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## 2003 BTA Upcoming Events

April 5 – Rating Clinic

April 26 – Austin Scott Tournament

May 10 – Ice Breaker

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Jeff Carroll

Hello Again,

With three feet of fresh snow in the mountains, how could we possibly think about tennis? Well, I for one am beginning to get excited. Believe it or not, this is the time of year to start thinking about league season 2003! I have a feeling that this will be the best league season yet for the BTA. So, start assembling your teams and get in touch with our fabulous league coordinators to get registered to play. You should have received a league brochure with the newsletter last month. The brochure is also available on our website at <http://bouldertennis.org/>.

In our membership form every year, we ask everyone if they would like to volunteer at any of our events. In the past few years, the number of volunteers has not been what we hoped. When you fill out your membership form this year, we ask you to consider volunteering for an event or two.

We are looking to add some color to our website and our newsletters this year, so send your best action shots of BTA members to [newsletters@bouldertennis.org](mailto:newsletters@bouldertennis.org).

Plans for the 37th Annual Austin Scott Memorial tournament are coming together nicely. The tournament will be held at the Kittredge courts from April 26th to May 3rd this year.

Membership in our email chat group is growing fast. Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bouldertennis/> for more information. Important messages about Valmont City Park will come in the next few weeks, so join soon!

*See you on the courts!*

## BTA ACQUIRES SPEED GUN

Armando Gingras

The BTA has purchased its own speed gun. It will be used to measure the speed of your serve at Saturday morning drop-in sessions. That is, just as soon as we figure out how to use it! The published speed range is from 20 mph to 200 mph. This should be adequate for most of our members. The use of this gun should finally settle many arguments, perhaps yielding more heat than light in the process.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:wallvalpal@aol.com) or call 303-541-1018**

## APRIL 5 RATINGS CLINIC

Armando Gingras

There will be a **Ratings Clinic** to be held at the South Boulder Rec Center in the morning of **April 5**. Rob Scott will be available to give you his professional opinion as to your current rating.

The cost will be \$12 payable at the clinic. All assisted-rated reservations must be made before April 1.

Please call Armando at 303-541-1018 to schedule an appointment. Leave your name, approximate current rating, and phone number (enunciate slowly), and he will call you about your scheduled time slot for the clinic and leave a message, if you are not directly contacted.

*Please be aware that the clinic may be cancelled if there are not enough registrants.*

## CONGRATULATIONS COLORADO RANKED PLAYERS

Valerie Walls

The BTA is very proud of, and offers congratulations to, the following members who received 2002 Adult Rankings for Colorado.

<b>Dan Limbago</b> –	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Men's Championship Doubles
<b>Hayden Perez</b> –	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Men's Championship Doubles
<b>Igor Vayshenker</b> –	1 <sup>st</sup>	Men's 45 Singles
<b>Norman Lowery</b> –	10 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 60 Singles
<b>Ruth Bleuze</b> –	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Women's 60 Singles (tie)
<b>Mona Tell</b> –	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Women's 60 Singles (tie)
<b>Alan Tsuda</b> –	6 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 4.5 Singles
<b>Jack Weise</b> –	7 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 3.5 Singles
<b>Avinash Phipps</b> –	11 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 3.5 Singles
<b>Punitama Phipps</b> –	10 <sup>th</sup>	Women's 3.5 Singles
<b>Sylvia Henderson</b> –	4 <sup>th</sup>	Women's 3.5 Doubles

*If anyone was missed please let us know so we can publish that name.*

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**UPDATE**  
**Jim Swiggart**

**The Tennis Center at Boulder-Valmont City Park News...**

For those of you that might not have heard, my company crossed another hurdle in our effort to make the Tennis Center at Boulder-Valmont City Park a reality when we recently received our "Letter of Interest" from the City of Boulder.

Following the path that the City currently has in place means that our next step is to present a comprehensive plan. Since it took us 1 1/2 years to get the Letter of Interest, I am hoping we can move faster to actual construction and operation.

The only thing that has changed since my company began its efforts to partner with the City to bring a public tennis center to Boulder is that there are more players, a greater need and less potential indoor and/or lighted sites in the city's immediate future. All that bodes well if we can continue to move forward.

**How can you help?** Make sure every player you see knows about Valmont. Make sure they all join the BTA and the Yahoo email group. The more players that are informed and concerned the better the chances for success and the sooner that success may be received.

**LEAGUE NOTES**  
**Sylvia Henderson**

**March 2003**

League team registration is underway. March 1 marked the beginning of team registration for all leagues for 2003. Each league has a deadline by which time the minimum number of players must be registered to assure the team's entry into the league draw. After the minimum number is met, players can be added to the teams through the last game of the season.

The first three teams being registered are:

<b>USA Combined Mixed Doubles</b>	Registration Deadline: <b>March 19</b>
<b>USA Adult Division</b>	Registration Deadline: <b>April 8</b>
<b>CTA Super Seniors</b>	Registration Deadline: <b>April 15</b>

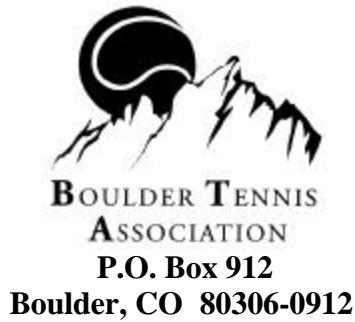
For more league information, check out the BTA website: [www.bouldertennis.org](http://www.bouldertennis.org).

The **2003 BTA League Brochure** is published on the website. Thank you, David Cohen, for your hard work on our behalf. The league brochure has information on all the leagues, along with deadlines and parameters of play.

**NOTICE: The BTA has made a change in its team formation policy for the current 2003 league season, mandating that at least 50% of the members of each team must be rated at the level the team is playing. The reason for this policy change is to lend support and encouragement to the strengthening of league tennis in Colorado. Any questions concerning this new policy may be directed to Sylvia Henderson at 303-651-1292.**

If you have any questions about the new DNTRP rating system, visit the following websites: [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) and [www.coloradotennis.com](http://www.coloradotennis.com). We hope all players interested in league play will consider a BTA team.

**We look forward to helping you play league tennis.**



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## **BOULDER TENNIS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

### **VALMONT PARK UPDATE Gary Yost**

The dearth of sales tax revenues has forced the city to cut its budget even further for 2003. All departments are affected, including Parks & Recreation. Fortunately, the Tennis Center at Valmont City Park appears to be in good shape, as the project is further along in the approval process than many others that have been proposed.

If you haven't already signed up for the Yahoo Boulder Tennis discussion group, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Or, provide your e-mail address to BTA. It is through these venues that we will be communicating details of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meetings.