

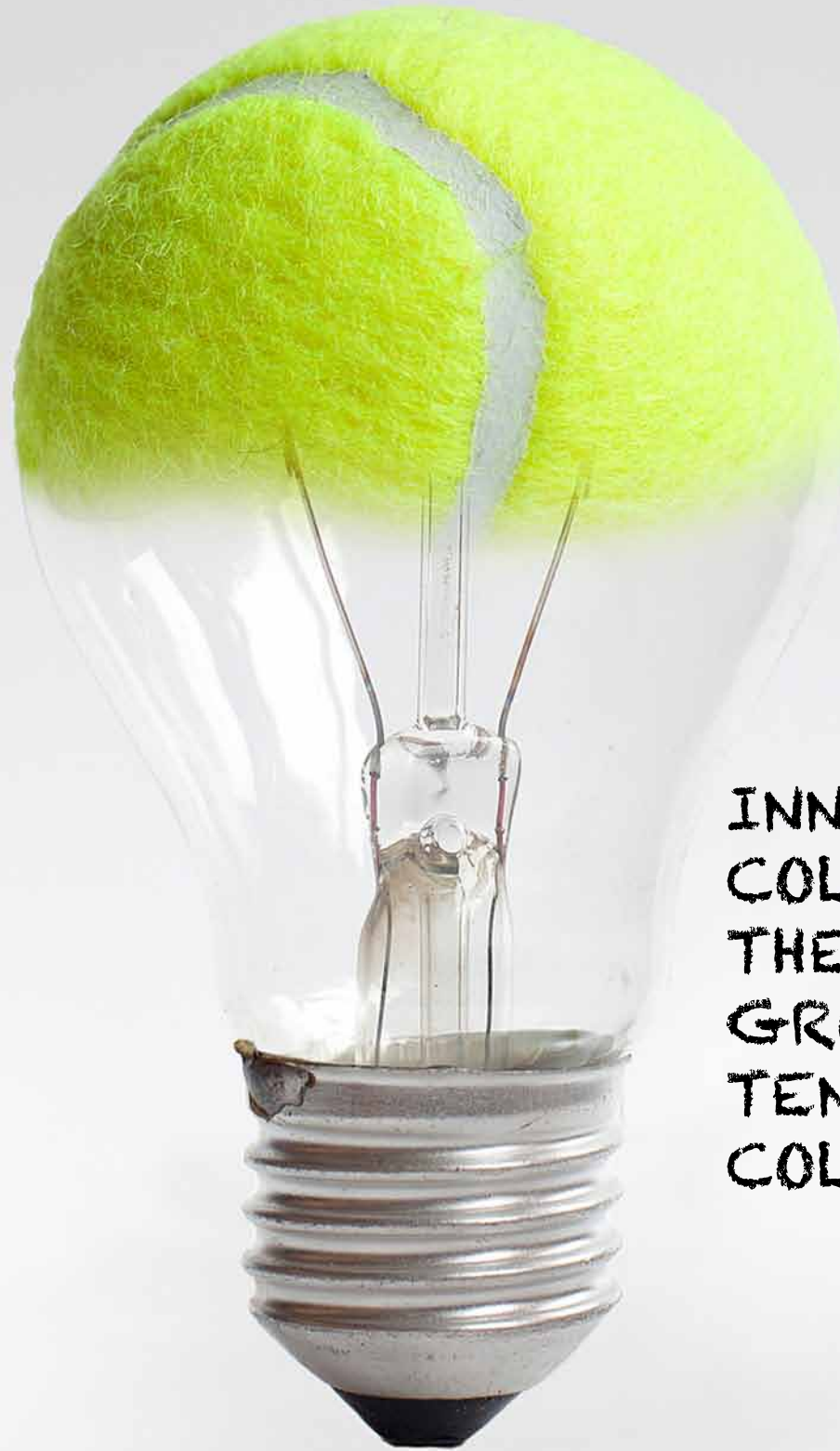
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For the first time in nearly two decades, USTA Colorado brought together facilities from across the state in an effort to share with them the governing body's perspective on the health of tennis, as well as invite them to share their visions for the future of the sport.

More than 50 attendees from 40 facilities statewide — a mix of both public and private entities — heard from USTA representatives from the District (USTA Colorado), Section (USTA Intermountain) and National (USTA) offices about the current state of tennis at the 2014 USTA Colorado Facility Forum, held in early October at the Marriott Tech Center. Each USTA representative provided a report on the health of the sport from their respective regions, as well as highlighted various projects that were a result of Collaboration and Innovation, the twin themes of the Forum.

The State of the Game

Jeff Waters, USTA Managing Director of Adult Tennis, started the forum with an overview of the changes happening at the National Tennis Center in Flushing, NY. After a short, enthusiastic presentation on the infrastructure enhancements, including the new roof on Arthur Ashe Stadium, the construction of a new Grandstand Court and the improved seating across much of the facility, Waters launched into some participation statistics that have been raising eyebrows at the national level.

The first area of concern for the folks at National is Junior Team Tennis, the USTA's recreational youth model (see infographic on page 7). Participation in USTA JTT has been flat, while other youth sports programs have experienced substantial growth. Several years ago, the USTA abandoned the Recreational Track of the JTT program (the version Colorado continues to run exclusively), focusing solely on the Competitive Track, which required teams to be co-ed and that all players had to have USTA memberships. Waters remarked that "had we [the USTA] followed Colorado's model (the aforementioned Recreational Track), we'd probably be in a better position today," citing the fact that the Colorado JTT program has grown by more than 20% in the last several years.

Despite some flagging numbers for JTT, however, Waters and the folks at National are very excited about the 10 and Under Tennis Initiative, which has netted some fairly impressive numbers. In just four years, the push to grow 10U Tennis has resulted in nearly 1 million students getting exposed to tennis for the first time through their PE curriculum, and nearly 175,000 new after school tennis programs. Play Days, which were developed as a part of the 10U initiative to help kids learn to compete in a non-competitive and fun environment, have grown steadily to include nearly 300,000 players across the country. In general, 10U has been a huge boon for youth programming, and he thanked facilities for helping to promote and deliver quality instruction/play opportunities for those hundreds of thousands of new players. At the national level, Waters explained that locally-branded team tennis programs (like Colorado JTT), Play Days and non-ranking tournament formats (like USTA Colorado's Futures division events) would be among the key junior offerings that the USTA will be focusing on in 2015.

The next area that Waters addressed was adult recreation and competition. Nationally, adult tournament participation has been trending downward for several years, especially in the senior/age-division categories (30+). While NTRP entries are sliding slightly, age-division events are down significantly, nearly 25% below 2008 totals. Colorado's tournament participation numbers are bucking the national trend, as overall participation is approaching an all-time high after nearly 10 consecutive years of growth. Colorado, Waters said, has been especially proactive in making incremental adjustments to its competitive programming, thereby avoiding some of the stagnancy that's plaguing other areas around the country.

On the topic of adult recreational tennis, Waters was especially complimentary of Colorado's exceptionally popular league tennis series. In the last 10 years, Colorado league participation has soared by more than 60%, to more than 35,000 players. Nationally, USTA League Tennis is still an extremely strong product. After 30 years, the family of

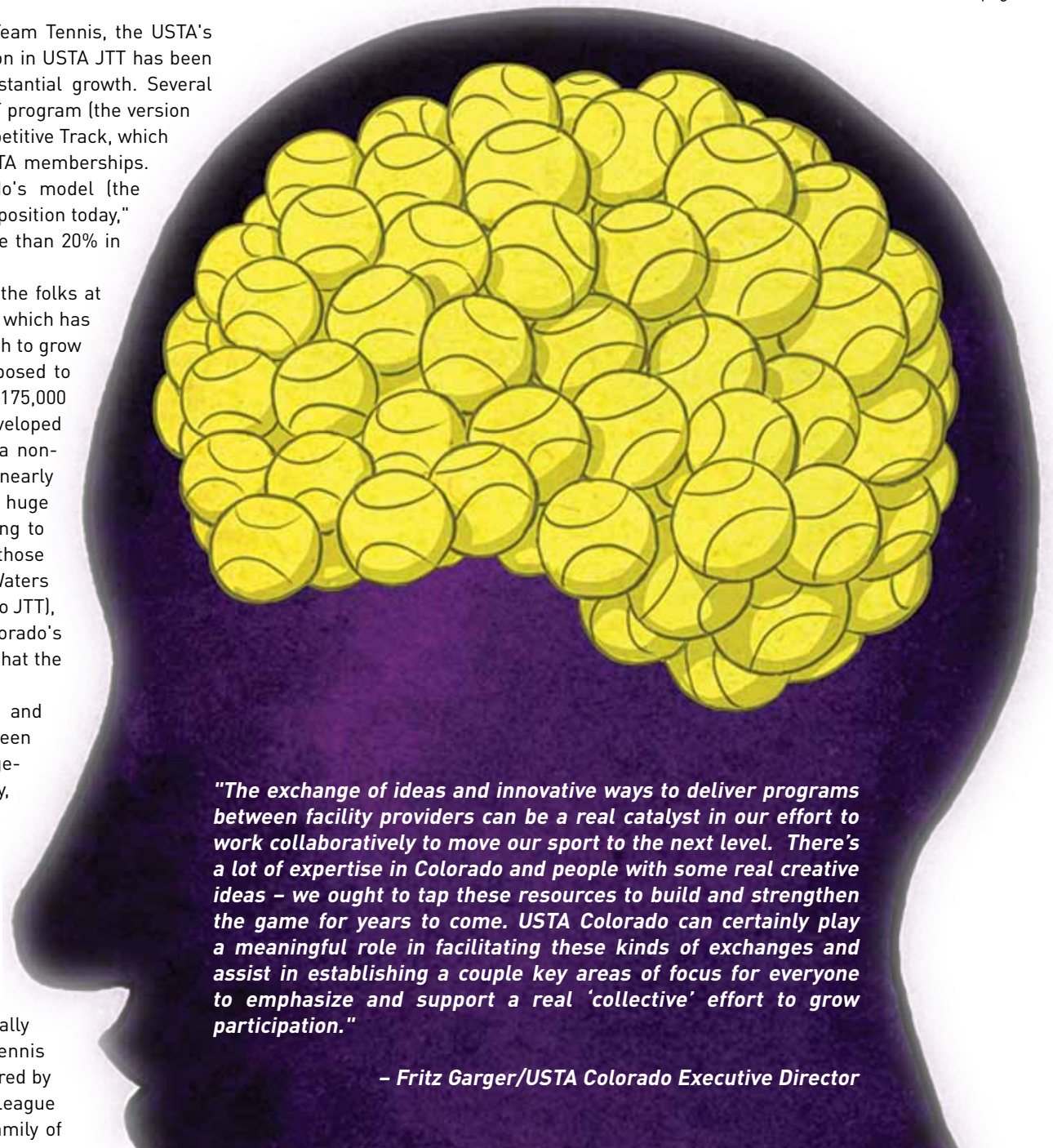
USTA-branded leagues draws nearly 1,000,000 participants.

But the overall popularity of league tennis hides a potentially disturbing trend. As Waters notes, there are more league players over the age of 60 than there are under the age of 40, despite the fact that there are more tennis players between the ages of 18-29 than in any other age bracket. The challenge for the USTA is finding how to engage Millennials and getting them involved in sanctioned play (leagues and tournaments). Given that overall participation is rising but the number of unique players is falling, the concern at the USTA is that overall, we need to do something to recruit new players to help fill the courts as our oldest players start retiring from the sport.

The other issue that Waters addressed is the sudden decrease in USTA membership that has been felt in virtually every Section and District in the country. While Colorado membership has continued to climb, as it has for a decade, the last two years have been surprisingly unstable at the national level, where membership has experienced back-to-back declines.

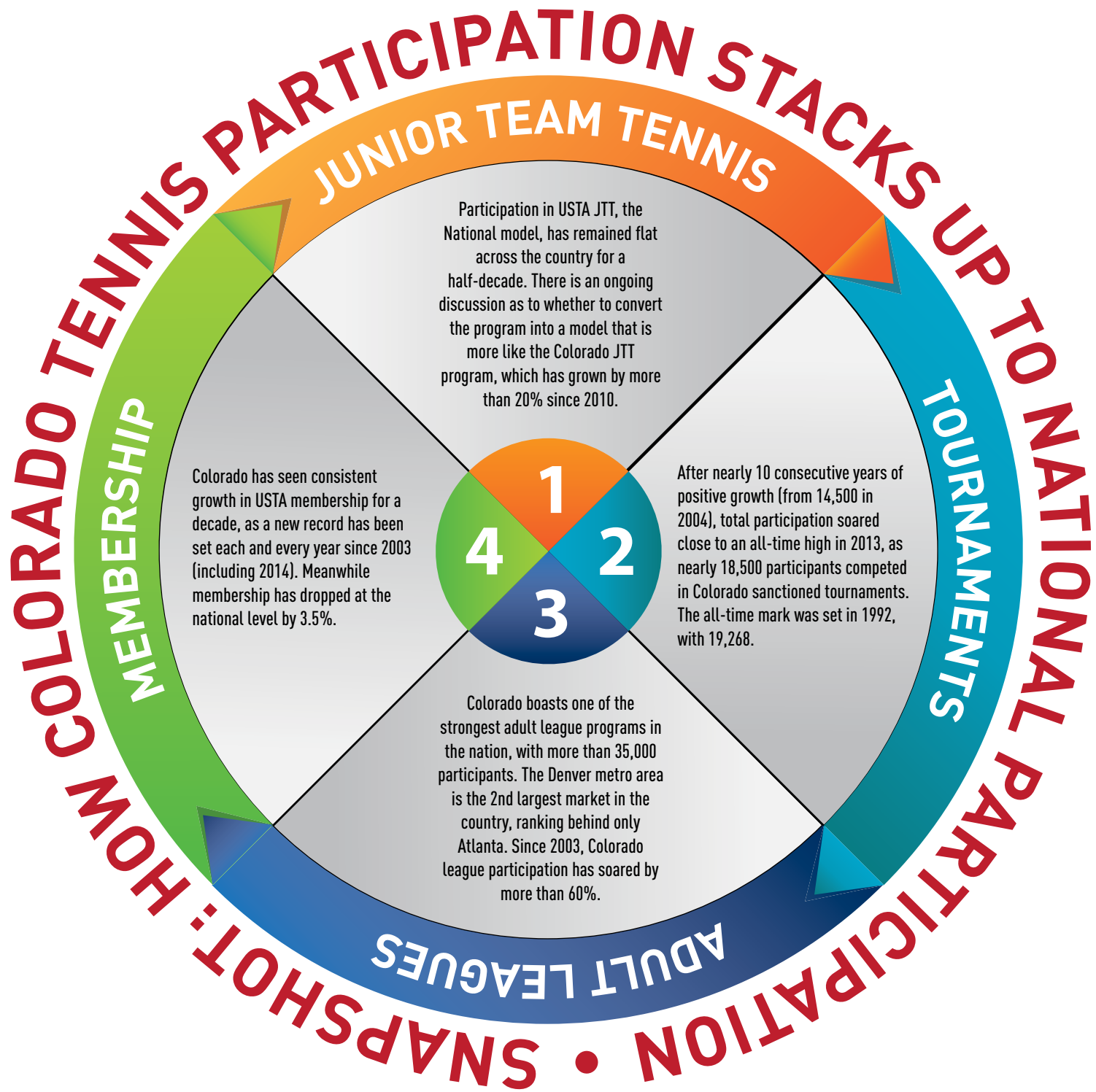
"Historically, USTA Membership has reported modest annual increases of 2-3% in member count each year," wrote Dave Haggerty, USTA President, adding the decline in membership in 2012 "was in spite of bringing in over 45,000 new 10 and under members."

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"The exchange of ideas and innovative ways to deliver programs between facility providers can be a real catalyst in our effort to work collaboratively to move our sport to the next level. There's a lot of expertise in Colorado and people with some real creative ideas – we ought to tap these resources to build and strengthen the game for years to come. USTA Colorado can certainly play a meaningful role in facilitating these kinds of exchanges and assist in establishing a couple key areas of focus for everyone to emphasize and support a real 'collective' effort to grow participation."

– Fritz Garger/USTA Colorado Executive Director



1 Colorado Junior Team Tennis is unique in the USTA family, as there are four age divisions with up to four skill levels in each division, meaning that there are opportunities for players of a wide variety of skills. Also, Colorado JTT has no membership component, which is often viewed as a barrier to entry.

2 Colorado bucks the national trend, which has fallen 13% since 2008. In both markets, however, senior divisions (30+) have seen numbers steadily decline. Junior participation has dropped nationally by 7% in the last 4 years, while junior play in Colorado has remained flat in the same timeframe.

3 Nationally, adult league tennis continues to remain a strong product for USTA, which has seen participation surge by nearly 50% since 2003. There is some cause for concern as the average age of league players continues to climb, but overall, league tennis remains a very popular pastime with nearly 900,000 national participants.

4 Despite USTA/TIA Participation Studies which show that tennis grew by 4% in 2012, and that frequent players increased 10% to 5.3 million, membership continues to decline nationally, as nearly 40,000 members have dropped in the last two years. On the plus side, more than 45,000 new 10 and under members were added to the ranks in the same timeframe.

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Haggerty has since announced the formation of a Membership Innovation Study Group. The goal of the Group "is to evaluate potential new membership models to enable us to remain relevant to consumers, while remaining sensitive to the financial needs of the sections (and districts)."

As the USTA looks forward to 2015, said Waters, it will look to adapt various models to help recruit new players of all ages. "It just so happens that the 10 and Under model works great for adults, too," he said. "Other Sections, like Florida, have a thriving Masters Tennis program (using the orange ball on 60-foot courts) for seniors, and some Districts, like Colorado, have already explored changing tournament formats to make them more flexible, and more attractive for players and families. These are the types of innovations that we hope can be incorporated across the country."

Intermountain's Commitment to Collaboration

Next up was Rob Scott, USTA Intermountain Executive Director, who detailed the multitude of changes to both staff and structure at the Intermountain Section over the last several years. In early 2012, Intermountain hired a new Executive Director, who left after several months and was replaced by Scott, who took the reins at Intermountain that fall. A fifth-generation Coloradan, Scott was quick to point out that the Intermountain Section is the second largest of the 17 other Sectionals geographically, representing six states and some 620,000 square miles. "In order to get anything done," Scott remarked, "We have to work collaboratively."

In the last few years since Scott arrived, Intermountain has led the way nationally in an effort to bring new players to the game. One way it does this is to build on the foundation that strong Districts will generate more tennis participation and USTA members, which will result in a stronger Section. Intermountain passes more of its national funding down to the Districts than any other Section, because, as Scott says, "tennis is most effectively grown at the grassroots level."

He cited Colorado's JTT program as a model for both the Section and for USTA National. "If Colorado's current locally-branded Junior Team Tennis format were extrapolated to the rest of the country, we would have over 400,000 juniors playing JTT in the country (instead of 64,000)."

Scott then described how highly successful grassroots programs in other Districts were being packaged and tried in different states. Idaho's *Tennis is Elementary* program — which partners with Boys & Girls Clubs, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters programs to offer introductory tennis to children — is getting a trial in Montana, and Colorado's multiple match Abbreviated Competitive Experience (A.C.E.) Tournament Format will be used in Utah to make events more player and family-friendly. Several states will adopt the ITA/USPTA 2.5 Initiative, which helps recruit new players to the game.

"By working together, we can bring new players to the sport, and ensure the health of tennis for years to come," said Scott.

In addition to working together inside the industry to grow tennis, Scott also stressed the importance of working with partners outside of tennis. He cited the recent reconstruction of the Rocky Mountain Tennis Center (Harvest House) courts, which were destroyed by the September 2013 floods that ravaged Boulder and the surrounding area. "All levels of the USTA came together — National, the Section and Colorado — and we were able to raise enough money to get the courts back in use in time for tennis season."

Innovation key to growth

Representing USTA Colorado, Executive Director Fritz Garger spent the first part of his presentation thanking the attendees for their part in keeping tennis on the right path in Colorado. From the adult league series to tournament offerings to Junior Team Tennis, Garger expressed his gratitude for the excellent job done by providers who help run the many successful programs USTA Colorado administers.

Garger then stressed that standing on our collective laurels wasn't going to help grow the sport into the future. "We need to continue to innovate," he urged. "That's one of the reasons Colorado has avoided a similar malaise that's occurring at the national level. We work to stay in front of the trends."

Like collaboration, innovation is seen as a key concept in both the Intermountain and Colorado District 5-year Plans. "We have a number of new and exciting formats that have come online just recently, and we are hoping to continue to roll out new and innovative ways to make tennis even more attractive than it is today," said Garger... "but we need YOUR help."

It was then time for the Breakout Sessions, where it was time for facility managers to offer their suggestions on a variety of topics, including tennis programming for 5-8 year olds and the promotion of tennis in their respective communities.

CASE STUDIES: COLLABORATION & INNOVATION



The effort to put a roof on Arthur Ashe Stadium at the National Tennis Center in Flushing, NY was one example of collaboration among various public and private entities.



A collaborative effort by the USTA, USTA Intermountain & USTA Colorado helped Rocky Mountain Tennis Center rebuild after the September 2013 Boulder floods destroyed much of the facility.



USTA Colorado worked closely with tournament directors to implement the multiple match A.C.E. Format in Futures & select Challenger-level junior tournaments. The idea was to make tournaments more player and parent-friendly by shortening events while also giving players more matches. The model will be used in all Challenger-level events in 2015.

During the breakout sessions, several themes popped up among the various groups. While virtually every facility has embraced the equipment/infrastructure change for younger players, many expressed that challenges remain in transitioning kids from lessons to play opportunities, like JTT and tournaments.

Another common refrain was that schools need to be part of the equation, that connecting with kids (and their parents) is key to the continued success of building the next generation of players.

But not all the attention was on the 10U crowd. Several facilities complained of the challenges engaging Millennials (ages 18-34), as well as the issues related to Pickleball and the impact on our

tennis infrastructure..

There were lots of great suggestions related to the best methods to reach teens and young adults, but no one had "the perfect answer" as to which is the best message to encourage greater participation in that age group. Creating social opportunities for young adults was one such suggestion, as well as promoting the message that tennis is a sport for everyone.

The ideas generated during the two breakout sessions will certainly provide the USTA family of organizations — as well as other attendees at the event — with some excellent ideas as to how to innovate in their programs and move the sport forward in the years to come. ☺



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Venus Williams named keynote speaker for Breakfast of Champions

Tennis great Venus Williams will keynote the Peak Vista Community Health Center's Breakfast of Champions on November 4.

Venus and her sister Serena have won more Olympic gold medals than any other female tennis players; at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Venus became only the second player to win Olympic gold medals in both singles and doubles at the same Olympic Games, after Helen Wills Moody in 1924.

She has been ranked World No. 1 in singles on three separate occasions, earning the World No. 1 for the first time on February 25, 2002, becoming just the third black woman in history to achieve this feat. Her seven Grand Slam singles titles, including five Wimbledon singles titles, have placed her on the list of one of the greatest tennis players in history.

Venus announced her battle with an autoimmune disease called Sjogren's syndrome in 2011. At the event, she'll open up about her condition and how she's battling back, reclaiming her position among the top women tennis players.

For 43 years, Peak Vista Community Health Centers has been serving people of all ages by providing exceptional healthcare to those who face access barriers. These barriers can include little or no insurance, child care, transportation, language and cultural barriers or other challenges which can limit or prevent the ability to find needed care. Event proceeds benefit the organization. For ticket information, visit www.peakvistafoundation.org or call 719/344-6605.

Third Annual ProAm benefits CYTF

The third annual Pro Am to benefit the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation is being held at Colorado Athletic Club Monaco on Saturday, November 15, 5:30pm-10:00 pm.

Interested players can bid on a pro and then partner with him/her in a fun match play format at the event.

The following pros are participating — Alex Davydov, Kuba Ilowski, Trent Broach, Milos Koprivica, Jason Tudor (Colorado Athletic Club Monaco); Andy Zodin (Columbine Country Club); Jerad Harbaugh (Season 1 Champion); Charlie Warner (Lewis Tennis School); Shannon Cross; Dave Romberg (formerly Cherry Hills Country Club); George Tavarez (Colorado Athletic Club Inverness).

Thanks to Colorado Athletic Club Monaco's Wendy Donovan for donating the courts and Dan Washburne (Season 1

Champion) of Mile High Catering who will provide refreshments. Pros interested in donating their time for the event should contact Eileen Pero <e.pero@comcast.net> for event details.

USPTA hosting conferences

USPTA Intermountain will be hosting a National Education Day at Greenwood Athletic & Tennis Club on Sunday, November 16. The topic, "Teaching the Right Stuff Through Understanding of Progression" will be conducted by Ron Steege from 9am-12pm. Please contact Ron at <rons@GreenwoodATC.com> at 303/771-2588 x394 for details and to register.

USPTA Intermountain will also be hosting a regional Conference at Lifetime Fitness in Centennial on February 7-8, 2015. This Conference will combine with the yearly Colorado High School Coaches Workshop. Contact Nora Harrison <nharrison10s@gmail.com> at 720/281-8422 for more information. Testing/Certification will be offered on Friday, February 6. Contact Vicky Tristan <vicky.tristan@uspta.org> at 800/877-8248 x108 for testing dates and information.

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Greenwood Athletic Club W5.0 reach National finals

Greenwood Athletic & Tennis Club's W5.0 squad finished second at the USTA League Adult 18 & Over 5.0 National Championships held at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, CA. GAC lost to a team from Monarch Beach, CA, 2-1 in the Championship match. Earlier in the day, they defeated a team from Seattle, 2-1 in the semis. The team is captained by Rhona Howett Kaczmarczyk and features Jill Vanderkooi, Erin Hirstine, Daria Matthews, Simona Bruetting, Suzette Riddle, Molly Carter and Tammy Arado.



CAC Monaco M5.0 take 4th at Nationals

The Colorado Athletic Club Monaco M5.0 team lost to a team from Minneapolis, 1-2 in the semifinal match of the USTA League Adult 18 & Over 5.0 National Championships after winning their division. The team is captained by Alex Davydov and features Kuba Ilowski, Jason Tudor, Robert Rydel, Steven Graves, Jonathan Kaufman, Robert Kuseski, Martin Krbec, Filip Pavlovic, Milos Koprivica, Grigor Arzumanyan, Kurt Kennedy, Trent Broach and Christopher Colwell.

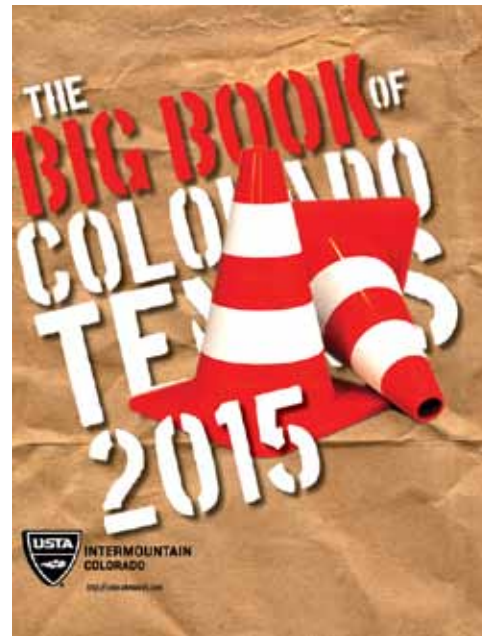
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¡Vive El Tennis! school visit Inspires new tennis offerings

Students at Montbello’s McGlone Elementary learned about diversity in tennis and how individuals and groups have broken down barriers through the sport as part of the USTA Colorado Breaking the Barriers 2.0 ¡Vive el Tennis! project. The school visit was made possible in part to Subaru of America’s continued support of USTA Colorado. Third-fifth graders viewed the traveling portrait series exhibit and heard from two of the portrait series subjects, George Tavarez and Tony Delacruz, who shared the role tennis has played in their lives. Students also engaged in learn and play tennis activities on the playground with USTA School Tennis Coordinator Kristy Jenkins and Clinician Hugo Jimenez.

The school’s PE teacher, Joe Szwaja (who also coaches the Montbello High Schol tennis team) and his teaching partner Brienna Allen plan to offer tennis as part of the students’ physical education classes this spring. Mr. Szwaja is also exploring the idea of offering an after school tennis program, as well as a summer program. Thanks again to Subaru’s support, McGlone will be outfitted with appropriate sized tennis equipment.



2015 Big Book deadline approaching

The annual Big Book of Colorado Tennis is just a few short months away, as construction on the 2015 edition has begun. The Big Book — otherwise known as the “Official Publication of Tennis Lovers” — mails in January and lists all sanctioned Colorado tournaments, as well as news and updates to the Colorado Junior Team Tennis & Colorado Adult League Series programs. This “keeper” publication is mailed to all USTA member households and is delivered to tennis clubs and facilities across the state.

The deadline to advertise in the 2015 Big Book of Colorado Tennis is December 1. To reserve space or to inquire about pricing, please email the editor, Kurt Desautels, <kurt@coloradotennis.com>.

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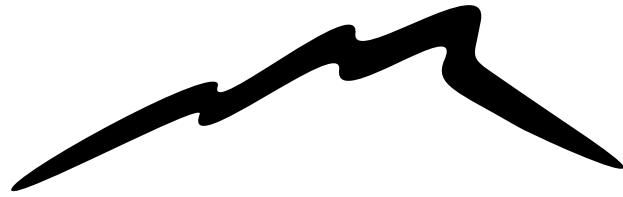
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BREAKING THE BARRIERS 2.0 CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL 2014 RUN

ASIAN, LATINO TENNIS COMMUNITIES THE FOCUS OF USTA COLORADO'S PORTRAIT SERIES EVENT

Breaking the Barriers has become a movement for USTA Colorado with the groundbreaking and very successful execution of three unique installments: An Exhibition in Courage (2011) showcasing the achievements of African Americans in tennis, The Asian Connection (Spring 2014) and ¡Vive el Tenis! (late-Summer 2014), celebrating Asian and Latino pioneers, contributors, and rising stars.

Like the original Breaking the Barriers exhibit, both the Asian and Latino projects featured a portrait series as seen through the lens of Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Barry Gutierrez. Those portraits are now on display throughout the tennis community, where they can continue to celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of diverse tennis players and to inspire the next generation of tennis players from those communities.

The Colorado debut of Breaking the Barriers 2.0 began in May with the celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month in partnership with Denver International Airport Art & Culture, which featured the portrait series in the Art Gallery located in the main terminal. Inspired by the "elements" — earth, air, fire and water — the portraits were on display to passengers from all over of the world.

"Walking into the gallery for the first time and just being in the space with those magnificent photos...I had goose bumps," said one attendee at the VIP Launch Reception.

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, USTA Colorado expanded its collaboration with a pair of City of

Denver entities — the Agency for Human Rights & Community Partnerships and Parks & Recreation — and brought the International Tennis Hall of Fame and Museum's ¡Vive el Tenis! exhibit to Denver for a great month-long run in September in the Webb Municipal Building Atrium. The display was augmented by another Gutierrez portrait series, as well as USTA Colorado's branded Sport Court, which hosted lunch hour tennis demonstrations and impromptu tennis clinics for city employees and the general public doing business at the building. During the VIP Reception, you could sense the pride and feeling of connectedness in the assembled community as they re-connected with old friends and discussed the impact that tennis has had on their lives. The highlight of the evening was guest speaker, Honorable Andrew Valdez, Third District Juvenile Court in Utah and the first Latino from Intermountain Section serving on the USTA National Board Member At Large. His comments followed his personal story of how tennis changed his life (see book review, *YourGame*, page 27).

USTA Colorado's Breaking the Barriers project was designed to be a high profile, high impact and sustainable educational and outreach program. The multi-facet project included community tennis festivals at Berkeley Park tennis courts in partnership with Telemundo Denver, a Spanish-language broadcast network and Denver Parks & Recreation and the Colorado Dragon Boat Festival, along with school site visits impacting more than 700 students at Fairview Elementary, Merrill Middle School, College View and McGlone Elementary, creating new partnerships for

our School Tennis program.

The campaign gained recognition outside of the traditional tennis community, with coverage by *Asian Avenue Magazine*, a lifestyle publication. Colorado's Spanish-speaking community was engaged through Telemundo Denver, *La Voz* and *VivaColorado*. Proclamations from Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock were received, along with letter of recognition from US Senator Michael F. Bennet.

The endorsements received from the Asian and Hispanic Chambers of Commerce and partnering city agencies has increased our credibility among diverse constituents and strengthened relationships with the local community, tennis associations and clubs.

"Words can't express the gratitude for the support and contributions along this journey from the many individuals behind the scene to make this a reality of bringing to light the accomplishments of African American, Asian and Latino tennis players in Colorado. It was an honor to tell these "untold" stories," said Paula McClain, USTA Colorado Marketing & Diversity Director.

The Breaking the Barriers movement highlights the contributions of Colorado diverse players and strongly resonates with USTA Colorado's community outreach, making tennis about so much more than just the sport of tennis, but looks to make it relevant in ways that change perceptions and advance our efforts around inclusion. Diversity is what you do, inclusion is the reality.

Speaking on behalf of the Breaking the Barriers Task Force Teams... We do it for the love of the game. 🎾

BREAKING THE BARRIERS 2.0

The Asian Connection



BREAKING THE BARRIERS 2.0

¡Vive el Tenis!

As a follow-up to the highly successful 2011 Breaking the Barriers exhibit honoring African American achievements in tennis, USTA Colorado returned with **BTB2.0**, which commemorated local Asian Pacific American tennis pioneers, contributors and rising stars in honor of Asian Heritage Month. The third chapter, ¡Vive el Tenis!, coincided with the start of Hispanic Heritage Month and featured the International Tennis Hall of Fame exhibit of the same name, as well as a portrait series which celebrated Latino American members of Colorado's tennis community. Receptions were held at Denver International Airport and the Webb Municipal Building.



HIGHFIVE

For the past 38 years, Colorado Tennis (née High Bounce in 1976) has been bringing you profiles of local players, coaches, administrators and anyone else in the Colorado tennis community who shares their passion for the sport with others.

In each issue, we are profiling five individuals who deserve recognition for their efforts and accomplishments. As always, some you will know, while others will be fresh names and faces. We encourage readers to help us recognize others who they think deserve special recognition. Email Kurt Desautels <kurt@coloradotennis.com> with your comments or suggestions.

When you talk to **Shannon Cross** about tennis, she breathes an infectious enthusiasm that makes you realize this isn't just another sport to her. "You could honestly say it was love at first sight," she jokes, recalling the very first time she stepped on a court. A self-described non-athlete ("I can't throw a ball to save my life"), Shannon was 10 when she filled in her sister's spot for a lesson at Cherry Hills Country Club. She just clicked with tennis, and she spent the next couple of years hitting against backboards and cleaning her sister's room in exchange for having someone to throw balls to her. She started competing in interclub tournaments and wanted more. "Back then, there were only junior open tournaments where they put everyone all together. There were times I didn't win a single game." But by 12, Shannon's experience had her leaving the court with the big win.

So many wins in fact that Shannon was ranked No. 1 in Colorado for seven straight years between the ages of 14-21. She started at Pepperdine University and then transferred to the University of Colorado where she played No. 2 Singles and No. 1 Doubles. She went on to teach at the John Gardiner's Tennis Ranch in Carmel Valley and got to work with people such as Clint Eastwood. "It was such an amazing job," she said.

Shannon has traded the court for a classroom, and now teaches 3rd and 4th grade at the Challenge School, where she gets an opportunity to use her deep love of tennis in the classroom by relating the sport to everyday life challenges. "I'll talk to them about not giving up and digging deep and finding a way to hang in there through adversity," she said. She also gets the chance once or twice a year to expose her students to tennis. Many of the kids who have been introduced through her immersion program have gone onto to play higher-level tennis.

Now 53, Shannon competed in the 2014 Colorado State Open Women's Singles Championship draw. Unseeded, she defeated the No. 4 seed, Natalie Dunn (a two-time prep champion who played collegiately at the University of Denver) before losing in the semifinals to the eventual champion, Vasilisa Bardina. At the Denver City Open, she lost to the champion (Jessika Mozia) in the quarterfinal round, and reached the semis in doubles.

"Why not?" she responds to those who wonder why she's still playing the opens. When asked what makes her game so challenging she laughs. "I hit such a flat ball! They hate to play me. Some of them have never seen it." She also acknowledges that because she's not a natural athlete at all she has to be crafty, mixing up the pace and also thinking about the next shot. "It's so much strategy but it's what I have to do!" Her tactics paid off in one respect — her 2014 performance has earned her USTA Colorado honors for Senior Female Player of the Year.

In terms of her future goals? Shannon would like to play on the US World Team. In May, she won a gold ball at the USTA National Indoor W50 doubles Championship with her partner Stacy Swiggart. Joking that many of her opponents at this age are retired and can play all the time, she's set her eye on the 55s hoping to make that dream come true. "Tennis has given me everything in my life. Literally all my jobs have come from a tennis connection."

And it goes even deeper than that. "Tennis has made me feel excited about life."



photo courtesy of Shannon Cross

SHANNONCROSS

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HIGH FIVE

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The combination of hard work and intelligence often breeds success. Add in the fact that 13 year-old **Mia Oliver** is also a wonderful young person helps you understand why she's achieving her goals both on and off the tennis court.

"I loved tennis immediately and knew that I wanted to keep playing," she said of tennis, one of the first sports she'd ever tried.

Included in the ¡Vive El Tenis! Breaking the Barriers Series for Hispanic Heritage month, Mia is proud to help celebrate her Hispanic heritage. A 4.0 student at Denver Center of International Studies with a particular interest in history and science, she was introduced to tennis around the age of 7 through junior camps at Berkeley Park and Meadow Creek

Tennis & Fitness. Recognized as having the combination of physical and mental aptitude to advance, she was invited to USTA Colorado's Star Search Program. This year she helped her Junior Team Tennis win the Girl's 18s Colorado State Championship.

A strong sense of self and desire to excel are innate qualities of the young netter. "Mia is a competitive person, but in a good way," her mother, Carrie explains. "We [Carrie and her husband, Stephen] always told her this was her deal. We didn't want to push her."

Not that pushing is necessary. Mia has a maturity beyond her years and is humble about her achievements. She is realistic of the hard work and dedication it will take to become a top competitive player. "My short term goal is to just keep improving," she said of her on-court ambitions, "but ultimately I want to get a scholarship in tennis."

Admiring the fierce play of both Maria Sharapova and Serena Williams, Mia is most proud of her backhand, and she's working on getting her second serve to be more consistent. She knows staying in shape and eating healthy are vital components to being her best on the court. Good sportsmanship on the court is also important to Mia, who understands that she is a role model for younger players. It's that type of attitude and commitment that has earned Mia the 2014 USTA Colorado Charlie & Ira Brown Award for junior sportsmanship.

Mia has a healthy appreciation for what tennis can bring in terms of value to herself, and to all of those people within her community. Mia likes to volunteer and has volunteered for several "Learn to Play Days," in the Denver area as her way to give back.

Mia's advice to younger players would be simple. "I would tell them that in life you have to keep trying really hard at things. But love what you do, too."



photo courtesy of the Oliver family

MIAOLIVER

After finishing as the runner-up in three straight high school singles state title matches, **Ignatius Castelino** finally broke through for a state championship in his final opportunity. In a gritty, come-from-behind effort, the Fairview High School senior defeated Cherry Creek's Ethan Hillis 1-6, 7-6 (1), 7-5 in the No. 1 singles final at the Class 5A state tournament. The win might help erase the sting of losing to a Cherry Creek netter in each of the last three state finals. Ignatius said he had to dig deep to find what he needed to pull through the match — a match that could have gone either way.

"Half-way through the match I started thinking that this was my last shot and I didn't want to go down like that," attributing what he considers poor play at first to his nerves. "My nerves were definitely a big factor for me," he admits of the slow start.

Introduced to tennis by his father at age eight, he said that soccer and basketball were his preferred sports until 4th grade. "That's when I decided tennis was what I really wanted to do," he said. Sandwiched between two sisters, Celestine (20) and Seraphin (14), Ignatius said the family doesn't hit the courts together all that often. "We fight too much!" he jokes. Off the tennis court, Ignatius said his favorite hobby is the piano.

Although he doesn't play seriously anymore, he said that he does enjoy it and doesn't have a strong preference in the music he plays. "I like all different kinds of music," he said.

Ignatius has a laid back manner and says that people would most likely describe him as quiet. He agrees that he is a quiet person and humble person "who prefers to let his actions describe him." That attitude served him well at Fairview, where he was team captain both his junior and senior years. Despite being even-keeled, Ignatius said although his victory was exciting, the finality of the season was emotional, as well. Fairview swept all three singles titles, a first for the school, and Ignatius became just the 5th Knight to capture the No. 1 singles title.

While Ignatius doesn't see himself as a teaching professional or coach in the future, it is still a dream of his to be able to play in the ATP professional tennis circuit one day — although he feels that goal might be a little too remote now. His short term goal is to get into a good college and play tennis. Having done very well in school and scoring strongly in standard tests, he has several options.

"I would like to continue to advance in both academic areas and tennis and then decide later what will be the best for my future," he explains of how he sees his life unfolding. "I've heard from various people that 'tennis players are very smart' and I'd like to continue to be one."



photo courtesy of the Castelino family

IGNATIUSCASTELINO

Balancing work and a baby is a handful for anyone. But for **Christine Chang**, a morning anchor for Channel 7 news, the chaotic routine which includes extremely early mornings is tiring but joyful. Now if she can just find a little time to hit some balls!

Born in Taipei, Taiwan, Christine graduated from Northwestern State University. She had played tennis in her life, but after she took lessons from Denver Tennis Club Head Tennis Pro Damon Gillette, tennis would become the theme song in her life. Married to Damon for a year and with 9½ month old Rylan at her side, Christine couldn't feel more blessed about her life, and her joy is contagious.

"It's God, family, friends and tennis," Christine says about her life of love on and off the court. "I still have the highest respect for Damon on the court as a professional and the work he puts in coaching." Tennis is a common bond that brings them both joy. "We got to hit for 45 minutes the other day when Rylan was in his car seat/stroller on the court," she said of the precious moment in time. Down the road Christine knows she'll have time to get back onto the court. Right now, her life is just right.

A member of the Asian American Journalists Association, Christine promotes tennis through her channels when given the opportunity. She feels that tennis offers people of all ages and walks of life much more than a sport. "Tennis teaches you to make decisions," she said, adding that tennis gives the player an improved ability to strategize, think about the consequences of their shots, plan ahead, and maintain focus. "It's also a great way to meditate and get rid of daily stress."

Christine wants to keep tennis accessible to everyone from all backgrounds, so she makes sure the spotlight is on tennis whenever possible — a passion that has earned her the 2014 USTA Colorado's Media Excellence Award. "Many people still view tennis the way they view golf — a sport for country club kids," she said. Christine hopes to raise awareness for programs like Racquets for All (which provides equipment to those in need) and that courts and coaching are available to everyone regardless of income level. "So many young people don't think of tennis as an option and go into traditional sports like soccer and baseball, but tennis is something they should consider. So many lessons on a tennis court can apply in life."



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CHRISTINECHANG

Fresh off his triumph at the 2014 US Open USTA Wheelchair Championships, where **Wayne Bennett** captured the B Doubles Title and placed 6th in the B Singles, he is already working towards his next goal — capturing the A title. It's not an easy undertaking with the schedule of required tournaments and level of play that it will take to get there but he is committed to the training that it will require. "The same things I have to do every day to live a long and healthy life are the same things that will get me to my goals on the tennis court," he explains.

Wayne was retired by the Army in 1998 after an auto accident left him a T-6 paraplegic at the age of 21. Having fully planned on a life in the military, following in the footsteps of his father and both grandfathers, Wayne found himself on an expected path. "Finding acceptance" was the key to him embracing everything that life still offered.

Hitting a few balls over a tennis court fence was about the extent of Wayne's tennis background in his youth. Post-injury, Wayne was living in Chicago and working out at the Hines VA with other veterans; he had always been a passionate athlete and a fitness nut. Recreational Therapist Jessica Sparte gave a wheelchair tennis clinic with Paul Moran that Wayne participated in and after a few hits he knew it was something he wanted to do.

"I could hit the ball back across the net and was strong with volleys," he said of that first clinic. After that he was hooked. Jessica (who was ranked 6th in the nation in wheelchair tennis at the time) and he started hitting regularly and seeing each other off the court as well.

Tennis is just one sport that Wayne enjoys. Through the Wounded Warriors Program he has also learned to hand cycle and ski, getting onto the slopes 20-30 times each season. Realizing that Colorado was the best place to enjoy the activities they love, the couple relocated.

Now in Denver, Jessica is the Executive Director at the Colorado Wheelchair Tennis Foundation and Wayne sits on the board. He is passionate about helping others find the resources they need to become involved in adaptive sports.

Wayne is also driven by another tragic event as his younger brother, Dylan, lost his life to heroin use in 2010 at the age of 20. This loss solidified Wayne's commitment to live a life of passion and purpose, working hard every day to be the best athletic competitor he can be.



photo courtesy of Wayne Bennett

WAYNEBENNETT

SPOTLIGHT

DON'T SAY CAN'T

MATT MANNION HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CHAMPION OFF THE COURT. NOW HE'S A CHAMPION ON IT.

TOMFASANO

Matt Mannion was never a fan of the two-bounce approach.

When Matt began playing tennis at the age of 10, he was given the option of allowing the ball to bounce twice before hitting it due to a rare condition he was born with called arthrogryposis, which limits his mobility due to stiff joints in his hips, shoulders, elbows, wrists, knees and feet.

"Every once in a while my hips will hurt, but otherwise I'm not in pain at all," Matt said.

Leanne Palmisano, director of tennis and the tennis pro at Crestmoor Community Association in Denver, called the other local tennis clubs and instituted the two-bounce approach for Mannion. Needless to say, Matt didn't like it from the get-go.

"I never used that rule. I didn't like it," said Matt, a senior at Bishop Machebeuf High School in Denver and the son of Julie and George Mannion. "I wanted to be treated like everyone else. They encouraged me to do it, but I never did it. I grew out of that rule."

A DETERMINED KID

Palmisano, who has been working at Crestmoor for 25 years, said Matt was full of determination from the start.

"He's turned into a pretty decent tennis player," Palmisano said. "He has a really good forehand. He has a great serve. Everything I'd asked of the other kids I asked of him. I made him run. I made him do the sprints. He just went for it, and he never asked for any special favors, that's for sure."

Palmisano said Matt has taught her and other kids a lot when it comes to fighting through obstacles.

"He's an incredible kid," Palmisano said. "I know he's taught all the other kids at Crestmoor a lot. I admire him. I believe tennis gave him a lot of self-confidence, even though he struggled. He's very competitive and wants to win the right way. He never has taken any kind of hand out at all. He has two great parents that have always treated him just like anyone else and are very supportive in everything that Matt's wanted to do. He's worked hard at it as well."

Matt, 17, a four-year letter winner in doubles at Bishop Machebeuf (enrollment 370 students), said tennis became a favorite sport of his when he started getting pretty good at it.

"I can get around just like everyone else. I'm just not as fast as everyone else," Matt said.

Matt, who has also lettered three times



Crestmoor State Champs

Brian Stromberg, Matt Mannion, Spencer Dellasalle, Will Biermann teamed up to capture the 2014 Colorado Junior Team Tennis B18 Futures State Championship. "It was pretty cool. We got a trophy," Matt said. "I can say I'm a state champion in something."

in lacrosse at Bishop Machebeuf and plans to play the sport in the spring, said he likes to be a part of a team. This past summer, Matt's Colorado Junior Team Tennis squad won state in its division.

"It was pretty cool. We got a trophy," Matt said. "I can say I'm a state champion in something."

Matt's strong serve is the best part of his game.

"I think it came pretty naturally actually. At first it wasn't too good, and then I started watching pro tennis and I kind of picked up some stuff from there and it got a lot better," Matt said. "It's the strongest part of my tennis game, for sure."

DON'T SAY CAN'T

Matt's mother, Julie, lives by the motto of "Don't Say Can't."

"Since I was little, my mom has the saying of 'don't say can't' because I was saying it all the time," Matt said. "Then I started not to say it and I started doing a lot more things like playing tennis, playing lacrosse, snowboarding and swimming and all that stuff. I really like snowboarding. I'm really fast."

Julie said with tennis being a team sport as well as an individual sport, Matt was able to play a part in any team success, especially during the Colorado Junior Team Tennis summer league.

"Being able to be a part of the team was instrumental," Julie said. "He has some great kids that follow him and support him, and never ever not want to be his partner. They actually choose him to be his partner in tennis. Anybody can play the game. It's just having the right people around you,

the right coaches and the right supporters. He has a great father who supports him. The kids around him swarm to him. I have never had a kid say, 'I don't want him to be my doubles partner.' Tennis has been so great."

Matt, who would like to attend Colorado State University and study business finance next year, has undergone multiple surgeries throughout the years, but the bright spot with his condition is that he can opt for hip replacement surgery when he stops growing which will eliminate the pain he now has in his hips.

"He had eight surgeries in the first three years of his life," Julie said. "He was in a body cast for three months."

A GREAT SUPPORT SYSTEM

Matt said his support system of family and



friends and coaches, including his summer tennis coach Brett Champion at Crestmoor Community Association, have helped him through the years.

"My high school coaches taught me different things I can do with my serve," Matt said. "They made it faster and they put more spin on it. My mom just kept pushing me to do all these things. My aunts are very supportive of what I do, and my friends like that I can do these things."

Champion said it was three years of working together in private lessons before he was comfortable enough to play on a team.

"I offered him the second bounce, but he never really utilized it," Champion said. "He's always played doubles and he's never had a double bounce. I didn't think he'd ever play competitively, but when he finally did I was so excited. I hope he continues to reach for his goals."

Bishop Machebeuf athletic director Eddie Kane said Matt is one of those kids who always shows up for practice, is always on time and is dedicated to his team.

"He really can't move that well, but he still goes out and attempts to do the running drills," Kane said. "He just tries to do everything that the other kids are doing. He's always been a team player. I never heard of him being a problem on the team or getting upset with the coach."

GREAT SKILLS

Kane said Matt has great skills in tennis and lacrosse.

"If the tennis ball comes in his hitting zone or the lacrosse ball comes right to his stick, he can do with it what he wants to do with it," Kane said. "He just can't always do the physical part to get to the right place at the right time."

Kane said Matt is treated like one of the normal guys.

"I think the kids do notice like, 'Hey, Matt's working hard. We can work hard as well,'" Kane said. "There was

he was kind of the hero of the match."

Julie said seven years ago Champion told her to put Matt out on the court.

"She was instrumental in coming to me and saying, 'Get him out there,'" Julie said. "Brett and Leanne really helped him thrive in that sport."

Matt said tennis has made a big difference in his life.

"THE KIDS AROUND HIM SWARM TO HIM. I HAVE NEVER HAD A KID SAY, 'I DON'T WANT HIM TO BE MY DOUBLES PARTNER.' TENNIS HAS BEEN SO GREAT."

a tennis match I took them to up at Weld Central where it came down to a third-set tiebreaker," Kane said. "The other kid hit a shot right to Matt and Matt just slammed away a forehand to win the match. There were a bunch of parents from the other school that were watching and were like, 'Wow.' That was a nice little moment of glory for him where

"I think it's transformed me into a better person. Ever since I started playing tennis, I'm a little happier and stronger," Matt said. "I love tennis. It's great. I'll play tennis until I physically can't anymore."



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ADULT LEAGUES

COLORADO ADULT LEAGUE SERIES CROWNS 2014 CHAMPIONS

ADULT LEAGUE PLAY CROSSES THE 35,000 PARTICIPATION MARK, GROWS TO ALL-TIME HIGH

Despite flagging participation on the national level, the Colorado Adult League Tennis Series posted an all-time high of more than 35,000 players in 2014. This year also marked the first opportunity for players to experience USTA Flex Leagues, which were debuted in Colorado this past spring. USTA Colorado extends a very hearty thanks to all the facilities which hosted Colorado District Championship events in 2014: Aurora Parks & Recreation, Colorado Athletic Club Inverness, Colorado Athletic Club Monaco, Denver Parks & Recreation, Ken-Caryl Ranch Metro District, Pinehurst Country Club and South Suburban Parks & Recreation. In all, there were 2,498 individual matches played during all of our ten District Championship events this year!



LEAGUE	TEAM	FACILITY	SECTIONAL RESULT	LEAGUE	TEAM	FACILITY	SECTIONAL RESULT
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USTA LEAGUE TENNIS CHAMPIONS

ADULT 18 & OVER

W 2.5	FCTA	Fort Collins Tennis Association	2nd
W 3.0	CPV GREEN	Castle Pines Village	2nd
W 3.5	CACM BLUE	Colorado Athletic Club Monaco	4th
W 4.0	LTFCS Walker	Life Time Fitness-Colorado Springs	2nd
W 4.5	LAC BLUE	Longmont Athletic Club	2nd
W 5.0	GAC GREEN	Greenwood Athletic Club	1st
M 2.5	KC RED	Ken-Caryl Ranch Metro District	Didn't Attend
M 3.0	CACM GREEN	Colorado Athletic Club Monaco	2nd
M 3.5	FCCC	Fort Collins Country Club	4th
M 4.0	DTC RED	Denver Tennis Club	5th
M 4.5	GTC BLUE	Gates Tennis Center	1st
M 5.0	CACM GREEN	Colorado Athletic Club Monaco	1st

ADULT 40 & OVER

W 3.0	KC GOLD	Ken-Caryl Ranch Metro District	2nd
W 3.5	CSU	Colorado State Univeristy	1st
W 4.0	LTFCS WALKER	Life Time Fitness-Colorado Springs	1st
W 4.5+	CK GREEN	Columbine Knolls	1st
M 3.0	CSRC GUNTER	Colorado Springs Racquet Club	1st
M 3.5	CM BLUE	Crestmoor Community Association	3rd
M 4.0	GTC RED	Gates Tennis Center	2nd
M 4.5	WP GREEN	Washington Park Tennis Club	2nd

ADULT 55 & OVER

M 6.0	PH RED	Pinehurst Country Club	**
<i>** PH will advance directly to Nationals - No other 6.0 teams in ITA</i>			
M 7.0	TAG CENT	Tennis Association of Greeley	2nd
M 8.0	GJTC BPACINI	Grand Junction Tennis Club	3rd
M 9.0	CCOC FONG	Country Club of Colorado	1st
W 6.0	SSH GREEN	South Suburban	3rd
W 7.0	GR SILVER	Govenor's Ranch	5th
W 8.0	RVR	River Valley Ranch	2nd
W 9.0	SSLT GREEN	South Suburban	1st

MIXED 18 & OVER

X 6.0	LTFCS JONES	Life Time Fitness-Colorado Springs	6th
X 7.0	GAC RED	Greenwood Athletic Club	3rd
X 8.0	RCC BLUE	Ranch Country Club	Didn't Attend
X 8.0	WC RED**	Willow Creek	3rd
<i>**WC went in place of RCC to Sectionals</i>			
X 9.0	WP RED	Washington Park Tennis Club	5th
X 10.0	CACI BLUE	Colorado Athletic Club Inverness	Didn't Attend
X 10.0	MC GOLD **	Meadow Creek Tennis & Fitness	2nd
<i>** MC went in place of CACI to Sectionals</i>			

MIXED 40 & OVER

X 7.0	SV BLUE	Stonegate Village	No Sectional
X 8.0	APR GREEN	Aurora Parks and Recreation	No Sectional

Teams listed in **RED** qualified to compete at the 2014 USTA League National Championships.



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ITA LEAGUE TENNIS CHAMPIONS

FALL MIXED

X 5.5	PH BLACK	Pinehurst Country Club	Sectional 10/31
X 6.5	CPV BLUE	Castle Pines Village	Sectional 10/31
X 7.5	BP BLUE	Berkley Park	Sectional 10/31
X 8.5	FCCC	Fort Collins Country Club	Sectional 10/31
X 9.5	MEMPK BLUE	Memorial Park Tennis Center	Sectional 10/31

CTA LEAGUE TENNIS CHAMPIONS

ADULT 65 & OVER

W 6.0	HEB GREEN	Heritage Eagle Bend	No Sectional
W 7.0	HRCR RED	Highlands Ranch Community Association	No Sectional
W 8.0	GTC BLUE	Gates Tennis Center	No Sectional
M 6.0	CSU BLUE	Colorado State University	No Sectional
M 7.0	ARCA RED	Anthem Ranch Community Association	No Sectional
M 8.0	LTA GOLD	Longmont Tennis Association	No Sectional

WOMEN'S SUMMER DAYTIME

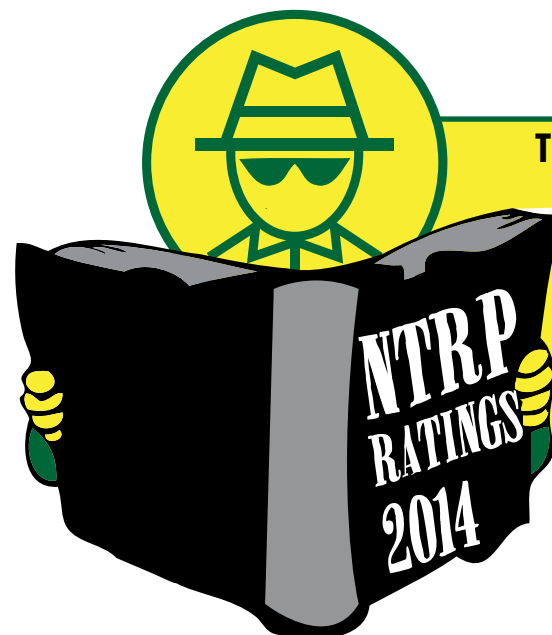
W 2.5	MEA GREEN	Meadows Swim and Tennis	No Sectional
W 3.0	LTA GOLD	Longmont Tennis Association	No Sectional
W 3.5	CCOC SIEGEL	Country Club of Colorado	No Sectional
W 4.0	GAC GOLD	Greenwood Athletic Club	No Sectional
W 4.5	GTC BLUE	Gates Tennis Center	No Sectional

WOMEN'S DAYTIME DOUBLES

W 2.5	HIW RED	Hiwan Golf Club	No Sectional
W 3.0	PCC GREEN	Pinery Country Club	No Sectional
W 3.5	BRMST BLACK	Broomfield Swim and Tennis	No Sectional
W 4.0	LTFCS SILVER	Life Time Fitness-Centennial	No Sectional
W 4.5	CK BLUE	Columbine Knolls	No Sectional

TWILIGHT

W 2.5	PAC BLUE	Point Athletic Club	No Sectional
W 3.0	CCC BLUE	Columbine Country Club	No Sectional
W 3.5	BM RED	Bow Mar	No Sectional
W 4.0	CCC PINK	Columbine Country Club	No Sectional
W 4.5+	PAC GREEN	Point Athletic Club	No Sectional
M 3.0	CSRC GUNTER	Colorado Springs Racquet Club	No Sectional
M 3.5	BRMST BLACK	Broomfield Swim and Tennis	No Sectional
M 4.0	TTA GREEN	Thornton Tennis Association	No Sectional
M 4.5+	CACM GREEN	Colorado Athletic Club Monaco	No Sectional



THE LEAGUE INSIDER SAYS:

Final NTRP ratings will be published by the USTA in early December.

Remember: It's almost Halloween, so don't be fooled by masquerading sites pretending to publish legitimate NTRP ratings. TLS ratings are NOT the same as USTA NTRP ratings. TLS is all dressed up, but it has nowhere to go.

ADULT TOURNAMENTS

BIG THREE RECAP

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS FROM COLORADO'S THREE "MAJORS"

Colorado has a long and storied tradition of top-flight events that have drawn some of history's top players, including Bobby Riggs, Jack Kramer, Althea Gibson and Dodo Bundy. This year will be memorable for several first-time champions with close ties to Colorado, including USTA Colorado Male Player of the Year **Hayden Sabatka**, who collected two of the Big 3 singles titles, as

well has a men's and mixed doubles title. **Jessika Mozia**, USTA Colorado Female College Player of the Year, also picked up her first Big 3 title, narrowly missing a second after falling in three sets in the women's doubles final at the City Open. USTA Colorado Female Player of the Year **Vasilisa Bardina** added to her Big 3 collection with a pair of titles at the Colorado State Open, upping her total to an even dozen.

Denver City Open/June 14-22

Men's Open Singles

F	(3) Hayden Sabatka d. (4) Yannik James	6-1; 6-3
SF	(3) Hayden Sabatka d. (2) Jeffrey Loehr	6-4; 1-6; 6-3
SF	(4) Yannik James d. Spencer Lang	6-2; 6-3

Women's Open Singles

F	(2) Jessika Mozia d. (3) Meagan Monaghan	2-6; 6-4; 6-3
SF	(2) Jessika Mozia d. Bria Smith	6-4; 7-5
SF	(3) Meagan Monaghan d. (1) Lauren Strasburger	6-1; 7-5

Men's Open Doubles

F	(4) Harbaugh/Miller d. Fryer/Spreyer	6-4; 6-0
SF	Fryer/Spreyer d. (3) Clinkenbeard/James	6-3; 3-6; 6-2
SF	(4) Harbaugh/Miller d. (5) Gillette/Grieve	3-6; 7-6(5); 6-3

Women's Open Doubles

F	(1) Ruegsegger/Strasburger d. (2) Bruetting/Vanderkooi	6-3; 6-1
SF	(2) Bruetting/Vanderkooi d. Cross/O'Meara	6-1; 6-4
SF	(1) Ruegsegger/Strasburger d. Monaghan/Porter	2-6; 6-3; 6-4

Mixed Open Doubles

F	Bailey/Janssens d. (4) Mozia/Spreyer	3-6; 6-3; 6-4
SF	Bailey/Janssens d. (2) Porter/Sabatka	6-3; 6-4
SF	(4) Mozia/Spreyer d. (1) Ruegsegger/Weiner	6-2; 6-3

Babolat Boulder Open/July 19-27

Men's Open Singles

F	(1) Hayden Sabatka d. (2) Milos Koprivica	6-2; 4-6; 6-4
SF	(2) Milos Koprivica d. (3) Brandon Lupo	7-5; 6-3
SF	(1) Hayden Sabatka d. (4) Spencer Lang	6-4; 6-0

Women's Open Singles

F	(1) Winde Janssens d. Kathleen Kuosman	6-1; 6-4
SF	Kathleen Kuosman d. (4) Meagan Monaghan	2-6; 6-2; 6-2
SF	(1) Winde Janssens d. CJ Lin	6-0; 6-0

Men's Open Doubles

F	(1) Sabatka/Sayre d. Brynteson/Schommer	6-1; 7-5
SF	Brynteson/Schommer d. (2) Lang/Lang	7-5; 6-2
SF	(1) Sabatka/Sayre d. Bailey/Mosley	6-0; 6-2

Women's Open Doubles

F	(2) Monaghan/Porter d. Janssens/Sperry	4-6; 6-3; 6-2
SF	(2) Monaghan/Porter d. Mortner/Snipes	6-3; 6-4
SF	Janssens/Sperry d. (1) Bowman/Ewert	7-5; 7-5

Mixed Open Doubles

F	(2) Porter/Sabatka d. (1) Bailey/Janssens	7-6; 6-3
SF	(2) Porter/Sabatka d. Broach/Woodman	4-6; 6-2; 6-3
SF	(1) Bailey/Janssens d. Moller/Sperry	6-3; 6-4

Colorado State Open/September 12-21

Men's Open Singles

F	(2) Jesse Witten d. (3) Julio Peralta	Wd (inj)
SF	(2) Jesse Witten d. (4) Victor De Melo	6-0; 6-2
SF	(3) Julio Peralta d. (6) Henry Craig	6-2; 6-3

Women's Open Singles

F	(1) Vasilisa Bardina d. (3) Heather Nobler	7-5; 6-2
SF	(3) Heather Nobler d. (2) Lauren Strasburger	6-2; 6-2
SF	(1) Vasilisa Bardina d. Shannon Cross	6-1; 6-0

Men's Open Doubles

F	(1) Johns/Witten d. (4) Clinkenbeard/Ianni	6-4; 6-3
SF	(4) Clinkenbeard/Ianni d. (2) Kielbowicz/Peralta	6-2; 7-6(5)
SF	(1) Johns/Witten d. (3) De Melo/Santos	7-5; 7-6(4)

Women's Open Doubles

F	Bardina/Strasburger d. Nobler/Ruegsegger	6-4; 1-6; 6-3
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Mixed Open Doubles

F	(1) Kielbowicz/Nobler d. (2) Coopridier/Strasburger	6-2; 6-4
SF	(2) Coopridier/Strasburger d. (4) Vaughan/Witten	2-6; 6-4; 6-3
SF	(1) Kielbowicz/Nobler d. (3) Ruegsegger/Weiner	6-4; 6-2

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2014 JTT SEASON BREAKS PARTICIPATION RECORD

COLORADO JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS WRAPS UP SUCCESSFUL SEASON, CROWNS 2014 CHAMPIONS

Nearly 4,100 kids competed in the 2014 Colorado Junior Team Tennis league this past summer — the first time that number has surged past the 4,000 mark — surpassing the previous high set last year by 6%. The continued growth of the program is being fueled by new programs on the Western Slope, as well as solid numbers in northern Colorado. The Boys and Girls 18s divisions both experienced stronger

participation thanks in large part to a strategic ad campaign focusing on recruiting high school-age students. The GAME ON! campaign featured 2013 5A Boys #1 Singles Champion Luke Lorenz, 2013 4A #3 Singles Champion Casey Ross, and two-time state qualifier Meccah Jackson. The images were captured by Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Barry Gutierrez, and banners were placed at public and private facilities, and at school courts across the state.



JTT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

COED

10 & Under: Division/Champion/Finalist

Challenger A Miramont Lifestyle Fitness / Flying Horse Club
Challenger B CAC Inverness / CAC Monaco

BOYS

12 & Under: Division/Champion/Finalist

Championship Denver Country Club
Challenger A Applewood Athletic Club / Homestead in the Willows RMTA
Challenger B Eastmoor Swim and Tennis RMTA / Applewood Athletic Club
Futures Miramont Lifestyle Fitness / Highlands Ranch

14 & Under: Division/Champion/Finalist

Championship Denver Country Club / Bow Mar
Challenger A Highlands Ranch / Greenwood Athletic Club
Challenger B Lebsack Tennis Center RMTA / Highlands Ranch
Futures Crestmoor Community Assoc / Lewis Tennis School

18 & Under: Division/Champion/Finalist

Championship Tennis Mania / Highland Meadows
Challenger A Genessee / Ken Caryl Community Center
Challenger B Foxridge / Columbine Country Club
Futures Crestmoor Community Assoc



GIRLS

12 & Under: Division/Champion/Finalist

Challenger A Miramont Lifestyle Fitness / Meadows Club
Challenger B Grand Junction Indoor Tennis Center / Highlands Ranch
Futures CAC Monaco / Foxridge

14 & Under: Division/Champion/Finalist

Championship CAC Inverness / Work Out West
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CLASS	RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS	RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS	RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS	RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN
2015	122	David Mitchell	Castle Rock	2016	888	Chanon Penvari	Aurora	2017	1736	Jonathan Obregon	Denver	2019	1002	William Coors	Denver
2015	144	Spencer Lang	Longmont	2016	889	Erin Norwood	Englewood	2018	106	Kasper Smith	Boulder	2019	1005	Andrew Seehausen	Lonetree
2015	237	Ignatius Castelino	Superior	2016	916	Jake Becker	Centennial	2018	176	Joshua King	Englewood	2019	1037	Henry Cox	Parker
2015	242	Luke Sanderson	Colorado Springs	2016	960	Allen Fu	Longmont	2018	176	Tom Melville	Boulder	2019	1086	Tyler Landen	Centennial
2015	481	Harshil Dwivedi	Greenwood Village	2016	970	Davis Meyer	Castle Rock	2018	289	Jack Moldenhauer	Denver	2019	1116	Oliver Greenwald	Denver
2015	487	Fletcher Kerr	Denver	2016	985	Andrew Gillette	Arvada	2018	333	Mitchell Johnson	Cherry Hills Village	2019	1235	Harry Carrozza	Colorado Springs
2015	566	Tommy Mason	Boulder	2016	1004	Jackson Johar	Fort Collins	2018	345	Charles Franks	Denver	2019	1317	Brenden Arndt	Longmont
2015	606	Keenan Kallenbacher	Colorado Springs	2016	1034	Joshua Hunt	Castle Rock	2018	411	Jack Alexander	Littleton	2019	1350	Christopher Du	Highlands Ranch
2015	637	Lucas Martin	Fort Collins	2016	1084	Andrew Aertker	Denver	2018	441	David Kijak	Aurora	2019	1351	Maxwell Probst	Highlands Ranch
2015	790	Maxwell Weiner	Fort Collins	2016	1136	Grant Wood	Westminster	2018	570	Daniel Guiot	Denver	2019	1355	Riley Black	Niwot
2015	796	Dante Alcalá	Pueblo	2016	1176	Blake Parsons	Denver	2018	583	Skyler Gates	Littleton	2019	1394	Mason Lewis	Broomfield
2015	810	Dakota Burns	Pueblo	2016	1184	Nathan Lazarus	Boulder	2018	721	Ethan Schacht	Boulder	2020	136	Quinn Snyder	Steamboat Springs
2015	826	Noah Reiss	Littleton	2016	1206	Vamsi Senthilvel	Highlands Ranch	2018	731	Ryan Neale	Parker	2020	188	Jett Middleton	Columbine Valley
2015	836	Colby Jimenez	Denver	2016	1251	Spencer Clauson	Boulder	2018	761	Benjamin Murray	Englewood	2020	416	Nicholas Svichar	Greenwood Village
2015	845	Garet Davis	Loveland	2016	1258	Troy de Jong	Steamboat Springs	2018	798	Carter Harrington	Aurora	2020	530	Cruz Cutpepper	Lafayette
2015	877	Cody Carlton	Castle Rock	2016	1361	Kevin Adams	Englewood	2018	880	Quinn Bermingham	Denver	2020	546	Caden Kammerer	Longmont
2015	956	Jameson Lumpkin	Loveland	2016	1437	Robert Boe	Colorado Springs	2018	908	Tanner Jones	Colorado Springs	2020	565	Akhil Gupta	Severance
2015	961	Keller Hartline	Lafayette	2016	1511	Gabriel Pagat	Fort Collins	2018	919	Patrick Seby	Denver	2020	596	Stefan Hester	Longmont
2015	969	William Hobbs	Boulder	2016	1532	Cameron Bergan	Aurora	2018	938	Henry Hawk	Boulder	2020	623	John Dick	Highlands Ranch
2015	976	Jacob Fell	Longmont	2016	1568	Anthony Partnick	Arvada	2018	994	Bradley Ma	Colorado Springs	2020	630	Paul Jones	Manitou Springs
2015	990	Carter Pentz	Niwot	2016	1661	Drew Parsons	Denver	2018	1055	Brett Finan	Broomfield	2020	705	Riley Burrige	Boulder
2015	1025	Austin Gruszczynski	Highlands Ranch	2016	1728	Jake Anderson	Englewood	2018	1058	Connor Larson	Boulder	2020	775	Austin Kattenhorn	Lafayette
2015	1033	Brian Ross	Littleton	2016	1736	James Kasic	Boulder	2018	1093	Carter Holbrook	Boulder	2020	839	Alex Gordon	Cherry Hills Village
2015	1094	Joseph Bove	Castle Rock	2017	103	Casey Ross	Littleton	2018	1170	Laird Stewart	Englewood	2020	887	Caleb Aguirre	Cherry Hills Village
2015	1100	Daniel Crews	Greeley	2017	112	Ethan Hillis	Centennial	2018	1176	Brooks Savage	Boulder	2020	949	Kian Grimson	Boulder
2015	1166	Joseph Adducci	Colorado Springs	2017	264	Kai Smith	Denver	2018	1211	Jordan Wagner	Littleton	2020	1059	Michael Conde	Superior
2015	1266	Andrew Pollack	Louisville	2017	313	Draden Hoover	Aurora	2018	1218	Evan Nuss	Castle Rock	2020	1159	Robert Metz	Colorado Springs
2015	1347	Dylan Griffin	Longmont	2017	316	Ben Antonsen	Highlands Ranch	2018	1300	Ethan Katz	Boulder	2020	1162	Alex Baum	Littleton
2015	1365	Nic Hoime	Windsor	2017	488	Robby Hill	Greenwood Village	2018	1326	Finn Gullickson	Colorado Springs	2020	1186	Ben Bicknell	Niwot
2015	1368	Zachary Fluck	Canon City	2017	501	Ryan James	Denver	2018	1335	Zack Fox	Littleton	2020	1196	Zach Scott	Aurora
2015	1392	Scott Neville	Boulder	2017	568	Frederick Edwards	Bayfield	2018	1394	Stone Heyman	Englewood	2020	1200	Michael Crum	Denver
2015	1417	Ryan Beckstrom	Parker	2017	599	Niko Hereford	Denver	2018	1420	Arjun Gupta	Severance	2020	1227	Benjamin Idler	Golden
2015	1435	Azur Ali	Boulder	2017	678	Dillon Leasure	Carbondale	2018	1460	Everett Martin	Boulder	2020	1228	Andre Maltzahn	Fort Collins
2015	1501	Trace Collins	Parker	2017	692	Matthew Chavez	Mead	2018	1504	Ilitjah Bailey	Centennial	2021	180	Clark Steinhauser	Denver
2015	1517	James Zimmerman	Fort Collins	2017	752	Tom Hudson	Golden	2018	1509	Jack LaBarge	Denver	2021	228	Neil Wilcox	Boulder
2015	1531	Alex Dressen-Shipley	Fort Collins	2017	770	Devin Harper	Westminster	2018	1595	Tyler Paddor	Centennial	2021	309	Nicholas Dietrich	Golden
2015	1534	Scott Nolan	Fruita	2017	835	Dylan Zumar	Aurora	2018	1704	Adam Chehadi	Louisville	2021	353	Luke Silverman	Boulder
2015	1547	Colin Brown	Centennial	2017	850	Stefan Orton-Urbina	Colorado Springs	2018	1738	Connor Schott	Highlands Ranch	2021	406	Louis Salfi	Denver
2015	1566	Craig Modelmog	Windsor	2017	856	Aaron Weil	Highlands Ranch	2018	1761	Jonathan Schreiber	Bow Mar	2021	442	David Bomgaars	Aurora
2016	304	Alec Leddon	Boulder	2017	886	Vinay Merchant	Englewood	2018	1775	Drew Hill	Greenwood Village	2021	445	Morgan Schilling	Littleton
2016	311	William Gold	Denver	2017	1080	Xavier Pacheco	Englewood	2019	44	Richter Jordaan	Cherry Hills Village	2021	448	Grigor Karakelyan	Aurora
2016	493	Jackson Hawk	Boulder	2017	1170	David Zhao	Superior	2019	52	Nicholas Lorenz	Colorado Springs	2021	480	John Austin Dick	Highlands Ranch
2016	501	Jacob Lapkin	Grand Junction	2017	1188	Jack Ferry	Lafayette	2019	255	Christian Holmes	Littleton	2021	557	Alex Bruce	Nathrop
2016	605	Jeremiah Hansen	Colorado Springs	2017	1306	Bryce Viorst	Denver	2019	410	Carter Loggan	Denver	2021	609	Andy Shuiling	Steamboat Springs
2016	608	McCulloch Mease	Littleton	2017	1311	Will Dennen	Castle Rock	2019	541	Sam Nassif	Denver	2021	661	Arjun Batra	Aurora
2016	625	Ben Blea	Parker	2017	1334	Erich Nuss	Castle Pines	2019	545	Kosta Garger	Englewood	2021	678	Nico Gonzalez	Denver
2016	631	Noah Forman	Golden	2017	1370	Matthew Lambert	Aspen	2019	560	Teague Burger	Steamboat Springs	2021	689	Chase Walters	Highlands Ranch
2016	655	Colton Hill	Colorado Springs	2017	1372	Cameron McGregor	Littleton	2019	570	Alexander Ilic	Aspen	2021	704	Jack Larson	Arvada
2016	684	Max Petrak	Golden	2017	1455	Coutlen Davis	Colorado Springs	2019	840	Jackson Klutznick	Denver	2021	707	Christopher Nelson	Castle Rock
2016	710	Derek Wright	Superior	2017	1480	Jacob Stringer	Longmont	2019	880	Jackson Holland	Windsor	2021	719	Chris Swanson	Highlands Ranch
2016	811	Zhan Su	Louisville	2017	1524	Samuel Hoelscher	Lakewood	2019	906	Beck Chrisbens	Boulder	2021	727	Dayton Fisher	Arvada
2016	826	Thomas Koszowski	Denver	2017	1696	Kacey Walisundara	Denver	2019	974	Cal Hegstrom	Grand Junction				
2016	847	Cutter Esson	Boulder	2017	1714	Ryan Lahr	Evergreen								

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2015	32	Nicole Kathorn	Colorado Springs	2016	1138	Laura Friedrich	Centennial	2018	625	Julia Pentz	Niwot	2019	1152	Trini Somasundaram	Superior
2015	46	Gabrielle Schuck	Colorado Springs	2016	1146	Mari Dudek	Highlands Ranch	2018	639	Heather Volls	Colorado Springs	2019	1220	Allyson Horvath	Broomfield
2015	340	Alexandra Weil	Cherry Hills Village	2016	1152	Bailey Koronich	Timnath	2018	719	Taylor Thulson	Glenwood Springs	2020	131	Spencer Mathews	Divide
2015	409	Camilla Trapness	Vail	2016	1178	Lindsey Schroeder	Parker	2018	738	Savannah Mease	Littleton	2020	204	Mavis Edwards	Bayfield
2015	624	Chloe Brandt	Denver	2017	17	Samantha Martinelli	Denver	2018	802	Rachel Nguyen	Westminster	2020	332	Veronika Bruetting	Highlands Ranch
2015	625	Isabella Melena	Arvada	2017	88	Madison Gallegos	Aurora	2018	829	Alexandra Djoumatiev	Loveland	2020	339	Emily Untermeyer	Denver
2015	770	Emma Jo Wiley	Fort Collins	2017	282	Alex Pessoa	Denver	2018	857	Emma Gaydos	Monument	2020	362	Lela Daszuta	Evergreen
2015	808	Kylie Simons	Colorado Springs	2017	291	Casey Zhong	Highlands Ranch	2018	1169	Darby Warburton	Littleton	2020	377	Olivia Desso	Evergreen
2015	920	Meghan Beer	Castle Rock	2017	354	Madison Wolfe	Monument	2018	1235	Delaney Wilklow	Colorado Springs	2020	379	Samantha Moore-Thomson	Denver
2015	967	Ashley Burnett	Monument	2017	485	Sadie Moseley	Denver	2018	1268	Tristen VanDeVeer	Colorado Springs	2020	382	Meghna Chowdhury	Highlands Ranch
2015	976	Ashley Zaeske	Westminster	2017	534	Shawnea Pagat	Fort Collins	2018	1303	Jenese Johnson	Denver	2020	480	Natalie Hamill	Fort Collins
2015	978	Emma Schilling	Littleton	2017	742	Sara Schoenbeck	Pueblo West	2018	1308	Adriana Strode	Denver	2020	581	Ellie Strande	Centennial
2016	26	Rebecca Weissmann	Loveland	2017	743	Maeve Kearney	Englewood	2019	189	Morgan Hall	Colorado Springs	2020	617	Noelle Cerone	Steamboat Springs
2016	58	Tate Schroeder	Centennial	2017	743	Maeve Kearney	Englewood	2019	506	Josephine Schaffer	Greenwood Village	2020	710	Isabella Pacheco	Englewood
2016	86	Kalyssa Hall	Colorado Springs	2017	903	Maleeha Chowdhury	Highlands Ranch	2019	561	Emma Eckenhausen	Denver	2020	745	Lexie Fisher	Greenwood Village
2016	243	Gloria Son	Aurora	2017	910	Grace Koza	Littleton	2019	603	Hana Kimmey	Parker	2020	786	Mattie Kuntzelman	Colorado Springs
2016	430	Kristen Kirby	Thornton	2017	1000	Tiffany Parobek	Lone Tree	2019	664	Amanda Schlatter	Cherry Hills Village	2020	821	Haley Artis	Aurora
2016	468	Tara Edwards	Littleton	2017	1176	Alyssa Arenson	Colorado Springs	2019	701	Trisha Somasundaram	Superior	2020	829	Lauren Karaba	Castle Pines
2016	520	Daniela Adamczyk	Colorado Springs	2017	1213	Murphy Harr	Arvada	2019	749	Sophie Pearson	Longmont	2020	846	Rylee Jones	Castle Pines
2016	605	Natalie Munson	Longmont	2017	1225	Jennifer Phan	Thornton	2019	788	Laura Bobby	Castle Rock	2020	896	Mae Thorp	Steamboat Springs
2016	672	Natalie Hagan	Lone Tree	2017	1278	Erinn Hogan	Fort Collins	2019	808	Cassandra Sehic	Highlands Ranch	2021	134	Sarah Hamner	Fort Collins
2016	682	Kendra Lavaltee	Highlands Ranch	2018	132	Amber Shen	Broomfield	2019	836	Willow Purvis	Denver	2021	147	Samantha Anthony	Longmont
2016	702	Caroline Kawula	Cherry Hills Village	2018	195	Anshika Singh	Greenwood Village	2019	847	Samhita Bheemireddy	Highlands Ranch	2021	198	Leyden Games	Boulder
2016	725	Lauren Lindell	Parker	2018	198	Annika Bassey	Denver	2019	884	Madissen Allen	Centennial	2021	221	Dilafzo Abdullaeva	Aurora
2016	736	Reilly Cornell	Highlands Ranch	2018	272	Seraphin Castelino	Superior	2019	960	Mia Oliver	Denver	2021	271	Miranda Kawula	Englewood
2016	776	Lauren Petty	Colorado Springs	2018	304	Camila Gomez	Bogota	2019	984	Chloe Schilling	Littleton	2021	276	Lucy Lu	Broomfield
2016	811	Sarah Megilligan	Pueblo West	2018	312	Tatum Burger	Steamboat Springs	2019	1026	Alexis Stepp	Westminster	2021	346	Valerie Negin	Centennial
2016	863	Sarah Casey	Monument	2018	315	Emily Strande	Centennial	2019	1085	Isabel Pan	Highlands Ranch	2021	435	Mahima Gurning	Boulder
2016	923	Gabriella Hesse	Colorado Springs	2018	323	Micha Handler	Englewood	2019	1086	Ashlen Grote	Highlands Ranch	2021	445	Julia Rydel	Denver
2016	928	Allison Snyder	Highlands Ranch	2018	456	Sarah Fleming	Grand Junction	2019	1090	Julia Trujillo	Colorado Springs	2021	463	Anna Reimers	Highlands Ranch
2016	993	Hanna Fernley	Greenwood Village	2018	459	Mariela Hollines	Cherry Hills Village	2019	1091	Alex Begler	Highlands Ranch	2021	464	Rachel Swan	Highlands Ranch
2016	1111	Jade Moore	Littleton	2018	474	Ky Ecton	Fort Collins	2019	1104	Emma Morrissey	Denver	2021	529	Lauren Manwiller	Evergreen
2016	1116	Danielle Morin	Colorado Springs	2018	590	Natalie Bronsdon	Highlands Ranch	2019	1108	Alexandra Bush	Greenwood Village				



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PREP COMPETITION

CREEK GIVES PRICE ONE LAST TRIUMPH; SENIORS CASTELINO & LANG EARN SINGLES TITLES

5A CHAMPIONSHIP WRAP-UP

Cherry Creek has done it again. That is, won their 40th state title. Although Cherry Creek dominated in the overall team competition, Fairview swept the singles. At No. 1 singles, senior Ignatius Castelino (see HighFIVE on page 17) finally came out victorious after reaching the state finals four consecutive years in a row. Castelino defeated sophomore Ethan Hillis in the final, avenging his loss in a dual meet earlier the season where the Knights defeated Cherry Creek 4-3. Fairview also dominated at No. 2 and No. 3 singles, as senior Tommy Mason and sophomore Alec Leddon completed the singles sweep over Cherry Creek's Harshil Dwivedi and Robby Hill respectively.

But it was not enough to defeat Cherry Creek, who packed six of the seven finals with Bruins and captured titles at No. 1, 2 and 3 doubles. With long-time head coach Kirk Price retiring this year, many are curious to see what is in the books for next year's state championships when a new coach takes the helm for Cherry Creek.



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Kirk Price, retiring head coach of the Cherry Creek Bruin tennis team, receives a loving "Gatorade bath" from his team.

Fairview senior Ignatius Castelino avenged a regular season loss against Cherry Creek's Ethan Hillis to earn his first Colorado High School State Tennis title. Castelino had reached the finals in each of his first three years of competition.

5A INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

No. 1 singles

Championship: Ignatius Castelino, Fairview d. Ethan Hillis, Cherry Creek 1-6, 7-6 (1), 7-5

Third Place: Kap Smith, Boulder def. Kai Smith, Denver East, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 2 singles

Championship: Tommy Mason, Fairview d. Harshil Dwivedi, Cherry Creek 6-4, 6-1

Third Place: Charlie Franks, Denver East def. Jackson Hawk, 7-6 (4), 6-2.

No. 3 singles

Championship: Alec Leddon, Fairview d. Robby Hill, Cherry Creek 6-0, 6-0

Third Place: Cutter Esson, Boulder def. Colby Jimenez, Denver East, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles

Championship: Jacob Bendalin and Wyatt Dale, Cherry Creek d. Kobe Holdren and Ashwin Vaithianathan, Mountain Vista 5-7, 6-1, 6-3

Third Place: Max Weiner-Nic Hoime, Fossil Ridge def. Arie van Vuuren-Nathan Lazarus, 6-2, 6-0.

No. 2 doubles

Championship: Noah Reiss and Mitchell Johnson, Cherry Creek d. Matt Woody and Eli Weiner, Denver East 6-4, 6-2.

Third Place: Alec Jotte-Joey Robertson, Regis Jesuit def. Devin Harper-Graham Blanco, Fairview, 6-1, 6-2.

No. 3 doubles

Championship: Erin Norwood and Ryan James, Cherry Creek d. Steven Bummer and Truett Davis, Regis Jesuit 6-7, 6-1, 6-3

Third Place: Kevin Schultz-Mike Brown, Fossil Ridge def. TJ Braxton-Eric Dellavalle, Denver East, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 4 doubles

Championship: Luca Abbott and Max Koszowski, Regis Jesuit d. Tristan Faust and Dylan Harris, Fossil Ridge 1-6, 7-5, 6-3

Third Place: Graydon Johnson-Andy Duggan, Cherry Creek def. Aidan Mulligan-Kelby Woodard, Boulder, 6-1, 6-4.

5A TEAM RESULTS

Cherry Creek	83
Fairview	58
Denver East	45
Boulder	42
Regis Jesuit	29
Fossil Ridge	28
Mountain Vista	17
Chatfield	6
Monarch	4
Arapahoe	3
Broomfield	2
Castle View	2
Fort Collins	2
Legend	2
Arvada West	1
Grand Junction	1
Heritage	1
Loveland	1

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4A CHAMPIONSHIP WRAP-UP

After rain made a mess of the first two days of the Colorado High School 4A State Championship in Pueblo, the sun finally emerged on Saturday and saw Kent Denver come out on top in the team championship, but not without a bit of anxiety, needing a strong performance to fend off a desperate push by Colorado Academy.

Kent looked dominant throughout the event, sending all seven of their players/teams to the finals, winning titles at No. 1, 2 and 3 doubles. But CA matched Kent's haul, winning the state championships at No. 2 and 3 singles, along with no. 4 doubles. In the end, Kent finished with a total of 86 team points, with CA just 8 points back. CA's team total of 78 points is a school record, and is a huge leap from last year's total of 54.

Pre-tournament favorite Spencer Lang from Niwot won his second state title, his first at No. 1, without giving up a set throughout the entire event. Lang is no stranger to the state tournament, having won a No. 3 singles title as a freshman, took silver at No. 2 singles sophomore year, and won third place as a junior at No. 1 singles. Winning state titles runs in the Lang family, as his brother, Harrison, won the No. 1 singles title twice, in 2010 and again in 2012. Lang finished his senior year undefeated, earning USTA Colorado's Boys High School Player of the Year honors (see Annual Awards, page 13).

The two other singles were dominated by CA players Fletcher Kerr (No. 2 singles) and Noah Forman (No. 3 singles), who upended Kent's 2013 champ Casey Ross and freshman Jack Moldenhauer respectively.

Rain delayed play in Pueblo throughout the event, which meant matches were still being contested late into the evening. Niwot senior Spencer Lang carried on the Lang Family tradition by winning the 4A No. 1 singles title in an even-numbered year, carrying on the tradition started by his brother who won in 2010 and again in 2012.



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4A INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**No. 1 singles**

Championship: Spencer Lang, Niwot, def. Willie Gold, Kent Denver, 6-4, 6-2.
Third Place: Keenan Kaltenbacher, Air Academy, def. Mac Mease, Colorado Academy, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 2 singles

Championship: Fletcher Kerr, Colorado Academy, def. Casey Ross, Kent Denver, 6-1, 2-6, 7-5.
Third Place: Stefan Orton-Urbina, Air Academy, def. Allen Fu, Niwot, 6-3, 1-6, 6-0.

No. 3 singles

Championship: Noah Forman, Colorado Academy, def. Jack Moldenhauer, Kent Denver, 6-4, 6-1.
Third Place: Max Petrak, Niwot, def. Connor Clancy, Greeley Central, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles

Championship: Kevin Adams/Niko Hereford, Kent Denver, def. Carter Pentz/Matthew Chavez, Niwot, 6-2, 6-3.
Third Place: Jack Erdle/Mitch Erdle, Mullen, def. William McDermid/Peter Hillary, Colorado Academy, 4-6, 7-6(1), 7-5.

No. 2 doubles

Championship: Blake Parsons/Drew Parsons, Kent Denver, def. Brent Edwards/Quinn Birmingham, Colorado Academy, 6-4, 7-5.
Third Place: Mark Manta/Vince DePizzol, Mullen, def. A.J. Jordan/Dustin Etheridge, D'Evelyn, 6-0, 7-5.

No. 3 doubles

Championship: Andrew Thompson/Travis Rase, Kent Denver, def. Steven Mitchell/Jordan Wagner, Colorado Academy, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
Third Place: Jared Bourgain/Eli Mills, Mullen, def. Connor Adams/Will Moody, Cheyenne Mountain, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

No. 4 doubles

Championship: John Barron/Tyler Fairbain, Colorado Academy, def. Jack Trueblood/Laird Stewart, Kent Denver, 6-4, 6-4.
Third Place: Ryan Henley/Tanner Lundwall, Air Academy, def. Luke Thomas/Sudershan Pillai, Niwot, 6-1, 6-2.

4A TEAM RESULTS

Kent Denver	86
Colorado Academy	78
Niwot	54
Air Academy	33
Mullen	27
Greeley Central	10
D'Evelyn	7
Cheyenne Mountain	6
Dawson School	5
Aspen	5
Lewis-Palmer	3
Steamboat Springs	3
Valor Christian	2
Longmont	2
Pueblo Centennial	2
Palmer Ridge	1
Thompson Valley	1
Pueblo Central	1
Canon City	1
Fountain Valley	1
Durango	1



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JUDGE'S MEMOIR A TESTAMENT TO THE POWER OF LOVE AND CARING HOW A STRANGER TRANSFORMED THE LIFE OF A YOUNG BOY THROUGH TENNIS

No *One Makes It Alone* is the story of Andy Valdez, a poor, fatherless, 11-year-old Latino paperboy who stands on a street corner laden with large saddle bags full of newspapers hustling downtown Salt Lake City businessmen to buy the afternoon edition. Each day, Andy is given 40 copies of the *Deseret News* to sell for 10 cents each. His cut was 3 cents per paper.

One afternoon, Andy asks Jack Keller to buy a newspaper from him. Jack appreciates his moxie, and eventually offers the boy a job at his printing business in the basement of a downtown building. But his employment comes with a condition — that he learns to play tennis. When Andy protests, saying tennis is a "sissy sport", Jack tells him to go to the library and read up on it. He then gives him a tennis racquet which he won at the local amusement park.

Jack teaches Andy to play, entering him into local junior tournaments and helping him learn to take responsibility and to navigate life in the face of adversity.

Slowly but surely, Andy discovers he has a talent for the game. As the only brown face in a sea of white faces, Andy faces opponents with far more experience and training, as well as racial slurs and insults.

Jack's guidance and the game of tennis teaches Andy about honesty, competition, honor and fair play. Tennis opened the door to a new world of possibilities — and Andy walked through, ultimately becoming a juvenile court judge.

Most importantly, Jack sets Andy on the right path to grow into manhood. *No One Makes It Alone* starts in the present when

Judge Andrew Valdez discovers his mentor, Jack, confused and disheveled at a local grocery store. Over the years they lost track and now Jack is penniless and suffering the first symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. The once strong and able-bodied World War Two veteran is desperate and alone.

"I walked up to him and he was pretty beat up, his face had scabbing...and our eyes locked, actually locked, and I said, 'Jack? Is that you? Jack Keller, is that you?' And he kind of looked at me real blankly," recalls Valdez.

The police officer and store manager who had been confronting Jack allowed Judge Valdez to take him and get him cleaned up.

"It was my turn to take care of him, for the last years of his life. I finally put him in a rest home, and he stayed in the rest home for four years, and that's where he passed away."

This chance meeting sets in motion reflections and memories of those days long ago when Andy and Jack spent their time under the cooling canopy of century-old trees at the tennis courts in Liberty Park.

"We gave each other the feeling that we mattered to somebody," says Valdez. "...and we were needed by each other in some respects."

No One Makes It Alone is an important book. It is a poignant story of how a boy grows into manhood — and great accomplishment — with the help and love of an older, unrelated man. But it is also a reminder to each of us of where we came from and who helped us along the way. No matter who we are, what color our skin, what side of the tracks we call home or what our country of origin is, there are far more similarities than differences between us.

NO ONE MAKES IT ALONE

By Andrew A. Valdez



Judge Andrew Valdez is a Third District Juvenile Court judge for Salt Lake County, Utah. He has developed a tennis-based mentoring program at Liberty Park in Salt Lake City where troubled youth take part in learning the game of tennis. In this program Valdez has hopes of helping kids stay off of the streets and out of gangs by introducing the sport of tennis.

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NEWS FROM USTA COLORADO HEADQUARTERS

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USTA COLORADO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings!
USTA Colorado has had another very successful year! For our success to be so consistent — year after year — we recognize that a lot of people are engaged in the promotion and development of our sport across the state. While not all of our numbers are final at this stage — several key areas of focus are complete and once again we have had increases in participation this year. There are also a host of projects and initiatives that impact our mission beyond the numbers (although we also track participation and involvement with these events and activities as well).

USTA Colorado continues to be a District that goes beyond the norm, reaching out in a variety of ways to promote and develop the sport. We have come to realize that even though we've been involved in numerous outreach and community service efforts — many of these programs do not register in the minds of even the most avid tennis player. As a result a couple of our objectives for next year (and beyond) will be to raise the awareness of our outreach efforts to those already in the fold (the

active USTA tournament and league player) and to educate those not already a part of the tennis family — yet! We have something for virtually everyone out there — ways to get engaged in the game regardless of one's skill level (entry level to advanced); one's age (whether you're 3 or 95); and background (economic, social or racial). We have a very solid core of active players, but our sport can have a positive impact on more people throughout the state.

Our Association will continue to look at new ways of promoting and coordinating our efforts with all the providers who play the most instrumental and pivotal role of all — the actual delivery of tennis programs and activities to the public. The recent "Facility Forums" for public and private providers (see our CoverStory) was one step in the journey of looking at ways we can focus our resources in a 'collective' manner to obtain the most optimal results possible — and increase participation in the sport.

We are heading into the planning phase for most of our 2015 programs. On an annual basis our staff, committees and the board look at our offerings to see what



needs to be changed or modified along with what elements were solid that ought to be continued. Over the past several years, we've had rather significant changes to some of core program offerings (i.e. Adult Leagues age division changes, Junior Competition schedules, and the addition of our "Safe Play" requirement for our Junior League). While there will undoubtedly be some modification made for 2015, we are not expecting any real big changes to our primary menu of programs.

However, there are several primary areas of focus we'll emphasize in 2015. We want to support and promote the expansion of quality 5-8 year old programs so we can further strengthen our base of tennis players for years to come — but even more important than sheer numbers — is the belief that this sport can in fact change and better the lives of these youngsters. Our desire to increase our 'numbers' of players is rooted in this belief. And those who are not exposed to the sport and who don't get involved with it are missing out on something that can benefit them in so many ways — emotionally, physically, professionally and socially. A populace that is involved in tennis will indeed be one that reaps all kinds of rewards and can enhance every community.

We will also be focusing on the promotion of our junior entry-level (Futures), intermediate (Challengers) and even some advanced (Championship) one/two day tournaments using the multiple match A.C.E. format. For parents and players alike, this is a potential game-changer for enhancing the tournament experience. We have just concluded the Tournament Director workshops — which had all TDs in attendance to review our goals and objectives for 2015. The times they are a changin' — and we need to keep up with the times. We don't want to stand in the doorway or block up the hall. To the contrary, we need to embrace changes that will encourage parents to involve their kids in competitive play without burdening them with events that last over 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 days! For a very high percentage of players

these events will be one-day only. It's only those who advance to a semifinal or final (should the draws be so large to warrant it) who will be required to return for a second day. USTA Colorado is also requesting that our TDs look at their adult event formats and schedules in an attempt to consolidate the numbers of days for a given division so adult players don't have to give up 4,5,6+ days to compete in any given tournament either.

For both our sanctioned tournaments and our sanctioned league playoffs, USTA Colorado is looking to coordinate an effort that heightens the 'look', 'feel' and 'image' of our events — so players and spectators know they are a part of something special and something that's directly connected to the state's governing body of tennis.

We won't stop there — as we have a number of additional areas of focus that we'll define and roll out in 2015. We're looking forward to taking the game to another level — for those already involved as well as those who have yet to step on a court and recognize how much fun this sport can be!

In closing, as I noted up front, we have had a very successful year. A listing of all those involved to make it such a great year would be exhaustive — and invariably it could not be complete. But for all those who assisted us with our local league seasons, playoffs, tournaments, Breaking the Barriers, community outreach, publications; and to our advertisers, sponsors, industry partners, committee and board members — THANK YOU!

And a ton of thanks to the area coordinators, clinicians, coaches and the staff at USTA Colorado. This whole effort is a team effort. Thank you.

And a public note of congratulations to our incoming Hall of Famers (Art, Cory, Kelly, Sara) and all our USTA Colorado Annual Award winners (see page 13) — we look forward to the evening of celebration on January 23, 2015. You're all invited to join us for this celebration of local tennis! We hope to see you then.

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THE LAST WORD

STARTING A MOVEMENT FOR MOVEMENT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING PHYSICALLY LITERATE

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In my previous two columns, I have detailed the decline of athleticism in our youth and the failure of youth sports to maintain a culture of fun and learning, focusing instead on elite competition and building championship-level competitors. America is raising generations of children who have never learned how to be athletic. We are teaching sports-specific skills that are abandoned when the child walks off the field for the last time. And instead of building a lifelong love of athletics and sports, we are poisoning them to future opportunities because they don't feel as though they can succeed. They have never learned to move deftly and confidently, so they quit...for life. They are, in effect, "physically illiterate".

Physical Literacy is a concept that originated in England and has been embraced by the Canadian government and the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation, among others. The idea is that all individuals, starting in childhood, should learn the basic physical skills required to be active on the ground, in the air, in the water, on the snow, and on the ice. These skills allow all individuals to participate in physical activity from childhood through adulthood.

Physical literacy also embraces all levels of athletic ability, not just elite athletes. Our current funding, training, and coaching culture focuses on selecting the best athletes and investing disproportionately in them, rather than creating pathways for all children to be physically active throughout life, regardless of whether they excel at or even play a competitive sport. *In sum, physical literacy prepares all individuals to engage in and enjoy physical activity throughout their life course — long after the days of PE and school sports.*

Researchers in Canada have discovered that without the development of physical literacy, many children and youth withdraw from physical activity and sport and turn to more inactive and/or unhealthy choices during their leisure time.

"The development of fundamental movement skills and motor skills is critical to establishing the foundation for participation in many sports and physical activities," says the Physical and Health Education of Canada. "A child who has not had the opportunity to develop these basic motor skills experiences difficulties or barriers when participating in sport experiences or later school-based programs that involve more difficult skills."

Objects at rest tend to stay at rest

And while here in the US we have recognized the downward trend of Physical Education class time for decades, we are only now beginning to see the ramifications. Obesity rates among school age children have climbed steadily, as have

rates of obesity-related diseases. But inactivity doesn't just lead to poor health, it also leads to poor learning.

Fidgeting is a real problem, and is a strong indicator that kids aren't getting enough movement throughout the day, says Angela Hanscom, a pediatric occupational therapist and the founder of TimberNook, a nature-based development program designed to foster creativity and independent play outdoors in New England. She visited a 5th Grade classroom and observed the children leaning back in the chairs, squirming about, disengaged and unfocused. She reported this:

"We quickly learned after further testing, that most of the children in the classroom had poor core strength and balance. In fact, we tested a few other classrooms

to class with bodies that are less prepared to learn than ever before. With sensory systems not quite working right, they are asked to sit and pay attention. Children naturally start fidgeting in order to get the movement their body so desperately needs and is not getting enough of to *turn their brain on*. What happens when the children start fidgeting? We ask them to sit still and pay attention; therefore, their brain goes back to 'sleep'."

Moving vs Maneuvering

Movement is a big topic in education today. The "Let's Move!" campaign promoted by First Lady Michelle Obama is targeting the ongoing childhood obesity epidemic, and encourages kids to be active every day. But while movement in and of itself may help stave off the extra pounds that may lead to health challenges in the future, it won't necessarily boost a child's physical IQ, which will translate into awareness, confidence, and the ability to embrace athleticism for a lifetime.

The problem is that we confuse "moving" with "maneuvering". Movement, like fidgeting or toe tapping or excessive eye blinking, isn't necessarily intentional. Teaching physical literacy introduces kids to the motor skills and tools necessary to move with purpose — to shift, balance, cut, juke, roll, spin, reach, swing and pounce. Moving isn't maneuvering, just as hearing isn't listening and seeing isn't watching.

So how do we get kids to go from moving to maneuvering? Someone has to *teach* them.

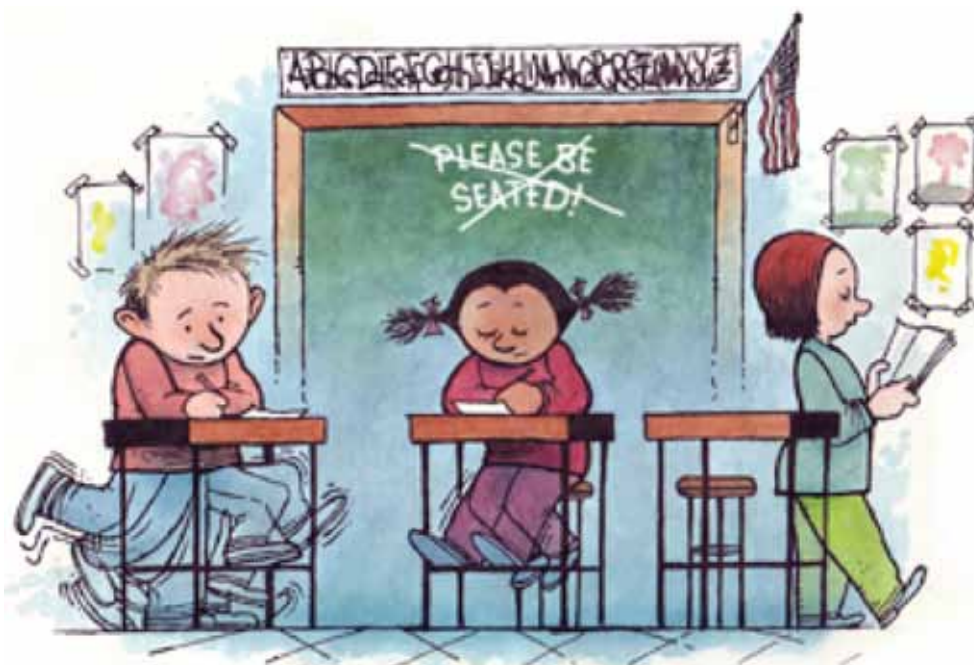
In the summer issue, I argued that tennis is an ideal sport to address the issue of physical illiteracy, in part because it's both approachable for people of all ages and it's easy to access.

But it's more than just accessibility that makes tennis perfect. The motor skills you develop in tennis not only translate seamlessly to other sports

but also to a lifetime's worth of activity. It's also infinitely adaptable to any environment, as the skills required to be successful at tennis can be learned without an opponent, without a court, without a net, without a ball...even without a racquet.

This is precisely the theory behind the USTA School Tennis program, which gives PE teachers the resources, training and tools to introduce purposeful movement to their students, to bolster confidence, and to prepare them for a lifetime of activity.

If we want our children to be successful — truly successful — we must continue to reassess our priorities and ensure that their scholastic education prepares them for the future: intellectually and physically. 🎾



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Her hypothesis is that the recent rise in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) diagnoses across the country is compounded by the fact that kids "...are walking around with an underdeveloped vestibular (balance) system today — due to restricted movement. In order to develop a strong balance system, children need to move their body in all directions, for hours at a time. Just like with exercising, they need to do this more than just once-a-week in order to reap the benefits. Therefore, having soccer practice once or twice a week is likely not enough movement for the child to develop a strong sensory system. Children are going



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Founded in 1955, USTA Colorado is a district affiliate of the United States Tennis Association, and the governing body of tennis in Colorado. Its mission is to promote and develop the growth of tennis in Colorado, coordinating recreational and competitive tennis opportunities for players of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. A not-for-profit organization, USTA Colorado invests 100% of its resources into growing the game.

We provide grants to organizations that want to introduce tennis to their communities and we offer scholarships to junior players who seek to take their game to the next level. We coordinate adult league play for more than 33,000 players across the state, and offer programs for junior players of all ages and abilities. Our sanctioned tournament schedule offers more than 170 events this year, including opportunities for wheelchair athletes.

We are in the parks. We are in recreation centers and in private clubs. We are in schools helping physical education teachers introduce our kids to a game that they can play for a lifetime, keeping them fit and healthy. We believe that fundamental tennis principles like sportsmanship, hard work and personal responsibility translate into every area of life. Through tennis we are helping people realize their potential both on and off the court.

We are more than 23,000 members strong, but our scope is not confined to those players alone. We represent the half-million tennis players in our state, providing information and opportunities to play for each and every one of them. We reach out to all players, including those of diverse cultural backgrounds, mentally and physically challenged athletes, and under-served communities. Diversity & Inclusion are core values and strategic priorities for USTA Colorado.

We invite you to find out more about the lifetime sport of tennis. We will help you find a court, find a program, find a league or find a team. We will help you put the FUN back in FITNESS. So whether you want to learn to play tennis, get back into the sport, or just find more opportunities to play the game, we're here to help.

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