

# 2008 BTA NEWSLETTER



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Tennis Potluck  
Social Kick Off  
Saturday, May 31 at 5 p.m.

Upcoming Tennis Potlucks:  
Sat., June 28; Sat., July 26;  
Sat., Aug. 23; and Sat., Sept. 27.

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER Claire Douthit

Dear Boulder Tennis Association Members,

I hope you all have had a chance to get out on the courts. Personally I have trouble deciding between all the options in the Boulder-Denver area, and I think we are really fortunate for all the opportunities.

The USTA leagues are underway and, in the Denver Metro area, there is a tournament nearly every week between now and September! Additional league deadlines are right around the corner, as described in more detail in this newsletter.

We have started our Saturday Morning Drop-In Doubles Round Robin a few weeks ago. With today's 80 degree weather, it's hard to believe, but it snowed on us! For those of you who are unfamiliar with it, every Saturday between May 10 and mid-October, the BTA reserves all 8 courts at Centennial Middle School and has drop in round robin doubles. All levels are welcome, just show up at 8:45 a.m. and play as long as you'd like.

In addition, we have our first outdoor evening social on Saturday, May 31 starting at 5. This event is described in more detail in this newsletter. Hope to see you there!

On our website, BoulderTennis.org, we have the Find-A-Match link where you can find other people to play at your level and at a time that fits your schedule.

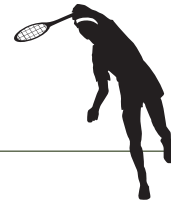
We also have started ladder play. If you're interested in joining the BTA Singles ladder, please e-mail [Ladders@BoulderTennis.org](mailto:Ladders@BoulderTennis.org).

Thank you all for your participation in the Austin Scott Tournament. We're compiling feedback and will let you know how it turned out. I heard great things and hope you all had fun out of the CU South Courts. Thank you Brandon, pj and Amy and all the volunteers for all your work on that!

We are starting planning for the Boulder County Cup, the tournament between the BTA, the Longmont Tennis Association, and the Centennial Valley Tennis Association. We need volunteers to help out with that so please let me know if you're interested in this event.

Please let us know if you have any other ideas for the Boulder Tennis Association or the Boulder Tennis community by e-mailing [President@BoulderTennis.org](mailto:President@BoulderTennis.org). See you on the courts! —Claire

# tenniscode



By Bruce Ross

**Dear Tennis Code:** *In a game of doubles, my partner called my second serve out. I thought the receiving team could only call it out. What is the rule? G.Y.*

**Dear G.Y.:** Good question. The code 26 (page 56) states: Service calls by serving team. Neither the server nor server's partner shall make a fault call on the first service even if they think it is out because the receiver may be giving the server the benefit of the doubt. There is one exception. If the receiver plays a first service that is a fault and does not put the return in play, the server or server's partner may make the fault call. The server and the server's partner shall call out any second serve that either clearly sees out.

To further clear up a point: The code 12 (page 54) states: Out calls corrected. If a player mistakenly calls a ball "out" and then realizes it was good, the point shall be replayed if the player returned the ball within the proper court. Nonetheless, if the player's return of the ball results in a "weak sitter," the player should give the opponent the point. If the player failed to make the return, the opponent wins the point. If the mistake was made on the second serve, the server is entitled to two serves.

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

April 20 ushered in League Season 2008 with the first matches for the USTA Mixed Doubles League and USTA Adult League starts up May 7. The teams are formed and practicing and the players are ready for a fun league season for these two leagues.

If you are just getting interested in league play about now, there is plenty of time left to form teams for the next round of leagues. Upcoming leagues and team registration deadlines are:

LEAGUE:	DEADLINE:	COORDINATOR:
World Team Tennis	May 16	Sylvia Henderson
USTA Senior League	June 6	Mara Frazier
CTA Twilight League	June 6	Mara Frazier

Contact information for the League Coordinators is on the League section of the BTA website at [www.bouldertennis.org](http://www.bouldertennis.org). Call the appropriate coordinator to get more information about league play, find out what teams are forming, or form your own team. Also available on the website is information for all leagues, including dates and times of league play and team compositions.

You must be a BTA and USTA member (separate memberships) to play on a league for the BTA and the cost per league per person is \$30.

If you have any general questions concerning leagues for the BTA feel free to call Sylvia Henderson at 303.651.1292.

LEAGUES OFFER FUN, FOOD, AND LASTING FRIENDSHIPS.

GET IN THE GAME WITH US AT THE BTA!

# TENNIS NEWS . . .

## EVERY SATURDAY MORNING DROP-IN DOUBLES!

The BTA sponsors semi-organized drop-in doubles tennis each Saturday morning beginning in early May and running through late October. All members of all levels are welcome to "drop-in" to our reserved courts (always at Centennial Middle School in Boulder north of Iris at 2205 Norwood between 19th and 26th) and informally play doubles starting at 8:45 am. You can play as long as you like.

We provide the balls and snacks. (Be sure to bring your own water.) This is a popular, well-attended event and we hope to see you there! If you can't make it this Saturday, we hope you can make it another week. No reservations required.

For more information contact:  
President@BoulderTennis.org

## SUMMER TENNIS POTLUCK SOCIAL KICKOFF!

The BTA Summer Social Kickoff is FAST approaching!

Let's Get Together to play some FUN round robin tennis and visit old and new friends while having grilled burgers along with a potluck 'spread' of side dishes and accompaniments.

**When:** Saturday, May 31 at 5:00 p.m.

Plan to arrive by 5:00 to ensure placement with others at your level.

**Who:** All levels of BTA players (Feel free to bring friends—tennis playing or non-tennis playing)

**Where:** Centennial Middle School courts (reserved by the BTA)

2205 Norwood (N. of Iris, between 19th and 26th)

**What to Bring:** A side dish/accompaniment to share (with serving utensil)

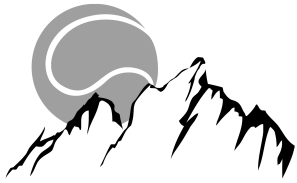
Lawn Chair(s)

Racket/water bottle

The BTA will provide the tennis balls, burgers (including vegan), 'fixins' for burgers, eating utensils/plates and beer/lemonade/water.

No RSVP necessary—just show up and plan to have a good time! Any questions, please e-mail [socials@bouldertennis.org](mailto:socials@bouldertennis.org).

**Mark your calendar for the upcoming summer potluck social dates:** Sat., June 28; Sat., July 26; Sat., Aug. 23; and Sat., Sept. 27. See you there!



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## I HAVE A DREAM FOUNDATION

The Boulder Tennis Association has been in communication with the Boulder County I Have A Dream Foundation. Their website is [IhadBoulder.org](http://IhadBoulder.org). They need volunteers so please let us know if you are interested in helping out with or coordinating any of the following by e-mailing President [@BoulderTennis.org](mailto:@BoulderTennis.org).

1. They have a tennis clinic scheduled July 14-16 in Longmont. They could use instructors, volunteers and equipment.
2. They want very much to hold a tennis tournament this summer for middle and high school age Dreamers. They need knowledge, a tournament director, equipment (racquets, balls), transportation for the players, prizes, water, and whatever else is involved in a tournament. They have a meeting scheduled on May 28 when they expect to set the date for the tournament. It seems somewhat like our Boulder County Cup for kids, with matches during the day, lots of prizes, ending up with a cookout for players and volunteers.
3. In the fall, when they begin their new North Boulder class, they would like help with their

Friday afternoon after school tennis program at the North Boulder Rec Center. Since these are mostly younger children, they would like to use the Quick Start program. That will probably involve purchasing equipment such as the shorter nets, smaller racquets, foam balls, etc. It could also involve providing volunteers and instructors.

4. One of their programs in Lafayette wants to schedule tennis instruction/play on Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. this summer.
5. In general, they need racquets and balls. If you have an old racket to donate, please e-mail [President@BoulderTennis.org](mailto:President@BoulderTennis.org) for the location of our drop box. Also, we are working on a way to collect old tennis balls, so let us know if you have any ideas by sending an e-mail.
6. Another thing they mentioned is that the kids don't have tennis clothes. They would love for prizes or donations to include gift certificates to allow them to buy real tennis outfits (at least for the girls) and tennis shoes.

Thanks everyone! Hope to hear from you!