

VOLLEYS

SAN FRANCISCO & NORTH BAY

SILVERADO DRAWS TOP COLLEGE PLAYERS: This year's **Silverado Collegiate Invitational** is set for September 6-9. It kicks off with a pro-am, with all money raised going to the Napa Valley Tennis Association. The lineup of colleges includes Cal, USF, UNLV, Oklahoma State, Pepperdine, Hawaii and Liberty. Attendance is free. In other news,

their recent pro-am raised money for the Napa Valley Tennis Association. For info contact (707) 257-5541 or silveradotennis@pbienis.com.

CAL CLUB AGAIN HOSTS BATTLE IN THE BAY: It used to be that when people journeyed to San Francisco, they came with flowers in their hair. More recently, they've come with Wilsons, Heads, Dunlops and Babolats in their hands. Translation: The venerable Cal Club will again be hosting the **Battle in the Bay Classic**, a competition event that draws top collegiate teams from across the country. Last year Manny Diaz and his Georgia team were on hand.

SUPER-REP JOHN RUSHWORTH RETIRES: San Anselmo's **John Rushworth** was the perfect sales rep. Upbeat, knowledgeable, honest, energetic and fun, he was a mainstay in the NorCal tennis industry for four decades. If you played with a Prince, a Head or a Babolat racket, maybe Rushworth helped get it your way. His upbeat personality, entrepreneurial spirit and years of knowhow will be dearly missed.

BEDILLION RETIRES: One of the great fixtures of Marin tennis has retired. For decades, **Jim Bedillion** was at the Ross Valley Swim and Tennis Club, which is now a Bay Club. He then went on to work at San Domenico School and with Charlie Hoeveler at Nike Tennis Camps. The Bedillion-led camp was unique in devoting half the students' time to tennis and half to learning and improving conversational English. Bedillion was a great coach and a longtime USTA NorCal board member.

PRO TENNIS TO TIBURON: Every fall, the **\$100,000 Wells Fargo Tiburon Challenger** brings top-flight tennis to the Tiburon Peninsula Club. This year's event is slated for September 22-30.

EAST BAY AND BEYOND

KENIN AND GIBBSY – A BACKHAND AND A VOICE IN BERKELEY: The 19-year-old was playing on the court where the great Helen Wills and Grand Slam winner Don Budge once reigned. But, not surprisingly, she had heard of neither. Still, **Sonya Kenin** showed incredible "Will"-power and her considerable foe – **Nicole Gibbs** – couldn't "Budge." The Floridian prospect of Russian heritage broke the Stanford grad and former NCAA champ six of eight times, unleashing mighty backhands and a string of drop shot winners as she raced to a 6-0, 6-3 win to capture the **\$60,000 Berkeley Tennis Club Challenge**.

Under the knowing eye of the Claremont Club, Kenin sprinted from the starting gate.

SUPPORT THE THRILLING GOLDEN GATE PARK TENNIS CENTER RENOVATION – FREE PARTY SEPTEMBER 8TH: Now over 125 years old, **Golden Gate Park Tennis Center** has a storied past as "a cradle of champions," with five-time Slam winner Alice Marble, and WTA stars Rosie Casals and Peanut and Marcie Louie among the players who have called it home. SF's main public tennis site, in the heart of one of the world's greatest parks, GGPTC was a community hub, attracting families and tennis lovers of all backgrounds.

The idea of renovating GGPTC was introduced to **Lisa and Douglas Goldman** back in 2012, and since then, together with the staff of their foundation, they've remained huge advocates of the innovative plan. They've paved the way for a dazzling new upgrade with a \$6.635 million gift from their foundation. Not surprisingly, the site will be named the **Lisa and Douglas Goldman Tennis Center**. The park holds a special significance for the Goldmans. On its courts their daughter Jennifer learned to compete, formed friendships and developed a passion for a sport she would play in college.

The Goldmans have long supported the improvement of San Francisco parks and free access to recreational activities for the general public, whether through support for the Bay Area Pro-Am Basketball League or by funding parks in underserved neighborhoods. For over two decades they've led one of America's longest-running free concert series, the Stern Grove Festival – and their involvement included a \$15 million renovation. "Our parks serve to bring the environment and the community together," says Doug Goldman. "When our parks die, so does our community. The opportunity to renovate the aging tennis facility in Golden Gate Park serves to give all community members a modern site

promoting competition, camaraderie and friendships for decades to come."

Goldman is particularly excited about the design of the new center and its cutting-edge technology, that allows for a middle-school expansion of the TLC (Tennis and Learning Center) afterschool program. Facets such as these led to the project being approved by the SF Board of Supervisors.

In addition to the Goldman Fund, Taube Philanthropies has played a leadership role in bringing this project to fruition, initiating a Taube Challenge Grant whereby every dollar raised, up to \$6.5 million, will be matched dollar-for-dollar.

Community input has also been key, with Tennis Coalition SF, SF Parks Alliance, and SF Recreation and Parks all playing major roles.

A September 8 **Party for Golden Gate Park Tennis Center** kicks off the final stretch of fundraising with a free big-screen broadcast of the US Open women's final, along with Cardio Tennis, exhibitions,

kids' games, food trucks and a beer and wine garden. For info on the GGPTC renovation project and the Sept 8 event, go to tenniscoalitionsf.org.

Lisa and Douglas Goldman played a key role in the renovation of the storied Golden Gate Park Tennis Center, which will host the middle-school expansion of TLC (Tennis and Learning Center).

