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BOULDER COUNTY CUP

On Sunday, September 24, 2006, the Centennial Valley Tennis Association (CVTA), Boulder Tennis Association (BTA), and the Longmont Tennis Association (LTA) held the 3rd Annual Boulder County Cup (BCC) at the Centennial Tennis Courts in Louisville. The BCC is an informal, "Davis Cup style" tournament in which all three tennis associations compete as teams against each other for the County title and trophy. Sue Burke kindly agreed to be the tournament director and set up the teams and the draws. She tried to match the teams up evenly. The CVTA had 5 teams, the BTA and LTA each had 4 teams.

The BCC format was a "modified" World Team Tennis format. World Team Tennis is a fast paced, time limited, team format consisting of men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles. Sets are played using no-ad scoring and a 9-point tiebreaker is played at 5 games all. The winner of the match is the team that wins the most total games so every game counts. Substitutions are allowed at any time during a set, but once a player is replaced, he/she cannot return to that match. On court coaching is encouraged and service lets must be played and can be returned by either player in a doubles match.

All participants received a t-shirt and also other prizes. We had Prince Tennis Racquets available for demos, an afternoon meal, and a raffle.

We extend a very warm thank you to our sponsors:

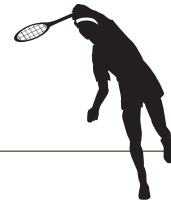
Guided Heights Integrative Bodyworks. Guided Heights was one of our main sponsors and very generous with a cash donation and also donation of gift certificates for free massages. Please keep them in mind if you looking for a massage therapist, (303) 906-4723 at 1209 Pearl Street, Suite #4, Boulder, CO 80302. (They also were our sponsors at the Austin Scott Tournament.)

Austin Chiropractic Center helped to sponsor the event and also donated a free chiropractic consultation.

Prince and the Ranch Country Club. Prince and the Ranch donated the balls for the tournament, provided demo racquets, and provided raffle gifts. Thank you, Rob Scott!

Precision Roofing and Design, Inc. donated the cost of the set up fee for the t-shirts.

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By Bruce Ross

Dear Tennis Code: *It is a doubles match. One partner calls the shot in. The other calls the shot out. What happens? Does it matter if they are able to return the ball and the ball lands in? out? C.D.*

Dear C.D: This often happens and I am happy that you asked the question.

The Code: Item 14. Partners' disagreement on calls. If doubles partners disagree about whether their opponent's 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. If the player's return of the ball results in a "weak sitter," the player should give the opponent the point.

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

What a great year the BTA leagues have had! This season we fielded 52 teams and had a total of 500 team members. Here are the team breakdowns:

USTA Mixed Doubles - 4 teams with 41 team members
USTA Adult League - 18 teams with 204 team members
USTA Senior League - 5 teams with 42 team members
USTA Super Senior League - 3 teams with 28 team members
CTA Daytime Doubles - 5 teams with 48 team members
CTA Twilight League - 14 teams with 101 team members
CTA Fall Daytime League - 3 teams with 24 team members
ITA Fall Mixed Doubles - 1 team with 11 team members

STATE PLAYOFFS

This season we saw 6 BTA teams go to playoffs. We are proud to announce that Mark Buzek's 4.5 Men's CTA Twilight League won the State Championship! The 3.0 Men's CTA Twilight team, captained by Rick Killian, and the 4.5 USTA Adult Men's team, captained by David Cohen, were also State Championship finalists.

The other State Playoff participants were:

USTA Adult Men's 5.0 Blue team, captained by Igor Vayshenker
CTA Daytime Doubles 3.0 team, captained by Linda Levy
CTA Fall Daytime League 3.5 team, captained by Ann Larson
Congratulations to all these State Championship participants!

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!

The BTA wants to give a huge "Thank You" to all the team captains and team members for their hard work this season. The teams would not exist without the tough job the captains take on to organize, set schedules and rearrange schedules, coordinate snacks and travel, record scores, and plan for playoffs. The team members work equally as hard, leaving work early, rescheduling rained-out and darked-out matches, and playing their best each week. Thank you all.

I want to personally thank my League Coordinators, Ann Larson, Colleen Weaverling, and Mara Frazier for their faithfulness to task, organizational skills and expertise, and never-failing energy on behalf of the CTA Leagues Program. The BTA couldn't do it without you fearless ladies and I know I would give up without you. My deepest thanks!

League season is almost done for 2006, BUT, NTRP ratings will be out in November and we'll start the planning all over again for the best ever 2007 League Season.

JOIN US AND GET IN THE GAME FOR 2007 LEAGUE PLAY!

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Tokyo Joe's donated gift certificates that were given away at the raffle.

Thank you all!

The CVTA took the lead in organizing the event this year. Thank you CVTA with special thanks to Melissa Rasmussen and Melissa Clarke!

Also, this was the first year the recently re-established Longmont Tennis Association participated in the BCC. It was great to have them and special thanks to Dan Raykovitz and Colleen Siedem!

The BTA also extends a special thanks to PJ Trask and Claire Douthit.

It looks like the 4th annual BCC will be next September 2007, so keep an eye out for next year and hope to see you there! <http://www.cvtatennis.org/tournaments.htm>

DROP-IN TENNIS

As you all may know, the BTA sponsors drop-in round robin doubles on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 at the Centennial Middle School courts in north Boulder. It is open to both men and women at all levels and age. They start in mid-May and run through to the end of October, weather permitting. So, you have a few weeks left to come out and join the fun! If you can't make it this year, then we hope to see you next May.

Also, some of the participants have indicated they intend to try to keep the drop-in going throughout the winter. It will not be an official BTA event, but, if it looks like nice weather on a Saturday morning, you might stop by the Centennial Middle School courts at 9 a.m. and see if anyone is out there.

The BTA would like to thank Graham Johnson for his reliable and tireless efforts running and organizing the drop in doubles. We also extend a warm thank you to Jimmy Strinka, Andrew Largo, Scott Partridge, and Dan Lawry for helping to run the drop in when Graham was unavailable.

WINTER SOCIALS

Last winter, we had Saturday night drop in round robin doubles at the Ranch Country Club about once a month. This year, we are looking for someone to run the winter socials. If we do not find a volunteer, we may not have any socials this winter. If you are interested in organizing the winter socials, please e-mail Claire Douthit at VicePresident@bta.org.

NEWSLETTER

The BTA would like to thank Andrew Largo and Vicki Czech for their diligent efforts to produce and distribute the newsletter, and, especially Andrew's efforts to prod the rest of us to write our articles on time! The BTA, again, is a volunteer organization and we are grateful for their generosity.

END OF SEASON PARTY

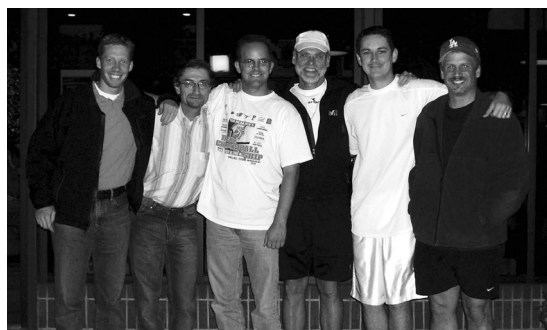
Volunteers for the Boulder Tennis Association and Nominations for Board Members

The BTA is planning an end of the year party/meeting for January, February or March. We will be sending information out at that time. The 2007 Board Members will be elected at that meeting/party.

The Boulder Tennis Association is solely an all volunteer organization and we are always looking for new people to help out with events and or activities. We are also now taking nominations for next year's Board Members. Please e-mail Claire Douthit at VicePresident@bta.org if you are interested in volunteering, being a board member, or have a person you would like to nominate. Please join us! Also, please send Claire any suggestions you might have for future BTA activities.

TENNIS NEWS . . .

The 2006 BTA Blue men's team finished the regular season undefeated in the CTA Twilight 3.0 league this fall. The team moved on to the post-season and reached the final match of the CTA Twilight Colorado District Championship, losing for the first time this season (2-1) and finishing as the 2nd place team in the state. We would like to congratulate the members of the team on a great season and for representing the Boulder Tennis Association (pictured left to right): Mason Hereford, Luis Gutman, John Butler (Co-Captain), Pat Flood, Brian Taylor, Rick Killian (Captain).



CTA Twilight League Men's 4.5 Champions (pictured left to right): Jeff Carroll, Doug Kazarosian, Ethan Schonbrun, Mark Buzek, Jake Thamm, and Mike Winters.



LADDER RESULTS

Rank	Points	Player	W	L	NTRP	Rank	Points	Player	W	L	NTRP
1	264	Mark May	2	1	3.5	1	44	Linda Levy	2	0	3.0
2	254	Pat Flood	7	1	3.0	2	40	Peggy Smith	2	0	3.5
3	209	Dwight Robinson	4	1	3.5	3	26	Jody Kaufflin	1	0	3.0
4	194	Rick Killian	8	6	3.0	4	20	Hana Hartman	1	0	3.0
5	193	David Pratt	3	10	3.0	4	20	Marta Jakaitis	1	0	3.0
6	182	John Butler	2	3	3.0	4	20	Lindsey Deneen	1	0	3.0
7	133	Luis Gutman	3	4	3.0	4	20	Nancy Sheffield	0	3	3.0
8	127	Bruce Ross	1	2	3.0	8	7	Cathy Young	0	1	3.0
9	112	Charlie Hoffman	1	4	3.0	8	7	Gina Walker	0	1	3.5
10	101	Eric Stoloff	3	1	3.5	10	2	Julie Tracy	0	1	3.5
11	98	Doug Turley	3	4	2.5	11	0	Bo Wang	0	1	3.5
12	82	Alex Goldstein	1	0	3.5	11	0	Eileen Malloy	0	1	2.0
13	80	Mason Hereford	3	2	3.0	11	0	Susan Bloomquist	0	0	2.5
14	79	David Saidman	3	1	3.0	11	0	Claire Douthit	0	0	4.0
15	68	Jeffrey Greenberg	3	0	4.0	11	0	Mona Tell	0	0	4.0
16	64	Howard Brown	3	1	3.5	11	0	Amy Henderson	0	0	2.5
17	62	Mark Squillace	3	1	3.0	11	0	Kaye Farmer	0	0	3.0
18	60	Brett Herter	3	0	3.0	11	0	Kim Haythornthwaite	0	0	3.0
19	59	Randy Kryszak	2	1	3.0	11	0	Sarah Schupp	0	0	4.0
19	59	Dan Hoskins	1	2	2.5	11	0	Heather Simms	0	0	3.0
21	51	Zaihua Ji	2	2	4.0	11	0	Vicki Czech	0	0	3.5
21	51	Michael Oneill	2	1	3.0	11	0	Debra Wood	0	0	3.0
23	40	Chuck Reynerson	2	0	--	11	0	Randall Clarke	0	0	3.5
23	40	Rusty Banks	2	0	4.0	11	0	Yeida Chang	0	0	--
25	38	Brian Taylor	1	1	3.0	11	0	Emilie Gunderson	0	0	3.5
26	36	Bruce Robinson	1	1	2.5	11	0	Ashley McClymont	0	0	3.0
26	36	Bob Daly	0	3	3.5	11	0	Sylvia Hedin	0	0	3.0
28	30	Jeff Smith	0	4	3.0	11	0	Bonnie Booth	0	0	3.0
29	26	Jimmy Strinka	1	3	4.0	11	0	Julie Waldner	0	0	--
30	25	Jim Morris	1	1	3.0	11	0	Katie Herrell	0	0	3.5

PARKS AND RECREATION PLANNING PROCESS

YOUR URGENT ACTION IS NEEDED!!!

The Boulder Department of Parks and Recreation right now is finalizing their plan for how they are going to manage the city parks for the next ten years. So far, they have only received two comments from tennis players and, therefore, they do not think tennis is supported by the Boulder Community! Each one of us needs to have our voice heard!

The BTA has sent the following letter on behalf of the BTA membership, but we also need each of you to have your voice heard. Please go to the City of Boulder Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan website and click on "Submit Comments" to have your voice heard. Here is the link: www.bouldercolorado.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2504&Itemid=2019.

You also can snail mail in your comments to: City of Boulder Master Plan Comments, Parks and Recreation Department, 3198 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80304-2644, (303) 413-7200, (303) 413-7201 (facsimile).

You are welcome to cut and paste from the following letter or you can modify it as you think it needs to be modified or, of course, you can say whatever you think needs to be said. But whatever you do, do say something!

If you do not act now, none of us have any basis to complain if tennis is not included as a supported activity in the Boulder Parks and Recreation Planning process. If you have any questions or would like to participate/volunteer on behalf of the BTA in this process, feel free to contact Claire at VicePresident@bouldertennis.org.

Dear Advisory Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Boulder Tennis Association ("the BTA") to express our support for the development of a tennis center at Valmont City Park, the continued maintenance of the existing tennis facilities in Boulder, and the installation of additional tennis court lights as part of the Master Planning Process.

The BTA is an all volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting tennis in Boulder. We have nearly 400 active members who participate in tennis leagues, tennis tournaments, drop-in tennis, tennis socials, and other tennis events. The BTA also supports the development of junior tennis in Boulder. As I will explain in detail below, many of our tennis activities are impaired by the lack of adequate tennis facilities in Boulder. On behalf of our members, therefore, the BTA requests that the Parks & Recreation Department support the development of an 18 court tennis facility, including 12 courts with lights, at Valmont City Park through either a public-private partnership or through the public process. I have attached a petition signed by 285 people supporting the BTA's position.

League tennis is very active in Colorado and the BTA sponsors nine leagues and nearly 60 teams that compete against teams from all over the state from early April through mid-October. Our league participation has grown nearly 900% in the last five years. Many of our teams go to the state playoffs and some have even gone to the regional and national playoffs. Boulder could be one of the most formidable tennis communities in the state, but we need better facilities.

Tournament play also is a huge part of the tennis community in Colorado. If the City of Boulder had an 18 court facility, I am confident that many requests to host tournaments would be received by the facility, including the BTA sponsored Austin Scott Memorial Tennis Tournament and the Valerie Walls Annual Wheelchair Tennis Tournament in which combined nearly 400 individuals participate each spring.

From mid-May through late October, the BTA also sponsors weekly drop-in tennis at the eight outdoor courts at Centennial Middle School. This event is open to women and men at all ability levels and all age levels. We regularly fill the courts with 30-40 players each week.

The BTA also supports the development of junior tennis. I understand that the high school coaches have provided input to the Parks and Recreation Department regarding the inadequacy of the facilities, and we support their statements. For example, Boulder High School must use the courts at Centennial Middle School, which do not have lights. A July 29, 2003 article in the Daily Camera explains that the boy's high school tennis team has to wake up at 5 a.m. to be able to practice at the private facilities.

In addition, Boulder has a very lively and active tennis community in addition to the formal tennis events described above. Tennis is a sport that is accessible to all age levels and ability levels. It is also a sport that can be played an entire lifetime. I have observed Parks & Recreation instructors teaching tennis to children as young as 3 or 4. I also know we have participants in the BTA who are around 80 years old. We have senior leagues. As mentioned above, we also sponsor the wheelchair tennis tournament. Also, with childhood and adult obesity growing, tennis is a friendly, inviting, non-threatening way to get people moving. Tennis is a social, community oriented sport, and a tennis facility at Valmont would provide a strong and positive contribution to the park.

BTA Comments

As stated above, the BTA supports the development of an 18 court tennis facility, with 12 courts with lights, at Valmont City Park either through (1) a public private partnership or (2) through public development. Both are addressed below.

1. Public Private Partnership To Develop Valmont Tennis Center

Following the acquisition of the land for Valmont City Park, the city sought proposals for public-private partnerships, and one proposal was for a Tennis Center at Valmont City Park, that included indoor and outdoor courts and courts with lights. BTA supported the proposal for development of a Tennis Center at Valmont City Park that was submitted by a private organization managed by Jim Swiggart named Tennis Center at Boulder - Valmont City Park, L.L.C. The negotiations were optimistic and successful until it became clear that the term of the land lease was limited to 20 years. At that point, it is my understanding that the negotiations were suspended.

The Parks and Recreation Department website provides a brief history at: www.bouldercolorado.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=4712&Itemid=1923. I have quoted the relevant section below:

Recreation Facility Development Through Land Lease:

The City sponsored a process over a period of four years (1999-2003) to identify interested public, private, or non-profit organizations to develop recreation facilities at Valmont City Park. After review and consideration of the proposed projects, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board prioritized the planning and development negotiations with three potential land lessees: Boulder Ice, Inc., The Tennis Center at Boulder-Valmont City Park, and Boulder Valley School District. As a pilot project, staff has been negotiating the conditions of potential recreation facility development with Boulder Ice, Inc. and The Tennis Center since issuance of Letters of Interest. In the land lease development model, the City would provide the park land through a twenty-year lease. The lessees would fund, design, develop, and operate the recreation facility for public use on the leased parkland. As of June, 2005 the City continues negotiations with Boulder Ice, Inc. as they proceed with work on Step 5 of the Private Development Land Lease Process. The Tennis Center has confirmed that the conditions of the land lease project would not support their project as currently envisioned. In view of budget resources, no other potential land lease proposals will be pursued at this time, outside of the three prioritized projects. Other land lease project considerations may proceed in the future, based on prioritization in the updated Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2003-2004) and allocation of funding through the Capital Improvement Program.

The BTA would welcome the opportunity to re-open negotiations to evaluate options regarding the 20 year lease and any other options or possibilities that would provide for a successful public-private partnership. The interest and support is very strong.

2. Public Development Of A Tennis Facility At Valmont

For all the reasons explained above, the BTA also supports the inclusion in the Master Plan and any other plans for Valmont City Park of an 18 court tennis facility, with 12 courts with lights, at the Valmont City Park.

3. Additional courts with lights in Boulder, at Valmont Courts and Other Courts

In addition to the need described above, Boulder also has a need for courts with lights. For example, only a few courts are available for an individual who works during the day and who is only able to start playing tennis after 6 p.m. Many of the league matches do not start until 6 to accommodate working players and many matches take over two hours and extend into darkness. League matches cannot be scheduled on any of the few lighted courts, so players are often forced to reschedule the end of their match or move it to an unofficial location with lights. In the winter, the high school and middle school teams have trouble completing their matches without courts with lights. Boulder has three lit courts at the North Boulder Recreation Center and also, for only five days a week, the use of four lit courts at IBM. Moreover, the lights at the North Boulder Recreation Center are inadequate and make it very difficult to see the ball.

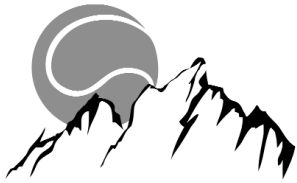
Therefore, on behalf of the nearly 400 members of the BTA, we request that the Parks and Recreation Department include an 18 court tennis center, with 12 courts with lights, at Valmont City Park and also increase the number of courts with lights in Boulder.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to discuss these matters further. The BTA also would be available to make a presentation or to meet with the Board or with any of you individually. I can be reached at (303) 898-1178 or at VicePresident@bouldertennis.org.

Sincerely,
 Claire Douthit
 Vice President
 Boulder Tennis Association

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO WOMEN'S TENNIS 2006-2007 SCHEDULE

January 23	USAFA	3 p.m.	Colorado Springs, CO
January 26	Arizona	5 p.m.	MHH - Boulder, CO
February 2	Mississippi State	2 p.m.	Starksville, MS
February 3	Alabama	6 p.m.	Tuscaloosa, AL
February 11	Oregon	11 a.m.	MHH - Boulder, CO
February 17	Texas Tech	12 p.m.	Lubbock, TX
February 24	Iowa State	11 a.m.	MHH - Boulder, CO
February 25	Northern Colorado	11 a.m.	MHH - Boulder, CO
March 2	BYU	5 p.m.	Provo, UT
March 4	Baylor	10 a.m.	MHH - Boulder, CO
March 10	Missouri	2 p.m.	Columbia, MO
March 12	Oklahoma State	12 p.m.	MHH - Boulder, CO
March 14	William & Mary	2 p.m.	Boulder, CO
March 22	Texas A&M	6 p.m.	College Station, TX
March 24	Texas	1:30 p.m.	Austin, TX
March 26	Fresno State	1:30 p.m.	Fresno, CA
March 27	San Francisco	2 p.m.	San Francisco, CA
April 6	Denver	TBA	Denver, CO
April 14	Kansas State	11 a.m.	Manhattan, KS
April 15	Kansas	11 a.m.	Lawrence, KS
April 21	Oklahoma	11 a.m.	Boulder, CO
April 22	Nebraska	11 a.m.	Boulder, CO
April 26-29	Big 12 Champs	All Day	Kansas City, MO
May 11-13	NCAA-Rds 1 & 2	All Day	TBD
May 19-28	NCAA Champs	All Day	Univ. of Georgia



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BTA MONTHLY SUMMER SOCIALS 2006

This year the BTA hosted Monthly Saturday Night Potluck Social Tennis at Centennial Courts on June 10th and July 22nd from 5:00 to sundown. For those unfamiliar with the format, players of all levels played round-robin style, met new tennis folks, socialized, ate good food, and drank beer. We watched the sun set as we barbequed burgers after 2+ hours of great doubles. This has traditionally been an open event—a wonderful way to introduce someone to the tennis community and to expand your existing tennis circle. The BTA provided courts, balls, burgers, some side dishes and beer! Due to its popularity in former years, this became a drop-in event and this year many folks dropped in for the fun!

In lieu of the August social, the BTA decided to join in with BTA members to support a wonderful community tennis event by hosting two teams for the 2nd Annual Tennis Marathon for

Breast Cancer on August 19. This was organized by CU Women's tennis coach, Nicole Kenneally and this year's proceeds supported the HealthLinks Foundation, providing services to women diagnosed with breast cancer. The event involved doubles teams (of all levels) playing one another continuously throughout the day, from 8am to 5pm. There is no recording of scores, the only requirement was that each team have a continuous presence on the courts throughout the day. On the side courts, community tennis pros conducted drills, gave tips, and kept bodies moving! Despite on and off rainy weather, play was ongoing and spirits were high. This year's goal was to double the \$7,000 raised in 2005, and this was exceeded by the \$16,000 raised this year! The BTA would like to send thanks to Bob Daly and Barb Dausch for organizing the two teams, and another thanks to all those that participated!