



Loveland Tennis Association Newsletter

May 2025

From the President's Desk....

Greetings LTA members and tennis fans,

Tennis is only growing, in the latest data published by the USTA nationally, one in every 12 Americans played tennis in 2024, the highest proportion on record. There was nearly a 2 million player increase from 2023. Locally, Colorado has seen similar growth. A recent survey put the number of players statewide at more than 500,000, meaning that about 1 in 10 Coloradans have played tennis in the last year. In 2024, Colorado celebrated its 1 Millionth league participant since sanctioned play began in 1980, an incredible number in a state with so many competing interests.

Next, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you—the LTA members and tennis fans of our community—for your unwavering support of the association and the sport. A special thank you goes out to our board directors and volunteers who have tirelessly contributed to LTA leagues, tournaments, and socials. Your efforts make these events exceptional! Also, welcome Amy Ritchie to the LTA board of directors!!

This year the Loveland Tennis Association will be bringing a new tournament to the calendar, the 1st Annual Loveland Round Robin! This sanctioned USTA tournament will run from June 9th-15th. That puts 3 tournaments on the calendar hosted by the LTA. As always, we'll have the Loveland Open, this will be its 16th year. This unsanctioned tournament will run from July 14th-20th, and all proceeds will go to the local Girls & Boys Club of Larimer County. The North Lake Invitational, will be September 24th-27th, and this year will mark its 8th year. Additionally, we will see Greeley bring back some USTA tournament play with their unsanctioned Greeley Tennis Tournament, running from June 16th-22nd.

If you're interested in volunteering for the LTA or have any questions about the 2025 tennis season, please reach out to me or any board director. I'm excited about the upcoming tennis year and wish everyone a successful and enjoyable 2025 season. Let's make it another fun-filled season!



Taylor Nguyen, LTA President

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In the Community...

North Lake Park had all the lights redone over the winter on courts 1-6, these courts now match all the new LED lighting that was put on courts 7-9 when they were resurfaced a couple of years ago. Additionally, all the lights at Mehaffey Park were also redone to the new LED lighting.

The City of Loveland will see a new park opening on the east side of town that has been years in the making this spring. **Willow Bend Park**. Please check the city's website for its official opening date.

For all your city junior and adult programming and lesson needs please contact Steve Williams. He can be reached at 970-222-3439 (call/text) or email him at steve@williamstennisschool.com. Additional information can be found at https://www.williamstennisschool.com/index.html

From the LTA Treasurer...

In 2024, the Loveland Tennis Association was able to raise over \$7,400 from the *Loveland Open Tennis Tournament,* for the local Boys & Girls Club of Larimer County. Since 2010, the total amount the Loveland Open has raised for the Boys and Girls club is at \$73,928!

Reminder to pay you membership dues and your court fees for leagues you have already signed-up for if you have not already done so. Payments can be accepted via Venmo at the username <u>@LovelandTennis</u>. Please be sure to add a description to your payment (ex. LTA membership, player fee for 18+ Adult League, summer social, etc.).

Additionally, LTA this year was able to replace all the rollers on our squeegees. Captains, please email or text Dawn for the shed code (shed behind the bathrooms) if you need to use the squeegees.

The association will continue to do our best to maintain a stable financial condition and to support our community.

Our LTA membership has stayed steady in the previous 3 years.

As always, we will continue to provide Spring Fling and Fall Fest events free of charge. Everyone's continued support is immensely appreciated!!

Jared Petersen, LTA Treasurer

LTA Summer Socials

Summer socials are held at North Lake Park Courts (aka Loveland High School) and will be \$5 per player to cover the cost of court reservations, tennis balls, and beverages. The Spring Fling and Fall Fest socials will be free of charge and food & beverages will be provided. Below are the are the current summer social dates, as more dates are confirmed later in the summer you can visit https://www.lovelandtennis.org/socials for the updates.

- May 17th (Spring Fling Social) July 12th
- May 31st July 26th
- June 7th
- June 28th

Leagues...

The 2025 tennis league season is underway. You can visit https://www.lovelandtennis.org/leagues to see what leagues are available and to see what the court fees are and when minimum rosters are due.

This year LTA will be restructuring our court fees based on how many home matches your team receives. The new fees can be found on our leagues page.

Get your teams registered and renew your USTA and LTA memberships if you haven't already done so for any of the USTA leagues remaining.

For any questions regarding leagues or if you are trying to find a team, please email dawnlyta@gmail.com.

Additionally, there are a few new rule changes and highlights. These changes can be found at <u>HERE</u>.

Dawn Petersen, League Coordinator

Save the Dates...

1st ANNUAL LOVELAND RR – (June 9-15, 2025)

Registration closes June 3rd. Click **HERE** to register.

LOVELAND OPEN – (July 14-20, 2025)

Registration closes July 8th. Click **HERE** to register.

(Register by June 27h to quarantee t-shirt size)

NORTH LAKE INVITATIONAL – (September 24-27, 2025)

Registration closes Sept 16th. Click **HERE** to register.

Austin Scott Memorial – (May 16-24, 2025)

Registration closes May 9th. Click **HERE** to register.

<u>Greeley Tennis Tournament</u> – (June 16-22, 2025)

Registration closes June 13th. Click **HERE** to register.

Wyoming Governor's Cup - (Aug 1-3, 2025)

Registration closes July 28th. Click **HERE** to register.

<u>Longmont Open</u> – (September 3-9, 2025)

Registration closes August 25th Click **HERE** to register.