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Back in the early days of civilization, being a leader meant being tall and having a loud voice. That way, people could see you, hear you, and follow you easily.

Leadership today also involves being seen and heard; however, with so much technology at our fingertips, the focus is more on the quality of what is seen and heard before the decision is made to follow – or not. Your image, your facial expressions and body language, your tone of voice and word choice, and the frequency and consistency of being seen and heard all contribute to others’ perceptions of you as a leader. These are “soft skills” that are not explicitly taught in any of the courses in the petroleum engineering degree curriculum. You have to learn these on your own.

When we did our Member Survey earlier this year, there were many suggestions for Soft Skills Workshops about leadership, coaching, mentoring, and social skills. Our Continuing Education Committee is planning several of these in upcoming months. Also, SPE International is going to pilot a new 3-day Leadership Academy for Young Professionals Dec. 2-4 at the SPE Houston Office training room. The catchy tagline is: “Your technical skills got you through the door. Your interpersonal skills will get you up the ladder.”

SPE has a myriad of opportunities to take on leadership positions and learn leadership skills firsthand. Consider serving as a Gulf Coast Section volunteer for on-the-job leadership training.

One of the leadership quotes I especially like is the following from John C. Maxwell, leadership coach, pastor, and author of more than 60 books on the subject: “A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.” This means a leader has to have some knowledge about the terrain, take action, and coach and mentor others along the route.

About 20 years ago, I had the opportunity to participate in a Leadership 20/20 program. During the opening weekend retreat, two dozen of us did a “ropes course,” which involved trusting your teammates while you tackled various obstacles. One of the challenges was to climb a telephone pole (which had metal foot rungs all the way up), stand on top of said telephone pole (which is only 6 inches in diameter), and spring off to catch a trapeze several feet away. Of course, they had you all trussed up with ropes and pulleys and two teammates holding separate lines to catch you should you fall.

Now, I want you to know that I have this “thing” about heights. I’m OK in an airplane, but you won’t catch me anywhere near the windows at the Petroleum Club! I didn’t think I’d be able to get to the top of that telephone pole, especially since I froze halfway up a farm silo that

I tried to climb when I was 8 years old. Why? My little brother said “Don’t look down,” so I looked down. It took four people a half hour to talk me down from that silo.

Well, after watching several Leadership 20/20 team members climb up and fall and not get hurt because of the ropes, I mustered up the courage and determination to try it.

I did not look down; I kept my eyes on the top. When I neared the top, I ran out of rungs for my hands, whereas my feet still had a few more to go. So I held on to the ropes, got one foot on the top of that pole and lurched forward. I bruised my hand on the trapeze, but I missed and fell, the ropes catching me nicely.

One of my teammates took a photo of me at the top of that telephone pole, and to this day, whenever I am facing some daunting task, I can tell myself: “Jeanne Marie, you have stood on the top of a telephone pole; surely you can do this.”

To lead the huge Gulf Coast Section and accomplish our goals, I have to trust and rely on my “ropes,” those teammates who take their responsibility seriously, who hold their lines firmly, but with a little slack.

Will you be one of my ropes? Call me, email me, I’ll find a leadership role for you. Together, we will celebrate amazing achievements!

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.”

Love, Jeanne
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MEET OUR NEW WEBMASTER
LINDSEY NEWSOME

Please welcome our new webmaster, Lindsey Newsome, who has been contracted to improve the Gulf Coast Section’s website and send out our e-newsletter and email blasts to study groups.

A graduate of Texas A&M with a degree in speech communication, Lindsey has served as website manager for Gurwitch products and marketing communications manager for MicroSeismic. She is a whiz at email marketing and promotions, an expert at web page design and functionality, and passionate about using metrics to evaluate website effectiveness.

For example, at MicroSeismic Lindsey adjusted the website content such that page views increased by 27%, new visitors increased by 10%, and overall site visits increased 22% in just a few months! She is also good at producing, editing and launching online webinars and created a YouTube channel to expand brand awareness.

One of the things Lindsey is going to help us with is creating online tutorials on how to upload your study group event info on our website. We expect to see our Google Analytics reports rising off the charts due to Lindsey’s efforts to improve our website!

Lindsey will be working from home, where she has a darling little girl, age 1. For fun, she likes to bake, swim, and travel.

If you ever have any website questions or want something uploaded to it, please feel free to contact Lindsey at webmaster@spegcs.org.

DON’T MISS OUT – RENEW YOUR DUES TODAY!
The nation’s most unusual and one of its most expensive exploration plays is being quietly explored in downtown LA, as the Los Angeles Basin play is extended from near City Hall almost to Santa Monica.

Atlantic Refining is in the process of setting an Eastern Hemisphere offshore water depth drilling record of 525 ft in the Gulf of Sirte off Libya.

The turbodrill that Dresser Industries designed for ultimate use in Project Mohole will undergo a shakedown test by drilling through a very high compressive strength basalt deposit 10 miles southeast of Uvalde, Texas.

17 new LNG storage caverns are under construction, which will bring the total number of these caverns excavated or leached out of hard rock or salt formations to over 450 in 24 states.

The development of a new directional-drilling tool is announced. This tool from Drilco Oil Tools anchors to one side of the hole and hydraulically bends the drill string in the opposite direction.

East Texas crude oil - $3.10/bbl; U.S. active rig count – 1,530

For the first time since Baker Hughes began keeping figures by segment, the number of domestic rigs drilling for gas exceeded the number of rigs drilling for oil. (My, how things have changed!)

Sources report that financial compensation for the families of the 167 victims of last year’s Piper Alpha North Sea platform explosion and fire is expected to exceed $157 million.

Meanwhile, Exxon’s main contractor on the Exxon Valdez oil spill expects the spill cleanup and related costs to ultimately total as much as $2 billion, excluding lawsuits.

While BP Canada shops its interest in the Wolf Lake in-situ oil sands project in Alberta, other Canadian and West German firms plan a $700 million coal liquefaction/heavy oil upgrader project in the same province. (How about the German word for coal liquefaction…kohleverflussigung!)

WTI crude oil - $19.37/bbl; U.S. active rig count – 936

The World Bank reports plans to dramatically change its lending practices for developing nations that request loans to expand their oil, gas, and mineral production. They indicate that they will focus more on gas projects and will consider expanding their alternate fuel portfolio to include more solar and wind projects.

The Minerals Management Service plans a workshop to outline an ocean-current monitoring program that will enable operators to curtail drilling operations before currents build to threatening levels.

Hurricane Frances forces nine companies to evacuate 16 platforms and 17 drilling ships in the Gulf of Mexico off New Orleans and Houma, Louisiana, thus shutting in approximately 60,000 BOPD for 5 days.

France reports plans to expand its annual biofuels production capacity to more than 1 billion tons.

Light sweet crude oil - $43.38/bbl; Natural gas - $4.66/MMbtu; U.S. active rig count – 1,240

Henry’s shining creative soul still surfaced now and then during the 1920’s and 30’s, most prominently in the mid-20’s when he built what was at the time the world’s greatest factory, the River Rouge plant, and developed an outstanding new car, the Model A. He allowed his softer side to emerge when he played with the grandchildren and went camping with his hero Thomas Edison. But most of the time he conducted a grim exercise of power. Two key figures in his terrifying descent were his son Edsel, and a man named Harry Bennett.

Edsel, Henry’s only child, became president of Ford Motor Company in 1918 at the age of 25 when Henry decided to simply be owner of the company. Edsel was an exceptionally competent auto executive, trained from birth to know and love cars, but unfortunately for him, he was also a reasonable man who was willing to listen to others’ opinions. This attribute was viewed by Henry as a weakness. “The boy is too soft,” he said. Henry decided to make Edsel tough by making life tough—a rationalization for letting his ego run amok.

Henry relentlessly badgered and bullied Edsel, spied on him, overturned his decisions, and encouraged other executives to subvert...

THE REST OF THE YARN
This month we continue our look back at the life and times of Henry Ford.
What gas mixture were subsea divers breathing circa 1964 in order to be able to perform operations in 450 ft water depths?

**ANSWER TO MAY’S QUIZ**

The formal recognition of the art of drilling (or earth boring) in the United States, insofar as the Patent Office is concerned, involved two handwritten patents issued to Levi Disbrow, a New Yorker of all things, which were issued in 1825 and 1830, respectively.

May’s winner will be announced in the October issue.

If you would like to participate in this month’s quiz, e-mail your answer to contest@spe.org by noon, September 15. The winner, who will be chosen randomly from all correct answers, will receive a $50 gift card to a nice restaurant.

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**Innovation with a Purpose**

Dr. Ruscev will share his perspectives on the important role that a Research and Development Organization has on enabling a company to achieve its stated purpose. He will also describe how the purpose of Baker Hughes motivates R&D personnel, guides the project selection process, and accelerates the development of innovative solutions to the challenges facing the industry. His talk will be followed by a dynamic question and answer session.

**MARIO RUSCEV**

Mario Ruscev is Chief Technology Officer of Baker Hughes Incorporated. Dr. Ruscev has more than three decades of technology and operations experience in the oilfield services industry. He joined Baker Hughes from leading Russian seismic company Geotech Seismic Services, where he served as Chief Executive Officer. He previously served as Chief Executive Officer of FormFactor, a semiconductor testing equipment manufacturer that uses nanotechnology, and spent more than two decades with Schlumberger in a number of senior roles in France, the United Kingdom and Norway.

Early in his career, Dr. Ruscev formed a research team that developed imaging systems such as container imaging into gaseous sensors that provided images of container contents. This led to the development of the airport luggage screening system that remains in use today. He has led a number of teams whose work has significantly advanced the success of wireline logging tools, seismic resolution and measurement capabilities, and underground water management and carbon sequestration. Dr. Ruscev earned his doctorate in nuclear physics from the Pierre and Marie Curie University in Paris and his Ph.D. in nuclear physics from Yale University, and is a Director of the Global Carbon Capture and Storage Institute.

**EVENT INFO**

*Thursday*

**09.04.14**

11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

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Considerations for Infill Well Development in Low Permeability Reservoirs

As low permeability reservoir development matures in the US, operators are now contending with the issue of field development. Specifically, optimal well spacing and timing of infill drilling must be addressed. This is largely driven by the matrix perm and extent of the effective hydraulic fracture area. The structural setting largely dictates the dimensions of the hydraulic fracture system, both in height growth and lateral complexity. But depletion from parent wells can impact the dimensions of both the created frac system as well as the productive frac system on infill wells. Thus geologic structure and depletion need to be taken into account to determine not only where to place infill wells, but as importantly, when to place infill wells. Examples from the Bakken and Woodford Shales will be shown to demonstrate the workflow required to answer these field development questions.

GEORGE WATERS

George Waters is the Technical Manager of Unconventional Completions for Schlumberger. He has 29 years of hydraulic fracturing experience, including 14 years of stimulating organic shales. He is currently engaged in the evaluation and completion of organic shales outside of North America, having worked on shales in over 20 countries. He received a BS in Petroleum Engineering from West Virginia University, an MS in Environmental Engineering from Oklahoma State University, and an MS in Petroleum Engineering from Institut Francais du Petrole. He was an SPE Distinguished Lecturer on Organic Shale Completions during the 2009 –2010 season.
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We will present an overview of what the Petro-Tech Study Group has historically been, where we are now, and future plans. The 2014-2015 events will be unveiled, and new ideas will be presented for discussion and feedback. Please join us and learn what we have in store, as well as provide your ideas and feedback to help shape our group to better fit everyone’s needs.

JESSICA MORGAN

Jessica is the 2014-2015 Chair of the Petro-Tech Study Group, having been with the board since 2011. She has facilitated the SPE-GCS salary survey for the last three years. Jessica has twelve years of experience in the industry, moving from admin to tech to technologist in quick succession. She has extensive experience in data analysis, reserves reporting, database administration, corporate compliance and reporting, and software development/troubleshooting.

Jessica has been a member of SPE for five years and has been employed at Black Stone Minerals as a Senior Engineering Technologist for the last four years.
**Little Things Have Big Effects - Drilling Vibrations - From Source to Remediation**

Drilling vibrations continue to have drastic negative effects on operational success and project costs. In all instances, and as a requirement to facilitate development of appropriate solutions, sources of vibrations must always be identified. Vibrations mode identification, while important, has less significance in comparison to vibrations source identification. Source identification improves efficiency of remediation strategies.

The discussion will show why severe vibrations, which could not be resolved with the known remediation strategies, including bit selection, BHA modeling, drilling parameter changes, persisted over several different projects. Specifically, it will be shown that the dynamic conditions always worsened when the known strategies were executed, even when the specific vibrations modes were claimed to have been identified with downhole measurements.

Most importantly, the presentation will also show how re-focusing on the problems resulted in the identification of a new vibrations source. This was aided by extensive analysis of worn downhole tools and their failure patterns. The simplicity (little things) in the solution developed to address this new vibrations source, and the huge impact (big effects) the solutions continue to have on project success and cost savings in challenging environments will be presented.

**GRAHAM MENSA-WILMOT**

Graham Mensa-Wilmot is a Sr. Advisor, Drilling Engineering in Chevron’s Energy Technology Company. Graham is the MAXDRILL (Performance Drilling) project leader. He has more than 28 years of experience in drilling applications research, downhole tool development, drilling vibrations identification and remediation, drilling dynamics, and drilling performance improvement. He has authored 41 technical papers and also holds 26 patents on the same disciplines.

Graham is a recognized industry leader on performance drilling, and serves on the SPE/IADC Drilling Conference Program Committee, and the SPE Drilling and Completions technical review committee. He previously served on the JPT Editorial committee, and was also a distinguished lecturer for the Petroleum Network Educational Courses series. He holds an MS degree in Drilling Engineering from Romania’s University of Petroleum and Gas in Ploiesti.
GENERAL MEETING

The Boom: What I Learned From A Decade Covering Fracking for the Wall Street Journal

Russell Gold, a brilliant and dogged investigative reporter at The Wall Street Journal, has spent more than a decade reporting on one of the biggest stories of our time: the spectacular, world-changing rise of “fracking.”

Mr. Gold will share the untold stories of the rise of this technology and insights from the frontlines of the “fracking” debate. It is a story with an incredible cast of tycoons and geologists, dreamers and drillers, speculators and skeptics; a story that answers a critical question of our time: Where will the energy come from to power our world—and what price will we have to pay for it?

“Fracking” has become a divisive political lightning rod. Opponents heap criticisms upon it without offering alternatives. Industry supporters all too often will rush to its defense without acknowledging its shortcomings.

The debate between this once obscure oilfield technology’s vociferous critics and fervent defenders has obscured the actual story: “Fracking” has become a fixture of the American landscape and the global economy. It has upended the business models of energy companies around the globe, and it has started to change geopolitics and global energy markets in profound ways.

RUSSELL GOLD


He started his journalism career at the Philadelphia Inquirer and the San Antonio Express-News. In 2000, he joined The Wall Street Journal and covered Texas and economics, before switching to energy in 2002. His reporting has taken him to five continents and above the Arctic Circle two times.

In 2010, he was part of the Wall Street Journal team that covered the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill. The Journal’s work was awarded the Gerald Loeb Award for best business story of the year and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in National Reporting.

He earned a B.A. in History from Columbia University in 1993. He lives in Austin with his wife and two children.

Copies of Mr. Gold’s book will be available for purchase at the meeting.

EVENT INFO

Thursday
09.11.14
11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

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Russell Gold
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PERMIAN BASIN

Redefine the Operating Window: How to Proactively Design for Mechanical Wellbore Strengthening

Casing while Drilling (drilling with casing or liner) is an enabling method that is believed to increase stability and fracture gradient in narrow pore-fracture pressure sedimentary basins and deep offshore applications (plastering effect). Although successful field applications of increasing wellbore integrity have been reported, uncertainties remain regarding the mechanisms and how to operationally capture the maximum attainable wellbore pressure. These uncertainties include the hydraulic complexities of fluids, role of Particle Size Distribution (PSD) and how it relates to the plastering effect, type of drilling fluids, borehole shape, role of lost circulation materials (LCM), variation of drilling parameters, and casing eccentricity. This presentation provides a proactive plastering effect design solution to decrease the interference of several unknowns.

MOJI KARIMI

Moji Karimi is Weatherford’s North America Drilling-with-Casing (DwC™) Product Line Champion. Prior to joining Weatherford, Moji worked as Casing-Drilling Research Engineer at TESCO. Mr. Karimi is considered a subject matter expert in wellbore-strengthening applications that use casing while drilling technology. He has authored and coauthored more than 20 technical papers on various drilling subjects and holds two pending patent applications on Integrated Wellbore Strengthening and Managed Pressure Wellbore Strengthening. Moji serves on several industry committees such as AADE Fluids Management Group and the IADC lead team tasked with writing the 12th edition of the IADC Drilling Manual. Mr. Karimi received the 2013 SPE Gulf Coast Regional Young Member Outstanding Service Award. He holds a Master of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering from University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Bachelor of Science degree in Drilling Engineering from University of Petroleum Technology.

EVENT INFO

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**A New Generation of Efficient Fracturing Fluids for High Total Dissolved Solids Applications**

As the stimulation of unconventional resources expands, a need has arisen for alternative fracturing fluids that offer advantages over traditional guar-based systems, particularly with regard to proppant pack cleanup and minimization of formation damage. Key parameters that would make a fluid system a preferable option over guar include the reduction of polymer necessary to achieve desired fluid stability, as well as the ability to viscosify diversified water sources, including produced water. Low-pH fracturing fluid systems which utilize a low residue polymer as the gelling agent have been developed to meet this need.

These new fluid systems are designed to accommodate hybrid fracturing designs, and to viscosify the variety of source waters employed in many locations. A linear gelling agent is utilized that provides rapid hydration rates in waters containing up to 110,000 mg/l total dissolved solids (TDS). Rapid hydration for the linear system occurs at a pH range of 5 to 11, eliminating the necessity for hydration buffers. The cross-linked system offers effective fluid stability at pH 5 with a temperature range of 125° to 250 °F, polymer loadings as low as 12 lbm/ Mgal, and stability in produced waters containing 110,000 mg/l TDS. Linear gel systems offer hydration rates of less than 3 minutes at 40°F in 2% KCl brine. This minimizes the volume of fresh water required while maintaining the necessary frac fluid parameters. This presentation will discuss the technical and operational advantages of these fluid systems versus guar in various water sources, including produced water mixtures. The impact on productivity and formation compatibility relative to currently used fluid systems will also be covered.

**GABRIEL MONREAL**

Mr. Gabriel Monreal is a principal chemist in the Fluid Chemistry Laboratory Section of FTS International’s Corporate Technology Center in Houston. Since joining FTS International in 2012, Mr. Monreal has worked on the development of new fracturing fluid systems and additives for use in unconventional reservoirs. His primary research focus is the development of efficient fracturing fluid systems that are suitable for use in produced and flowback water sources. Before joining FTS International, Mr. Monreal worked downstream as a refinery chemist for NuStar Energy, L.P., as well as an R&D chemist in hydraulic fracturing technologies and water treatment for Weatherford International Ltd. He holds a B.S. degree in chemistry from Baylor University and an M.S. in chemistry from Texas State University.
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

EnerVest – The Path Forward

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The past 5 years have seen a steady flow of acquisitions for EnerVest, averaging over $1B/yr. EnerVest added to its already formidable position in Barnett, while expanding operations in the Anadarko, San Juan and Uinta Basins. 2013 also saw divestitures in Permian and a partial sale/JV formation with FourPoint in western Oklahoma. EnerVest is also a leading producer in Ohio, where it has extensive land holdings in the Utica and an active JV with Chesapeake/Total. What is EnerVest targeting in 2014? Has it been sitting on the sidelines waiting for gas prices to subside from their peaks during our recent “ice age”? Will we see the formation of more JV relationships with non-operating parties? Are there any recent developments with their extensive Utica position?

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Well performance evaluation in liquids-rich shales has received a lot of attention in the literature to date. While there are a variety of techniques available to estimate effective fracture lengths and areas, the simplest method so far involves a comparison of volumetric oil in place with estimated ultimate recovery from the wellbore. A hypothesis was proposed in a major West Texas project recently that suggested slickwater fracs were only developing 50 to 60 ft of effective propped height regardless of proppant volume pumped. This limited height was validated in several vertical pilot wells with radioactive proppant tracers. When the trajectory of the lateral was compared to the pilot well net pay distribution, it was observed that the wells that remained in the limited “sweet spot” had significantly higher recovery factors than those that did not. In addition, when a recovery factor analysis was made of the expected propped interval for 120-acre spacing recovery factors, the values were in the 8-10% range. When the analysis was done for the entire 300 ft gross pay column above and below the propped interval, the recovery factors dropped to 1-2%.

ROBERT BARBA

Bob spent 10 years with Schlumberger as an openhole field engineer, sales engineer, and product development manager. Since then he has spent 22 years consulting for over 175 companies on petrophysics and completion optimization. He has focused on the integration of petrophysics with completion designs in a variety of reservoirs in North America, conducting numerous field studies for operators evaluating the apparent frac length in over 2000 wells and providing “best practices” recommendations based on the study results (SPE 90483). He has been responsible for the petrophysical analysis of 40 major fields worldwide as part of integrated reservoir characterization studies identifying remaining mobile hydrocarbons. He has authored 33 technical papers on the integration of petrophysics with completion designs, horizontal wells, and reservoir characterization projects. Bob has a BS from the US Naval Academy and an MBA from the University of Florida. He is also a member of the SPE, SPWLA, and the AAPG.
Quasiglobal Multiphase Upscaling of Reservoir Models With Nonlocal Stratigraphic Heterogeneities

Representing the complete spectrum of fine-scale stratigraphic details in full-field dynamic models of geologically complex clastic reservoirs is beyond the limits of existing computational capabilities. A quasiglobal multiphase upscaling method—the Regional-scale Multiphase Upscaling (RMU) method—is developed, in which the dynamic effects of subgrid-scale (typically subseismic) nonlocal stratigraphic reservoir elements (e.g., channels, lobes, sand bars, and shale drapes) are captured by means of pseudofunctions for flow simulation. Unlike conventional dynamic multiphase upscaling methods, the RMU method does not require fine-resolution reservoir-scale simulations. Rather, it relies on intermediate-scale sector-model simulations for pseudoization. During the pseudoization process, dynamic multiphase flow responses of coarse regional-scale sector models are calibrated against those stemming from their corresponding fine-resolution parent models. Each regional-scale sector model is simulated only once at the fine geologic resolution.

The RMU method is evaluated in two proof-of-concept numerical examples involving a plethora of turbidite stratigraphic architectures. The method yields simulation results that are always more accurate than conventionally upscaled coarse-resolution-model predictions. Incorporating geologically based pseudofunctions into otherwise simple coarse-resolution full-field reservoir models reduces the simulation cycle time significantly and improves the accuracy of production forecasts.

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SPE-GCS 31st Annual Tennis Tournament

The 31st Annual Society of Petroleum Engineers Gulf Coast Section Tennis Tournament will be held on Thursday, November 6th & Friday, November 7th at The Houston Racquet Club located at 10709 Memorial Drive in Houston, Texas. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the SPE-GCS Scholarship Fund. In combination with other section functions, there have been 33 new scholarships for incoming college freshman studying petroleum engineering, math and sciences, and 70 renewed scholarships which include sophomores, juniors and seniors for their continued education in petroleum engineering. More than $3 million dollars in scholarships have been awarded since 1963 to students through this program.

In 2013, we had a very successful tournament with over 115 players participating. Registrations and sponsorships raised $55,000 in revenue. After tournament expenses, net proceeds of over $39,600 dollars were contributed to the SPE-GCS Scholarship Fund.

Sponsors are a welcome and a essential part of making this event a success. All sponsors will be recognized in the tournament program and on the sponsorship billboard that is exhibited throughout the tournament. Please see the Sponsor Form for sponsorship levels. In-kind donations for ditty bags and door prizes are also accepted.

On behalf of the entire 2014 SPE-GCS Tennis Committee, we look forward to seeing everyone for two fun-filled days of tennis!

QUESTIONS
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LOCATION
The Houston Racquet Club
10709 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77024
713-464-4811
houstonracquetclub.com

START TIMES
Mixed Doubles
Begins Thursday November 6th - 6:00 PM

Tournament Doubles
Begins Friday November 7th - 9:00 AM

DEADLINE
October 31, 2014
Participation is limited! Entries accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thursday / Friday
November 6 - 7

EVENT INFORMATION
There will be two flighted round robin events:
Mixed Doubles – Thursday evening, November 6th
Tournament Doubles – Friday, November 7th

The tournament doubles event is open to men and women and is a combined bracket.
Partners may be of the same gender or mixed.

The committee will assist players who do not have a partner for any event.

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B – Intermediate Players
C – Non-regular Players & Beginners

The SPE-GCS Tennis Committee reserves the right to allocate players to a different flight if necessary. Please rank yourself on the honor system.

WHAT TO EXPECT
Lots of tennis, meeting old friends and making new ones. Door prizes, T-shirts, awards, meals and beverages.

Thursday – Light dinner
Friday – Breakfast, lunch and snacks
Hit & Grab – Friday after lunch
Award presentations, door prizes & heavy appetizers – late Friday afternoon – 4PM

RULES OF ENTRY
The event is open to members, nonmembers, guests, and friends of SPE. The only restriction is that tennis professionals are not allowed.

REGISTRATION
Thursday, November 6th - 4:00 - 6:00 PM
Friday, November 7th - 8:30 – 9:00 AM

IMPORTANT NOTICE
All paid participants must wear their “Name Tags” during this event to have access to the food and drinks

ENTRY FEE INFORMATION
$125.00 Per person – Fee covers Tournament and Mixed Doubles for an individual player.
$50.00 for those only playing Mixed Doubles.
$25.00 – Spouse/Guest (Not Playing)
Fees are due with entry form.

FOR REGISTRATION
www.spegcs.org/committees/tennis/

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EVENT INFO

THURSDAY

9.11

5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

LOCATION
Proof Bar
600 Travis St,
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ORGANIZER
Vivek Ghosh
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EVENT INFO

FRIDAY

9.12

11:00 AM

LOCATION
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EVENT CONTACT
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