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2003 BTA Upcoming Events

March 1 --League Registration begins

April 5 --Rating Clinic

April 26 --Austin Scott Tournament

May 10 --Ice Breaker

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Jeff Carroll

Hello everyone and happy New Year.

I'd like to start by quickly introducing myself. I have played this sport that I love now for about twenty years. I come from a small town called Beloit, Wisconsin, where I spent my summers running junior programs, teaching private and group lessons, and directing many adult and junior tournaments.

My wife Ghita is a graduate student at CU in Environmental Studies and works for the CU Environmental Center. She is also an avid tennis player. We moved to Boulder together about four years ago and were married in September of 2001.

This is a very exciting time to be involved with the BTA. The Austin Scott was the third largest tournament in the state last year, and Gary Goff expects the number of participants to grow once again. Jim Swiggart continues to do an outstanding job with the Valmont Park tennis center project. BTA leagues are stronger and more competitive than ever.

I look forward to a renewed relationship with CU Tennis. I encourage you all to support them by getting out to see a couple of matches this year. Their schedules can be found at <http://cubuffs.com>.

I also wanted to inform you of a new email list called bouldertennis@yahoo.com. This idea came from the BTA board as we recognized that there should be a convenient way to communicate community tennis news to all Boulder tennis players. If you are interested in receiving electronic updates on leagues, tournaments, socials, or the Valmont Park tennis center proposal, I recommend that you join this list.

To join, simply visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bouldertennis/> and click on 'Join This Group'. This is meant to be a public list, so if you know of anyone else that would be interested in joining, please let them know.

As a reminder, the new Dynamic NTRP ratings went into effect this month. More information on this new system can be found on the Colorado Tennis Association website at <http://coloradotennis.com/>.

I wish you all a fantastic tennis year and look forward to seeing you on the courts!

LEAGUE REPORT

CHAIRPERSON: Sylvia Henderson

WELCOME TO LEAGUE SEASON 2003

Once again, as we are welcomed to a new league season, we are finding several important changes:

1. You are probably all aware, by now, that the NTRP Ratings were published online at www.coloradotennis.com on January 16. If you have not looked your rating up yet, check out the newly renovated website for the CTA. Be aware that you may play at or above your published rating, but not below. If you feel that your published rating is inaccurate, you may appeal it by FEBRUARY 24, online, or by sending in the form in the February issue of "Colorado Tennis" newspaper. If you have not had a rating published in the past two years, you will, for the first time, this year, do a self-rating, following the USTA guidelines for NTRP ratings.
2. The USTA is introducing, this year, a dynamic NTRP rating system. This means that for each match played in USA Adult and USA Senior leagues, the NTRP rating of each player will be recalculated. If any player's rating significantly exceeds the level being played at, that player will be "promoted" to the next level and no longer allowed to play at the level disqualified from. For more details on this new rating system, read the article in the December/January 2003 issue of "Colorado Tennis" and watch future issues for more details.
3. The match format for ITA Fall Mixed Doubles will return to the best 2 out of 3 sets (no match tiebreak) and in the CTA Twilight League, players may decide whether they will play out the 3rd set or play a match tiebreak. All players participating in the match must be in agreement in order to play the match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set. CTA Super Seniors will retain the match tiebreak in lieu of the 3rd set.

NEW TO LEAGUE PLAY?

If you are new to league tennis and are interested in participating this season, be aware of the following:

1. To play league tennis, you must also be a member of the USTA and may join @ \$35/year, by calling 1-800-990-USTA or online at www.usta.com.
2. League registration begins March 1. Deadlines for forming an USA Combined Mixed Doubles team is March 12 and an USA Adult Division League team is April 1.
3. Teams will be given choice of home courts in the order in which all league fees and BTA membership fees are received.

WELCOME NEW LEAGUE COORDINATOR – MARA FRAZIER:

We welcome Mara Frazier, who is joining our league coordination staff of Colleen Weaverling, Ann Larson and Sylvia Henderson. We also want to thank Elaine Harris for the wonderful job of league coordination she did for the BTA last season and wish her well in new endeavors.

ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER IS THE 2003 LEAGUE BROCHURE!

Use this brochure as a guide to league team formation and play. Contact the appropriate league coordinators listed and/or Sylvia Henderson @ 303 651-1292 for further information and to register league teams.

VALMONT PARK UPDATE

Gary Yost

The Valmont Park tennis project is alive and well! Officially called "The Tennis Center at Boulder - Valmont City Park", the project is proceeding along an approval process through the City of Boulder's Parks & Recreation Department. The 21-court project is now in the Request for Proposed Partnership (RPP) stage. Jim Swiggart, the project manager, is working with the city and other partners to ensure that a Boulder public tennis center will be a reality. In the upcoming months we expect more excitement as we near our goal. But we can't do it without your help! Stay informed by visiting the BTA website. A link will be available for Jim Swiggart's website: <http://10s.com>. Jim will update the site with late-breaking news.

Also, be sure to join the BTA sponsored Yahoo Group for information on the VCP and other tennis happenings in the Boulder Valley.

BTA LADDERS
CHAIRPERSON: Greg Withers

Congratulations to everyone who played on the ladder!
BTA FINAL LADDER STANDINGS
2002

Men's Singles A

Randy Kryszak 303-530-4871

1. Andras Fejer 494-7324
2. Fred Todd 684-9366h 938-6517w
3. Greg Withers 443-7462
4. Joe Falke 444-4507
5. David Tighe 443-9139
6. Wayne Rogers 440-5702
7. Dennis Newman 554-8803
8. John Hill 303-499-3699

Men's Singles B

Yeida Chang 303-664-5953

9. Stuart Schare 477-5370
10. Berkley Freeman 303-449-1719
11. Gary Yost 702-1850
12. David Pratt 303-926-7666
13. Steve Cook 499-8718h 543-1000w
14. Randy Kryszak 530-4871
15. John Fernandez 499-4712
16. Bob Daly 604-9494

Men's Singles C

Gregory Withers 303-443-7462

17. Mark Webster 499-5304
18. Pat McMinn 924-8076 / 263 8076
19. Jack Weise 303-444-2112

Women's Singles A

Linda Sundbye 303-438-6949

1. Barbara Brockman 303-440-1082
2. Yeida Chang 664-5953
3. Mona Tell 554-9801
4. Hanna Hartman 938-8370
5. Phyllis Chernow 494-4272
6. Polly Rothberg 447-2696
7. Sylvia Henderson 651-1292
8. Joan Nagel 449-5135

Women's Singles B

Fred Todd 303-684-9366

9. Julie Truschel 303-499-8670
10. Donna Louie 303-494-2026
11. Mary Ann Strobridge 447-0713
12. Emily Goodin 303-998-1851

Women's Doubles

Mary Ann Strobridge 303-447-0713

1. Babs Nelson 303-494-1960
Jane Polkinghorne 499-5869
2. Amy Bolles 303-499-0920
Julie Bolles 303-499-0920
3. Mara Hotaling 303-499-6869
Julie Bosworth 499-1511
4. Mary Ann Briggs 303 442-4307
Samantha McBride 303-443-2794
5. Polly Rothberg 447-2696
Ruth Bolles 499-0920
6. Joan Nagel 449-5135
Hanna Hartman 938-8370
7. Emily Goodin 303-998-1851
Donna Louie 303-494-2026

INCIDENTAL NOTES

Saturday Morning Drop In

This fun activity will continue on an informal basis. Dan Lowry did a phenomenal job this past season and everyone who came seemed to enjoy themselves. Bring your own balls as the last of the BTA case was used for the Charity and Recycle tournament. Perhaps some of you who have joined in a number of times will undertake to do the mixing up of players. People do like to move around partners. Don't be shy.



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2003 RATING CLINIC

Each year the BTA co-sponsors with the City Parks and Recreation Department a rating clinic to help players determine their NTRP rating for playing in sanctioned leagues and tournaments. Since the rating rules have changed this year, our rating clinic format will also change.

Pro Assisted Rating If you want a professional certified rater to assess your current rating, please make a reservation by calling Armando at 303-541-1018 and leave your name and phone number for a call-back. All assisted-rated reservations must be made before April 1. You will be assigned a specific time block to work the pro, Rob Scott of the Ranch CC.

Date: Saturday, April 5
Place: South Boulder Recreation Center
Cost: \$12 per person

Note that if there are not enough people making reservations by the April 1, the Rating Clinic may be cancelled. This will be discussed during the call back to confirm your reservation.