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Return of the LTA.

After an absence of approximately 10 years, the Longmont Tennis Association (LTA) is back! As a community tennis association, the LTA is registered with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and the Colorado Tennis Association (CTA). A major goal of the LTA Board of Directors is to help the LTA become a lasting and invaluable asset for the Longmont tennis community. (see LTA Mission Statement below)

Thanks!

- Thank you LTA board members, and in particular President Dan Raykovitz, for their efforts in forming the new LTA. Many hours have been spent by board members, and especially Dan, to achieve status as members of the USTA and CTA, with participation in USTA/CTA Spring and Summer leagues now a reality.
- Thank you Ron Cheyney for supplying numerous copies of the LTA membership forms. Ron is the owner of Ron's Printing at 420 Main St. In addition to the Printing Center, Ron is also a member of the LTA.
- Thanks to Steve Vorhaus, of Rocky Mountain Specialists, for supplying some prizes at last years outdoor social.

The First LTA Contest!

Any LTA member able to properly pronounce "**Dan Raykovitz**," three times in succession, will be awarded a yet to be determined prize. A search is underway for three judges who know the proper pronunciation.

– Dan Raykovitz is LTA's current President-at-Large

LTA MISSION STATEMENT

Longmont Tennis Association (LTA) is a nonprofit community-supported organization dedicated to promoting the sport of tennis and improving the Longmont-area tennis experience. Using local facilities, LTA organizes USTA and CTA-sanctioned leagues and tournaments, as well as LTA-sponsored ladders, socials and drop-in tennis events for its members and their guests. LTA seeks to provide social and competitive tennis activities at minimal cost in a structured, safe environment for players of all ages and skill levels.



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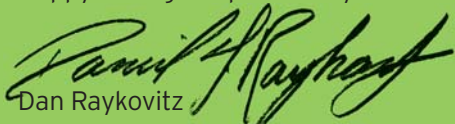
From the Chair...

GREETINGS LTA,

As spring arrives, the scent of tennis is in the air. With the start of another league season, our community is buzzing with more options and activities than ever before.

As I reflect on the past year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a group of extremely talented and dedicated volunteers: the Board of Directors of your Longmont Tennis Association. These amazing individuals have invested an extraordinary amount of time and energy in the resurrection of the LTA. With sage guidance from LTA veterans, this group has breathed new life into our tennis community. In the months that follow, as we all enjoy leagues, ladders, socials, and the other tennis opportunities currently in development, I ask that you credit the many fine people who, like me, love this life-long sport and made the Longmont Tennis Association a reality.

Happy hitting. Hope to see you on the court!



Dan Raykovitz
President - Longmont Tennis Association



USTA/CTA Leagues

The LTA league coordinator is Becky Fell. If you are ready to sign-up your team or need to find a team to play on please contact Becky at becky.fell@longmonttennis.org. If at all possible, we'll find you a team. The first priority of league play is to simply play, with a secondary goal to win, and a far out goal to win your division. Detail league information is available on the CTA/USTA web site. Summary of leagues are below.

See next page for more USTA/CTA League information...

2 LTA Socials



to much tennis, not enough recovery time.

Due to the limited number of players (24), many members on the waiting list were unable to participate. Based on the feedback, Director Paula Nelsen, is considering changes to the next indoor socials. e.g.; Increasing number of participants to 30, rotating list of players to assure all LTA members get a chance to participate, modification in format.

GREELEY SOCIAL

The first LTA Tennis Social was held at Work out West in Greeley on February 25th. Twenty-four LTA members played tennis and of course had plenty of food and drinks, from 6 to 10 o'clock. The format used was four games, followed by a tiebreaker. Feedback from the participants was very positive, with one suggestion being a greater number of participants. i.e.;

FUTURE SOCIALS

Indoor Socials at WOW- Next Social for Greeley WOW is in the planning stages.

Outdoor Social

The first LTA outdoor social of 2006 is scheduled for April 22. Details relating to the time, place, and format are in the planning stage. If you would like to help with the outdoor social, please contact Paula Nelsen, as help is needed.

USTA/CTA LEAGUE SCHEDULE

League	Signup Deadline*	Start Date	Information
USTA Mixed Dbls	March 27	April 23	3 Dbls
USTA Adult	April 5	May 1	2.5 to 5.0, 3 Dbls, 2 singles
USTA Super Seniors	May 8	May 31	≥60** years old, 3Dbls
CTA Daytime Dbls	May 8	June 6	3 Dbls
USTA Senior	June 19	July 17	≥50** years old, Dbls
CTA Twilight	June 26	July 31	2 Singles, 1 Dbls
ITA Fall Mixed Dbls	July 17	July 30	3 MX Dbls
CTA Fall Daytime	July 10	July 30	1 single, 2 Dbls

* Indicated date is CTA on line registration, LTA deadline will be 3 working days prior to listed date. Captains should verify league starting dates and signup deadlines, as dates occasionally change.

** Should be the noted age sometime in 2006.

LTA Membership

Charter Memberships Available!

The present LTA membership now exceeds 100 members, with a projected 2006 membership of over 150 members. Membership forms are available at the LTA web site, Big 5, Garts, Longmont Recreation Building, and Roosevelt Field House. Tell your tennis friends to join and support the LTA. Charter memberships are still available. Become an LTA Member today!

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More USTA/CTA League Info.

LTA leagues will utilize Longmont High School and Silver Creek High School for the USTA Adult League, with all other leagues using the City courts such as Pratt, Affolter, or Carr Park. Details are in the works.

This years agreements with the St Vrain School District and the City of Longmont have been finalized. The charge for court usage will be \$7.00 per team player. Remember that to participate in league play, you must be a member of the USTA (Single membership -\$40/yr, \$110/3 yrs; Family Membership- \$65/yr, \$175/3 yrs), CTA league fee - \$15 to \$18, and the LTA court fee of \$7.

Official LTA T-shirts Available!

Want an LTA T-Shirt? Details are now on the LTA web site, www.longmonttennis.org. One Shirt will cost only \$8.50. They tell me these are a hot item, so place your order while the supply lasts. If you order on the web today, you can purchase two T-shirts for only \$16. Now you can proudly display your LTA shirt wherever you go, as the LTA T-shirts have been recently approved as acceptable attire at all major sporting events and local eateries.

As an additional incentive, if sufficient T-Shirts are sold, in the future HATS and VISORS will be available.

The T-Shirt vendor is **Instant Imprint**, 965 S. Hover Street, Longmont.

Big 5 is offering tennis balls at a reduced price of \$1.89 if you mention you are a member of the LTA.

Go **Big 5!**



Ladders.

Your Ladder Coordinator is Bruce Ross. Bruce is presently formulating rules and regulations for a Seniors and Mixed Doubles Ladders. Standby for further details. For ladder information, contact Bruce at brisco2@comcast.net.

Many of you have participated in Laurie Chrisman's tennis clinics and tennis ladders. Laurie is in the planning stage for Spring and Fall ladders. For information call Laurie at 303 776-9314.

LTA Publicity.

Last Summer, the Longmont Daily Times Call published a story about the LTA and the initial organizer, Dan Raykovitz, and is currently publishing weekly LTA notes in the Sporting Life on Fridays and also on the Community calendar.

For LTA members, bored with today's television lineup, view the Longmont Channel 3 Bulletin Board for membership and social event info.

LTA Courts.

A note from Glenn Shipley, LTA Board Member:

One of our goals at LTA is to support an effort to improve Longmont court options. We are actively encouraging the city to develop a 10-court complex, making it easier to host tournaments, leagues and socials. Your participation in the LTA is noted by the city when assessing recreational facility needs. Please vote with your tennis shoes. See you on the court!

BOARD OF DIRECTOR Message...

FROM LEONARD MARTINEZ

Through cold, snowy, windy days, you will see High School Girls Tennis teams practicing on local high school courts throughout the city. These are the girls of spring tennis. Most matches are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting at 3:30 and going till 6:00 or beyond. Although the weather is at times unbearable, these girls from our four local high schools (Longmont, Niwot, Silver Creek and Skyline) compete on Tuesdays and Thursdays with other schools from the Northern league. Some of the top players in the Northern region come from these schools. So if you get a chance, come out and support your team. You will find them very competitive and fun to watch. See you on the courts!



Local Tournaments

Note: For detailed information on the tournaments below and other state tournaments refer to: <http://tournaments.usta.com/tournaments/Schedule/Search.aspx> Search for Colorado Intermountain for the complete list.

Tennis Link: <http://www.coloradotennis.com/cta/website.asp?Dept=TennisLink>

Date*	Place	Levels	Information
4/8–4/14	Boulder Country Club	MWsd 3.5/3.0	7350 Clubhouse Rd., 303 530-3328 <i>See Tennis Link</i> Reg. deadline 3/31
4/29–5/6	Austin Scott Memorial Boulder, CO	MWsdMXd; Chp 40/50/60/70/ 5.0/4.5/3.5/3.0/2.5	Boulder Tennis Assoc., 303 702-9733 <i>See Tennis Link</i> Reg. deadline 4/21
5/4–5/7	Fort Collins Country Club Ft Collins, CO	Doubles open MWd 3.0/4.0	Fort Collins CC, 970 482-1422 <i>See Tennis Link</i> Reg. deadline 4/30
5/6	Valerie Walls Memorial Boulder, CO	MWsd Open, A,B,C WQsd Open, A,B,C	Boulder Tennis Assoc., 303 702-9733 <i>See Tennis Link</i> Reg. deadline 4/28
5/17–5/20	Rocky Mountain Senior Games, Greeley, CO	MWsdmx; Age groups, >50 years	Greeley Tennis Assoc., 970 350-9433 Consolation round Reg. deadline 5/11 www.rmseniorgames.com
5/17–5/21	City of Greeley Doubles Greeley, CO	MWd	Greeley Tennis Assoc., 970 350-9433 Reg deadline 5/11 (?)
5/28–6/4	Northern Colorado Open Fort Collins, CO	MWsdMXd Chp/5.0/ 4.5/4.0/3.5/3.0/2.5	Fort Collins Tennis Assoc., 970 689-2151 <i>See Tennis Link</i> Reg. deadline 5/21
6/11–6/18	Ranch Country Club Broomfield, CO	MWsdMXd 5.0/4.5/ 4.0/3.5/3.0/2.5	Ranch Country Club, 303 469-5372 <i>See Tennis Link</i> Reg. deadline 6/4
6/11-6/18	Wells Fargo Bank Cancer Benefit Greeley, CO	TBD	Greeley Tennis Assoc., 970 350-9433

* Please verify dates on CTA/USTA tennis link.

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Volunteers Needed!

Interested in volunteering for the LTA? Contact your respective LTA coordinator. Volunteers are especially needed for Publicity, Print and Web Communications, Membership, and Tournament Coordination.

Jerry Seguin is investigating the possibility of adopting a local park. This will take support from the membership to clean up a park on a scheduled basis. Interested? Contact Jerry at jerryseguin@longmonttennis.com

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