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2003 BTA Upcoming Events

April 26 – Austin Scott Tournament

May 1 – Ladder Play begins

May 10 – Ice Breaker

May 17 – Saturday morning drop-in

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Jeff Carroll

Greetings,

Now that the "Storm of the Century" is past and melted, it is time to dust of your rackets and get ready for a great year of tennis. I was getting pumped for the season this morning when I was stringing my rackets and watching Serena slug it out with Capriati.

Don't forget to get registered for the 37th Annual Austin Scott Memorial tournament. The third largest tournament in the state begins on April 26th and runs through May 3rd. Register on TennisLink at coloradotennis.com or contact Gary Goff at austinscott@bouldertennis.org before Friday, April 18th. The tournament is designated for 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5 this year. We will have the tournament brochure posted on our website in the next few days.

By now you should have already put together your league teams and contacted our league coordinators. League deadlines are approaching fast, so if you haven't registered already, be sure to get in touch with the league coordinators as soon as possible.

Things continue to progress nicely with the Valmont Park tennis center. Be sure to check out Jim Swiggart's website - 10s.com – for updates on the Valmont tennis project.

We are excited to announce that we will soon have the ability to receive membership payments electronically via our website. The current methods of joining and renewing membership will still be available, but you will have the option to make secure payments online in a few months.

Many thanks to David Cohen, who does an excellent job maintaining our web page.

We are looking to increase participation in our ladders this year. Stay tuned to our website for updates on the ladders, which will begin in early May.

As always, we love to hear feedback from our members. We are always looking for ways to improve the BTA for all of our members. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions at president@bouldertennis.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...PLEASE HELP

Valerie Walls

The tennis season is rapidly approaching, and in order to accomplish all that we would like to do, *we desperately need your help.*

Right now, we need volunteers to help with the Austin Scott Tournament and Saturday Morning Drop-In.

Activities for Austin Scott (April 26 – May 4)

Now:

- Help select gifts and prizes

On April 25 after 5 pm:

- Set up tent and tables, and fill thermoses and chests with water and ice

Each day of tournament (volunteer for a shift of 2 hours or more):

- Check in players prior to their matches
- Take scores when matches are finished
- Pick up and deliver refreshments (reimbursement when receipt is handed in)

We would really appreciate any time that you are willing to give for this awesome tournament! If you are interested or have questions, please email Tracy at tedmunds@amfam.com or call 303-530-9599 (work #)

Saturday Morning Drop-In (Saturdays 9-11am)

Each Saturday (volunteer for one or more Saturdays):

- Check people in
- Put players together
- Provide simple snacks (reimbursement when receipt is handed in)
- Make new members welcome

To volunteer for either of these fun, social activities e-mail wallvalpal@aol.com or call 303-541-1018.

RATINGS CLINIC

Armando Gingras

Ratings Clinic Cancelled

Due to a lack of registrants, we are sorry to cancel this year's Ratings Clinic scheduled for April 5. We had only five people indicating interest. All of them will be notified by telephone that the clinic is cancelled. These people as well as any others interested may contact Rob Scott at the Ranch Country Club (303-460-9700) to make arrangements with him directly.

You may still come out to our Saturday morning drop-in sessions at Centennial Middle School from 9:00 am to noon. There you may assess your own level of play by playing with others of known current levels.

LEAGUE NOTES
Sylvia Henderson

DEADLINES! DEADLINES!

April is a month of league team registration deadlines. These deadlines are for the formation of league teams and require a minimum number of players being registered for each team. The minimum requirement equals the number of players needed to field a team each week. USA Combined Mixed Doubles had a deadline of March 19 to get a team minimum registered. Players may be added to any team throughout league season for that team. April deadlines fast approaching are:

USA ADULT DIVISION	April 8	8 players minimum
CTA SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE (61+)	April 15	6 players minimum
CTA WOMEN'S DAYTIME DOUBLES	April 22	6 players minimum

League Captains, get your team rosters and fees to your League Coordinator a week ahead of these deadlines, so she can assure each player is good to go.

If you are interested in forming a team for any of these leagues, check your League Brochure for league details and contact the league coordinator for that league or call Sylvia Henderson at 303-651-1292. You may access the BTA 2003 League Brochure on the Internet @ www.bouldertennis.org.

REMINDERS!

- If you do not have a computer-generated NTRP Rating from, either 2001 or 2002 play, you will self-rate and that rating will be entered into TennisLink when you are registered for your first team in the new Dynamic NTRP Rating System. You will then play under that rating for the 2003 season unless your match scores "promote" you to the next higher rating. Only USA Adult and USA Senior matches will be considered in the Dynamic NTRP calculations for disqualification purposes. All other league and sanctioned tournament match scores will be part of the end-of-year rating calculations.
- Your USTA membership must be valid through the end of the season for the league(s) you play in. Please renew your membership by phone (1-800-990-USTA) or by Internet (national.usta.com). Mailing in your renewal results in delays in registering for league teams.

USA Combined Mixed Doubles league starts play on Sunday, April 13. *Good luck, BTA Mixed Doubles teams. Have a fun season!*

BTA Membership Renewal

If your BTA membership has not yet been renewed for 2003, this will be your last newsletter.

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VALMONT PARK UPDATE
Gary Yost

**Valmont Community Park activity this past month was slowed by the weather
.... and the city budget. Discussions continue on how best to fund the projects
(including the Tennis Center) with the City's new budget constraints.**

**The new partnership between Boulder Ice and the Tennis Center
is working well as we move forward. Stay tuned**