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32 League Teams!

Take a growing group of active tennis players, some well-appointed venues, and one very committed league coordinator (thank you Becky!) and guess what happens? 32 League teams played, of course. Read more about LTA leagues and players on page 2 – USTA/CTA Leagues.

Thank You!

- Leonard Martinez, Alex Davydov, Judi Laursen, and Marlin Godown – Conducted free tennis clinics during LTA Saturday Drop-In Tennis events
- Glenn Shipley – Due to pressing commitments, Glenn resigned from the LTA Board in July. Glenn was instrumental in negotiating the school district and city tennis court reservation contracts and also in coordinating items related to facilities. Glenn was an active board member and volunteer, and his contributions will be missed :-)
- Brent Cook – Upgraded the LTA web site, adding tennis links, league registration, membership application, and PayPal, allowing members to pay on-line
- Becky Fell – Coordinated the Spring, Summer, and Fall leagues

LTA Inaugural Banquet.

Mark your activity calendar for the LTA Fall Banquet on November 11th to be held at Fox Hill Country Club. The cost for dinner and other yet-to-be-determined activities will be \$30-\$35/ person. Mary Lou Martinez, committee chairman, is in the process of finalizing banquet plans. More details will be available mid-September.



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,

Sadly, the 2006 USTA league season is coming to a close.

I would like to personally thank everyone who played leagues through the LTA for supporting our inaugural league season.

I am extending a very special thank you to Becky Fell, League Coordinator, who organized teams and scheduled courts. Through her concerted efforts, the LTA was able to provide play for some 32 league teams.

Saturday Socials and Drop-ins have also been a popular LTA-sponsored activity. Thank you to the handful of regular volunteers who helped with these events. ***I am taking this opportunity to urge members to volunteer a little of their time to help the LTA thrive.*** Without the efforts of volunteer members, the LTA will be short-lived. With a membership base of over 240 members, a group of revolving volunteers would go a long way toward making the LTA healthy for years to come.

I am very pleased by the support of our members as well as the cooperation of the City of Longmont and the St. Vrain Valley School District. With all the additional tennis activity this summer, it's apparent to me that the LTA is filling a need for a community tennis organization. I can't wait for next year!

Dan Raykovitz

President – Longmont Tennis Association



LTA Sponsored Drop-In Tennis

We have enjoyed LTA Drop-In Tennis every Saturday throughout the summer. These events will continue through September at Carr Park. LTA members and non-members are welcome to "drop-in" to our reserved courts and play doubles from 8:00 to 11:00 am. You come when you want and play as long as you'd like. LTA provides the balls. Bring water. Please contact Paula Nelson if you'd like to help with these events: paula.nelson@longmonttennis.org

FALL DROP-IN SCHEDULE

September 2, 9, 16, 30

Carr Park – 8 AM to 11 AM

There will be NO drop-in tennis event on Sept. 23 due to BCC Tournament participation.

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USTA/CTA Leagues

LTA has had a fantastic year of league play with a total of 32 teams participating in the mixed doubles, CTA Daytime Doubles, Adult, Senior, Fall Daytime, Fall Mixed League and Twilight leagues.

LTA would like to recognize two teams who advanced to the Colorado Championships:

- Dan Raykovitz captained his USTA 6.0 mixed doubles to the Colorado District Championship - Flight A. The team placed second in the Flight A. His team includes Heather Raykovitz, Candee Rundall, Robert Prater, Susan Prater, Paul Flanders, Stephen Jennings and Chrissy Doolen.
- Mona Jones captained her CTA 6.5 Daytime Doubles team to the Colorado District Championship – Flight A. They played August 14th. Her team included Sarah Mitelhaus, Hilarie Gutierrez, Kim Britt, Kerranne Biley, Janine Clark, Paula Nelson, Julie Fowler and Susan Gutierrez.



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LTA News & Notes

Tennis Socials

Summer Socials were held on June 17 and Aug 12. Paula Nelsen, tennis social director, said "The Summer Socials were very successful. As the name says, tennis fun was had on and off the courts (eating and socializing), and we look forward to continuing the socials in the winter. "As with all LTA activities, we can always use more volunteers."

LTA WINTER SOCIALS

The Work Out West (WOW) facility, located in Greeley, has been reserved for LTA winter socials for the following dates: October 14 & 28, November 18, December 2 & 16, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, and March 10 & 24. Make a note on your activity calendar. Details on how to sign up, cost, participants, and formats will appear in an LTA e-mail bulletin.

Different formats are being considered by Paula Nelsen. If you have any suggestions, drop Paula an e-mail at: paula.nelson@longmonttennis.org.

Front Range Tennis Tournament

LTA made a commitment to Judi Laursen, LAC tennis director, to fully support the recently-held Front Range Tournament. A big thank you to Judi and to all LTA members who participated in this year's Tournament.

Here are the winners and runner-ups:

Open: Eric Kinsey (Champion)/Alan Jordan (Finalist)

M3.0: Luis Gutman (Champion)/Blake Miller (Finalist)

M3.5: Jeff Witowski (Champion)/Rick Accountius (Finalist)

M4.0: Dan McGlothlin (Champion)/Mark Creek (Finalist)

W3.0: Sarah Mitelhaus (Champion)/
Janine Ledingham (Finalist)

W3.5: Catherine Romero (Champion)/
Jean Goldstein (Finalist)

W4.0: Kristeen Dehning (Champion)/
Wendi Hill (Finalist)

LTA Ladders

Congratulations to the winners of the inaugural Spring Mixed Doubles Scheduled Ladders: Heather and Dan Raykovitz for the B ladder and Tyler Brooks and Jere Barto for the A ladder. The Summer Mixed Doubles Scheduled Ladders are currently running, with one A group and two B groups.

While participation in the scheduled mixed doubles ladders has been very active, the participation in the unscheduled Men's Singles Ladders has been slower. Bruce Ross, the ladder coordinator, is considering expanding the scheduled ladders to include men's singles and other doubles ladders. If you have suggestions, please e-mail Bruce at bruce.ross@longmonttennis.org. To view the latest Mixed Doubles or men's singles match results, go to: <http://www.tennisengine.com>, click on "View Current Leagues," and scroll down to Longmont Tennis Association.



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LTA T-SHIRTS

Need an LTA T-Shirt, hat or visor? 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. The initial order of T-Shirts has been sold out, but if you order now, you will be assured of your desired color and size. If you want a T-Shirt, hat or visor fast, you can place an order directly with Instant Imprint, located at 965 S. Hover St. Another option is to provide your own T-Shirt or hat for imprint. Instant Imprint will charge a small fee to place the LTA logo on your favorite T-Shirt or hat.



LTA Website

Checkout the latest additions to the LTA website at <http://www.longmonttennis.org>.

Brent Cook, our Web site guru, has added various tennis links, "find a player," and PayPal, which enables you to pay your membership and league fees using the web site. If you have volunteered to be part of the web site committee, Brent will be contacting you for a September meeting. If you are interested in being on the web site committee, please e-mail Brent at brent.cook@longmonttennis.org.

Election of LTA Board of Directors

The LTA Board of Directors (BOD), per the LTA by-laws, consists of four officers, (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) and a minimum of five at-large board members. The President, Vice President, and at-large board members are elected by the LTA members, with the secretary and treasurer appointed by the BOD.

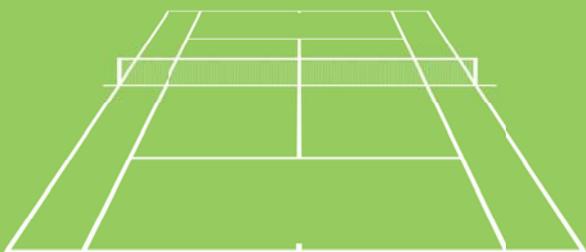
Note: The board currently consists of four officers and six at-large members.

To facilitate the election of new BOD members, a nominating committee, consisting of three LTA members and the LTA Secretary, Jerry Seguin, as chairman, will be formed in September. The purpose of the committee is to encourage LTA members to become an LTA officer or an at-large member. Any LTA member, in good standing, is eligible to be an LTA officer or at-large board member. A slate of candidates, assembled by the committee, will be available by November 1, 2006, with the election conducted prior to November 30.

If you would like to be part of the nominating committee, please contact Jerry at (303) 651-0917 or e-mail him at jerry.seguin@longmonttennis.org. Your support is needed to assure the future success of the LTA. Don't delay!

Adopt a Park

LTA volunteers, completed two summer Carr Park cleanups and have met the city's requirements for the Adopt-a-Park recognition. A sign recognizing the LTA will soon be installed. The next scheduled cleanup of Carr Park will be Sunday, August 27 at 6:00 PM. If you can help, please call or e-mail Jerry Seguin. Bring a broom and a dust pan and plan on using the same for about an hour. This seemingly insignificant effort will help obtain our goal of a 10 tennis court complex in Longmont.



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Questions & Answers

Q: "Last week our LTA team was scheduled to play team Bye at the Carr Park courts. We waited until 8:30 PM, but they team never showed up. Should I record all five matches as 6-0 on the CTA web site?"

Sign me: "Mad and Tired of Waiting"

A: This problem with the Bye team is a recurring problem. Per the league director, before you record the matches as 6-0, you must make every effort to contact the Bye team. If you cannot contact the team captain the score cannot be recorded. This may explain why the Bye team does not show up in the league standings, as the Bye team has yet to lose a match, except by forfeit, with no contact made by any other league team. LTA will continue to investigate this problem. We hope this answers your question, if you need further information, please contact the us via the LTA web site.

Note: In sporting use, a variant of bye (prep). Originally in cricket, "a run scored on a ball that is missed by the wicket-keeper" (1746); hence, in other sports, "position of one who is left without a competitor when the rest have drawn pairs" (1883)



Facilities

If you encounter any facility problems at the City of Longmont or the SVVSD courts, please contact Jerry Seguin at 303-651-0917 or email him at: jerry.seguin@longmonttennis.org.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR

Message...

FROM BECKY FELL, LTA VICE PRESIDENT

I want to thank all of you for choosing Longmont Tennis Association (LTA) to play league tennis. LTA is in desperate need of volunteers. LTA can only function by volunteers and the LTA is asking all of you to seriously consider volunteering. Time requirements vary and would be set by you the volunteer. The following committees need volunteers.

Please review the open committees and let me know which committee or position you would like to fill. I am also asking captains to recruit volunteers from their team.

- **Membership** - Committee members needed to help maintain the current membership database and to assist with membership renewals next year.
- **Publicity** - Chair position is open along with committee members. Duties include coordinating efforts with local news outlets and advertisement of socials, tournaments, and special events.
- **Social** - Committee members needed to organize and run summer and winter tennis social events.
- **Facilities** - Chair Position and committee members to assist with facility issues.
- **Website** - Committee members needed to develop, maintain and update the LTA web site.
- **Ladders** - Committee members needed to help set up and run ladders, both scheduled and unscheduled.

If you have a question regarding any or all committees, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me at becky.fell@longmonttennis.org.

UP & COMING

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
8/22- 8/27	Front Range Championship	MWs, Chmp/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
9/23	Boulder County Cup* Boulder, CO	MWs 4.5/4.0/3.5/3.0	Sign-up on-line at: www.cvtatennis.org/tournaments.htm Reg deadline 9/13

Please verify dates on CTA/USTA tennis link.

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* **Boulder County Cup**

Mens, Womens and Mixed Doubles between Boulder Tennis Association, Centennial Valley Tennis Association, and for the first time the Longmont Tennis Association. LTA has a member on the planning committee. You can sign-up on-line at: www.cvtatennis.org/tournaments.htm

2006 **Boulder County Cup**

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Volunteers Needed!

Would you like to be an LTA volunteer? 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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