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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tennis Social
February 4

President's Letter

PJ Trask

HEY BTA!!!

Thanks to all who came out for the 2005 BTA Annual Banquet. It was a wonderfully catered dinner at the Redfish New Orleans Brewhouse, with a bunch of fun slides and some tennis trivia. We also discussed looking for Austin Scott volunteers. This is our biggest event and something that needs to be planned out in advance. We are hoping to gather a crew of volunteers early this year so they can get organized. The Austin Scott will be held April 29th through May 6th. Please contact me with any interest you have in volunteering and I will put you in contact with the organizer. And finally, don't forget to renew your membership in the BTA for 2006. It is now \$2 cheaper to register online than in the mail, so check out the website at www.bouldertennis.org, and register. Thanks for a great year and we look forward to another one!

FEBRUARY TENNIS SOCIAL STILL HAS A FEW SPOTS!! UPCOMING MARCH AND APRIL SOCIALS

Throughout the summer, BTA hosted a monthly Friday Night Potluck Social Tennis. 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! Social tennis has moved to an indoor facility, The Ranch Country Club in Westminster, and is taking place on Saturday and Sunday nights. The next social is February 4th and we also have socials planned for March and April, then we hope to move back outside in May.

We still have 5-6 spots for the Saturday, February 4th social, which is from 7 to 10 at the Ranch Country Club. For the February social, please e-mail Claire at ClaireEDouthit@aol.com. She'll send you an e-mail with the details and directions. The cost to participants is only \$10!

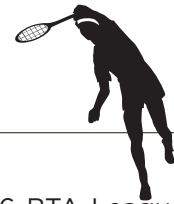
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By Bruce Ross

I have been playing with the same partner for a number of years and we usually get along very well. However, we were playing a match and my partner called a ball out and I called it good. What should happen in this case? B.T.

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 best 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 ball that was called out was put back in play.

Please describe the situation that concerns you followed by the specific question. Send e-mail to tenniscode@yahoo.com



LEAGUE NOTES

Enclosed with this Newsletter is the 2006 BTA League Brochure. Take a few minutes to peruse it and be tempted by the league offerings in the Boulder area this season. Call your friends. Form a team for the leagues you are interested in. Then, call the League Coordinator for that league. League registrations begin March 1 for all leagues, with specific team registration deadlines for each. As stated in the League Brochure, the BTA leagues are self-forming and captain-driven and the home court assignments are made as the teams are registered and fees paid. We have sent out Captain's Packets to all of last season's captains. We will send one to anyone who expresses an interest in forming or captaining a league team. We are available to give all the support you need in captaining a team.

Recreational league play is an exciting, high-energy way to improve your game, meet new players, make new friends, and enjoy the game of tennis to its fullest! We encourage you to get involved. In 2005 the BTA had 57 teams and 540 players. This moved us from a #12 state ranking to #11 for number of league participants. We hope more of you will join us this season.

If you want help in forming teams, call a League Coordinator and we will put you in touch with other interested players. The BTA League Coordinators for 2006 will again be Ann Larson, Colleen Weaverling, Mara Frazier, and Sylvia Henderson. We are also planning for a link on the BTA website to "Find a League Team—Find League Players." Be on the lookout for this site at www.bouldertennis.org. Our website has a league information page, as well. For general questions and information, call Sylvia Henderson @ 303-651-1292.

GET IN THE GAME OF LEAGUE TENNIS!

TENNIS NEWS . . .

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS OF THE 2005 BTA SINGLES CHALLENGE LADDER:

MEN

- Robert Willis — *Overall Champion, 4.0 Champion*
Bob Daly — *3.5 Champion (#2 on ladder)*
Pat Flood — *3.0 Champion, (#3 on ladder)*
Rick Killian — *2.5 Champion, (#6 on ladder)*

WOMEN

- Peggy Smith — *Overall Champion, 3.5 Champion*
Claire Douthit — *4.0 Champion (#2 on ladder)*
Debra Wood — *3.0 Champion (#5 on ladder)*
Nancy Sheffield — *2.5 Champion (#10 on ladder)*

Note: Although Kaye Farmer was #4 on the ladder, she only played 2 matches. Three matches with 3 different players are required if there are more than 1 player competing in a skill level. Therefore, Debra Wood is the 3.0 champion, having played 3 different opponents.

On the men's side, there were 34 challengers last year, recording a total of 116 matches with Pat

Flood playing the most at 34. There were 26 additional names on the ladder that did not play a challenge match. For the women, there were 14 challengers recording a total of 25 matches with 17 additional names on the list not competing. Peggy Smith played the most matches with 8. Hopefully, this year many of you will get into the challenging routine and enjoy the competition.

If anyone would like to be removed from the ladder list please let Nancy Sheffield (women's ladder) or me, know. We "zeroed" out all previous scores from 2005 last December and started with a clean slate on the 1st of January. Subsequently, challenge matches began on January 1st, and will run thru October 30th.

Remember, in order to win the overall championship or your skill level you must play at least 3 different people during the course of the year.

I look forward to seeing you all on the ladder this year!

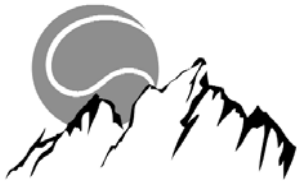
— Dave Pratt

101 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE BTA TENNIS LADDER

- You are a beginner and want to practice your strokes.
- You are a higher level competitor and want to refine and polish your skills.
- It contributes to your health and sense of well being by keeping you active, physically fit.
- You want to work on your match strategy.
- You are hooked on the sport.
- You enjoy meeting new people.
- You can compete at any age.
- You think tennis is an art and you like being creative in a competitive match.
- You think tennis is a science and like to analyze the technical aspects of the strokes you and your opponent make.
- You want to develop skills in playing under pressure.
- You like playing singles.
- You like playing doubles.
- You say to yourself, "I'm good but not as good as I want to be".

Okay, so these are just a few. But as you well know, there are more than 101 reasons. By participating in the competitive spirit of the ladder, playing with different opponents rather than sticking to playing with the same people all the time, you will begin to get the full experience that the great sport of tennis has to offer.

I signed up for the BTA Ladder for a variety of the above reasons and found it to be an enriching, pleasant experience — time well spent — and I urge you to do the same. Tennis is a personal achievement sport and the ladder can help you achieve your goals — whatever they might be. And hey, you might even be rewarded with an engraved wine or beer glass and a free membership. I was! See you on the courts... — Peggy Smith



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