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## President's Letter

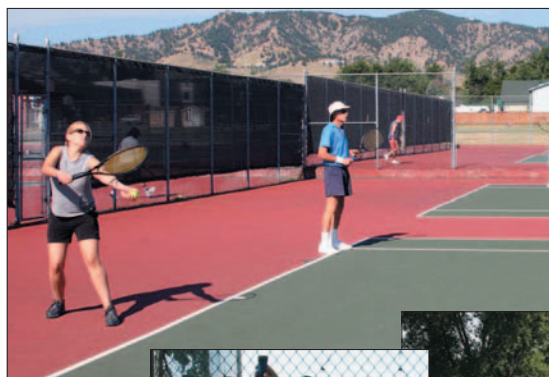
PJ Trask

Hello BTA,

The summer's end is approaching, which means you need to get in as much tennis as possible before it leaves. One awesome way to celebrate another great summer season of tennis is to join the BTA in the **Boulder County Cup**, playing against the CVTA on **September 24th and 25th**. This is the second annual matchup, with the BTA currently holding the prestigious Cup thanks to a narrow victory from last year. This will be a great event for everyone, with drinks, food and lots of tennis fun. Sign up soon online to reserve a spot, we need as many as we can get because the CVTA is allowing their confidence to rise a little too high. If anyone is interested/willing to volunteer assistance with setup or take down for the event, please email me and we would really appreciate the help. Hope to see you all there!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Boulder County Cup**  
**September 24-25**

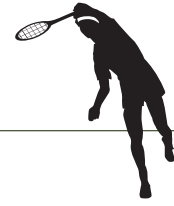


**SATURDAY**  
**MORNING DROP-IN**



By Bruce Ross

On the next page is an article from Ned Cooney that I wanted to share with you...



## 2005 LEAGUES

League Season 2005 is half past. The first four leagues have finished and the last four are just beginning. BTA has made a strong league showing this season with 59 teams registered. That is the highest number in the BTA's recorded history. Our profound thanks to the BTA League Coordinators for such a great job organizing and registering all these teams: Ann Larson, Colleen Weaverling, Mara Frazier, and sometimes, me.

### PLAYOFFS HAVE STARTED!

BTA league teams competing at the State Championships this season, so far, have been:

USA Adult League - July 29-31  
4.5 Men - Mike Winters, Captain  
5.0 Men - Igor Vayshenker, Captain

CTA Daytime Doubles - August 12-14  
3.5 Women - Ann Larson, Captain  
3.5 Women - Katie Dickinson, Captain  
3.0 Women - Janet Ryden, Captain

Congratulations to these winning teams and good luck to the rest of the BTA league teams with their seasons in progress.

Many questions are being asked about conflicting league and tournament matches. The CTA League Operating Procedures for each league state, "League matches do not take precedence over tournament matches. If a player signs up for a tournament and creates a conflict with a scheduled league match, the player must choose which match he/she will play and which match he/she will forfeit should a substitute player not be available for the league match." Many tournaments plan events to avoid league schedules for players playing at level. Please realize that CTA leagues are planned to give, as many match play opportunities as possible and with tournament play factored in, sometimes, we have too many opportunities to play tennis and too little time. The CTA hopes you understand the dilemmas involved and are patient with conflicts that arise. You can add players to league teams throughout the season to help prevent defaults of league matches. We hope you get to play all the tennis, both league and tournament, you want this season, and have a fun, fun year!

# TENNIS NEWS . . .

## TENNIS CODE BY BRUCE ROSS

*I thought this article best summed up some of the rules we should know. Thanks to Ned Cooney and CTA for allowing me to copy it.*

### Umpire's Corner

#### Ask Ned - The Tournament Edition

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Fewer things can be more frustrating during a match than when a rules question arises and you're stuck without a Friend At Court. We asked Ned Cooney, the 2003 Colorado Umpire of the Year and frequent contributor to COLORADO TENNIS newspaper to come up with a list of the most popular questions he hears during tournament play. Note: while most tournaments have referees roaming the courts, you should never be caught without a copy of the latest Friend At Court.

#### ***Matches played under USTA Rules, Regulations, and the Code***

- A ball 99% out is 100% GOOD!
- Player's call must be made promptly, after ball hits court; either before player's return shot is out of play, or opponent has opportunity to play return.
- Roving official will call Foot Faults.
- Point Penalty System: Point - Game -Default. Warning eliminated.

#### ***Penalties***

*Lateness:* for match or suspended match up to 5 minutes (toss & 1 game); 5+ minutes to 10 minutes (toss & 2 games); 10+ minutes to 15 minutes (toss & 3 games); over 15 minutes (default).

*After Rest period:* up to 5 min. (1 game) over 5 min. (default).

- Time between points. Server 20 seconds\* (strike 2nd serve without delay). Receiver must play to reasonable pace (12-15 seconds) of server. Change ends 90 seconds except, see set break below.
- Set break two minutes (120 seconds) rest after each set (regardless of score).
- After first game in any set, change sides. There is no rest, continuous play rule in effect.
- Score disagreement resolutions, in preference order. Try to agree on correct score.
  1. Replay only disputed points or (games/set)
  2. Play from score where both agree
  3. Spin racquet or toss coin
- Server should call the score before each point - avoid scoring disputes.
- Players must call against themselves and lose point if ball touches them or anything worn or carried except racquet, not-ups, touching net, hitting ball before it crosses net.
- With the exception of the first serve, a player should call against themselves any ball they clearly see out, regardless of whether requested by opponent to do so.
- Hindrance must be called before return attempt.
- Out calls corrected to good (serve or otherwise): Point replayed if return is good. Failure to make return, opponent wins point.
- Set Tiebreak: First to seven points by a margin of two.
- Deciding Match Tiebreak\*: First to seven points by a margin of two or first to ten points by a margin of two. Selection made beforehand by Tournament Committee
- Tiebreaks: At finish, change ends, score 7-6, (odd game). First server/team (whose turn it was) in completed tiebreak, receives in next game.

*\*Indicates a change in the rules for 2005.*



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