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President's Letter

Claire Douthit

Welcome to 2007 BTA,

I hope you all are hanging in there with all the snow. I think this is the first year in the last three years that we haven't been able to play outside all winter. Rumor has it, though, that the snow will melt and we'll all be able to get out and play again so have patience!

We held the annual banquet on January 27th at the Redfish. Let's give a big welcome to the new board members for 2007 listed on this newsletter masthead!

2007 is looking to be one of our best seasons yet, and I hope everyone is getting their teams together. March 19th is the deadline for the USTA Combined Spring Mixed Leagues and March 26th is the deadline for USTA Adult Leagues. We sent out the league brochures in early February with all of the deadlines and they also can be found on the BTA website at:

www.bouldertennis.org/leagues/BTALeagueBrochure2007.pdf

If you haven't played on a team before, this is the year to start! You could join one of the BTA existing teams, if there is room, or you could captain your own team.

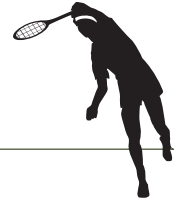
Preparations have also begun for the 41st Annual Austin Scott Memorial Tournament and the 2nd Annual Valerie Walls Wheelchair Tournament which the BTA holds April 28th through May 5th.

Ladder matches now count toward 2007 results so sign up now for the ladder to be ready when the snow melts. More information about the ladders is on the BTA website.

Right around the corner, on May 19th, we'll have our Drop In Saturday Morning Round Robin Doubles Icebreaker. I hope to see you all there!

Throughout the winter, the BTA also has held indoor socials at the Ranch Country Club. They have been a huge success. We hope to continue the socials outdoors throughout the spring, summer and fall.

See you on the courts!



CALLING ALL TENNIS FANS!

This is part of a concerted effort to promote and support various tennis events in and around Boulder, so if you're pining to see some exciting, all-out, high-quality tennis, check out CU Women's Tennis! The CU Women's Tennis Team is again off to a blazing start this year. Show your support and enthusiasm by coming out and cheering on the women as they take on Baylor University this Sunday, March 4, at Millennium Harvest House. Matches start at 10 a.m.

GO BUFFS!

League season 2007 is well into the planning and organization stages for the Boulder Tennis Season. Captain's Packets have been mailed to last season's captains and the League and Membership Brochures have been mailed to all BTA members and are available on the BTA website: www.bouldertennis.org.

We hope you will all check out the league offerings for this coming season. Two major changes for 2007 include the change back to straight NTRP levels for the CTA Women's Daytime Doubles League, which begins play at the end of May and the addition of a new league, the CTA Men's Tri-Level Singles League. This new league will play matches on Saturday afternoons at 3 pm, beginning August 18. Three singles matches will be played each week, one each at the 3.0, 3.5, and 4.0 levels for each team. We hope you men will be tempted by this new format and combined levels on a team.

If you are new to league play, here are a few things to be aware of. The BTA league teams are self-forming, captain-driven. The League Coordinators will keep a list of interested league players and pass the names and phone numbers on to the captains for the teams that form. If you want to form a team, call the league coordinator listed in the league brochure for the league you are interested in and you will be sent a Captain's Packet to guide you through the team formation and registration process. The League Coordinators will help with this process, as well. If you are looking for other team members, the BTA website has a "Find a League" page with names, levels, and phone numbers of other members interested in league play.

We are lucky to welcome our returning League Coordinators from last year, Colleen Weaverling, Mara Frazier, Ann Larson, and Sylvia Henderson into our same coordinating positions this season. Our phone numbers are in the League Brochure and on the website under leagues. Feel free to call on us to help you get involved in league play this season. You may call Sylvia Henderson for any general league questions @ 303.651.1292.

Recreational league play is an exciting, high-energy way to improve your game, meet new players, make new friends, and find competitive match-play experiences. We hope you will consider joining a league team or forming one this year. We will help you in every way possible to

GET IN THE GAME OF LEAGUE TENNIS!

TENNIS NEWS . . .

41ST ANNUAL AUSTIN SCOTT MEMORIAL: A NEW VISION FOR TENNIS TOURNAMENTS

Greetings from your new tournament director! I can't tell you how excited and honored I am to be involved with the 41st Austin Scott Memorial Tennis Tournament this spring. While many of the details are still shaping up, I can tell you that we have a new vision for tennis tournaments nationwide, and there's no better place to get started than right here in Boulder, Colorado. Our goal is to create the first environmentally sustainable tennis tournament in the nation, and we're well on our way to doing just that! Here are a few of the initiatives planned at this year's tournament:

- Zero Waste services through Eco-Cycle, including on-site recycling and composting
- Rewarding players who choose sustainable travel options to the tournament
- Tennis Ball Reuse Program
- Tennis Shoe Recycling & Reuse Program
- Working toward a Carbon/Climate Neutral Tournament

With a little luck, we may be starting something very "radical" for tennis, and something very necessary for our planet. Join us April 28th for what promises to be a truly unique tennis experience!

Cheers,
Brandon Walton,
Tournament Director
Boulder Tennis Association

When: April 28th - May 5th

Where: CU Courts South

Entry Deadline: April 20th

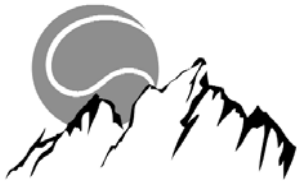
Cost: \$26 singles, \$17 doubles (per person)

Entry form and tournament info available at www.bouldertennis.org by **March 1st**

Volunteers Needed: As many as possible!

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO WOMEN'S TENNIS 2007 SCHEDULE

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 WINTER SOCIALS ARE A HIT!

The BTA has had a record breaking response to the winter socials this year, likely due to the 60 continuous days of snow on the ground and several consecutive snow storms. We had four courts full despite a snow storm during the first social in January on the 21st! The socials have been a blast and a BIG THANKS goes to Amy Calvin, the social coordinator. As of now, the socials are full, but there is a waiting list. We have had last minute cancellations and do ask that folks already registered, PLEASE let Amy

know if you need to cancel so that others can play. Her email is amycalvin@hotmail.com. Last two socials are scheduled for: Sunday 3/4/06 from 7 to 9pm and Saturday 3/24/06 from 7 to 9pm and take place at The Ranch Country Club in Westminster. The format is a round robin with drills/group instruction offered on one of the four courts so we can sharpen our games for spring league season. Thanks for all participating and see you on the courts soon!