

February Match Point Newsletter

President's Corner:

Did you watch some of the matches of the Australian open in January? No doubt, we were served some amazing contests including the longest grand slam finals in the history of pro tennis - a grueling five-setter between Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic which lasted 5 hours 53minutes! But one match that produced a teachable moment was the fourth round contest between Almagro and Berdych.

Berdych won the close match and at the end he was initially cheered by the spectators at Hisense Arena, but the crowd turned on him in an instant when he refused to shake hands with Almagro at the net, the cheers quickly turned to boos. The booing drowned out his post-match, on-court interview and continued until he walked off the court. But why did Berdych refuse to shake hands after the match? He was angered by what happened in the 11th game of the fourth set, with the score level at 5-all.

Berdych approached the net and hit a volley and Almagro chased it down and hit a forehand that struck Berdych in the arm.

That raises a question? Is a body shot legal in tennis? According to the United States Tennis Association, "If the ball hits you, your racquet or any part of your clothing before it lands -- even if it would have gone out-then it is your opponent's point." During play, each player is allowed to make any legal shot to win the point. Hitting the opponent happens, even in professional tournaments. And the crowd knew this. So, when next you are at the net, be sure to be ready for a reaction-volley, because the ball might be hit straight at you, and it would be legal!

Cheers,

David Filani,

President Match Point Tennis Club



New members in January: Welcome to all!

AW: Lancy Carr Pamela Harber

BM: Chetan Urunkar Greg Maupin
 Fernando Romero

BW: Nuiy Adams Priya Ghosh
 Natasha Huzevka

CM: Robert Lowe

CW: Rita Barnes Debby Pool

Next Three Events!



February 25th & 26th: CYOP Doubles

Entry Deadline: Saturday, February 18th

Two payment options this month:

\$15 tennis only or \$20 tennis & MP hat/visor

Current members dues are covered thru March.

Both new member and renewal dues are \$20 at this time & provide coverage through March, 2013.

Entry form inside & also on our website



March 17th & 18th: Singles

Entry Deadline: Saturday, March 10th

Two payment options, same as January above

Current members dues are covered thru March

Both new member and renewal dues are \$20 at this time & provide coverage through March, 2013.

Entry form inside & on website later this month.



March 24th: Fun Tournament & Annual Meeting

Entry Deadline: Saturday, March 17th

More details on flyer at end of this newsletter.

Tennis 9 a.m. to Noon & lunch/prizes follow.



“Special Deal still available for all members”

October through March tournaments

Recruit two brand new or former members (2009/10 MP year or earlier) to join/rejoin and receive a free tournament entry for yourself.



Sat. Morning/Afternoon Commitment?

Let us know of any special time requests you have for any of the day tournaments. You should be able to get Saturday morning/afternoon off if you let us know when you sign up for the tournament!



Continue on for the following items:

January results & pictures of all finalists

Entry forms for next two events

Membership form, renewal & new member

January tournament report

Year-to-date division high point leaders

Division changes following January tournament

Match Point board member update

Info to get pictures of finalists by email



January Mixed Doubles Results



A MIXED FINAL – January, 2012

Final: Yuka Shoji & Nilo Baylon (2) def.
Kristin Morgan & Carl Citrine (1) 6-2, 3-1 (inj. ret.)
Semi: Yuka Shoji & Nilo Baylon (2) def.
Aide' Smedes & Todd Sutton (3) 6-0, 6-4
Semi: Kristin Morgan & Carl Citrine (1) def.
Praewchanok Chaiyanan & Stone Jin (4) 7-6, 6-2



A MIXED CONSOLATION – January, 2012

Final: Lancy Carr & Jose Lazarini def.
Karen Taylor & Chad Kelley 7-5, 6-1



B MIXED FINAL – January, 2012

Final: Nuiy Adams & Evan Lewis (7) def.
Ellen Fong & PJ Rimstad 7-5, 4-6, 7-5
Semi: Nuiy Adams & Evan Lewis (7) def.
Paula Burnstein & Chetan Urunkar 4-6, 6-4, 6-3
Semi: Ellen Fong & PJ Rimstad def.
Kate Waite & Jack Berton (8) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3



B MIXED CONSOLATION – January, 2012

Final: Lana Lofshult & Miguel Serrano (5) def.
Pam Kinney & Dan Skultety (6) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3



C MIXED FINAL – January, 2012

Final: Jobie Summer & Naga def.
Laura Girard & John Chapman (1) 6-2, 6-3
Semi: Jobie Summer & Naga def.
Linda Thompson & Gifford Loda (3) 6-1, 6-0
Semi: Laura Girard & John Chapman (1) def.
Aileen Weir & Bob Edenhofer (4) 7-5, 6-3



C MIXED CONSOLATION – January, 2012

Final: Susan Rose & Gearld Jones def.
Susan Partney & Joe Livesay 3-6, 6-4, 6-3

Choose Your Own Partner Doubles – February 25 & 26 Special Deal – Details Below

Dates: February 25th & 26th - Day Tournament

Location: Phoenix Tennis Center

6330 N. 21st Avenue

Phoenix, Arizona

Directors: Ceola and crew

Chairman: Match Point Board

Entry fee: \$15 tennis / \$20 tennis & hat/visor

Deadline: February 18th

Send entry & fee (payable to Match Point) to
Gale Kristof

6246 N. 34th Ave.

Phoenix, AZ 85017

602-973-1135

Name: _____ A B C

Partner: _____ A B C

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Singles – March 17 & 18

Dates: March 17th & 18th - Day Tournament

Location: Phoenix Tennis Center

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Directors: No one here, how about you?

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MEMBERSHIP FORM :

1. Dues for new members are \$20. This covers tournaments through March, 2013, 14 in all.

2. Renewal dues for current members are \$20. Must be paid to play in the April tournament.

Make checks payable to Match Point Tennis Club – OK to combine with entry check -
mail to Gale Kristof, 6246 N 34th Ave, Phoenix, AZ, 85017 or pay via PayPal on our website @ \$1 extra

Note: If you pay dues at tournament desk with cash, please make sure it is written down somewhere.

1st Member

2nd member

Division: AM AW BM BW CM CW

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Name _____ **Name** _____

Address _____ **Address** _____

Home phone _____ **Home phone** _____

Cell phone _____ **Cell phone** _____

Email _____ **Email** _____

Note 1: All emails sent “blind copies” to protect your privacy as best we can

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January Tournament Report



Art & Nancy Halley, January Tournament Directors

January was a super month for Match Point with relatively good weather, large draws in all divisions, and very competitive tennis both days. The A division had the top four seeds in the semifinals, the B division played 4 three setters on Sunday, and the C division had three of the four seeds playing in the semifinal matches. There were quite a variety of items for snacks both days and the prizes for the month were gift certificates for the Native New Yorker restaurants. Nancy and Art Halley served as Tournament Directors for the month. Our thanks to them for a great job both days!

Laura Girard and Naga both moved to the B's as a result of their play and results over the weekend.

Special note: If any finalist in a recent tournament would like to get an email copy of their photo, send me an email at phoenix.tennis@hotmail.com and I will request our webmaster to send it to you.

Match Point Tennis Club Board Member Changes

After several years of very active support of Match Point Tennis, Aileen Weir & Bob Edenhofer have decided to "retire" as board members. They both accepted roles as C Division reps about three years ago and later Aileen also became chairperson of the Social Committee covering tournament snacks as well as several November bar-b-q's. Our thanks to both of them for jobs well done!

Tanja Cooper, who recently took over the C Women's rep role from Aileen has now agreed to become chairperson of the Social committee. Renae Rochon and David Pool will be joining the MP board as the new C Women and C Men reps. Our thanks to them for volunteering. Please give them your support

Year To Date High Point Leaders (April through January tournaments)

AM: John Denboer (570), Stone Jin (410), David Filani & Todd Sutton (tied @ 290)

AW: Kristin Morgan (360), Aide' Smedes (300), Charo Deglane (260)

BM: Arun Lux* (430), Brian Adamski (370), John Kravetz* (330)

BW: Sue Kodiene* (350), Jackie Cody* (320), Ellen Fong (260)

CM: Naga* (360), Roop Guru (315), Gay King (285)

CW: Laura Girard* (390), Sofia Sebesta* (330), Tanja Cooper (315)

*denotes individual has since moved to the next higher level

Once again, here is that reminder from last month!

Good sportsmanship requires respect and fairness on the court.

Don't forget to bring them with you when you play.

Website: <http://www.mptennis.us>

Match Point

FUN

Tournament

Saturday - March 24

Play - 9:00 - 12:00

Lunch & Prizes - 12:00 - 1:00

Pizza and Subs

Play and Lunch - \$15

Just Lunch - \$7

Please wear **WHITE**
and bring a **WOOD Racket!**

(If you do not have a wood racket,
one will be provided for you.)