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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUSTIN SCOTT TOURNAMENT
APRIL 24 - MAY 1
at the new CU tennis center
off of Table Mesa drive

Ned Crow Nomination to Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame

BIOGRAPHY:

- Born : September 15, 1916
- Begin playing tennis at age 13 at city park courts in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Earned undergraduate degree in Chemistry at Beloit College in Wisconsin.
- Earned Doctorate in Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin in 1941.
- Wife : Eleanor
Daughters : Nancy and Dorothy
Three granddaughters.
- Moved to California in 1946, worked as a mathematical statistician for the U.S. Navy.
- Began coordinating tennis activities while in California.
- Moved with family to Colorado in 1954.
- Worked at the Bureau of Standards and taught at the University of Colorado until retirement.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF NOMINATION TO COLORADO TENNIS HALL OF FAME:

Ned Crow began playing tennis in his early teens, however, his major involvement with and contributions to the growth of tennis came when he was in his early 50's and nearing career retirement. He became the founder and first president of the Boulder Tennis Association in 1967 at the age of 51, recognizing the need for a grassroots community-based support of the game. As shown above, the BTA has grown during its 36 years in existence, both in membership, community tennis participation, and mission. Ned served on its Board of Directors, non-stop, from its beginning, until around 2000, when his failing health prevented his attendance at the board meetings. He served on its tournament committees, edited the newsletter, and worked tirelessly to promote the sport in Boulder.

Ned participated in tournament play in Boulder and throughout the country, achieving state and national rankings beginning in 1976, at an age when many tennis players are giving up the sport. For Ned, tennis has truly been a sport for a lifetime. He has been an inspiration for many players approaching the "golden years."

Ned served on Colorado tournament and tournament ranking committees and was on the USTA National Senior Ranking Committee for several years. While serving on these ranking committees, Ned designed a new system of ranking tournament players and proposed it to USTA in 1991.

By example and by deed, for over 30 years, Ned Crow worked toward the promotion and growth of the sport of tennis in the Boulder community, in Colorado, and throughout the USA. The Boulder Tennis Association is proud to nominate its founder, Ned Crow, for induction into the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame.



The BTA newsletter will include a column that addresses questions you may have about the rules of tennis. Describe the situation that concerns you followed by the specific question. The column will be called "TENNISCODE" and the answers will be written by Bruce Ross. Send e-mail to

tenniscode@yahoo.com

Can you clarify the rules involved when a ball that I hit with back-spin goes over the net and then bounces back? For example, can my opponent reach over the net to hit the ball? -Jeff Carroll

ANSWER Yes, your opponent can reach over the net to hit the ball provided that he or his racket (in his hand or otherwise) or anything which he wears or carries does not touch the net, posts, singles sticks, cord or metal cable, strap or band, or the ground within his opponent's court at any time while the ball is in play. See Rule 20e and Rule 24b in Friends at Court 2003 Edition.

T-SHIRTS

BTA Team T-shirts
are available
Call Ben Tell at
303-554-9801

A NEW YEAR - A NEW LEAGUE SEASON

The BTA is looking forward to an exciting 2004 league season. I'm sure you are all aware that NTRP ratings were published online by the CTA in November 2003. They can be viewed at www.usta.com or www.coloradotennis.org. League teams are forming and league interest is mounting. In preparation for all this excitement, the BTA welcomes back its hardworking league coordinators from last season: Ann Larson, Colleen Weaverling, Mara Frazier, and Sylvia Henderson.

LEAGUE CHANGES FOR 2004

1. A new league is being introduced by CTA. World Team Tennis will bring a fresh look to competitive tennis. It is an exciting, fast-moving, social way to play tennis. It will be offered on Sundays @ 1 pm, June 13-August 1. The format will include sets of men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles and mixed doubles. No ad scoring and shortened tiebreaks add to the excitement and intensity. Team cheering and substitutions during the sets add fun. You do not have to be a USTA member to play in this league.
2. The CTA Fall Daytime League will have a format change to 1 singles / 2 doubles matches each week instead of the 2 singles / 1 doubles played last year.
3. Also look forward to playing the Longmont teams this year as they pilot a move to the Denver Metro Area divisions. Make them feel welcome when you host these new teams.
4. If any of you played only mixed doubles, you generated a computer Mixed Exclusive Doubles rating. You will not be allowed to play below this rating in any league this season.

Some of you may be wondering, "*What is this league play all about?*" And "*How do I get involved?*" We have enclosed our 2004 League Brochure with this newsletter. It contains the answers to all your questions. *Any other questions?* Call Sylvia Henderson @ 303 651-1292.

WELCOME TO 2004 LEAGUE TENNIS - GET IN THE GAME!

your help is needed . . .

Volunteers needed for the Austin Scott tennis tournament
April 24 to May 1 at the new CU tennis center off of Table Mesa Drive

- April 23
assistance putting up our tent - 1 hour needed
- April 24 and 25
help with registering players and replenishing food supply - 3 hr shifts
- April 26 to 30
help with registration of players and replenishing food supply - 3 hr shifts (4pm - ??)
- May 1
Wheelchair tennis assistance

Please call Igor Vayshenker at 303-440-4196



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