



Loveland Tennis Association Newsletter

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www.lovelandtennis.com

From the president's desk ...

Dear tennis friends,

It has been a pleasure to once again serve as your LTA President. Thank you for your continued support and kind words. Also a huge thank you to your LTA board of directors, and our league coordinator, Val Hecker. Their efforts continue to be instrumental in the growth and success of tennis in Loveland. On that note, we encourage and welcome volunteers, as well as new board and LTA members. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the board, please contact a director on the board or you may cast a write in vote at the upcoming election. Due to the web mastery of Leo Grassens, we are voting electronically for the first time! Watch for the email and click to vote for your board of directors. Let's get out on the courts and have a great 2014!

Jeannette Popp, LTA President

Notes from the treasurer ...

Loveland Tennis Association was able to maintain a stable financial condition in 2013. We provided tennis opportunities at summer outdoor socials at North Lake Park in Loveland and indoor winter socials at Work Out West in Greeley. In 2013 our association spent \$6,987 for socials, while collecting \$5,391 from those that attended the socials. We also sponsored and provided food & beverages at our annual Spring Fling and Fall Fest events costing a total of \$800. Court reservations for league play paid to the City of Loveland and to Thompson School district totaled \$7799. League players contribute toward the court reservation fees when registering for a league team.

We continued our support for the two most popular tennis tournaments in Northern Colorado – The Pathways Hospice/Debbie Boose Memorial Tournament and the Loveland Open Tennis Tournament, which is a benefit tournament for the Boys and Girls Club. We contributed \$750 to each organization to show our support for the great service they provide to the community and in appreciation for providing tennis tournament opportunities for area players.

Greg Hecker, LTA Treasurer

Loveland Open: Save the dates - July 14th-20th

The Loveland Open, which has been the 2nd largest Northern Colorado tournament for the past three years, is scheduled for

July 14 – 20, 2014 at the North Lake Park/Loveland High School tennis facility. Last year we were able to raise over **\$5,166** for the Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County, and we hope to do even better this year. We'd love to get a big turnout again so please mark your calendars with the tournament dates!!

For general tournament questions, please contact **Kelsey Keene, Val Hecker, Trudy Grassens, Jeannette Popp, Melissa Myers, Erin Kenney, Dean Pflughoeft**. We will have the tournament listing posted on the USTA website soon.

Debbie Boose Memorial Tennis Tournament, benefiting McKee Medical Foundation: Save the dates - June 2-8

The Boose/Pathways Hospice is **June 2-8, 2014** at North Lake Park in Loveland. The tournament is looking for Volunteers, they can be tennis players or not. If they play in the tournament, it can be resolved. Please let **Val Hecker** at **(970) 593-6747** know if you are interested and she will get your name to the correct people.

<http://www.bannerhealth.com/Giving+Back/Banner+Foundations/Colorado/McKee+Loveland/Special+Events/Debbie+Boose+Memorial+Tennis+Tournament.htm>

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Update on Mehaffey Park tennis courts

We have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that the city approved the plan for new tennis courts at the new park. A final vote on the number of courts was to be made by city council in the beginning in September but that vote did not take place because, just prior to that meeting, the floods occurred. Recovery of lost parks and facilities is now a priority and city council did not deem it "appropriate" to take a final vote on the new park with the uncertainty caused by the flooding. However, our city's Park and Rec. director Kevin Aggers is optimistic about a future with new additional courts.

Socials

The socials are open to adult LTA members. Check the LTA website for posted schedule of socials.

LTA website: www.lovelandtennis.com.

Click on the **socials link**:

The 2014 Summer Socials dates will be posted soon!

The cost for winter socials at Work Out West in Greeley is \$10 per player. You have to be current member or a guest to play. The fee for guests is \$20.

Summer socials are played at the North Lake Park Courts (aka LHS) The cost is \$5 per player to cover the cost of court reservations and beverages. Please bring a snack to share.

Notes from the LTA league coordinator ...

Captain's Meeting for 2014 is on February 6, 6:30, Loveland Library. Please come or send a team representative. There are not as many changes this year. If there are any new captains this year, I am happy to help them. Rosters can be emailed to me. valhecker@skybeam.com Checks can be mailed. 2228 Half Hitch Ct, Loveland CO 80538

Last year, 2013, LVTA handled all the age changes that USTA put before us, very well.

Below is a list of Captains from 2013. Some captained more than one team. Please make sure to thank your captains, and tell them how much you appreciate them.

Spring Mixed:

- 7.0: Dawn Petersen, Leni Bohren
- 8.0: Don Smith, Nick Roe/Kelly Blanks, Valerie Hecker
- 9.0: Kent Mueller

Fall Mixed:

- 7.5: Trudy Grassens, Brian Smith, Don Smith
- 8.5: Bethany Anderson, Valerie Hecker

Other USTA / CTA Leagues:

- 3.5 Men:
 - Jim Lumpkin, Dave Jeffries, Walter Boggs, Tom Patterson, Dave Sampson, Jim Willard, Dean Pflughoeft, Gene Boyd
- 4.0 Men:
 - Todd Black, Brian Smith, Bill Henderson, Brian Petersen
- 4.5 Men: P.J. Kenney
- 3.0 Women:
 - Liz Smith, Patty Smith, Ellen Javernick, Deb Stechman, Tania Newgord, Connie Hessling.
- 3.5 Women:
 - Denise Andrews, Leni Bohren, Trudy Eckhardt, Dawn Petersen, Marne Engelking, Cheri Waneka, Heidi Abrahamson, Susan Tomalino, Nancy Pflughoeft, Linda

Berkheim, Carol Patterson, Carolyn Stout, Mike Carlson, Paula Manzanaras, Judy Stout, Sharon VanOrman.

- 4.0 Women:
 - Kelly Blanks, Valerie Hecker, Linda Miller, Paige Woodard
- 4.5 Women: Kelsey Keene

Val Hecker, League Coordinator

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Reminders:

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

Bylaw changes:

Last year we had a special committee to review and amend our bylaws. The committee was composed of Walter Boggs, Greg Hecker, Brian Petersen and Leo Grassens. After the amendments were submitted to the board, there were a few additional refinements.

The bylaw changes include a more precise definition of membership and membership terms, the election procedure for directors on the board and the composition of the board.

The bylaws are available at:

lovelandtennis.com/Documents/articles_of_incorporation.pdf

2014 Election of LTA Directors

We start by thanking the directors for their contributions in the past and, for various reasons, are not available at this time: Judy O' Gorman, Steve Gardner, Walter Boggs, Leo Grassens

The LTA's bylaws require a minimum of seven and maximum of fifteen directors. Each director commits to a two-year term. If, after that time, they want to remain on the board they may run for re-election. Per the bylaws, the officer positions are filled each year by the board of directors.

Below is the current board of director composition with their service status:

Name	Title	Term	Name	Title	Term
Bill Parton	Vice president	1 yr remaining	Trudy Grassens	Director	Up for renewal
Dick Mallot	Secretary	1 yr remaining	Kelsey Keene	Director	Up for renewal
Greg Hecker	Treasurer	1 yr remaining	Melissa Myers	Director	Up for renewal
Kristen Bruce	Director	1 yr remaining	Jeannette Popp	President	Up for renewal
Leni Bohren	Director	1 yr remaining	Brian Petersen	Director	Up for renewal
Dean Pflughoeft	Director	1 yr remaining	Leo Grassens	Director	Not available for re election

The directors, who are on the ballot below have indicated that they want to continue to serve.

This year we have an electronic voting system in place:

<http://www.lovelandtennis.com/cgi-bin/voting.cgi>

For those that would like to use the old "snail mail" you may print out a form and send it to our PO Box.

Ballot

As a member, you may vote for one or all of the candidates listed below. An individual adult membership shall have one vote. A family membership shall have one voter if there is only one person of age 19 and over, two voters if there are two members in the respective family membership of age 19 and over. Each voter can cast a vote for any or all candidates listed below.

If you would like to serve on the board or would like to suggest someone else after getting his/her consent, or you may add yourself as a candidate by writing **your name** on the "Write In" line.

	vote 1	vote 2
Jeannette Popp		
Trudy Grassens		
Kelsey Keene		
Erin Kenney		
Melissa Myers		
Brian Petersen		
Judy Stout		
Write in:		

Please note: You may vote on one or more (or all) candidates.

Please fill out the voting form above and return to: **LTA, Elections, P.O. Box 1385, Loveland, CO 80539.**

LTA Membership Form

Please help us by getting your membership paid as soon as possible! **You may pay online by going to: <http://lovelandtennis.com>.**
Online renewals will be charged an additional \$1 fee to offset the charges by PayPal to the LTA.

Membership Dues:

Individual adult (18 yrs. or older this entire calendar year)	\$20
Family (1 or 2 adults plus any children <u>under 18</u>)	\$35
Junior (under age 18 this entire calendar year)	\$5

Name: _____ Birth date: _____ NTRP Rating: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ OK to receive newsletter via Email? Yes ___ No ___

Spouse Name: _____ Birth date: _____ NTRP Rating: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Junior names (put all): _____

Please either go to <http://lovelandtennis.com> to complete this form OR send it along with a check made payable to:

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