

# 2005 BTA NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Annual Banquet**  
**Saturday,**  
**January 21st.**

## BTA MONTHLY SOCIALS CONTINUE THROUGH THE WINTER....

Throughout the summer, BTA hosted a monthly Friday Night Potluck Social Tennis at Centennial Courts from 5:30 to sundown. Players of ALL levels came to play round-robin style, meet new tennis folks, win fabulous prizes (ball hoppers, chairs, even paddle tennis sets!), socialize, eat good food, and drink beer. Folks brought themselves along with any tennis-playing friends/partners along with food to share, while the BTA provided courts, balls, burgers and beer.

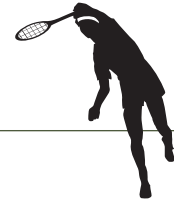
Due to the huge turnouts and overall success of this event, the BTA Board has elected to continue to support this event through the winter! Monthly social tennis will be moving to an indoor facility, The Ranch Country Club in Westminster, and taking place on Saturday and Sunday nights. The format will be slightly different for these since The Ranch Country Club does not allow food on the premises. For these, we will meet in Boulder for food and socializing followed by tennis from 7-10pm. The BTA will continue to support this event, making the cost to participants \$10! We had our first indoor tennis social on Saturday November 19th and are in the midst of planning December's date— so stay tuned to the website ([www.bouldertennis.org](http://www.bouldertennis.org)) or call (303-442-4BTA) to find out information on the next event as we get closer to it. Space is limited and we will be taking the first people who register by emailing or calling!

## ANNUAL BANQUET

Each year the BTA hosts its Annual Banquet where we all celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and look forward to the next year. If you are a BTA member and just wanna have some fun— come eat, drink and celebrate with us! Besides amazing food provided by Redfish, stellar entertainment will delight you. We will recognize those who have volunteered service to the BTA and elect officers to the BTA Board for the upcoming year. This could be your chance to get more involved in the many events the BTA sponsors- tournaments, leagues, drop-in, socials, and much, much more. Have an idea? We want to hear it! Whether or not you are interested in getting involved in your tennis community- come with your BTA teammates and celebrate this past year's season and events. The Banquet will be held at the Redfish on Saturday, January 21st and is free for BTA members and \$15 for non-members. Unfortunately, they only have room for the first 75 people to sign up, so stay tuned to the website ([www.bouldertennis.org](http://www.bouldertennis.org)) to RSVP as we get closer to the date.

By Bruce Ross

Please describe the situation that concerns you followed by the specific question. Send e-mail to [tenniscode@yahoo.com](mailto:tenniscode@yahoo.com)



## **NTRP RATINGS:**

NTRP Ratings are due out before the end of November. They will be available on [www.coloradotennis.com](http://www.coloradotennis.com). Remember that these ratings are tentative. You can appeal your rating if you think it is not an accurate reflection of your skill level. To appeal your rating, go to [www.coloradotennis.com](http://www.coloradotennis.com) on December 1 or after and follow the prompts to "Appeal a Rating". If you are appealing for medical reasons, you must submit a physician's statement in writing.

## **BEST YEAR EVER!**

The BTA league program had its best year ever. We had more teams and more teams going to playoffs and more participants than ever before. I know I've said all this before, but thanks to all the league participants, all the team captains, all our League Coordinators, and the BTA Board for all your hard work and support of the BTA leagues.

## **NEW FOR 2006**

We are looking forward to some big changes in 2006 and an even more exciting league season. The USTA is launching a new look and re-establishing its leagues with the USTA moniker, so the Adult and Senior and Super Senior Leagues will again be known as USTA Adult, USTA Senior and the newly appointed USTA Super Senior League. With the national designation for the Super Seniors comes a change in format to a combined-rating league. Play will be at 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 levels and there cannot be more than a 1.0 spread between doubles partners' ratings. The USTA Super Senior League will lead to a National Championship playoff.

Other changes will be published in the "Colorado Tennis" magazine when they are finalized by the CTA and we'll keep you posted.

Have a great holiday season and we'll be sending out our Captain's Packets early in 2006. If you did not captain a team in 2005 and want to receive a Captain's Packet, call Sylvia Henderson at 303.651.1292 and leave your mailing address and phone number.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

# TENNIS NEWS . . .

## NED CROW MEMORIAM



Ned Crow, the founder of the BTA, died of cancer and Alzheimer's disease on October 29, 2005, at his home in Boulder. He was 89. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2005, at 2:00 pm at the Unitarian

Universalist Fellowship Church, 1241 Ceres Drive in Lafayette, Co.

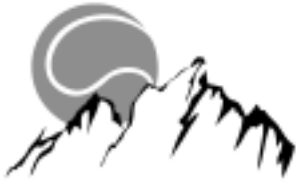
Ned Crow began playing tennis in his early teens, however, his major involvement with and contributions to the growth of tennis came when he was in his early 50's and nearing career retirement. He became the founder and first president of the Boulder Tennis Association in 1967 at the age of 51, recognizing the need for a grassroots community-based support of the game. 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 was truly been a sport for a lifetime. He was an inspiration for many players approaching the "golden years."

Ned served on Colorado tournament and tournament ranking committees and was on the U.S.T.A. 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 U.S.T.A. 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. In 2003, Ned was inducted into the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame at a Gala Dinner and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. His selection for the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame was based, largely on his work in founding the BTA and his continuing support of tennis in the Boulder area.

Donations in memory of Ned may be sent to the Ned Crow Scholarship Fund of the Boulder Tennis Association, P.O. Box 912, Boulder, CO 80306.



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### **HELP WANTED FOR VALMONT CITY PARK TENNIS FACILITY!**

Do you share our dream for a premier tennis facility at Boulder's Valmont City Park? As you may know, a proposal was in the works previously, but it fell through for various reasons and we now need someone to spearhead the planning effort.

The BTA Community has so many talented and enthusiastic people we were hoping we might find individuals with the skills and interest who would be willing to help out. Also, if you have expertise (in such fields as fundraising, tennis facility design and construction, grant writing, and city coordination and planning) that you could contribute or provide on a consultation basis, we would love to speak with you as well. We hope to pool our strengths, skills, and talents to make the project happen. If you are interested or want to find out more or even have suggestions, please contact Claire Douthit at (303) 898-1178, [ClaireEDouthit@aol.com](mailto:ClaireEDouthit@aol.com), or Jeff Carroll [attreasurer@bouldertennis.org](mailto:attreasurer@bouldertennis.org). Hope you will join us!

### **BTA RED TEAM**

Congratulations to the BTA Red 8.5 Fall Mixed doubles team! The team represented recently competed in Intermountain Tennis Association Sectional playoffs in Las Vegas and took second place, losing only to the undefeated Nevada team. Pictured top row from from left: Mike Winters, Gary Goff, Monty Johnson, Jeff Carroll (captain). Bottom row: Julie Zbaracki, Yeida Chang, Lezlie Johnson, David Jansen, Carmen Kilday, and JB Brockman. Not pictured: Barbara Brockman, Becky Orgel.

