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THE OFFICIAL LONGMONT TENNIS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF LTA.

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3rd Annual

The Longmont Open

This year is the Longmont Open's third year in existence, which gives LTA great pride! In the first year (2007), we had 187 participants, last year there were 197 participants and this year we expect just as many, if not more! What makes this tournament special, besides being the largest in Longmont, is the first-match loser's consolation. [SEE PAGE 3](#)

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Drop-In Tennis Schedule

We plan on having public drop-ins on the following Saturdays: June 13; July 11, 18, 25, and August 1. As in the past, we are reserving Longmont High School for NTRP ratings up to 3.0 and Silver Creek High School for NTRP ratings of 3.5 and above. Drop-ins officially start at 9 AM at each location (although Longmont High drop-in may start earlier). School tennis teams will start using high school courts on Saturdays in August, so we'll need to regroup beginning August 8.

These drop-in events are open to the general public as a way to introduce Longmont residents and friends to LTA.



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.



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From the Prez...

GREETINGS LTA,

This is a challenging time for the Longmont Tennis Association. On the bright side, our organization continues to grow, both in membership and in participation in USTA leagues. With your support, the LTA has expanded tennis in the Longmont area. This year, the LTA has instituted a youth tennis program aimed at disadvantaged youths to cultivate a love of tennis for those who lack easy access to the game. With the LTA's assistance, City planners are creating plans for a well-designed tennis complex at Dry Creek Community Park that meets USTA-recommended standards. We plan to work with the City to advance the resurfacing of the Carr and Pratt Park tennis courts as their surfaces have rapidly deteriorated. In spite of these accomplishments, we have been able to maintain our low membership and league fees, so that participation in our programs remains one of the great bargains in Longmont sports.

Yet all of this could fall apart if we are unable to address the challenges that we will face during the coming year. As a community tennis association, we depend on high quality

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How to Find a League Team or Hitting Partners

Send an e-mail to leagues@longmonttennis.org expressing your interest in finding a league team to play on. Be specific in your e-mail on what you are looking for, and what your ability level is (NTRP rating, etc.).

A member of the LTA League committee will get back to you by e-mail or phone to discuss your interests. We cannot guarantee success, but we will try our best to hook you up with a team or possibly to help you to form a team.

To find a hitting partner once you are an LTA member, you can log onto the LTA web site, click on the "Members Only" link, click on "Find-a-Player" and then click on "Register". Then enter your name into the Find-a-Player list. If you click on "View," you can find players at your level that you can contact, by phone or e-mail, to hit with.

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2 LTA Gives Back to the Community

LTA is not just about playing tennis. It's also about giving back to our community and promoting tennis and wellness for kids. Using our own funds, supplemented by a generous grant received this year from the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation and Colorado Tennis Association, LTA was able to provide a youth tennis camp for eleven Longmont kids, 10-14 years of age. The free week of tennis was offered May 26 - May 30 at Clark Centennial Courts with Mark Luna, a well-known tennis professional from the Denver Tennis Club, and his assistant, Matt Brown. The schools targeted for this program through the St. Vrain Valley School District were Heritage Middle School and Loma Linda Elementary.

All the kids participating in the whole week of the clinic were able to keep their racquets with the hope that they will continue to play tennis in the future. LTA also awarded scholarships for the students to take a second round of free tennis lessons that are now beginning at Clark Centennial courts. The goal of this project is to introduce tennis to local youth who might not otherwise have an opportunity to play. The program was a great success, and we have plans to continue it next year.



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public courts for our programs and the willingness of our members to volunteer. Even in this difficult financial environment, we must find a way to get the City to resurface Carr and Pratt courts in 2009. Over the next several years, we must work with the City and the school district to promote the construction of the 10-court complex in the Dry Creek planning process. At the same time, we must encourage an equitable sharing of this new facility between the public and the school district, a process that will hopefully advance tennis programs for all concerned: high school teams, adult leagues, City

youth programs, senior play, and on and on. All of this will require your participation! Check our website for volunteer opportunities or ask a board member! Get involved! We need you!

Bruce Ross
President – LTA



3rd Annual Longmont Open, cont.

This format guarantees each player at least two matches. We give you more bang for your buck! Tournament sites this year will be Longmont High School, Affolter Park, Dawson Park and Hover Park, all very nice venues. Our Sponsors are listed at the LTA web site under the Tournament section. Please support them!

The sign up deadline for this year's tournament is Friday, June 12th at 11:59 PM. Please do not delay in signing up! If you want to choose your T-shirt size, sign up and contact the tournament director via email soon!

Go to tennislink.usta.com to sign up using tournament ID # 257234709, or simply use the following link:

<http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=79387>

We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's tournament!



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USTA/CTA Leagues

LTA sponsored 26 teams for the spring leagues. There were three CTA Daytime Doubles teams, six USTA Adult Men's teams, six USTA Adult Women's teams, seven mixed teams and four Super Senior teams. We are off to a good start for the Summer/Fall season with 10 teams already signed up before the first deadline. Thanks to all the captains for volunteering. Being captain can sometimes be a tough job with all the administrative duties.

USTA/CTA LEAGUE SCHEDULE

League	Registration Starts	Registration Deadline*	Season Starts
USTA Senior (50+)	March 1	June 12	July 20
CTA Twilight	March 1	June 12	July 20
CTA Women's Summer Daytime	March 1	July 10	August 3
ITA Fall Mixed Doubles	March 1	July 17	August 9
CTA Men's Tri Level Singles	March 1	July 31	August 15

* Teams must have the minimum roster requirement registered by this date to be included in the schedule.

For league details visit:

www.coloradotennis.com/cta/website.asp?Dept=Leagues

Dry Creek Community Tennis Center

The City provided LTA with early plans for the Dry Creek Community Tennis Center that will be constructed at the site of the tennis courts at Silver Creek High School. The plans show the 10 courts divided into groups of two, with each group separated by a partial fence. The courts include lights and are designed to meet dimensions recommended by the United States Tennis Association.

We will continue to work with the City as they finalize these plans as part of the construction plans for the Dry Creek Community Park – formerly called “Clover Basin Community Park.” Actual construction of the tennis complex will depend on “availability of funds” and its priority within the list of projects associated with the Dry Creek Master Plan. Negotiation of the shared-use policies, i.e., how the school district and the public will share the tennis complex and the adjacent ball fields, will take place this summer. Stay tuned!

Round Robin Tennis

LTA Round Robins are up and running! The round robin format assigns each participant, at least one competitive match per week, with points awarded based on match score.

The first round of Men's Singles began early April and is now finishing up. There were 71 matches played in friendly organized competition already this spring. The Associated Press projected winners are: Level 3.0- Sreejith Pillai; Level 3.5- Jerry Landbloom; Level 4.0- Dan McGlothlin.

The Mixed Doubles Round Robins will begin on June 14th with 33 doubles teams ready to bring it to the courts. Signup has ended.

A summer session of Men's Singles, with a signup deadline of June 21st, will start on June 28th. To sign up, simply visit the LTA website, enter the “Members Only” section, and follow the signup directions listed under Round Robin. Round Robins are a great way to meet new players in a competitive format.

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LTA Membership

LTA membership is at 341 as of June 8. We anticipate more new members with summer and fall league signups. The fees for membership help us to accomplish many of our goals for the year, e.g., pay insurance fees, provide capital investment to run LTA, provide a professional looking and operating web site, provide tennis lessons for underprivileged kids, provide socials and drop-ins, provide PO box rental and postage and office supplies, subsidize the annual tennis banquet, and last and most important, financially support the city's effort to resurface Carr and Pratt courts during the present city budget crisis.

Resurfacing Carr and Pratt Tennis Courts

As many of you have noticed, the tennis court surfaces at Carr and Pratt Parks have deteriorated badly over the past several years, apparently because a low-bid contractor that resurfaced them in 2004 and 2005 used a poor quality coating that started to peel within a couple years. The court conditions are potentially becoming dangerous to play on and they are not indicative of the quality of facilities we have become a custom to here in Longmont. This year, we have moved our tournament to use Affolter and Dawson, rather than Carr and Pratt.

We have obtained several quotes from USTA-recommended vendors (not the one that did the last resurfacing jobs) that indicate it will cost \$32,000 to \$34,000 to properly resurface the two complexes.

We have been told that the City has

set aside \$26,250 for resurfacing courts, but this money is currently frozen. This amounts to a shortfall of \$5,750 - \$7,750 of what is needed to resurface both complexes.

How can we get City Council to unfreeze these funds? We hope that the Council will be willing to unfreeze the \$26K if we can raise the remaining \$6-8K for the project. The LTA Board is looking at our current funds to see what we can contribute toward this. We are also submitting information about the complexes to the

USTA's Public Facility Assistance Program to try to get some grant support. Even with all of this, we may also ask members to donate to the cause.

The Carr and Pratt courts are vital to LTA and the city, so we want to find a way to get them resurfaced as soon as possible.



WANT TO KNOW WHAT COURTS ARE AVAILABLE?

You may have noticed the green posting boards located at several city court complexes around Longmont. LTA is working with the Longmont Recreation staff to create calendars showing scheduled usage of city courts. Beginning in May, we are posting the monthly calendars on the green boards at Carr, Pratt, Affolter and Hover courts.

In addition, we are posting these calendars on-line at the "Visitors" branch of our website under the link, "Court Usage." With this, anyone in Longmont who wants to find a free court can check the usage schedule on-line for public courts. If other city courts, such as Dawson or Clark Centennial, have scheduled usage for the month, they will also be posted at this webpage. In addition, we are showing the LTA's scheduled usage, including the public drop-in schedule for the courts at Longmont High and Silver

Creek High. Note, however, that we do *NOT* know the schedules for events controlled by the school district.

Check this out at

<http://www.longmonttennis.org/visitors/reservations.jsp>

Also, please remember that we depend on very busy city personnel to provide us with accurate calendars on time. We will do our best to try to keep the postings up-to-date and accurate.



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*	Tournament/Location	Levels	Information
6/20-6/27	Longmont Open** Longmont, CO	MWsdMXd3.0-4.5	CTA Tournament # 257234709 <i>See Tennis Link*</i>
7/12-7/19	Broomfield Open Broomfield, CO	MWsdMXd3.0-5.0 (designated)	CTA Tournament # 257217209 <i>See Tennis Link*</i>
7/20-7/26	Work out West/ Greeley Championships Greeley, CO	MWs3.0-4.0; MWd3.0-4.5; Mixed 6.5-8.5	CTA Tournament # 257234609 <i>See Tennis Link*</i>
8/8-8/16	Babolat Boulder Open Harvest House Boulder, CO	MWsdMx 2.5-5.0 Age groups 30-80 Family doubles (designated)	CTA Tournament # 257218109 <i>See Tennis Link*</i>
8/31	Ft. Collins City Champion- ships, Fort Collins, CO	MWsd2.5-4.5 Age groups 45-75 Mixed 6.0-9.0	CTA Tournament # 257233009 <i>See Tennis Link*</i>
9/5-9/12	Ned Coony Memorial Meadows, Boulder, CO	MWsdMxd 2.5-5.0	CTA Tournament # 257221809 <i>See Tennis Link*</i>
9/19-9/21	FCCC Fall Singles Open, Fort Collins, CO	MWs 2.5-4.0	CTA Tournament # 257234809 <i>See Tennis Link*</i>
9/25-9/27	FCCC Fall Doubles Open, Fort Collins, CO	MWd2.5-4.0 (designated)	CTA Tournament # 257234909 <i>See Tennis Link*</i>

* Please verify dates on CTA/USTA tennis link

** Each participant assured to play two matches

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