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UPCOMING EVENTS

Tennis Social
March 25

President's Letter

PJ Trask

Hello BTA,

The sun is out and it's time to get back into the swing of things. I want to encourage everyone to put on those tennis shoes and get involved this upcoming season. Currently, people are starting to sign up for Leagues, preparing for the Austin Scott and the BTA ladder, signing up for the next Social, and figuring out how they want to assist the BTA. Anyone that is seeking further involvement with the BTA is encouraged to contact me. We are currently searching for a Valmont Park liaison, someone who would help head the plans to build a tennis complex including public indoor courts. Hopefully, this will become a reality soon. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing all of you on the courts this season!

THE 40TH ANNUAL AUSTIN SCOTT MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT AND VALERIE WALLS MEMORIAL WHEELCHAIR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

As many of you may know, the BTA annually sponsors the Austin Scott Memorial Tennis Tournament. This USTA sanctioned event runs April 29th through May 5th and will be held in Boulder at the CU South Courts (near Highway 36 and S. Boulder Road). We are also happy to announce our sponsorship of the 1st Annual Valerie Walls Memorial Tournament on Saturday, May 5th. This wheelchair tennis tournament is held in honor of former BTA president Valerie Walls.

Also, for those of you who have been thinking it would be fun to play in a tournament, these tournaments are a great way to get started. It is conveniently located right here in Boulder and you are likely to see a lot of familiar faces. We hope you'll come out and compete! For all of you who have competed in the past, we look forward to seeing you again this year! Additional information on registering for these tournaments will be included in the next newsletter and will be posted on the BTA website, bouldertennis.org, soon.

Tournament Volunteers Wanted!

We need volunteers to help with the following: (1) obtaining sponsors for the tournaments and (2) helping out during the events, such as setting up the water coolers and checking players in. If you are interested, please e-mail Claire Douthit at ClaireEDouthit@aol.com.

tenniscode

By Bruce Ross

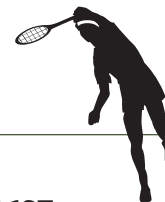
Dear Tennis Code: Although my partner and I play a "friendly" game of tennis we often disagree about what constitutes a foot fault. Could you please help us??
Need to Know

Dear Need to know: The rules state: During the service motion, the server shall not:

- Change position by walking or running, although slight movements of the feet are permitted; or
- Touch the baseline or the court with either foot; or
- Touch the area outside the imaginary extension of the sideline with either foot; or
- Touch the imaginary extension of the center mark with either foot.

Doing any of the above constitutes an infraction of this rule and therefore is a "Foot Fault".

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



LEAGUE NOTES

LEAGUE REGISTRATIONS BEGIN MARCH 1ST

It's time to get your league teams formed and contact the BTA League Coordinator for the leagues you have interest in for this season. League team registration begins for all leagues on March 1st. The deadlines for getting a league team registered vary with each league and continue throughout the league season. Check the league brochure you received in the mail or go to the BTA website at www.bouldertennis.org and click on Leagues and League Brochure to see the BTA deadlines for declaring league teams. The first league registration deadlines are:

USTA Spring Combined Mixed Doubles	March 20
USTA Adult League	March 29
USTA Super Senior League	May 1
CTA Women's Daytime Doubles League	May 1

Contact one of the League Coordinators or Sylvia Henderson at 303.651.1292 with any questions about getting started in league play for the BTA.

Team Captains, if you have not contacted your League Coordinator for this season, let us hear from you. We want to get a feel for the number of league teams we will have. The BTA league program is growing each year and we need to plan ahead for court availability for all our leagues, not just ones with early deadlines.

The CTA had nearly 25,000 men and women throughout the state participate in the 2005 league season. Don't get left out of this lively and social way to enjoy tennis and grow your circle of tennis friends.

GET IN THE GAME IN 2006!

WANTED

60+ year-old 3.5 Men who would like to play on a 3.5 (6.0) Super Senior Team.

Registration deadline is May 1st. Matches are played on Friday mornings at 8 a.m. starting June 2nd and ending July 21st.

If interested, please contact Dave Pratt at 303-926-7666 or prattdd@comcast.net

TENNIS NEWS . . .

BTA MEMBERS ACHIEVE 2005 TOURNAMENT RANKINGS

Congratulations go to the following BTA members who attained Colorado State Tournament Rankings for 2005:

# 5	Men's 5.0 Singles	Igor Vayshenker
# 1	Men's 5.0 Doubles	Theo Mandel with Gerry Perlman
# 4	Father/Son Doubles	Hugh O'Rourke with Nick O'Rourke
# 15	Men's 4.5 Singles	Michael Winters
# 3	Women's 3.5 Singles	Claire Douthit
#5	Women's 3.5 Doubles	Sylvia Henderson with Susan Hommel
# 7	Men's 3.0 Singles	Luis Gutman

The BTA was well represented in the "Rankings Race" for 2005.

If you are new to the tournament scene and would like to play in tournaments, go to the USTA website: www.usta.com and click on "Tournaments", then select the Intermountain Section and follow the prompts to view and register for the tournaments of your choice. You must be a USTA member to play in USTA Sanctioned Tournaments and your tournament matches will count toward your 2006 NTRP Rating.

There are tournament levels for all tennis skill levels from beginners to Open Championship levels with prize money. Tournament play is an exciting, high-adrenalin opportunity to play competitive tennis. If you are not yet a tournament groupie, consider playing a tournament or two or more and meet players from all over the Denver Metro area and state. Who knows, maybe you'll join the elite list of State Rankings.

See you on the courts!

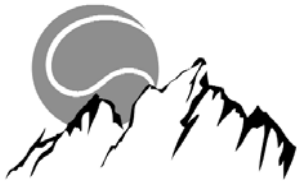
Austin Scott Tournament (continued from front page)

Can You Help?

As part of our effort to get as many individuals and businesses involved with the Austin Scott Memorial Tournament, we are asking for any and all monetary in-kind contributions and sponsorships from community businesses. We're especially seeking out local business owners to get involved. As always, monetary donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute in some other way, here's a list of possibilities:

- Fresh-brewed coffee
- Food items (snacks, chips, bagels, pastries, etc.)
- Non-alcoholic drinks

Please call or contact the BTA at 303-442-4282 or www.bouldertennis.org. We would love to hear from you.



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ETC...

Question: Can plastic tennis ball cans (with the metal lid rings attached) be recycled along with commingled containers? I see many of these in garbage cans at tennis courts, and, from talking to people I know, there is confusion about whether we can recycle these.

Answer from EcoCycle: As long as the tennis ball containers have either numbers 1, 2 or 5 on the bottom, they are recyclable. For the type that have a metal ring attached, however, the bottle can be recycled only if you can carefully remove the ring (please don't injure yourself!). If the metal ring is attached, it renders the bottle un-recyclable.

MARCH TENNIS SOCIAL!!!

The next tennis social will be on March 25th at The Ranch Country Club in Westminster, 11887 Tejon Street, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The facility is located off 120th Avenue between Federal Blvd. and Pecos Street. The cost to participants is \$10. Space is limited and we will only be taking the first 24 people who register. Please email claireedouthit@aol.com to secure your spot as soon as possible.

At the last social, we had all 16 participants play the full three hours. For this next social, we hope to have 24 participants in four 45-minute rotations with 8 players watching and socializing during each rotation. This allows time for people to rest, covers for any injuries or cancellations, and allow all of us to see our other BTA players play, and to mingle. When you register, please let us know what you think of this format.

We look forward to seeing you!

The Boulder Tennis Association