

## Ventura Tennis Club

P.O. Box 3005 Ventura, CA 93006 www.VenturaTennisClub.com at Camino Real Park
Established 1981



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# NEWS & NOTES

#### **SUMMER 2022 - SPRING 2023**

#### **Holiday Mixer, December**

**2022** Following our usual endof-year event, an extended rainy season dampened club activities during the winter months, but replenished the State's reservoirs.

#### **Monday Night Tennis**

VTC Monday Nite Tennis is rocking again every Monday evening from 6:30p until around 9p! Each player pays \$2, which covers balls & lights.

This is a very social group of mixed doubles. You don't need to bring a partner because we mix up and switch up every 6 games of no-ad tennis. It goes fast! We have folks of varying skill levels of play, the average being around 3.5. This event, a long-time staple of the VTC, has courts every week. This is a good way to meet other players and get started in our tennis community.







Tennis Day participants and new members enjoy a doubles mixer, a potluck lunch, and a raffle









Sheila Donohue, founder of Verovino Craft Wines, presented a sampling of fine imports









Hats and visors and other accessories with embroidered club logos are available for purchase.

#### 2023 Upcoming Events...

**Tennis Day** — Occurs during the Memorial day weekend (this year Sat, May 27th). VTC spearheads and the City has supported this event which includes youth tennis lessons, racquet demos, clinics and open doubles play. From 6–8 courts have been used for this OPEN TO THE PUBLIC event and we have provided snacks, food and refreshments. The City has provided the clinics. This program supports the entire community and the tennis clinics benefit.

Youth Tennis Camp — Our 2-week summer youth camp is in its 5th year. We have traditionally used Buena HS courts except during last pandemic year. The youth program has had over 150 kids over the four years. The age range is 6 to 16 with skill levels from beginners to intermediate players. The kids are able to learn basic volleying up to rallying. The course includes a variety of skill lessons and games provided by USTA Net Generation.

**Summer Rumble Mixer,** July 22, 1–3 pm

### **COURT RULES**

#### **The Golden Rule**

**CASE:** When I am near the net during my partner's serve and I hear the ball come in contact with the net, am I obligated to call a let? I know that anybody on the court can call a let, but do the rules **require** me to call it if I hear it? I maintain that I don't have to, and I have given hell to my partners who have called a let when my serve has grazed the net and our opponents didn't hear it.

**VERDICT:** You are absolutely right that any player can call a let when they hear a serve touch the net and it lands in. You may choose whether or not you call the let. But tennis is not a game of "Gotcha!" if you hear a let serve, call it. Always

remember The Code, #1: "Tennis is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy." — Rebel Good, USTA Tennis Rules & Regs Committee

#### **Backstop**

**CASE:** I hit my first serve into my doubles partner's back—I try to tell him to play with one foot in the alley. One of our opponents claimed it was their point, because they didn't have a chance to play the ball. We said it's not their ball to play until it crosses the net and lands in, so it's a second serve. Who was right?

**VERDICT:** You were right; it's a second serve. Rule 19 (Service Fault) says it's a fault if"the ball served touches the server or the server's partner, or anything the server or server's partner is wearing or carrying." — Rebel Good,

**USTA Tennis Rules & Regs Committee** 

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