



Loveland Tennis Association Newsletter

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From the president's desk...

Dear Tennis Friends;

2014 was another successful year for our Loveland Tennis Association...we are 329 members strong!

Your many benefits include participation in the summer and winter socials, the spring fling, fall fest, tournaments, and league coordination and court reservations taken care of for you.

These events require many people to make happen, and we are very fortunate to have many volunteers who plan and run these events. Their dedication ensures the best possible tennis experience for all. A very special thanks to Greg Hecker for his work as LTA Treasurer for the past 8 years. Thank you Greg! Also; Val Hecker as your leagues coordinator.

If you would like to be an LTA volunteer or serve on the board, please contact me or any director on the board.

I wish all a successful 2015 tennis season!

Jeannette Popp, LTA President

Leagues...

Captain's meeting was held on Tuesday, Feb 10, 6 pm. Loveland Library. Gertrude Scott Room. **All LTA members were welcome.** Diane Westlind (*N. Colorado League Coordinator*) was present.

This a good way to clarify some of the new changes for 2015.

Summary of the changes for league tennis in 2015

National Level changes.

*Additional matches can be added without completing a full round robin, within flights (divisions). This allows sections to have the option to allow additional matches within a flight, additional randomly selected matches across flights and additional playoff round robins within a flight.

* Rating Type "B" will no longer be published although the process will remain unchanged.

* Move up/ split up. Slightly relaxed restrictions for Move up/ split up. All teams that are affected from 2014 have been communicated to.

Intermountain Changes

* ITA Fall Mixed – Minimum levels have been changed.

6.5 minimum level is 2.5

7.0 minimum level is 3.0

8.5 = 3.5

9.5 = 4.0

CTA changes

* 3 week Reschedule Rule – Rescheduled matches must be made up within 3 weeks of **ORIGINALLY** scheduled match or by Score Entry Deadline Date for each league.

Whichever date is first. Double Defaults will be recorded by league staff after 3 weeks.

CTA Twilight – Later Start Date

- Season Start August 3 and Season Ends September 10.

- No-add scoring option. If lighting is a problem you may do no add scoring. ALL players must agree on it.

USTA Plus 40 spring mixed

**If you are interested in having a Plus 40 Spring Mixed team, you have to play out of Denver. Sign up deadline is the same as +18 Spring mixed.

** Sectionals and Nationals added for 2015

FLEX LEAGUE – WHY PLAY FLEX??

- Matches do not count towards NTRP
- No commitment to a set day or time?
- You coordinate when/where with your opponent
- Meet other players outside of your usual group

This is a great way to work on your backhand, get match experience, play with a new partner..all without fear of having an effect on your rating. Check it out on the CTA website:

http://www.colorado.usta.com/cta/adults/flex_leagues/singles_doubles_mixed/

From the LTA Treasurer...

In 2014, the Loveland Tennis Association donated \$750 to **McKee Foundation Hospice / Debbie Boose Memorial Tennis Tournament** and \$750 to the **Loveland Open Tennis Tournament**, which is a benefit tournament for the Boys and Girls Club.

We spent \$5,958 on tennis socials and collected \$4,274 from LTA members attending the socials.

Court reservation fees for league play paid to the City of Loveland and Thompson School District totaled \$7,320. League players pay for the court reservation fees when registering for a league team.

Our Spring Fling expenses were \$409 and Fall Fest expenses were \$360

LTA has been able to maintain a stable financial condition. In 2014 our income exceeded expenses by \$104. We will continue to provide Spring Fling and Fall Fest events, as well as winter and summer socials without raising LTA membership dues and without asking members to contribute more at our socials.

Greg Hecker, LTA Treasurer

New Tennis Courts...

The City of Loveland has been working on the construction of the new **Mehaffey Park** since 2013.

The park, which includes seven new tennis courts (with lighting), is scheduled to open in 2015. The park is located about ½ mile west of Wilson Ave., between 22nd and 29th streets. Access will be from 22nd street.

Why belong to the Loveland Tennis Association...

League Play Coordination - the LTA league coordinator handles:

- scheduling and holding a captain's meeting to provide captains with deadlines
- for league registration, and rule changes for league play
- registering players from the captain's team roster into the USTA system
- ensures players have current USTA membership (*a requirement for league play*)
- reserving and assigning tennis courts for each team's home matches. This involves coordinating courts for all levels of play for men's and women's teams that have home matches on the same evening
- reserving courts for teams that had weather postponements and couldn't use the original reservations
- deals with Colorado Tennis Assoc. when a team has a player unable to play and requests a player deletion to get a partial refund of registration cost

- deals with the City of Loveland Facilities Coordinator with issues involving our tennis facilities (*nets, lights, etc*)

Summer Socials - LTA provides beverages, tennis balls, shelter reservation, and court reservations; unlimited tennis play for only \$5 per player

Winter Socials - LTA provides beverages, tennis balls and pays for indoor courts at Work Out West for only \$10 per player

Spring Fling - each spring LTA provides dinner, beverages, tennis balls, shelter reservation and court reservations at no cost to LTA members

Fall Fest - each fall LTA provides dinner, beverages, tennis balls, shelter reservation, and court reservations at no cost to LTA members

Advisory Support to Loveland Parks and Recreation - As new tennis facilities are contemplated for construction within Loveland, LTA works with the city to advise on numbers, design, compliance to USTA standards, lighting and other issues.

Community Support - LTA supports organizations in Loveland such as McKee Hospice, Boys and Girls Clubs, and tennis instruction by the city.

Know what's going on in tennis...

Please sign up to make sure you get the latest news on what is happening with leagues and other tennis in Colorado.

Colorado Tennis E-News...BLAST!

USTA Colorado's monthly e-newsletter, **BLAST!** is designed to keep tennis lovers up to speed on all things tennis here in Colorado.

For adult league players, team captains and facility coordinators interested in the latest Colorado League News, there's the **Adult Alerts!**

Junior Team Tennis parents, coaches and facility coordinators will stay in the loop by signing up for the **Junior Alerts!**

Go here to sign up:

<http://www.colorado.usta.com/cta/news/enews/blast/>

Upcoming Events...

This year Debbie Boose Memorial Tournament is offering 10.00 OFF early registration **Tennis link tournament ID#250023415**

Registration forms also available before April 1st. Contact; Valerie Hecker, valhecker@skybeam.com - for information. **Tournament Dates are June 8-14, 2015.**

Loveland Open 2015 July 13-19. Proceeds go to Boys and Girls Club. Sponsors always needed. Contact Kelsey Keene; kelseykeene13@gmail.com

Reminders...

- Renew your USTA membership (*You cannot be added to a team unless this is done*)
- Renew your LTA membership (*same as above*)

Election information is coming...

LTA board member election information and ballots will be coming your way very soon. Please take time to make your voice heard.