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UPCOMING EVENTS

Austin Scott Tournament
April 24 - May 1

President's Letter

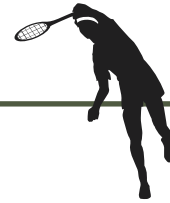
Jeff Carroll

We had a wonderful time at the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame Gala last weekend. It was a great night for Boulder tennis as four individuals took home awards. Ned Crow, co-founder of the Boulder Tennis Association, was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his significant contributions to the sport in Colorado. Also receiving awards were Ned Cooney for umpire of the year, CU Assistant Men's Tennis Coach David Hodge for male player of the year, and Gary Baines from the Daily Camera for outstanding tennis media coverage. Congratulations to all of the winners!

I am happy to announce that the 38th annual Austin Scott Memorial tournament will be held this year at the new CU courts. The tournament will begin on April 24th and will conclude on May 2nd. We have a need for many volunteers this year, so please contact Igor Vayshenker at vicepresident@bouldertennis.org if you are available.

Believe it or not, league season is right around the corner. Now is the time to renew your BTA membership for 2004, put together a team, and register your team with our fabulous league coordinators. This year, we will also offer the opportunity to form World Team Tennis league teams. This is a fun new format and a USTA membership is not required to play. Read below for important league registration deadlines. League and membership brochures are available on our website at <http://www.bouldertennis.org>.

See you on the courts!



Why call a column "TENNIS-CODE"? The answer is covered by "Friends at Court" which is the USTA Handbook of Tennis Rules and Regulations. "Since we have a book that contains all the rules of tennis, why do we need a code? Isn't it sufficient to know and understand all the rules? There are a number of things not specifically set forth in the rules that are covered by custom and tradition only. Further, custom dictates the standard procedures that players will use in reaching decisions. These are the reasons we need a code" - Col. Nick Powel. The tenniscode column will give answers covered by the code and by USTA regulations

My partner and I had a disagreement on a call? I thought the ball was out and didn't return it. I immediately called it out and my partner called it good? What should happen in this case? J.R.

ANSWER If doubles partners disagree about whether their opponents' ball was out, they shall call it good. It is more important to give your opponents the benefit of the doubt than to avoid possibly hurting your partner's feelings by not overruling. The tactful way to achieve the desired result is to tell your partner quietly of the mistake and then let your partner concede the point. If a call is changed from out to good, the point is replayed only if the out ball was put back in play.

Send questions to
tenniscode@yahoo.com

WELCOME TO THE 2004 TENNIS LEAGUE SEASON!

Here are a few informational tidbits to guide team captains and members through the season.

TO PLAY ON A LEAGUE TEAM

You must have a USTA membership that is valid through the league season. You can join the USTA or renew your membership by going to www.usta.com or national.usta.com.

LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Begins on March 1 for all leagues. Refer to your league brochure for the dates your BTA League Coordinator needs your team information and fees so she can meet the CTA deadlines for registering your team. The first few team registration deadlines are:

USA Spring Mixed Doubles League	March 19
USA Adult League	April 6
CTA Super Seniors League (60+)	April 9
CTA Women's Doubles League	April 29

PLAYER ADDITIONS, MOVES AND DELETIONS:

Players may be added to your team until the last match of the season. Players may be moved to another team as long as they have not played a match. Players may not be deleted once the league department has generated a schedule.

SCORE REPORTING

Must be done within 72 hours of the match being played. The USTA no longer offers score reporting by phone. All scores must be reported online at national.usta.com.

NEW TO LEAGUE PLAY?

Information about league play is available in your BTA League Brochure and by visiting the CTA website at:

www.coloradotennis.com and selecting "leagues." If you wish to speak to a real person, call Sylvia Henderson @ 303-651-1292 or the league coordinator(s) for the specific league(s) you are interested in playing as listed in the BTA 2004 League Brochure.

TENNIS NEWS . . .

THE TENNIS CENTER AT VALMONT CITY PARK

Jim Swiggart, our untiring Boulder tennis advocate and Tennis Center designer, reports slow but continued progress throughout the winter months. The **drainage plan** is receiving attention currently. And the **lease plan** is being ironed out.

Jim continues to remain upbeat and hopeful, as do we!

The new year has brought personnel changes in the Parks & Recreation departments, and in City Council. We expected a slowdown as the new city servants get comfortable with their challenges. But things should move quicker as we move into the next quarter. Stay tuned . . .

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help for the Austin Scott Tennis Tournament to be held on April 24 to May 1 at the new CU Kittridge Tennis Center. Please volunteer for as long as your schedule permits beginning Saturday April 24 to May 1.

Call Igor Vayshenker, 303 440 4196 or Mona Tell, 303 554 9801

VALMONT PROJECT SUPPORT

Your attendance is needed at the Parks & Recreation meeting on Monday, March 22 beginning at 6 pm in support of the Valmont Park Tennis project. The meeting is held in the Boulder Council Chamber on Canyon Blvd., Municipal Building on Broadway and Canyon. *Please attend.*

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

The BTA has a variety of
T-shirts for sale:

Extra Austin Scott T-shirts
only \$1.00

BTA long sleeve cotton T's
\$12.00

Regular T's and tank tops
\$12.00

*Please call Ben Tell if
interested: 303 554 9801*



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