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Mill Valley Tennis Club

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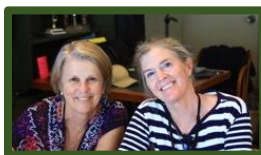
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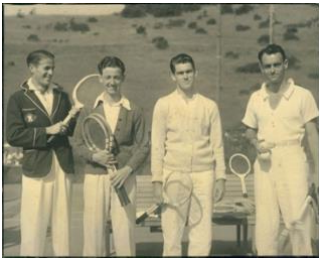


Steve Gould
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History of the MARIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 per year 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 85s. Prize money

is approximately \$25,000. The name of the tournament was changed from Marin Seniors to Marin Championships in 2014 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 six 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, Chrissie Costamagna and Susan Tighe.



By Jim Tighe -- May, 2024




Men's & Women's Seeds

<p>Acosta, Augusto</p> 	<p>Mill Valley <i>M45D: #1 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Mexico (Baja California Sur) • Moved to Mill Valley in 1988 • Played Varsity Tennis for Tamalpais High School 93-97 • Assistant Girls Tennis Coach Tamalpais High School 98-99 • Head tennis coach for Boys & Girls team at San Rafael High School for 3 years before COVID. • Won Hal Wagner tournament once. • Continuing to improve my tennis game and enjoy playing in leagues and tournaments.
<p>Allison, Craig</p> 	<p>San Anselmo <i>M70S: #4 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up and played juniors and high school tennis in Fresno. • Played 1 year college tennis at Sussex University, UK, then didn't play for about 25 years, resumed tournament play in 1999. • Played in 85 Norcal tournaments since 1999, age groups 45 - 70. 12 tournament wins, 29 finals appearances. • Ranked as high as #1 in Northern California singles and doubles, National doubles ranking #12 in 2013, other top 20 National rankings in singles and doubles • Represented NorCal for 5+ years in the USTA North-South challenge event. • Winner of the PacBell ProAm tournament at the Decathlon Club in the late 1990s thanks to a very good partner (see photo)
<p>Apecechea, Frank</p> 	<p>Fresno, CA <i>M65S: #3 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised in Hillsborough and Foster City California. • Played #1 at San Mateo High School. • Played #1 Singles Fresno State University. Was all-conference player and went 24-10 in 1983. • Received first ATP Points by qualifying for a \$50,000 challenger event in Nigeria in 1984. • Player of the year in Men's 30's USTA NorCal Division in 1990. • Won Men's 55 Singles NorCal Grand prix in 2017. • Won 2024 NorCal Senior Games • Coaches current Cal Bear Jessica Alsola along with others.
<p>Barajas, Jaime</p> 	<p>Woodland Hills, CA <i>M60S: #2 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Guadalupe, CA • Played collegiate at Cal State University, Northridge • Nationally ranked in Singles (20) and Doubles (6) 5/2024 • Founder of the Barajas Foundation Nonprofit Scholar Athlete Foundation - The Barajas Foundation




Men's & Women's Seeds

Barlow, Timothy	<i>Petaluma, CA</i>	<i>M45D: #2 Seed</i>
<i>(bio not available)</i>		
Benoit, Isabelle	<i>Huntington Beach, CA</i>	<i>W45S: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Trier, Germany; moved to Southern California in 2022 • Played four years at the University of New Orleans • Won two gold balls in 2023 (husband/wife doubles and singles). • Represented Germany at the ITF World Team Championships in 2023 and won the silver medal. 	
Chan, Kurt	<i>Colorado Springs, CO</i>	<i>M65D: #2 Seed</i>
<i>(bio not available)</i>		
Codik, Kit	<i>San Francisco</i>	<i>M55S: #3 Seed</i>
<i>(bio not available)</i>		
Cohen, Darrin	<i>Alamo, CA</i>	<i>M35D: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Lafayette, CA • Ranked top 5 in NorCal in every age group. Top 35 in the country in 18U • Division I scholarship at University of Virginia • Ranked 10th in doubles and 35 in singles in NCAA • Have won gold balls at National Hard Courts, National Indoors, and National Clay Courts • Ranked number 1 in the country in collegiate doubles • Mixed doubles win over Chrissy Evert 	
Cook, Tom	<i>Modesto, CA</i>	<i>M60S: #3 Seed</i>
<i>(bio not available)</i>		
Cykman, Geoff	<i>San Francisco</i>	<i>M70S: #1 Seed</i>
	<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 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 	




Men's & Women's Seeds

Dasso, Kevin 	Walnut Creek, CA M65S: #4 Seed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grew up in Illinois and started playing tennis when I was 10• Played local junior tournaments as a kid and played all four years on my high school tennis team• After high school, took a 25-year break from tennis for school, career, and family• Started playing in USTA leagues in the East Bay in 2002• Proud member of the Berkeley Tennis Club and love playing at the historic facility• Discovered age group open tournaments right before the pandemic and played a few tournaments in the 60+ bracket when available• I am having a great time in my rookie season in the 65+ bracket
DeMartini, Steve 	San Rafael, CA M65D: #3 Seed <p><i>(bio not available)</i></p>
Denny, Brian 	Mill Valley M65D: #1 Seed <p><i>(bio not available)</i></p>




Men's & Women's Seeds

Dizon, Sean	San Francisco M35D
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in San Francisco, CA and was AAA All City Champion Lowell High School his senior year 1998 • USTA Norcal Junior from 1990-1998 playing many junior tournaments • Collegiate tennis career highlights played Collegiate tennis for the University of San Francisco from 2000-2003 helping the Dons finish 3rd in the West Coast Conference his Senior year. • Has played in numerous USTA League teams and has played Nationals in Las Vegas numerous times. Was on a 9.0 Mixed Doubles team that won Nationals in 2019 at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Florida. • Was the Assistant Coach for his Alma Mater University of San Francisco for 17 seasons helping the Men's and Women's teams compete in the WCC Conference. • Teaching professional at the Olympic club for 10 years. • USPTA Norcal Associate Pro of the Year 2007
Ditmer, Doug	San Ramon, CA M65S: #3 Seed
	<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>
Drazien, Sacha	San Rafael, CA M45D: #2 Seed
	<i>(bio not available)</i>
Dullye, Larry	Tulsa, OK M85S: #2 Seed
	<i>(bio not available)</i>
Dunn, Curtis	Angwin, CA M55S: #1 Seed M55D: #1 Seed
	<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?)




Men's & Women's Seeds

Dy, Drexel	<i>M30S: #2 Seed</i>
	<i>(bio not available)</i>
Frederick, David	<i>Saratoga, CA M50D: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in South Bay • Two time NCAA Div III Team finalist at UCSC (Coach Bob Hansen) • Three time #1 in 5.5 singles (including Class A, precursor to 5.5/5.0) • NCTA #1 Open Doubles and Mixed Doubles (2001) • Tourney doubles wins against top 70 in the world
Fritz-Krockow, Mariko	<i>Orinda, CA W35S: #1 Seed</i>
	<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.
Gamble, Fanny	<i>San Rafael. W45S: #2 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born and raised in Jerusalem, Israel. • Competed in tennis from ages 7 - 18, then joined the Israeli army for 2 years, got married, moved to the U.S., and became the proud mother of four girls. • Resumed playing tennis, participating in local and national tournaments, achieving 3rd rank nationally, and representing the U.S. twice at the Seniors World Cup, her proudest individual achievement. • Coached high school athletes at Marin Catholic High School for four years. • Introduced to spirituality during tennis journey, meditated daily for eight years. This led her to share her love for tennis, spirituality, Israel and world travel through Mammille retreats (www.mammille.com). • Tennis record: # 3 in the Nation for 40's woman – 2024, # 6 in the Nation for 45's woman - 2024, # 39 in the world - 40's women 2014,2017


Men's & Women's Seeds

Garner, Robert	<i>Visalia, CA</i> <i>M85S: #1 Seed</i>
	<i>(bio not available)</i>
Gittens, Moses	<i>Larkspur, CA.</i> <i>M45D: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hails from the beautiful West Indies Island of St. Lucia. ● Began athletic career playing golf for St. Lucia's national team. ● Switched to tennis and fell in love with the sport. ● Became Head Tennis Pro at LeSport Hotel in St. Lucia, and was ranked in the top-10 of the nation's tennis players. ● Moved to Washington, DC -- worked at East Potomac Tennis Center and Rock Creek Park Tennis Center. ● Later became Tennis Director for the Loudoun Sport & Health Club in Leesburg, VA, and then Tennis Director at historic Winchester Country Club in Winchester, VA. ● Moved to Marin County in 2012 with his wife Laraine. ● Hal Wagner open men's doubles champion 2018 & 2019. ● Golf is favorite sport when not playing tennis, and loves reading.
Goldfien, Jeffrey	<i>Campbell, CA</i> <i>M65S: #5 Seed</i>
	<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>
Greenwald, Jeff	<i>Belvedere Tiburon</i> <i>M45S: #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>.

Men's & Women's Seeds

<p>Hoefelmann, Ole</p>	<p><i>Emerald Hills. M55S: #4 Seed M50D: #2 Seed M55D: #3 Seed</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played junior tennis in Germany and Japan • Played four years for St Mary's College
<p>Houseman, Matt</p>	<p><i>LaQuinta, CA M65D: #1 Seed</i></p>
	<p><i>(bio not available)</i></p>
<p>Howard, Kevin</p>	<p><i>North Las Vegas M55D: #2 Seed M60D: #2 Seed</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in San Francisco and played at Golden Gate Park as a junior player • Ranked #10 in the US boys 18 doubles • Played a year at Foothill Jr. College • Won a gold ball with my father Gil Howard in Father Son • Was top 10 in Mens 55 doubles nationally in 2016 • Wins over Brad Gilbert, Greg Holmes, Peter Pearson, Mike Bauer and others in tournaments in the past (years ago) • Recently beat Kevin Connor/Leo Young Indoor Nationals • Brothers Scott and Mike and sister Susan all have played and all have achieved a ball (bronze or gold)
<p>Howard, Scott</p>	<p><i>Santa Clara, CA M55S</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born in San Francisco and played at SFSU • Four times ranked in singles top 15 in U.S. age group. • Has won the Mill Valley tournament in doubles and mixed.
<p>Knuth, Doug</p>	<p><i>Reno, NV M50S: #3 Seed</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Connecticut. • Attended and played at the University of Connecticut. Love the Huskies! • Best days on the court are playing with my wife or son. • Play anyone, any time, any place. Love playing tennis.

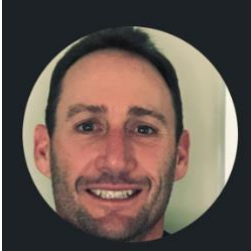


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Kotlyar, Alex	<i>San Francisco. M35S: #2 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Division I captain at University of San Francisco (ranked No. 58 in nation) • Recent Men's 35s singles finalist at The Wilson Open Hardcourt Nationals • Current 5.0+ player playing out of California Tennis Club • Current Head Tennis Professional at Tiburon Peninsula Club • Assistant Tournament Director of the 2022/2023 Tiburon Challenger Pro Event • Former Top 10 junior in NorCal singles and Top 75 junior nationally in singles/doubles • Originally from Odessa, Ukraine and raised in San Francisco, CA
Krulevitch, Peter	<i>San Antonio, TX M55S: #2 Seed M55D: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Northern California. Coaches were Nick Carter and Rick Jacobson. • Was #10 in NorCal in the 18s. • Walked on to the team at UC Berkeley but quit to focus on school. • In 2023, was No. 1 in the 55s nationally. • In 2023, was National Indoor Champ in 55s. Finalist in national grasscourts. In 2022, was hardcourts finalist. • Notable wins over Alfredo Rivera, Garry Nadebaum, Curtis Dunn.
Kung, Jennifer	<i>San Francisco W30S: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Sunnyvale, CA • Played juniors in NorCal, ranked as high as #2 in 18s • Played college tennis at University of Chicago, earning All-American honors for all four years • Contributed to two UAA conference titles and four consecutive NCAA Final Four appearances, including a 2nd place finish • Won NCAA DIII singles title at ITA Small College National Championships • Captained teams that finished 1st and 3rd at 9.0 Mixed Nationals • Played for teams competing at 5.0 Nationals (2nd place), 10.0 Mixed Nationals (2x 2nd place, 1x 4th place), 4.0-5.0 Tri-Level Nationals (1st place) • Captained teams that advanced to 2024 9.0 and 10.0 Mixed Nationals • Won 30 & over Mixed title at 2023 Marin Championships with Nick Ballou




Men's & Women's Seeds

LaFlamme, Matthew	Discovery Bay, CA M65D: #4 Seed
	<i>(bio not available)</i>
Lal, Shibu	Greenbrae, CA M50S: #2 Seed
	<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
Lawrence-Hendy, Angela	Tiburon, CA W35D: #1 Seed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native Australian 4X All-American tennis player. • Top ranked Australian junior player. • Best career win against Patty Schnyer (former world top 10 player) at the Australian Open Juniors. • Attended Pepperdine University on a tennis scholarship, earning All-American status all four years; inducted into the Pepperdine Hall of Fame in 2017. • During tenure at Pepperdine, represented Australia at the World University Games. • National collegiate ranking of #25 in singles and #7 in doubles. • Currently competes on the ITF World Masters tour and is ranked #2 in the world in 45 doubles. • Will travel to Portugal in August representing Australia in the World Masters tennis championships • Resides in Tiburon with her husband James and two boys JJ and Luke.
Lehto, Eric	San Rafael, CA M65S: #1 Seed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former #1 Player University of Oregon • Recent member of USA senior team • Active yogi and tai chi enthusiast

Men's & Women's Seeds

<p>Levitas, Allen</p> 	<p><i>Los Gatos, CA</i> <i>M45S: #2 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started playing tennis at 14 • #1 tennis player at Wilcox High School for 3 years • Won the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League in 1994 and 1995. • Won the SDSU walk on tennis tournament in 1995 and 1997. • Rated 5.0 (UTR 9 and 10) for the last 14 years. • Also loves basketball (2-3 times a week/city leagues) and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu (Blue Belt). • Parents immigrated from Russia, have 3 kids (17, 16, and 12), and wife is from Brazil and also plays (4.0). • Won the Marin Singles 45's in 2023
<p>Lukeroth, Clinton</p> 	<p><i>Stockton, CA.</i> <i>M75S: #1 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played high school tennis at College Park High School in Pleasant Hill, California. • Ranked number one in age group in singles and doubles in Northern California for 2023. • Ranked number 14 nationally in singles age group for 2023. • Previously ranked top ten nationally in team doubles age group with Ron Wihlidal. • Singles finalist in previous Marin Tournament age group.
<p>Magadan, Ivan</p>	<p><i>Parr, TX</i> <i>M30S: #1 Seed</i></p>
	<p><i>(bio not available)</i></p>
<p>Martin, Mylene</p> 	<p><i>Pleasanton, CA</i> <i>W35S: #2 Seed</i> <i>W35D: #2 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.


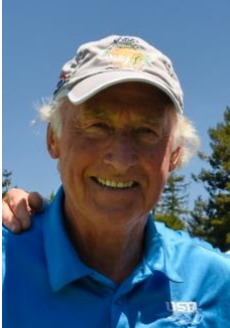
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Meacham, David	Foster City M60D: #1 Seed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born in Seattle grew up in Washington State • Started playing tennis on grass when living in England at age 14. Played 3 years high school reaching #1 in singles. • Won 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.
Montes, Martin	Redwood City, CA. M50D: #2 Seed
	<i>(bio not available)</i>
Morgan, Chris	Mill Valley M70D
	<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
Morley, Tom	Irving, TX M70S: #2 Seed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native Texan. • Currently ranked #2 in Texas 70 Singles. • Currently ranked #5 Nationally 70 Singles
Noel, Stephen	Monte Sereno, CA. M50D: #1 Seed
	<i>(bio not available)</i>
Norman, Mark	Las Vegas, NV M55D: #2 Seed M60D: #2 Seed
	<i>(bio not available)</i>



Men's & Women's Seeds

North, Roger	<i>Portland, OR</i> <i>M80S: #1 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.
Parker, Murphey	<i>San Francisco</i> <i>M35S: #3 Seed</i> <i>M35D: #2 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grew up in Atlanta, GA ● Two time All American NJCAA First Team D3; National Champions 2006 ● Former Top 100 US national ranking, currently ranked #4 M35 ● Former ATP Doubles Ranking 1100 ● Marin Championship M35 Singles winner 2023
Perkins, Anthony	<i>Lenexa, KS</i> <i>M35S: #1 Seed</i> <i>M40S: #1 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grew up in Leamington Spa, England ● College Tennis at Drake University ● Member of Great Britain, over 35 and over 40s team at ITF world championships ● Top 10 in ITF rankings over 40 ● Winner of 11 USTA Senior Gold balls
Pierce, Wendell	<i>Oakland, CA</i> <i>M70S: #3 Seed</i>
	<i>(bio not available)</i>
Prager, Joshua	<i>Yuba City, CA</i> <i>M50S: #4 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ranked #9 NorCal juniors boys 16s and 18s ● Played for University of Oregon 91-95, mostly #2 singles ● Tennis accomplishments: 3-0 vs Shibu Lal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 21 years ago - Sacramento Open ● 8 years ago - La Jolla 40 and over national ● 17 years ago - Pacific Coast national level 2



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<p>Sablan, Ryan</p> 	<p><i>Walnut Creek M40S: #2 Seed M35D: #1 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.
<p>Saputo, Michael</p> 	<p><i>Walnut Creek M80S: #2 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Orinda, North Coast Champions at Miramonte High all four years, Class of 62. • Our high school coach, Jack Darrah, went on to be Junior Davis Cup coach with Jimmy Connors, Gerge Taylor and Jeff Borowiak. • Went to Diablo Valley College, finish 3rd in the state for junior colleges 1964. • Wins over Len Saputo, before he got good. Won many age division NorCal tournaments over the years. National level, age division anywhere from first round loser to semi-finalist over the years. • USPTA head pro at Boundary Oaks Racquet Oaks Club, Walnut Creek. I found the land and built it with Len Saputo in 1971. Later called Club Sport.
<p>Sauer, Bryan</p>	<p><i>Wilmington, DE M60S: #1 Seed</i></p>
	<p><i>(bio not available)</i></p>
<p>Saviano, Ralph</p> 	<p><i>Brentwood, CA M65S: #5 Seed M65D: #4 Seed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew Up in Los Altos Hills • Played a couple of tournaments at age 14, played Football, Basketball, Soccer, Track in High School. Still coaching High School Varsity Basketball (12 yrs.). • Played 1 year Tennis at Foothill College; State Champions that year, injured shoulder @ Cal Poly SLO before Tennis season started. Tennis became the main exercise in 2018 and started competing in Tennis tournaments. Herniated discs in back in 2020, following year Ranked #1 in Nation 60's Singles 2021, Semi Finalist National Grass 2021 & 2022, won Bronze Ball 65 Singles 2022, #6 Nation 65's 2023.

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Sharpe, John	<i>Moraga</i>	<i>M75S: #2 Seed</i>
	<i>(bio not available)</i>	
Sitaram, Anant	<i>San Ramon, CA</i>	<i>M35S: #4 Seed</i>
	<i>(bio not available)</i>	
Sontag, Jerry	<i>Inverness, CA.</i>	<i>M65D: #3 Seed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grew up in Stamford, Connecticut. Played competitive tennis through high school. Took a 20 year break to play squash. Returned to tennis at 50. Lucky to play with really good doubles partners. 	
Spruch, Sarah-Maria	<i>Oakland, CA</i>	<i>W30S: #2 Seed</i>
	<i>(bio not available)</i>	
Strem, Mark	<i>Menlo Park, CA</i>	<i>M60D: #1 Seed</i>
	<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. 	
Todd, Jeff	<i>Castle Rock, CO</i> <i>M65S: #5 Seed</i> <i>M65D: #2 Seed</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grew up in the Northeast Didn't play junior tennis Was high school all-state in Maryland in 1977 Recruited by Mike Krzyzewski to play basketball at Army (West Point) Walked onto the tennis team at Army Served in the US Army Ranked #1 in Colorado in every age division from 40s to 65s Won a USTA National Category III tourney singles and doubles in 2019 Just retired, started playing national Level 1 and 2 tournaments this year 	

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<p>Warde, Jake</p> 	<p><i>Forest Knolls, CA M70D</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grew up in Denver, CO • 1972-1975: Member of the Stanford University Tennis Team • * 1978: CA State Mixed Doubles Championship with Eliza Pande • 2022: Pacific Coast Championships 65s Doubles Champion with Mike Lamble • 2023: Member of Norcal 9.0 National Championship Team
<p>Wirstrom, Robert</p> 	<p><i>Moraga M50S: #1 Seed</i></p> <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.
<p>Zhao, Vicky</p>	<p><i>Palo Alto, CA W35D: #2 Seed</i></p> <p><i>(bio not available)</i></p>