve can be an offensive weapon.

**6.0** - This player has mastered all the above skills; has developed power and/or consistency as a major weapon; and can vary strategies and styles of play in a competitive situation. This player typically has had intensive training for national competition at junior or collegiate levels.

**6.5** - This player has mastered all of the above skills and is an experienced tournament competitor who regularly travels for competition and whose income may be partially derived from prize winnings.

**7.0** - This is a world class player.