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200 Members!

Since its rebirth less than one year ago, Longmont Tennis Association is nearing 200 members. A special thanks to those charter members for signing up and getting involved. While the LTA is certainly a work in progress, many notable milestones have been achieved such as: Securing local tennis facilities, setting up LTA ladders and LTA-sponsored drop-in tennis events, establishing numerous USTA league registrations, organizing LTA socials, and much more. And to think, this is just the beginning!

Thank You!

- **Bruce Ross** – Organized tennis ladders, conducted Men's Singles Icebreaker, organized tennis membership, organized Drop-in Tennis
- **Paula Nelsen** – Conducted LTA April Outdoor Social and planning for one summer social per month
- **Colorado Tennis Association** – Provided \$500 in grant money to be used to promote community tennis in Longmont
- **Steve Vorhaus** – Rocky Mountain Specialists, for providing prizes for our Ice Breaker Social

CTA Grant

Each year the Colorado Tennis Association provides financial assistance to community tennis associations to promote program expenses such as tennis equipment, instructors, court time, publicity, and any other associated costs deemed appropriate. This year the LTA requested and received a \$500 grant from the CTA. The LTA will use the grant money for first year startup expenses and to promote tennis in the Longmont community.

How about that!



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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. Utilizing 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.

From the Chair...

GREETINGS LTA,

With summer approaching and temperatures rising, (did we even have spring?) league season is in full swing.

With nearly six months of operations under our belt, the LTA is officially back. With a membership base of nearly 200 individuals, our tennis playing community has reaffirmed the need, and want, for a community tennis association.

One thing I find most pleasing, and encouraging, is the level of "additional contributions" received with membership applications. These contributions have enabled us to offer things such as port-a-potties at high school venues and a portable sun shade. Many thanks to our membership for all donations of time and money.

Stay tuned for upcoming events such as socials and drop-in tennis, and remember to visit our evolving website for updates.

If anyone has any helpful suggestions or just some good old fashion constructive criticism, please let us know. Please also keep in mind that the LTA is operating on a volunteer basis by people that can't seem to get enough of this game. If you are interested in helping us provide a variety of tennis opportunities for our community, we would love to have you!

Dan Raykovitz

President – Longmont Tennis Association



Facilities

LTA facility manager Glenn Shipley has successfully negotiated and signed a contract with the city and St. Vrain School District to reserve and rent local tennis facilities at a reasonable cost. This is a big step forward for having the city place a higher priority on future new tennis facilities. LTA is enjoying popular support that is being noticed by our city and school officials.

Another major success – the rental and installation of Porta-Potties at both Longmont High School and Silver Creek High School.

2 LTA Ladders

LTA Ladder Coordinator, Bruce Ross, has created four tennis ladders using tennis engine.com; Mixed Doubles A, Mixed Doubles B, Men's Singles Open and Men's Senior divisions. The Mixed Doubles divisions are scheduled matches, with one match scheduled per week. The Men's Singles division matches are scheduled as desired by the individual participants. The Mixed Doubles scheduled ladder will be completed in early June, with startup of a new ladder pending. The goal is to expand the Mixed Doubles Ladder from the present two divisions to three divisions. Interested? Go to: <http://www.tennisengine.com> and scroll down to the desired Longmont Tennis Association league to see the current standings, participants, and match results. Then contact Bruce at Bruce.Ross@longmonttennis.org

A Men's Singles Ladder Ice Breaker tournament was held at Longmont High School on May 20th from 9 am to 1 pm. LTA provided drinks, eats, and balls. Despite the over 90 degree weather, a good time was had by all of the 16 participants!

Publicity

TEE-SHIRTS

Need an LTA T-Shirt? Details are now on the LTA web site. www.longmonttennis.org One T-Shirt will cost only \$8.50. Hats and visors are also available. Initial order of T-Shirts have been sold out, but if you order now, you will be assured of your desired color and size.



USTA/CTA Leagues

If you are ready to sign up your team or need to find a team to play on contact Becky Fell at fellr@msn.com. If at all possible, we'll find you a team. The priorities of league play are to: 1/ play, 2/ win, and 3/ a far out goal to win your division. Detailed league information is available on the CTA/USTA web site.

Becky informs us that for a 1st year tennis association, LTA league participation has been phenomenal! LTA has registered 1-USTA Mixed Doubles, 4-USTA 3.5 Men's and Women's Doubles, 3-USTA 3.0 Men's and Women's Doubles, 2-CTA 5.5 Daytime Doubles, 3-CTA 6.5 Daytime Doubles, and 1-Men's Super Senior team. For info on your favorite team, visit <http://national.usta.com/>, click on tennis link, adult leagues, insert appropriate name and view results.

USTA/CTA LEAGUE SCHEDULE

League	Signup Deadline*	Start Date	Information
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 three working days prior to listed date. Captains should verify league starting dates and signup deadlines, as dates occasionally change.*

Local Tennis Clinics/Lessons

There are many local opportunities for tennis lessons, camps, or clinics. Go to the LTA web site for details. For program sign-ups, contact the appropriate individual or organization. As the LTA web site is refined and upgraded, local tennis clinics, instructors and pros will be listed.



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LTA Tennis Socials

The LTA Icebreaker Social was held outdoors at Carr Park April 22nd with about 50 members and non-members participating. The random partner format proved quite successful with plenty of tennis played.

The next outdoor Social will be on **June 17th, from 8 AM - Noon, at Longmont High School**. As per previous socials, LTA will provide soft drinks and balls, with participants requested to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The summer outdoor socials are open to LTA members, their guests and non-members interested in joining. If you would like to help, contact our Social Coordinator, Paula Nelsen: paula.nelson@longmonttennis.org. Bring friends, family, or prospective members to join in the tennis fun!

LTA Sponsored Drop-in Tennis

LTA sponsors semi-organized drop-in doubles tennis sessions each Saturday morning at 8 AM beginning June 3rd and continuing through August. LTA members and non-members are welcome to "drop-in" to our reserved courts (see list) and informally play doubles. You come when you want and play as long as you like. LTA will provide balls. When you arrive, you place your racket in your appropriate level (e.g.; 3.0, 3.5, 4.0). Rackets are picked up in groups of four, tennis is played with this group for one set, about 30 to 45 minutes, with the winning team moving up one level and the losing team switching partners and moving down one level.

Confused? See you there for "on the job training!"



SUMMER DROP-IN SCHEDULE

June 10 & July 22 Drop-in Tennis

Silver Creek High School – 8 AM to 11 AM

Aug 12 Drop In Tennis

Carr Park – 8 AM to 11 AM

All other Drop-in Tennis through August will be at Longmont High School.

Adopt a Park

LTA has officially adopted Carr Park!

1st CLEANUP
Sunday, June 18th,
starting at 1 PM

What does this entail?

LTA has signed a contract with the City of Longmont to help maintain Carr Park for one year. The City requires us to conduct park cleanup a minimum of six (6) visits over a 12 month period; however the city encourages the LTA to cleanup the park once per month.

The Longmont Parks & Forestry Division provides trash bags and other consumables. LTA volunteers will provide their own brooms and other tools needed to perform our assigned tasks. After six weeks of satisfactory contract completion, a standard sign will be installed at Carr Park acknowledging the LTA. If we continue for a year, LTA will receive a Certificate of Merit.

Why Should the LTA Do This?

A primary goal of LTA is to help support Longmont tennis. To do this, it is vital that we maintain a good working relationship with the City of Longmont. Our participation in the Adopt-a-Park program will be one step toward showing our commitment to city recreation programs. Adopting Carr Park will help demonstrate our commitment to the city in a substantive way.

Our long term goal is to encourage Longmont to build a complex of 10 tennis courts or more. This is your chance to help us promote tennis in Longmont in a big way.

How Can You Volunteer for This Program?

Please contact Jerry Seguin by phone at (303) 651-0917 or by e-mail at jerry.seguin@longmonttennis.org

When is the First Cleanup?

The first Carr Park cleanup has been scheduled for **Sunday, June 18th**, starting at 1 AM. If you can make it, simply bring a broom. Jerry will supply the bags, dustpans, etc.

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
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, 303 530-3328 <i>See Tennis Link</i> Reg. deadline 6/4
6/11-6/18	Wells Fargo Bank Cancer Benefit Greeley, CO	MWsdMXd; 2.5/3.0/3.5/4.0/4.5	Greeley Tennis Assoc., 970 350-9433 Reg. deadline 6/4
7/16- 7/23	Broomfield Open Broomfield, CO	MWsdMXd; 4.5/4.0/3.5/3.0/2.5	Broomfield Swim & Tennis Club Reg. deadline 7/8
8/6- 8/13	Boulder Open & ITA Senior Open Boulder, CO	MWsdMxd Chmp/5.0/4.5/4.0/3.5/ 3.0/2.5; Age groups	Harvest House, Boulder 303 449-5033 Reg. deadline 7/30
8/14- 8/20	Ted Swenson Super Senior	MWsd; Age groups 55/ 60/65/75/80 Comb. age for Mxd130/140/150	Rolling Hills CC, 303 278-1130 Reg. deadline 5/11
8/17- 8/20	Steamboat NTRP Steamboat Springs, CO	MWsdMxd 3.0/3.5/4.0/4.5/5.0	Tennis Center @ Steamboat Springs 970 879-8400
8/22- 8/27	Front Range Championship	MWs, Chp/5.0/4.5/ 4.0/3.5/3.0/2.5	Longmont Athletic Club, 303 772-4700 <i>See Tennis Link</i> Reg deadline 8/16
9/5-9/7	LAC Doubles Longmont, CO	MWsdMXd 5.0/4.5/ 4.0/3.5/3.0	Longmont Athletic Club, 303 772-4700 <i>See Tennis Link</i> Reg deadline 8/29
9/9-9/16	Meadows Club Open Boulder, CO	MWsdMxd, chmp/5.0/ 4.5/4.0/3.5/3.0/2.5	Meadow Club, Boulder, 303 494-0410 Reg deadline 9/3
9/19-9/16	Fort Collins Singles Open Fort Collins, CO	MWs 4.5/4.0/3.5/3.0	Fort Collins CC, 970 482-1422 Reg deadline 9/15

* 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.

ADOPT A PARK

LTA has officially adopted Carr Park on 21st Ave. 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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