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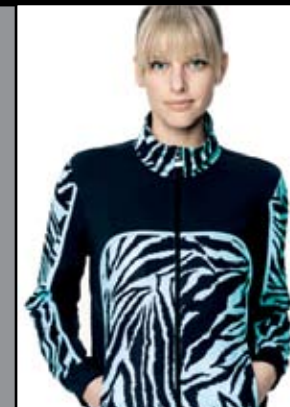
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They are heroes who compete on the hallowed grass at Wimbledon and the red clay of Roland Garros. They are heroes who transcend the sport and are known by a single name around the globe.

But we believe that the real heroes in tennis are the ones who have rekindled our inner spirit, who have ignited our passion not just for sport, but for life.

If you're lucky enough to have the opportunity to sit down with Kelly Lovato, you quickly realize two things. First, there's an undeniable aura about him (and not just because he's sporting a t-shirt with the faces of Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesus, and the Dalai Lama that reads "MAKE PEACE NOW.") There's passion in his eyes, warmth in his smile, gentleness in his spirit, and a confidence in his demeanor that makes you sit still and listen to what he's got to say. You immediately understand that you are in the presence of one of the legends of Colorado, one who's been able to change laws and lives, hearts and minds, paths and potential. Second, you're going to realize that you aren't going to have to track people down to talk about Kelly, because they are going to be calling you. And although everyone is going to have

of three surviving boys (they had lost three others) and they worked on the farms in the Arkansas Valley, picking all kinds of crops. At 10, his family moved to the farms of North Denver where he'd start working before sunrise, sometimes picking crops for 12 hours. He was an intelligent boy extremely open to the opportunities of the classroom ("When I was in school, I wasn't on my hands and knees, bunching radishes," Kelly says smiling); he possessed a love of learning that would open many doors for him.

His intelligence helped him excel in school, earning him an academic scholarship at Denver University. He started out in engineering, but found himself uneasy in that career path, feeling isolated and lonely. His discovery of the arts, sciences, and theatre awakened him to a whole new world, and the creative side of his brain bubbled with excitement.

minds of dozens of inner city kids. Kelly swept up glass and got the courts acceptable by petitioning for a playable surface. Then he started going to work, which included becoming an expert in tennis. He approached learning the sport like he approached school, getting his hands on anything he could to learn the technical aspects of tennis – watching the professionals, studying the game until he could become a teacher himself.

"I learned a forehand and then I taught the forehand. Then I learned a backhand, and taught the backhand," Kelly jokes.

Life Lessons

In 1974, United Bank and the National Junior Tennis League got behind tennis in Denver. Dozens of city kids

ESEQUIEL "KELLY" LOVATO

STORY BY KATIE NEWELL

PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE LOVATO FAMILY

a slightly different experience, the bottom line feeling is going to be the same, "Kelly Lovato changed my life."

Growing Up

To understand a man who has been able to affect so many hundreds of individuals both on and off the tennis court, you have to go back to the beginning. Esequiel "Kelly" Lovato was born in 1943 in Rocky Ford, Colorado just yards away from alfalfa fields. When he was a toddler, his father returned from World War II distressed from his traumatic war experiences. Kelly was the middle

He began to devour books, and pulled in knowledge from everything he could find. He was first introduced to tennis by Jack Rose at DU and learned "how to hit the ball." But something even bigger was happening to Kelly at that point in his life. He was developing class-consciousness, a first hand awareness of poverty and wealth in the world around him. And then, a question asked to him by a professor that changed his life: "How would you organize and foment a revolution in the US?"

An Activist is Born

It was the mid-1960s, a time of change in America, and 20-something Kelly was developing into a community activist. His father, a member of the G.I. Forum – a group dedicated to fighting

for the right for

Latin soldiers to be buried alongside their white comrades – instilled in

Kelly an understanding of the type of teamwork needed to tackle the issues of their

community – better healthcare and improved recreational services. So Kelly embarked on a series of community causes, keeping the end result foremost in his mind.

"You can't care who gets the credit," he said, "as long as you get done what you set out to do."

He also knew how vital a strong recreation center was for young and old alike in the community. La Alma (in central Denver) was a gathering place where energy could be expended in a positive manner. The huge crowds at the center reinforced Kelly's belief that community recreation should be accessible and affordable for everyone. To say it was being heavily utilized was an understatement –

"If one person had the flu," said Kelly, "the whole community had the flu!"

It was there, on the tattered tennis courts of La Alma, that Kelly Lovato started to weave his magic into the hearts and



A Legend and His Protégé

Kelly and his grandson, James Martinez, share a quiet moment at the High School Championships.

caught Kelly's tennis fever and they started banging the ball around, getting good at the sport quickly. Shortly after Gates Tennis Center opened in 1975, Kelly took 40 kids to their first citywide tournament.

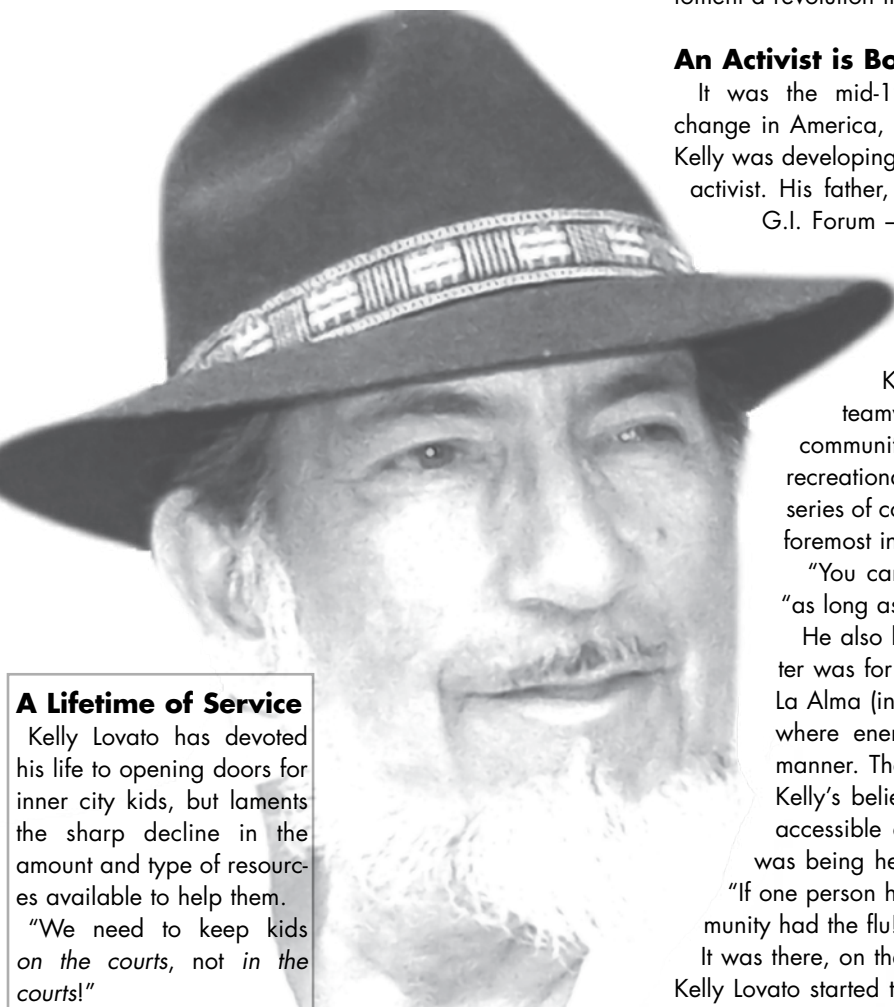
"We took 12 out of 14 first place trophies," Kelly recalls. "A lot can get done when you put your mind to it."

Kelly wasn't just teaching the kids how to play tennis. He was taking them to places like Meadow Creek Racquet Club, and to area country clubs to show them that life could be different for them if they had a good plan for their lives. He showed the inner city kids that there was a big world waiting for them, if they were willing to work for it. He showed them by example that hard work, drive, perseverance and respect for oneself would open up new doors.

One of those kids was Carlos Martinez, an avid baseball player prior to meeting Kelly in 1980. He caught Kelly's passion for tennis and played No. 1 at West High School for three years, even though he was new to the sport.

"Kelly helps you believe in yourself," Carlos explains.

Crediting Kelly for the commitment he has to "work one-on-one with a person", he says Kelly was as much a life mentor



A Lifetime of Service

Kelly Lovato has devoted his life to opening doors for inner city kids, but laments the sharp decline in the amount and type of resources available to help them.

"We need to keep kids on the courts, not in the courts!"

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It's no stretch of the imagination to assume that Sherrie Farris would grow up to play tennis, given that her mother was a tennis champion in Cuba during the mid 1930s.

But the depth and diversity of her tennis career is simply astounding. An outstanding player and member of the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame (Class of 2001), Sherrie's enthusiasm and expertise as a coach, administrator, volunteer and enthusiast is a combination that has influenced, and will continue to influence, the Colorado tennis community for decades to come.

World Class Talent

Growing up in Pasadena, California, tennis was part of every day life for Sherrie.

"My mother, who recently passed away, was my greatest influence in regards to tennis," says Sherrie. "She really got me started and encouraged me to play. She drove me, and eventually my younger sister, all over California to participate in tournaments. This meant that we could be gone most of the week, get home and turn around to do it again the next week."

Sherrie grew into one of the top players in the nation, reaching as high as No. 4 in singles and No. 3 in doubles. She played at the same tennis club as a young man named Stan Smith, who she laughingly remembers beating many times.

was a summer sport because there were no facilities with indoor courts. Something I noticed was that compared to other states, Colorado was not a hot-bed for junior development."

Sherrie noticed an innovative approach to junior development taking place in other areas of the country, where the top juniors in the region would train together – and improve together. The concept was not initially understood by the players, who were used to competing against each other, not practicing with each other.

But in 1985, along with assistant coaches Dave Benson and Brian Sullivan, Team Colorado first began to work out at Colorado Athletic Club Inverness.

"We saw that we could offer these juniors a place for them to come together and form a bond through tennis and strengthen their games because they had each other to practice with," Sherrie explains. "The first year of Team Colorado we had to do a good job selling the program to these juniors and their parents. The second year we had players and parents begging us to get in the program. We even had Arby's join us as a sponsor."

Sherrie's insight into junior player development has left its mark throughout the state. Today, Colorado players are more competitive nationally, and college scholarships are more readily available to local players. One of her star students, Scott Humphries, won the Wimbledon junior title in 1998, a source of pride for Sherrie.



All in the Family

Coach Sherrie and her daughter Sammi, who played under her on the Broomfield High School Tennis Team. For the past seven summers, Sammi has followed in her mom's footsteps as an assistant pro at Broomfield Swim and Tennis.

SHERRIE FERRIS

STORY BY LINDA SARGENT WEGNER

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Her parents, Martha-Jane and Sam Pruitt, started the Pasadena Foothill Tennis Patron's Association, with the help of other parents who wanted their kids to play tennis. On public courts, Sherrie and the other junior competitive tennis players would take lessons, then stay afterward and teach tennis to the younger kids to help them improve their games.

She attended college at Colorado Women's College, but at that time there were no tennis scholarships or a formal match schedule for women in Colorado. In an effort to offer something for collegiate women, Rosemary Fri, the University of Northern Colorado women's coach, set up invitational-type tournaments for players from the surrounding colleges – University of Colorado, University of Denver, Colorado State University – to participate. Sherrie was included in that list, and those invitationals were the extent of her college career.

Sherrie later played on the women's professional circuit as well, alongside greats like Billie Jean King. The format was much different back then, as players would stay at private homes in the cities in which they played. "Of course there was no money in it like there is today," Sherrie recalls. "We played to stay in the game and for the experience."

The Coach

Sherrie became the Head Pro at the Denver Tennis Club in 1969, and married Ken a few years later. They moved to Broomfield so that he could become Associate Athletic Director at the University of Colorado in Boulder, and Sherrie moved to the brand new Ranch Country Club. In 1979, she took over at Broomfield Swim and Tennis Club. She retired this year after 30 years of dedicated tennis service.

When Sherrie first started teaching tennis in Colorado, she says, "There were only a few notable junior players. Tennis

Igniting the Passion

Sherrie's passion for tennis shows in her students. Fritz Garger, the Executive Director of USTA Colorado and a former student of Sherrie's, recalls that, "As a coach she instilled a real love for the game, and she made it clear that to develop as a player, you needed to learn the strategies and tactics in addition to proper technique – and that hard work, focus and dedication were essential to be successful."

But success wasn't just measured on the court, says Fritz. "She taught other tennis skills that were also life skills, and one of her cornerstones was sportsmanship. Sherrie, along with my folks, taught me early on to always respect your opponents – those you lose to and those you defeat; and that being a better skilled player does not make you a better person. All those involved in your matches – players and officials – deserve to be treated with respect and dignity."

Shannon Lauridson Schwab began taking lessons from Sherrie when she was six years-old. "I took a lesson from her last summer, which means that she has been teaching me for 20 years now," Shannon laughs. "Sherrie is incredible. She taught me determination and that tennis is meant to be fun. After graduating, I was fortunate enough to be Sherrie's assistant pro for four years.

During that time I developed a love of teaching. I watched how Sherrie interacted with people and was inspired by that. I am now an English teacher. I do believe that having the opportunity to teach tennis allowed me to discover a love of teaching."

Fritz also acknowledges a debt to Sherrie, enabling him to pursue many dreams that he had growing up.

"I played college tennis in California for another memorable coach, whom Sherrie had recommended. Tennis and the foundation provided by Sherrie enabled me to pursue tennis, academic and professional goals that are a part of me to this day. She started working with me when I was 7 or 8 years old and Sherrie was my

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Jon Messick isn't your stereotypical Division I coach. The head coach of the Colorado State University women's tennis team in Fort Collins has no ego. And he's as humble as they come.

His tennis program is extremely important to him, but so is teaching his players how to do the right things in life.

"You're supposed to do things the right way. I don't see it as anything special or anything out of the ordinary," Jon said. "I just think that's the way you're supposed to be. I don't think I should get a medal for doing things the right way."

Jon actually cares about the tennis community he's become a vital part of through the years. The man is a true ambassador for tennis, and Colorado is fortunate to have him.

Whether it's being the tournament director of the Debbie Boose Memorial Tennis Tournament in Loveland each June to benefit Hospice of Larimer County, serving on numerous tennis boards statewide including a stint as president of the Colorado Tennis Association, being heavily involved in the Colorado Wheelchair Tennis Foundation and the CTA's minority participation diversity initiative, taking his CSU players to the local Boys and Girls Clubs in Fort Collins to help with art projects and play board games or getting them involved in the First Serve Foundation in Fort Collins, Jon has a firm grasp on what he wants to do with his life.

"He set really good examples just the way he leads his life of going after the things you want to go after and treating people well," said Briana, who was a 4.0 student at Poudre. "I learned so much from him as I grew up. He's the perfect example of the two paths you can take when you have tragedy in your life. You can decide to move on and do great things, or you can decide that it's the end of the world. He taught me to work hard for things. I did it because he led by example."

Jon never put any pressure on Briana to play tennis. He just wanted what was best for her.

"She played some volleyball. She played some softball. She played tennis," Jon said. "I used to do a lot of running as well as play tennis. In the 10th grade, we went out for a run and I asked why doesn't she go out for cross country. She became a runner."

Briana not only became a runner, she was the 1997 Class 5A high school state track champion in the 3,200 meters and state runner-up in the 1,600 meters at Poudre High School before running for the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Wisconsin.

moved to Colorado in 1975 and was the first tennis pro at Keystone before moving to Broomfield where he was the head pro at a country club there. He left that job to become an accountant for four or five years, but his hunger for tennis always stayed with him, and he got back into it once he got out of accounting.

Learning From The Best

Emily Kirchem, 23, a former No. 1 singles and doubles player at CSU who currently is an assistant coach under Jon, has a unique perspective of what Jon's all about.

"He is one of the most patient coaches you're ever going to meet. He's really laid-back, yet still really competitive," said Kirchem, a 2007 CSU graduate in health and exercise science.

Kirchem is trying to soak in everything she can as a coach under Jon, who said he likes for his players to figure things out on the court before he intervenes.

"I've learned so much. You really see the

JON MESSICK

STORY BY TOM FASANO

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Overcoming Tragedy

Jon, 58, found out early in his adult life that life can take some horrible turns. His wife was killed on a business trip in 1980, leaving Jon to raise his 1-year-old daughter, Briana.

"It made me grow up pretty quick," Jon said about his wife's death. "I've got a relationship with my daughter maybe I wouldn't have had since it was just the two of us,"

Briana, 29, said her father did a wonderful job of raising her by himself.

"You'd never know that I didn't have a mom. Now that I'm older and I can appreciate it, looking back I just don't know how he did that," said Briana, who runs a corporate wellness business in Delafield, Wis., with her husband Michael Boehmer. "All of a sudden, you're all alone having to raise a young baby. He did such an amazing job. I never knew that life should be any different. He just always made it so normal, and always just took really good care of me."

Setting A Good Example

The way Jon raised his daughter as a single dad is the same way he treats his players at CSU. It's never strictly about tennis. Life's lessons are just as important.



A Coach and a Mentor

Whether he's coaching his players during a match, or working with the tennis community at large, Messick is a true ambassador of the sport. One of the most selfless and humble people in tennis, he is committed to the growth of tennis in Colorado.

"When I first started playing as a kid I loved the game, and that's all I wanted to do," Jon said. "I couldn't get enough of it. That stuck with me. It's a sport for a lifetime. That's a cliché you always hear, but you can play tennis until you drop. I've always thought of myself as a tennis player. It's kind of who I am."

Jon became a teaching pro after he graduated from college, and then began working for the John Gardiner Organization. He

Tennis Lifer

Jon, who is currently on the board of directors for USTA Colorado, USTA Intermountain and Fort Collins Tennis Association, has been at CSU for 24 years, 20 years as head coach of the women's tennis team. He coached the men's team – which was dropped in 1996 – before also taking over the women's team in the mid-1980s. Originally from Maryland, Jon started playing tennis at the age of 10 and had great success in the junior ranks before playing at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania.

Always Involved

Dave Boon, director of First Serve Fort Collins, said Jon has been a real proponent of youth programs and the wheelchair tennis program.

"He is a large part of the success and bringing in money to northern Colorado," Boon said. "He'll do whatever's necessary to help kids or to promote the game of tennis. He is there to support any aspect of tennis. His girls have been involved in our junior high program. His girls help with the boot camp every year so (kids) can get some coaching."

Dave Hill, executive director of the Fort Collins Tennis Association, said Jon has been a mentor to him for the past

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coach throughout my junior career. She was always more than a coach though – she was someone who truly cared about her students and was always there – in the good and not-so-good times. Her ethics and good character have been constant since day one and her love of the game was contagious. I was fortunate our paths crossed and have been the better for it ever since."

The Ties That Bind

Sherrie's passion for coaching and the success she's had with elite level juniors has also translated well to families. She brought Pam Midanier's family together through tennis, teaching Pam, her husband and her three kids to play the game.

"She had such patience with my son when he was starting out," recalls Pam. "We could not get him motivated to do anything, but she worked with him and 'tweaked' his game so it worked for him. It was a customized approach that I learned she does for everyone who takes lessons from her."

Pam's son is now a high school junior who has been playing on his school's varsity team even reaching the high school state championships the past two years. Sherrie introduced Pam's husband to tennis, and today he's playing at the 4.0 level.

Sherrie has bestowed her love of tennis to her daughter, Samantha, who has been an assistant pro at Broomfield Swim and Tennis for the past seven summers. She would like to continue, even after her mom has retired.

Even when the Farris family heads out on their holiday vacations, tennis is a part of their tradition. On Christmas day, they pop a turkey in the oven and head out to play tennis.

"Tennis has always been a passion of mine. When you can make your passion your livelihood, it is a blessing. Add to that, tennis has allowed for tight family bonds in my family," says Sherrie. "To this day, I still love being on the court." 🎾

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10 years.

"He pretty much taught me everything I know about running tournaments. I started out knowing absolutely zero about 10 years ago, and he's essentially been my mentor," Hill said. "I ran a couple of different tournaments, most notably the Stop Hunger Championships. Pretty much he helped me learn how to do the draws, how to run the tournament, how to run the desk, how to solve rain-out problems, how to do the back draw for the consolations."

Hill said Jon has been the most central figure for him in terms of what he's learned.

"I'm always amazed at the guy. I've never met a guy like this before," Hill said. "I really do count him as one of my role models and mentors. That's kind of what he does with everybody. He's just Johnny-on-the-spot with everything he can do."

Caring And Humility

Jon said his coaching role isn't just about teaching tennis because the players he recruits already know how to play the game. It's about his players learning how to become good students, and learning how to become adults.

"A lot of the issues that come up that are problems are not tennis, it's boyfriends and the relationships these kids are in," Jon said. "It's making sure they're taking care of their academics."

Kristy Harris, the community development director for USTA Colorado, has worked with Jon at the Debbie Boose tournament. Boose was Harris' mother. She said he's one of the best tournament directors in the state, and the time he puts into community tennis is amazing.

"All the time he invests, and it's all on a volunteer basis, in the Fort Collins Tennis Association, and the Debbie Boose Memorial Tennis Tournament and the suggestions he's made over the years ... I think it's become a stronger tournament," Harris said. "We earmark some money for him, but he always donates it back to hospice. He doesn't expect anything in return."

Giving Back

Jon said a lot of people helped him along the way, so it's a matter of giving back.

"When I was younger, playing a lot and making a lot of money with tennis, I didn't really think about anything other than that," Jon said. "As I've gotten older, I felt like it's time to volunteer and help other people with tennis and help other causes. At this point in my life, I would feel awkward if I didn't help out with any chance I got."

Being committed is another piece that makes Jon so special.

"He's such a wonderful asset to the USTA Colorado board of directors, and the USTA Intermountain board of directors," Harris said. "Anything he gets involved with, he asks a lot of questions, he's very thoughtful about it, he doesn't take it lightly and he finds out as much as he can about the issues. He is so genuine, and he is so humble. He walks the walk."

Fritz Garger, the executive director of USTA Colorado, agrees with Harris.

"He really is incredibly humble," Garger said. "He tries to deflect any kind of accolades, and gives credit to people around him as opposed to taking credit himself. That's one of the reasons why he's such a good leader because he really does incorporate a lot of people, and he really is as humble as he is. And yet it takes somebody like him to get a lot of things done whether it's at the very local level or at the state level. Now, he's very involved in the executive committee of the Intermountain section. Even at the six-state level, he's brought those kinds of characteristics and leadership qualities. He's just a great person. We value having somebody of his integrity and his character involved with our organization."

Second To None

Garger said Jon's expertise in the sport of tennis is second to none.

"Whether it be the nitty-gritty and the details for a particular event or activity, or whether it be the big picture of leading or heading our board of directors and guiding our organization, at every level he just brings a lot of expertise and passion to it," Garger said. "He led the charge on the board of directors side of the equation with our diversity effort here in Colorado. He was the president of USTA Colorado, and he was the one who put together the initial task force to look at our association's role in what it should be and could be with the minority participation initiative. He sees the need, and sees the importance of a lot of these kinds of things."

Harris summed it up best when describing what Jon means to tennis.

"He's a great ambassador for the sport. He's also a great ambassador for Colorado tennis at the different levels – the Intermountain level, the national level," Harris said. "He's listened to and respected."

Boon of First Serve Fort Collins said Jon continues to do so much for tennis in northern Colorado.

"If every community had a Jon Messick, we'd all be in a lot better place," Boon said. "Northern Colorado's very lucky to have Jon in our corner promoting everything from grass-roots tennis to wheelchair tennis to adult leagues to helping teach coaches in junior high how to coach and then giving of his time to help kids, not only junior high tennis players, but kids at the Boys and Girls Club." 🎾

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as he was a tennis coach.

"I learned I could be good. I had a great plan for my life. He taught me that if you work hard enough anything is possible."

Kelly also taught him to stay away from drugs and alcohol and other trappings of the inner city. Carlos explains that Kelly helped him learn that the key to success was getting out of the cycle, and that you have to take personal responsibility to get yourself out of the system.

"He taught me to treat my body well, and have respect for myself."

Carlos is now a District Manager for KFC and gets to 'pay it forward', teaching others that they can achieve their biggest dreams if they put their minds to it.

"Kelly teaches you that it doesn't matter where you start, or where you came from, it's where you end up."

Down the road, Carlos would like to retire at 50 and follow in Kelly's footsteps.

"You can't help but love Kelly, he honestly cares about people and you can tell when people fake it. He's the real deal."

Playing No. 2 singles behind Carlos at West was Guy Garcia, who is now the Director of Upper School Athletics for Colorado Academy.

"Growing up in west Denver, all we were accustomed to was what we saw growing up. Kelly showed us through the world of tennis that there was so much out there."

He said they would play matches at Cherry Hills and Denver Tennis Club and that Kelly had a very low tolerance for his kids acting up, encouraging them to have first-class behavior and make good choices.

"Kelly taught us that tennis is a game of honesty. If you are a cheater on the court, that's a reflection on your character and that's how people will think of you," Guy said, also adding that tennis with Kelly was

a safe place to be in contrast to the dangerous inner city Denver environment most of the kids had to live in. "I just can't say enough about the impact that Kelly had on my life. He taught me about having good character in a world where it was easy to have bad character."

Because Kelly knew first hand how being exposed to new experiences changed him, he was eager to spread this reality to others.

"When you take a human being and introduce them to something new, you begin to change them internally, the activity in their brain changes on a neurological level. You have introduced them to themselves, as they have never known themselves before," Kelly said.

The Possibilities Are Endless

Nik Sorovic agrees. The 30-year pro from Yugoslavia met Kelly through USTA Colorado, and worked at La Alma.

"I think we need to get more local pros involved in community services, getting the community engaged, growing the game from the ground up."

Nik explains that you don't have to measure everything by money. He said especially with junior tennis, the pay-off is seeing the kids grow in the game, grow as people, and that in itself makes you feel good. He said the kids have been the driving force behind Kelly's mission in life.

"Kelly is really passionate about helping the kids."

Another tennis pro making a difference is Frank Adams, Head Professional at Northridge in Highlands Ranch. Frank moved to Colorado from California, and was going to each of the local tennis facilities where he kept hearing the same message: *you need to meet Kelly Lovato.*

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"Kelly has been a father figure for a whole community," Frank explains.

When asked how Kelly has been able to break through to so many people Frank believes that, "It's Kelly's combination of passion and toughness, and that he's genuine and not rehearsed. You meet him and there is a sense of reverence, he's like the patriarch of a family. You just sort of absorb the experience of meeting and being around him."

Tobias Ortegón was just 14 when Kelly taught him to play tennis – a switch from baseball.

"I got hooked on tennis. It was more individual, more challenging," says Tobias. He ended up playing for North High School, and then No. 1 for Metro State. Eventually, he got his USPTA certification and followed in Kelly's footsteps. Tobias is the City of Denver Tennis Coordinator, a position where he can affect hundreds of kids each summer.

"Kelly gave me so many opportunities, gave me a career. I grew as a person, got out of the inner city."

And although Tobias described his childhood situation as "lower to middle class" he said that meeting Kelly opened up his mind to all that was out there in the world. He said it meant so much to him that he had to do the same thing Kelly had done.

"I love impacting the kids, motivating them, opening up their worlds."

Kelly's not the kind to talk about his

accomplishments, or his honors, which have been many. He won the USTA Colorado Arthur Ashe award in 1982 (the first year it was offered), and sits on the Aurora Human Rights Council.

Although retired, Kelly isn't far away from tennis, especially since his grandson, James Martinez, is a rising star in the local tennis scene (James won the 2008 4A high school doubles championship at Kent Denver). Kelly has raised him since his father passed away, and his influence on the young Martinez is clearly showing.

"He taught me how to crash the net, be aggressive and bend my knees," says James. He's quick to thank Kelly for the tennis lessons, and even quicker to thank him for being his father he couldn't have after his dad passed away.

"Living with him, I've come to find over the years that I'm lucky to have even known him, to benefit from his vast amount of wisdom and knowledge he's offered generously to all those who seek it," James says.

And perhaps James has figured out how Kelly has been able to inspire so much change in so many people.

"He ignites that spark for people, he truly believes in you and makes you realize, 'if this guy believes in me, with all he's seen, all he's done and experienced, I probably have no reason to doubt myself!'"



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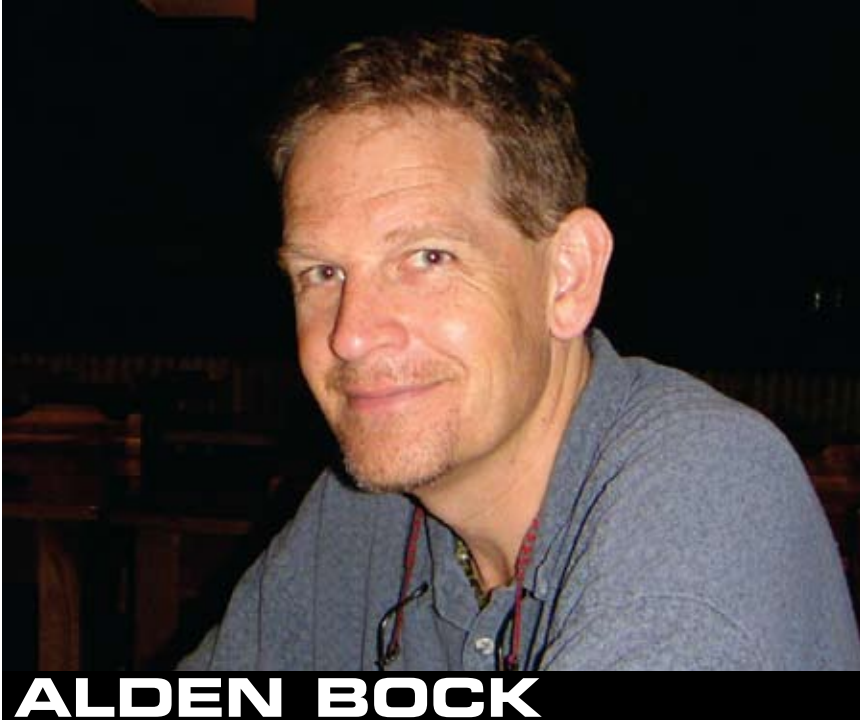
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FIVE HEROES WHO IGNITE THE PASSION IN US ALL

WE ASKED FIVE OF OUR TENNIS HEROES ABOUT THEIR TENNIS EXPERIENCE, FROM THEIR OWN PLAYING EXPERIENCE TO THEIR LIVES AS TENNIS TEACHERS AND COACHES.

It goes without saying that Colorado has hundreds of tennis teachers, coaches, pros, etc. It would be impossible to profile all of them, but make no mistake, when they made the choice to serve others, they became heroes to us. All of us who love tennis are greatly in their debt.



ALDEN BOCK

PROFILE

Born: New Jersey; raised in Syracuse, NY; Residence: Evergreen
Age: Inconsequential, but attended Woodstock as a Junior in High School

PROFESSIONAL STATISTICS

Current: Director of Tennis at Meadow Creek Tennis and Fitness Club
Past employment: Denver Country Club, Colorado Athletic Club (the original at I-70/Carr) and Evergreen Fitness and Tennis
Affiliations/Awards: USPTA P1 (20 years), coaching since 1983; 2002 Jody Riser Knudsen Award (Colorado Tennis Association); Intermountain Division Tester of the Year numerous times.

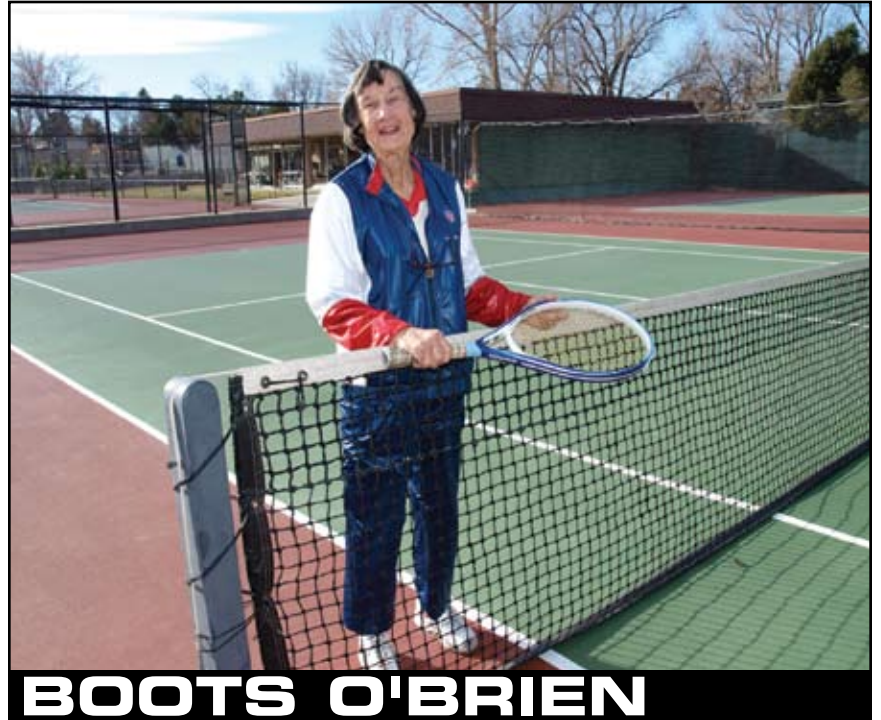
MY HISTORY

When I was 6 my dad would take me to a court bordering the Hackensack River in New Jersey. If I hit a ball into the river there was hell to pay, consequently consistency became my primary weapon as a junior player. My coach was Alfred Romeo, "the old pro" (he was 35!). Al was a wonderful man who loved both tennis and kids. Al's tactical gem was the "Old 1-2-3" – 1: A deep cross court drive to the forehand side, followed by 2: an approach shot to the backhand side, capped by 3: a short forehand angle volley winner. Al was a pragmatist and believed in the percentages of tennis. After watching me hit the best shot I had ever hit – a running short angled rolled topspin backhand winner to end a long point – he pulled me to the fence and said, "If that's what it takes for you to win a point, you'll never win a match!" If I become half the tennis professional Al was, I will feel fulfilled.

I got into coaching when I found that I could relate my love of tennis to others. What others saw as a "glamour profession" (early in my career I lived, rent free, in a motorcycle shop owned by Bernie. Covered in grease and grime, he would look at me as I came home and say, "It's criminal to make a living in short pants!") was actually all about helping people understand their fears and dreams.

Teaching tennis gives me the opportunity to make a difference in my students' lives. I am honored that they allow me to do that. I get to help them build character by instilling fairness, respect, determination, fulfillment and happiness. The one I tell all my students, "Have a good time!! If you are not enjoying yourself on the court, you have missed the point of our sport."

I teach a lot of juniors, and I'm seeing a lot of refugees from the pressures of super-organized youth team sports, with over-zealous coaches who care only of winning and not individual growth, giving tennis a try.



BOOTS O'BRIEN

PROFILE

Born: Sapulpa, OK; raised in Kansas City, MO; Residence: Castle Rock
Age: Old enough

What you don't know about her: When she was 3, she was very fond of wearing her riding boots. Everyday, the policemen on the corner who helped them cross the street would call her "Boots".

PROFESSIONAL STATISTICS

Current: Colorado Athletic Club Inverness
Past employment: Metro State College, Village Club, Heritage Village
Affiliations/Awards: USPTA P1, coaching since 1971. USPTA Intermountain Pro of the Year 1992, STARS award, editor of *Intermountaineer*

MY HISTORY

I began playing tennis when I was 35. My coach was Butch Buchholz. He was a bit of a perfectionist, he liked to correct the basics. We started playing tennis as a family so that we had a group activity, an opportunity to get together. My husband was an All-American basketball player at Pepperdine, and he later played professional basketball (Philadelphia Warriors). The first time he picked up a racquet he won the club championship. My girls never listened to me then, but today they'll call me up for advice. As a family, we could play every division: singles, doubles, mixed, husband-wife, mother-daughter, father-daughter.

Teaching gives me the satisfaction of giving something to my students that they will enjoy for a lifetime, and maybe even pass along to their kids. My motto is, "Short, fat lean or tall, I'll teach them all. Step on the bug, right in the eye, and swing the racquet from low to high." I also love to teach the ABCs of tennis: *Always Be Consistent-Don't Ever Fault-Get Happy Inside-Just Keep Lobbing-Miss No Overheads-Position Quickly-Return Serve-Topspin Underspin will bring you Victory.*

After 35 years of teaching, I still like it. I see the kids excel in something that I taught them how to do. It's something that they will enjoy for the rest of their lives, and no one can take it away from them.

Instead of making tennis feel like a continuation of a class, get them excited to be there, hold a racquet, and make it fun! Not everyone needs to be a winner at every level. You think about why you play, for your enjoyment and to make fun. I'm seeing more kids from diverse backgrounds try tennis. It is such a simple game, 'the ball is all', it blurs the differences in backgrounds.

PROFILE

Born: Pueblo, CO; raised in Pueblo; Residence: Denver

What you don't know about him: Jim will be honored with USTA Colorado's 2008 Clyde Rogers Award. Jim says, "I knew Clyde Rogers and he was a great tennis advocate and worked tirelessly to promote the sport. I am pleased to say I played in the tournament he ran and even won it a few times."

PROFESSIONAL STATISTICS

Current: Englewood High School, City of Denver Parks and Recreation

Past employment: Englewood, Lakewood, Evergreen

Affiliations/Awards: USPTA; Co-founder of the Colorado High School Tennis Coaches Association; USPTA Intermountain High School Coach of the Year 1998; 2008 Finalist-National High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year; 2008 Clyde Rogers Award (USTA Colorado); 2007 USTA No-Cut Coach Award; Colorado Coach of the year in 2000, 2007

MY HISTORY

I started playing tennis in 1959, after I injured my knee playing football. I was at home, unhappy about not being able to play football anymore when I watched a TV program where Pancho Gonzales, top tennis player in the world in the late '50s and early '60s, demonstrated and explained the game of tennis. It looked like it might be fun and, when the nurse helping me go through rehabilitation for my knee suggested I play tennis, I decided to try it. I made the high school team and qualified for state, getting as far as the semifinals before getting knocked out.

After receiving a tennis scholarship to Southern Colorado State College (now Colorado State University-Pueblo), I played both singles and doubles and enjoyed some success, winning three singles titles and four doubles titles in the Empire Conference.

I began coaching high school tennis 31 years ago when I got the job of Englewood High School head boys tennis coach. The next season, I also became the assistant coach for the girls tennis team and, in 1980, I became the head girls coach. During those years, I was head boys tennis coach, assistant girls basketball coach and head girls tennis coach. After the '85 girls season, I decided to give up coaching girls tennis for a while. I returned as girls tennis coach in about 1997.

The joy of coaching tennis at Englewood is being able to introduce young men and women to a great sport they can play all their lives. I have never cut a player off one of my tennis teams. Instead, I seek to encourage them to learn and enjoy the game. I feel my greatest accomplishments have been the difference between the player's tennis skills the first day of practice and their skills at the end of the season. Almost every season, I have young athletes come to the court who we introduce to a tennis racquet for the first time. By the end of the season, most of them are at least starting to sustain rallies and, more importantly, learning to enjoy the game.



JIM TUCKER



PHIL BETANCOURT

PROFILE

Born: Venezuela; Residence: Pueblo

Age: 48

PROFESSIONAL STATISTICS

Current: Founder, Tennis Mania, Inc., Pueblo, CO

Affiliations: PTR Certified Instructor

Awards: 2008, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2002 Intermountain NJTL Section Chapter of the Year Award (Tennis Mania, Inc.); 2007 Coach of the Year Intermountain Section; 2006 PTR Nehemiah Atkinson Humanitarian Award; 2005 PTR Colorado Member of the Year Award; 2001 USTA Eve F Kraft Community Service Award; 2000 USTA Intermountain Multicultural Community Service Award; 1999 Arthur Ashe Award (USTA Colorado); 1999 Community Service Award-Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation.

MY HISTORY

I started playing tennis 25 years ago, and have been teaching, coaching, directing and administrat-ing tennis for over 20 years now. My coach was Don McIntosh (USC Tennis Coach), a real professional. He was tough and strived for perfection, and he liked students with commitment and dedication.

What got me to start teaching was that tennis affected me on such a profound emotional and spiritual level, it made me want to share the sport with others.

Tennis gives so much to my students – social skills, confidence, self esteem, friendship, mental and physical growth, life skills, to name a few.

Teaching is very rewarding, I get a tremendous sense of personal gratification and fulfillment in seeing the fruits of my labor. I really enjoy leading and directing students to learn and play the game. It gives me great personal satisfaction in knowing that I make an impact in their lives and in our community.

Simply put, it feeds my soul.

One thing I try to teach all my students, who are predominantly juniors 14 and under, is to learn the spirit and sport of tennis, respect the game and to give back to the sport in various ways over their lifetime.

Each year, there seems to be more kids entering tennis, and I have definitely noticed an increase in the diversity of the kids coming in – age groups, ethnicities and economic backgrounds.

PROFILE

Born: Grand Junction; raised in Grand Junction; Residence: Grand Junction
Age: Old enough to forget the many years.

PROFESSIONAL STATISTICS

Current: Mesa County Tennis Program
Past employment: Colorado Tennis Association and teaching in numerous clubs in California and Las Vegas

MY HISTORY

I began playing tennis when I was around 7 years old. My father was my coach, along with my 10 other brothers and sisters. Despite that, he was still able to devote enough time to inspire me to find out how good I could be. My most inspirational lesson(s) involved learning to volley. "If you can develop a volley, you'll find out how good your opponents ground strokes are in a hurry."

I first got into teaching tennis (30 years ago) out of necessity and then because it provided a venue for myself to interact with clients and develop long-lasting relationships that I still have to this day.

Teaching provides an environment for learning, not only the game of tennis, but the development of relationships outside the tennis court arena.

Tennis provides my students an opportunity to learn about themselves. Their strengths and their weaknesses not only on the court but in the "real world" of interacting with day-to-day activities.

A common lesson that I give to all my students, regardless of age, is the lesson of respect for the game. Tennis court etiquette is the foundation for any wanna-be tennis player as well as for any wanna-be human being.

The best thing about being a tennis teacher/coach is that I have a venue to interact with people of any age level, ability level, economic level, or maybe it's the ability to go to "work" in shorts or sweats and have an office that is very spacious and non-threatening to those who come visit.

For years, my main clientele have been juniors, but lately I've been devoting more time with adults as the need for exercise has become more of a priority with this growing population. Having said that, there are more kids coming to the sport, thanks to the "Growing the Game" campaign. We're really reaching out to the elementary and middle-school students. With the many other activities out there taking their time, we feel that we're competing at a comparable level.

Not only are we seeing more kids coming to the sport, we're also seeing an increase in players from diverse backgrounds here in the Grand Valley. This is partially due to organizations who have made a commitment to making the game accessible by providing proper equipment and affordable instruction as well as an opportunity to play in organized functions.

**DAVID ELLIOTT**

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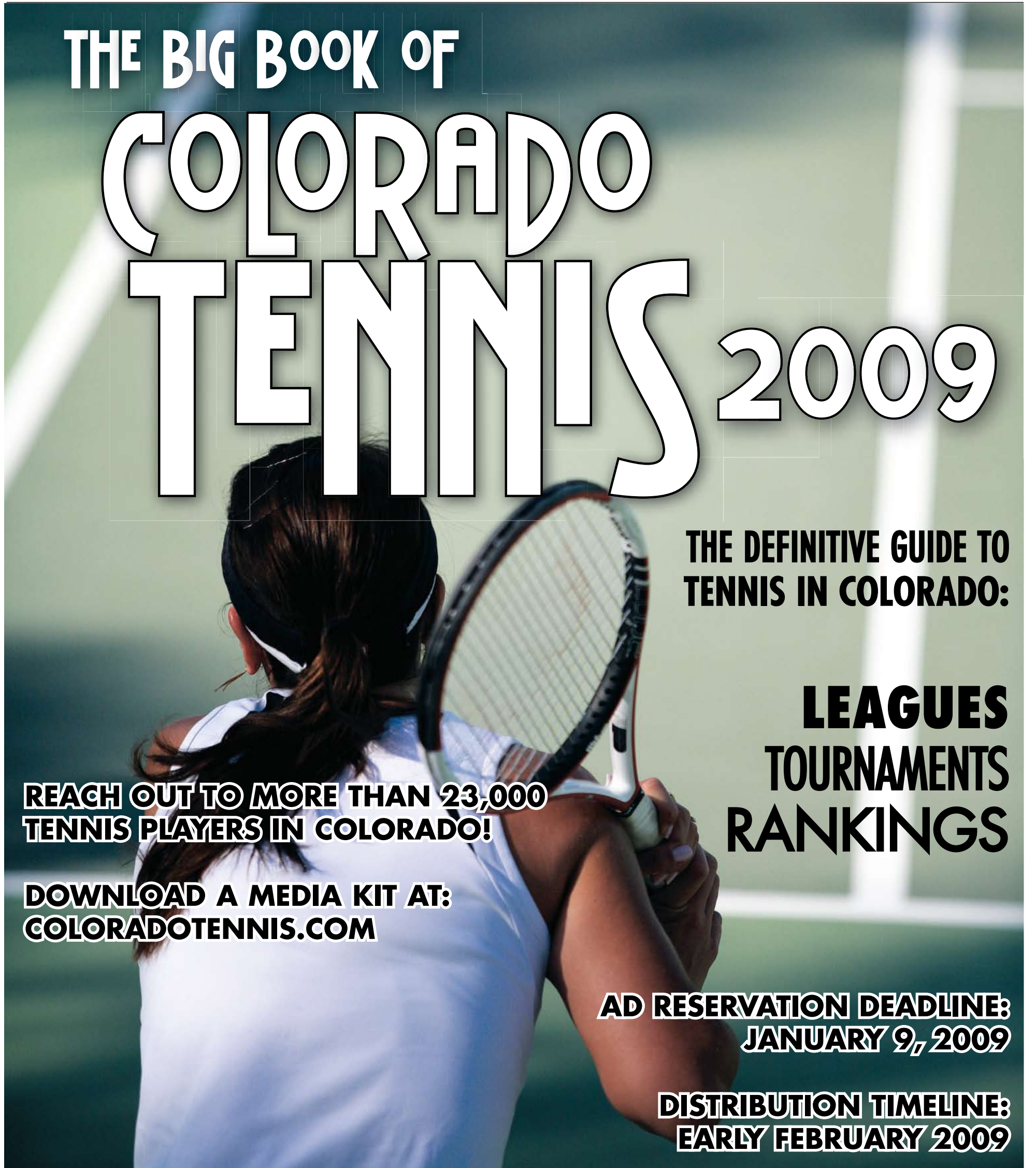
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Local players score big at World Senior Games

Once again, the dry air of southern Utah seems to suit Colorado players well, as several Coloradans earned hardware at the 2008 Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, UT. The games welcome players ages 50+ in dozens of sports. Congratulations to the following Colorado players who earned medals at this year's event:

OPEN DIVISION

Women Singles 65-69

Gold, Janice Aoki, Littleton

Silver, Bonnie Champion, Denver

Women Singles and Doubles 80-84

Gold, Rita Price, Aurora

Men's Doubles 75-79

Gold, Warren Foltz, Littleton

Silver, Wayne Odom, South Fork

Mixed Doubles 70-74

Bronze, Al Throckmorton, Englewood

CHALLENGER DIVISION

Men's Singles 70-74

Gold, Marvin Champion, Denver

Men's Doubles 70-74

Gold, James Hruby, Highlands Ranch

Gold, Throckmorton

Mixed Doubles 60-64

Gold, Lucy and Steve Cookson, Denver

Mixed Doubles 65-69

Gold, Marvin and Bonnie Champion

Racquets for All Equipment Collection Efforts Starting Up

Racquets and balls are being collected, refurbished and distributed to individuals and organizations lacking access throughout the state of Colorado through the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation's Racquets for All equipment recycling program. Look for official Racquets for All collection barrels at the following partner tennis facilities and recycle your old equipment to make way for the new.

Denver-Metro

Gates Tennis Center

Ken Caryl Ranch Community Center

Littleton Golf & Tennis

Meadow Creek Tennis & Fitness (Lakewood)

Point Athletic Club (Lakewood)

Northern Colorado

Miramont Lifestyle Fitness (Fort Collins)

Work Out West (Greeley)

Volunteer coordinators are needed to oversee geographic regions of the Denver-metro area, in particular, as plans are made to launch the program in more facilities across the state. If you are interested in learning more about this or other volunteer needs, please email Kristy Harris at kristy@coloradotennis.com.

We are also seeking possible business/warehouse storage locations throughout Denver-metro, Fort Collins and Colorado Springs to store collected equipment temporarily while it is being assessed and distributed. If you know a business or business owner that may be interested in this or other sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kristy. Thanks to Lightning Labels for their donation to the program.

Organizations in need of tennis equipment are welcome to submit the Equipment Request, available online at COLORADOTENNIS.com, at any time for consideration.

2008 Year-end NTRP ratings now available

The USTA has published players' 2008 year-end NTRP ratings. To look up your rating, go to Find a Rating on TennisLink and input your USTA number in the top box. If you are interested in appealing your rating, please follow the procedure detailed below. You can also visit our NTRP page at COLORADOTENNIS.com for more information on the NTRP system.

Procedure for NTRP Appeals

In early 2008, the USTA unveiled a new procedure for the appeal process. The Automated Appeal in TennisLink allows players to appeal their rating online and find out automatically if their appeal has been granted or denied. All players filing a year-end appeal must follow this procedure. Please do not submit year-end appeals to the USTA Colorado office. For more information or questions about NTRP ratings and appeals, please see the NTRP section at COLORADOTENNIS.com.

Tournament players: review results online

USTA Colorado Player Development Director Jason Colter reminds tournament players that it is important to review player records in order to make sure that the current standings are

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accurate prior to the end of the calendar year. Review points carefully and make sure that you are receiving the correct amount of points for each round played. Refer to page 38 of the 2008 BIG BOOK OF COLORADO TENNIS for a point breakdown. Also a reminder of the following:

NTRP Singles/Doubles

Players accumulating a minimum of 150 points during the calendar year will earn a numerical ranking. Only a player's three best results at Colorado Sanctioned events will count towards a year-end ranking.

Seniors/Championship/Family Doubles

Players accumulating a minimum of 100 points during the calendar year will earn a numerical ranking (two best results will apply to ranking).

Junior Satellite

Players accumulating a minimum of 150 points during the calendar year will earn a numerical ranking (three best results will apply to ranking).

Junior Championship

Players accumulating a minimum of 200 points during the calendar year will earn a numerical ranking (five best results will apply to ranking).

Adult League Facility Coordinator meetings set

The Adult League Department kicks off the 2009 league season with four Denver Metro area Facility Coordinator meetings scheduled in January. It is mandatory for each facility coordinator to attend one of the following meetings:

Wednesday, January 14 @ 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 15 @ 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 20 @ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 24 @ 10:00 a.m.

All meetings will take place at the USTA Colorado office at Gates Tennis Center. Please RSVP to Kailey Jonas (kailey@coloradotennis.com) regarding the date you plan to attend.

Parker seeking Tennis Coordinator

The Town of Parker Colorado Recreation Department is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified individuals to coordinate the Town's year round tennis program at the new Railbender Park. The services to be provided include tennis instruction for all ages and abilities, Colorado Association of Recreational Athletics (CARA) youth leagues, coordination of United States Tennis Association (USTA) leagues, tennis camps and clinics, lessons, classes, private and semi-private instruction and tennis tournaments. The Town of Parker is offering a one-year contract to a qualified candidate with an option to renew a multi-year contract. Visit www.PARKERONLINE.org and click on "OPEN BIDS" located on the right side of the page. For more information, contact Mary Colton, Assistant Recreation Director of Programs at mcolton@parkeronline.org or 303/805-3261. Proposals are due by Friday January 23, 2009 by 3:00 p.m.

Crestmoor seeking teaching professional

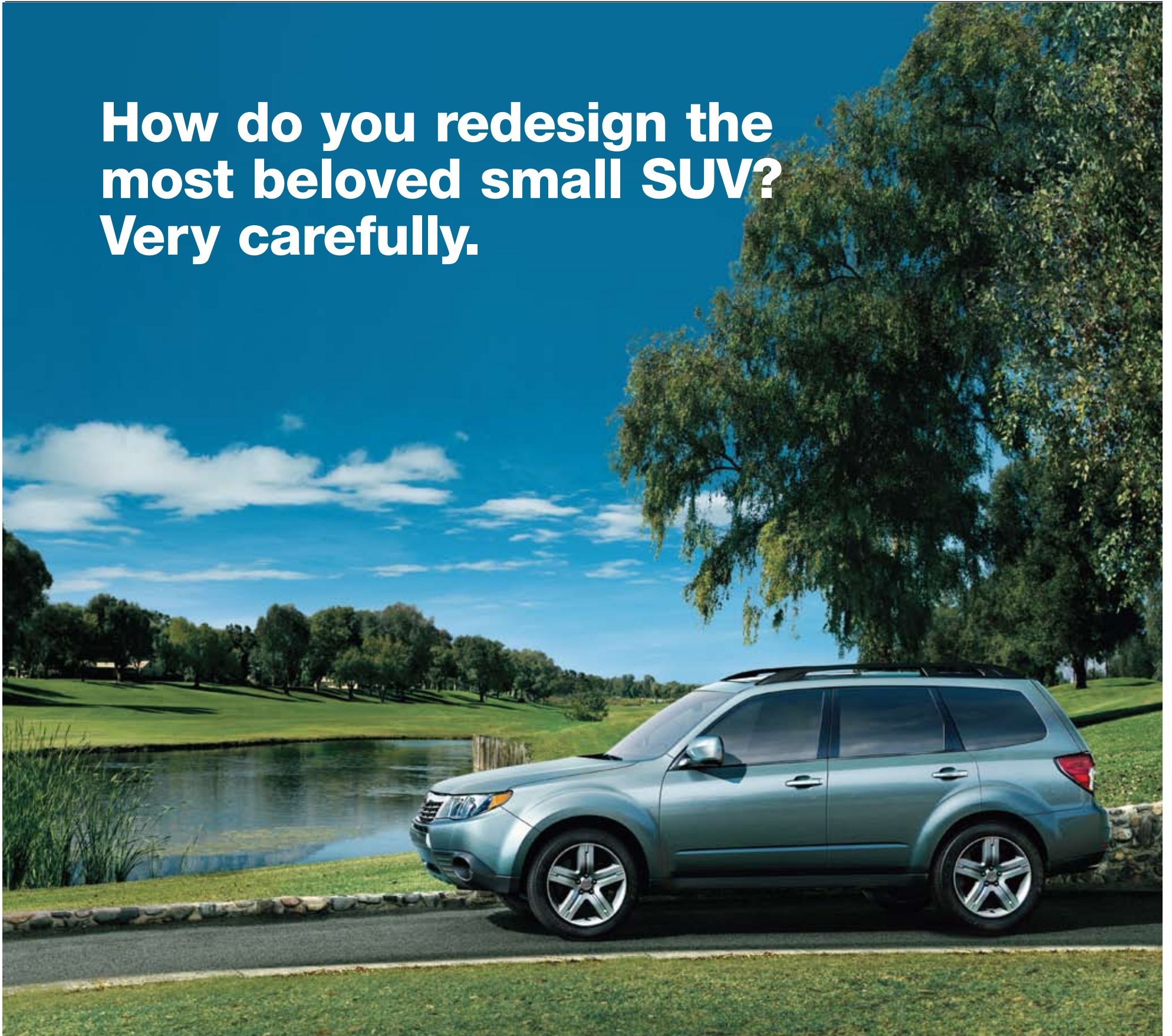
Crestmoor Community Association, a private club located in Denver, is seeking a tennis instructor for the 2009 spring/summers season (approximately 25 hours a week). The instructor will teach private/group lessons, along with league team practices for players of all ages and abilities, and will receive an hourly rate. Please email resume to tennis@crestmoor.org.

FCTA nets money to Stop Hunger in Larimer County

For the sixth consecutive year, the Fort Collins Tennis Association & Sodexo put together a winning tennis event to STOP HUNGER in Larimer County. This year's event was changed from a tournament to a one-day event; the revised format was a huge hit and area junior players were thrilled to have the opportunity to participate for the first time! The events have contributed more than \$125,000 and more than 12,000 pounds to the Food Bank for Larimer County. In 2008, the event moved to Miramont Lifestyle Fitness, and included drills & clinics with area pros & coaches, a silent auction & prize drawing, tennis exhibitions, a tennis sportsmanship and knowledge quiz, surprise appearances from Chester the Cheetah and a buffet dinner.

Co-directors of the Stop Hunger tennis event are Dave Hill, Executive Director of the Fort Collins Tennis Association & Michelle Barr Trace, Vice President of the FCTA. Michelle's children, Tanner & Cassidy, are Junior Directors. For information about the Stop Hunger tennis event, or the FCTA, please visit FCTATENNIS.net. ☺

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Paula Coulter

After picking up her first tennis racquet at the age of 13, tennis has been at the forefront of Paula Coulter's life ever since.

A graduate of Marycrest High School, Paula attended Denver's Metropolitan State College, where she was asked to compete on the men's tennis team. She later transferred to Odessa College in Texas, where her on-court success led her to Junior College All-American honors in 1976.

Paula was invited to Australia where she trained with Diane Fromholtz, a top Women's Tennis Association (WTA) ranked player. Paula competed around the world on the WTA professional tour for three years and reached a WTA singles ranking high of 78 in the world. She played in the main draw of the Australian Open Championships in 1976.

An amazing doubles player with a phenomenal net game, Paula was a dominant force in Colorado tennis in the late 1970s and '80s. She is title holder of five consecutive Denver City Open women's doubles titles (1984-88) and one mixed doubles title (1984);

six Colorado State Open women's doubles crowns (1977, 1981, 1985, 1988, 1994 and 1996) and one singles crown in 1981; and three Intermountain Sectional Championship women's doubles titles (1981, 1983 and 1986). Paula has also competed in USTA women's national age division tournaments where she has captured 1 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze balls.

Paula wanted to share professional women's tennis with the Colorado community, and in 1991 her dream of doing so came to fruition. She brought in and was director of Denver's first WTA professional tour stop, the Kraft General Foods Colorado Classic, where she was responsible for the oversight of all aspects of the event including securing sponsors, marketing, player hospitality, housing, player transportation, officials and volunteers.

Sharing her love and expertise, Paula has worked as a tennis instructor for many years and has developed a strong following of students of all ages and abilities. She has also served as tennis director at various clubs in and around Denver.



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Charlie Gates

The fifth of seven children and first son of Charles and Hazel Gates, Charlie was born in 1921, delivered by his father in the back seat of his parents' automobile as it sped down Bear Creek Canyon to the hospital. Despite the excitement, mother and son were fine, skipped the hospital and returned to their home near Morrison.

He graduated from Stanford University in 1943 with a degree in mechanical engineering, and was appointed vice president of the Gates Rubber Company in 1951. Upon the death of his father in 1961, Charlie assumed the role of president and chairman of the board. Many credit Charlie with transforming the company from a regional manufacturer into one of the largest automotive and industrial hose and belt manufacturing firms in the world.

He was equally committed to community progress and was involved in directing money to charitable organizations through personal giving and his leadership of the Gates Family Foundation (GFF).

In the early 70s, Homer Reed, an avid tennis player and GFF trustee, approached Charlie and the other trustees about building a public tennis facility in Pulaski Park. In 1975, the GFF gifted the Gates Tennis Center to the citizens of Denver. Wanting to ensure its long-term sustainability, Charlie and the Foundation arranged for the Center to be managed by The Park People, a private non-profit organization that works to preserve and enhance public parks.

For the next 20 years, the GFF spent \$1.5 million on improvement projects at the Center. The rationale behind the initial outlay and the subsequent projects was part of a simple equation: quality facilities and quality programs without dependence on public support.

Beginning in 2004, The Park People and the GFF began work to develop plans to update the Center to serve the next generation of tennis players. At his last board meeting prior to his death in 2005, Charlie expressed his wishes to invest the dollars necessary to make the project a reality. Together with the City of Denver, the Gates Family Foundation committed \$3.65 million of the \$4.7 million project cost. The remaining \$1.05 million was raised through donations from individuals, families, foundations and corporations.

In his honor, the newly constructed West Center Court bears his name. Charlie's Court is a fitting homage to the man whose leadership helped transform the one-time trash dump at Pulaski Park into one of America's premier public tennis complexes.



COLORADO TENNIS HALL OF FAME PAST INDUCTEES

2000: Carol Baily, John Benson, Jack Cella, Carter & Lena Elliott, Phyllis Lockwood, Sam & Sid Milstein, Margaret Rogers Phipps

2001: Joan Birkland, Sherrie Pruitt Farris, E.L. (Elmer) Griffey, Tom Keach, Jim Landin, Jeff Salzenstein, Kathleen Winegardner

2002: Anne Dyde, Rosemary Fri, Stephanie Hagan, James Loehr, Dorothy Mauk, M.H. "Bud" Robineau, Jake Warde

2003: Edwin "Ned" Crow, Irwin Hoffman, Dan Luna, Mike, Gene & Maurice Reidy, Karen Sather

2004: Adolph "Ade" Butler, Carolyn Roberts Byrne, Richard Gugat, Fay Shwayder, Joseph Thompson

2005: Miko Ando, Arnold Brown, Chet Murphy, Jeanette Paddock, Willa Wolcott Condon

2006: Bruce Avery, Willard Douglas Corley & Willard Douglas Corley, Jr., Don Harker, Carlene Petersen, Bill Wright

2007: Tariq Abdul-Hamid, Ned Cooney, Sandra Elliott, Roald Flater, Andrea Jaeger

Katie Koontz

Katie was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Colorado in 1959. An avid skier, she didn't start playing tennis until the age of 35. She joined the Denver Tennis Club, where she continues to play to this day, and began competing in age division tournaments soon after.

Since then, tennis has enabled Katie to travel to all corners of the globe, competing in international tournament play. She won her first championship title in 1990 and hasn't looked back since. Katie is a multiple age division national champion, with 21 championship titles (gold balls), 18 runner-up finishes (silver balls) and five 3rd place finishes (bronze balls) to her credit. She has received numerous accolades and awards throughout her tennis career, including being presented with the Inspirational Award by Sportswomen of Colorado. She was also acknowledged by USTA Colorado in 2000, when she received the Fay & Dorothy Shwayder Award (Senior Female Player of the Year).

In 2004, Katie and her doubles partner, Norma Veal, captured the elusive "Gold Slam", winning all four USTA National Championships on different surfaces – indoor, clay, grass and hard court – in one calendar year. Their streak extended to seven consecutive national titles, just one surface win shy of back to back Gold Slams.

Because of her success, Katie has received numerous invitations by the USTA to represent the United States in international competitions around the world. She has competed for the US in Australia, South Africa, Austria and Spain. In 2004, she captained the US Kitty Godfree Cup Team (Women 65 and older) to a second place finish. Katie has also represented our country on the Alice Marble Cup Team for Women 60 and older.



KATIE KOONTZ

COLORADO TENNIS
HALL OF FAME

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Jeff Loehr

A Colorado native born in 1974, Jeff began playing tennis at age three, when his dad, Colorado Tennis Hall of Famer, Jim Loehr, designed a racquet with a small enough grip and large enough head that he could make contact with the ball. He attended and played tennis for Wheat Ridge High School from 1988-1992. He has two state singles titles to his credit, and was a member of the state high school championship team in 1991 that broke Cherry Creek High School's winning streak of 19 straight team titles.

Jeff attended the University of South Florida from 1992-1996, where his game took off. In his senior year, Jeff compiled a 27-4 record at the No. 2 singles spot. He opened the dual-match season with an 18-match win streak, and achieved a NCAA Division I ranking inside the top 100. The



JEFF LOEHR



CLASS OF 2008

team won the Conference USA tournament and qualified for the NCAA Championships. The team rose to No. 16 in the national rankings that year, and Jeff was awarded USF Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors in 1995.

He went on to play on the men's professional tour, from February 1997 through November of 1998. He recorded big wins against many players with much higher rankings, and quickly ascended, without the help of any wildcard assistance, to 500 in the world in less than two years. In 1998, he was among the top 40 American male players.

Jeff dominated the Colorado tournament scene in the latter half of the 90s, winning the Denver City Open singles title for the first time at the age of 18 in 1993, and again in 1996 and 1999. He earned the City doubles titles in 1999 and 2005 as well. Jeff also owns

four Colorado State Open singles titles, taking his first in 1996, followed by back to back wins in 1998 and 1999 (including the doubles title), and then again as a darkhorse in 2005. In 1999, he captured both the Intermountain Sectional singles and doubles championship.

Allen Kiel

Born in Chicago in 1947, Allen began playing tennis in high school, later competing for two years on the tennis team at DePaul University, and then finishing his collegiate career at the University of Northern Colorado, where he remained undefeated in conference play.

In the 1970s, Allen was certified as a US Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) teaching professional and he developed, owned and operated indoor tennis clubs in Chicago. He taught many players of all ages and abilities, including former No. 2 in the world, Andrea Jaeger.



ALLEN KIEL



CLASS OF 2008

Along with George Basco, Tim Heckler and Jack Barnaby, Allen co-wrote the first USPTA certification test, and in 1974, he was one of seven USPTA professionals who helped develop and pilot a league rating system, known today as National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP), used for all USTA league play.

As a USTA volunteer, Allen has served tennis in many significant ways over the decades. He was vice president of the Colorado Tennis Association and also president of the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation (CYTF) for two terms. While president of the CYTF, Allen secured Pepsi as the Denver City Open sponsor and was able to get the finals broadcast on cable television in 1985. He served as president of USTA Intermountain and was a leader in the creation and implementation of Touch Tone Tennis, the predecessor of TennisLink, which revolutionized the way players registered for USTA leagues and tournaments.

As a volunteer at the USTA national level, Allen's contributions continue to be significant and far reaching. He has been a member of many national committees, including Marketing, Strategic Planning, Sectional Presidents, Multicultural, and Nominating. He was chairperson of the USTA National Junior Tennis League, Human Resources Development and SERV committees. As Davis Cup co-chairperson, Allen created community outreach programs at all Davis Cup home ties. He was chairman of Junior Task Force that restructured USTA Junior programs and its delivery system; he created a Minority Task Force that paved the way for substantial inclusion of minorities in USTA programs, volunteer appointments and jobs; and he led in the creation of USTA University to train volunteers and staff.

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USTA COLORADO 2008 ANNUAL AWARDS

Each year, USTA Colorado hosts the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame Gala & Colorado Tennis Annual Awards Celebration. In addition to the formal induction ceremony for the incoming class of the Hall of Fame, USTA Colorado recognizes those players, coaches, administrators, volunteers and facilities who have made significant contributions to tennis over the course of the past year. The nomination period for the Annual Awards concludes in September of each year.

Bud Robineau Award

HOMER REED (Phoenix)

An avid tennis player and well-known clothing retailer, Homer was instrumental in the development of Gates Tennis Center back in 1975. In recognition of his substantial contributions to this public tennis facility, Center Court East was renamed in 2008 in his honor.

Clyde Rogers Award

JIM TUCKER (Denver)

A 2008 finalist for National Coach of the Year, Jim has coached Englewood High School for 31 years. He received the 2007 USTA National No-Cut Coach Award, and he co-founded the Colorado High School Tennis Coaches Association.

Sam & Sid Milstein Award

DIXIE BAINES (Littleton)

A Denver Tennis Club member since 1968, Dixie went 11-1 in 2008, capturing the M70 singles titles at the State, Swenson, Boulder and Glen Hines.

Jody Riser Knudsen Award

DAVID VAN LIERE (Morrison)

David is the founding volunteer of the CYTF's Racquets for All recycling program, which provides refurbished tennis equipment to those in need.

Fay & Dorothy Shwayder Award

RITA PRICE (Aurora)

Ranked No. 1 in the world (W80s) in 2008, Rita is the reigning World Champion and has represented the US in numerous international competition. She has also won 7 gold, 17 silver, and 6 bronze balls at USTA championships.

Richard Hillway Award

KENT DENVER SCHOOL (Denver)

Kent won the 2008 Colorado Boys' High School State 4A Team Championship, sweeping the doubles and the No. 3 singles titles. Head coach Randy Ross led the team to its fourth title, and was named Coach of the Year.

Ade Butler Award

PATTI BOWMAN (Parker)

The referee for the State and City Opens and a member of the Colorado Tennis Umpires Assoc board, Patti developed a mentoring program for new officials.

Rosemary Fri Award

MALLORY VOELKER (Denver)

A DU senior, Mallory boasted a 16-match win streak in 2008, propelling her to No. 58 in singles and 27 in doubles. She was named Sun Belt All-Conference in singles and doubles, and was twice named Player of the Week.

Margaret Rogers Phipps Award

JESSIKA MOZIA (Littleton)

A highly ranked Sectional player known for exceptional sportsmanship, Jessika also volunteers to help children, wheelchair players and Special Olympics athletes learn tennis.

Jack Cella Award

CASEY MACMASTER (Fort Collins)

A junior at Rocky Mountain High School, Casey capped a perfect 26-0 season with the 5A high school singles championship, earning him Player of the Year honors and a spot on the All Colorado Boys' Tennis Team.

Jim & Anne Dyde Award

CAROLINE SCHNELL (Greenwood Village)

Caroline won the No. 1 singles 5A Colorado high school state championship, helping Cherry Creek secure the team title. She was selected to the All Colorado Girl's Tennis Team, receiving Player of the Year honors.

Carter & Lena Elliott Family Award

THE EVANGELISTA FAMILY (Brighton)

Avid players and volunteers, Ovidio and Alicia Evangelista share their love of tennis with all of their seven children – Miriam, Martha, Marianne, Jonathan, David, Marcia and James, who participate in a variety of tennis programs.

Arthur Ashe Award

MARCOS MARTINEZ (Denver)

The founder and Head of School of Ricardo Flores Magon Academy, a charter school that prepares high risk students for academic success, Marcos incorporates tennis as a means to foster life skills.

Jim Landin Award

WILLIE DANN (Denver)

Willie captured the 2008 USTA National Men's 35 Indoor and Grass Court Championships, and represented the US at the ITF Senior World Team Championships in Turkey. He is currently ranked No. 2 in the nation in M35.

Joan Birkland Award

SUSAN WRIGHT (Grand Junction)

After winning a doubles "Gold Slam" in 2007, Susan repeated the feat in 2008. She narrowly missed a singles Gold Slam in 2008, losing in the finals at the National Clay Courts. She is currently ranked No. 1 in the country in W50.

Dorothy Mauk Award

9NEWS (Denver)

In 2008, 9News provided viewers with in-depth local tennis coverage and promotion as well as national and international tennis stories of interest.

E.L. Griffey Award

GRAND JUNCTION TENNIS CLUB (Grand Junction)

For 50 years, the Club has offered comprehensive tennis programming for its community, including hosting the Elam Classic and the Taco Bell Western Slope Open, which celebrated 50 years in 2008 as well.

Willa Wolcott Condon Award

NIWOT HIGH SCHOOL (Niwot)

Niwot improved from third in 2007 to first in 2008, capturing the first team tennis title in school history. En route to the team championship, they racked up two state titles, two runners-up and a fourth place finish.

Mike, Gene & Maurice Reidy Award

HARRY JEWETT (Centennial)

Harry captained Cherry Creek to the 2008 state high school championship. He is senior class president and a member of the National Honor Society.

Charlie & Ira Brown Award

GABE ROMERO (Fort Collins)

One of just 40 youth selected to attend the 2008 USTA NJTL Tennis Leadership Camp in Washington D.C., Gabe participates in First Serve Fort Collins, a program that teaches youngsters life skills and healthy habits through tennis.

John Hough Award

ELI WINEGARDNER (Lafayette)

A highly ranked player in our Section, Eli was the sportsmanship award winner at both the USTA Intermountain Memorial Day Circuit Tournament and the Intermountain Team Competition.

Jerry & Lillian Brawer Award

RICK RUSCIO (Pine Grove)

Rick captured both the singles and doubles titles at the 2008 Valerie Walls Memorial Men's Wheelchair Open, and won the "A" division consolation bracket at the Rocky Mountain Wheelchair Open.

Phyllis Lockwood Award

CLARKE TATJE (Colorado Springs)

A state high school finalist in 2008, Clarke was twice voted team MVP and is a three-time captain. She volunteers for various causes, including STARS Tennis, an organization that teaches tennis to under-served children.

Vernon John Award

ERIK KREUTZER (Denver)

A sophomore at Boston College, Erik and his partner won the USTA Invitational in New York, and the Seahawks Invitational, notching a 10-1 record heading into the spring season. He plays No. 1 and 2 doubles for the Eagles.

MALE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER
Jack Cella Award

FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER
Jim & Anne Dyde Award

MALE COLLEGE PLAYER
Vernon John Award

FEMALE COLLEGE PLAYER
Rosemary Fri Award

MALE PLAYER
Jim Landin Award

FEMALE PLAYER
Joan Birkland Award

SENIOR MALE PLAYER
Sam & Sid Milstein Award

SENIOR FEMALE PLAYER
Fay & Dorothy Shwayder Award

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Ade Butler Award

WHEELCHAIR PLAYER
Jerry & Lillian Brawer Award

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL TEAM
Richard Hillway Award

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL TEAM
Willa Wolcott Condon Award

ORGANIZATION
E.L. Griffey Award

FAMILY
Carter & Lena Elliott Family Award

VOLUNTEER
Jody Riser Knudsen Award

MEDIA EXCELLENCE
Dorothy Mauk Award

GIRLS' SPORTSMANSHIP (UNDER 14)
Margaret Rogers Phipps Award

BOYS' SPORTSMANSHIP (UNDER 14)
John Hough Award

GIRLS' SPORTSMANSHIP (15-18 YRS)
Phyllis Lockwood Award

BOYS' SPORTSMANSHIP (15-18 YRS)
Mike, Gene & Maurice Reidy Award

JUNIOR SPORTSMANSHIP (PARK & REC)
Charlie & Ira Brown Award

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNDER-SERVED PLAYERS
Arthur Ashe Award

SERVICE TO RECREATIONAL PLAYERS
Clyde Rogers Award

SERVICE TO TENNIS COMMUNITY
Bud Robineau Award

spotlight

IF IT AIN'T BROKE, SUPERCHARGE IT

HIRING ITS FIRST EVER DIRECTOR OF MARKETING/DIVERSITY, USTA COLORADO MAKES A BOLD STATEMENT ABOUT HOW IT WILL HELP GROW THE SPORT INTO THE FUTURE.

STAFF REPORT

The sport of tennis is in a really good place right now, as all signs point toward increased growth, participation, sales and viewership. So why in the world would a statewide tennis association create a dedicated marketing position with the sole intent of trying to promote and grow the sport?

After all, *If it ain't broke, why fix it?*

Well, the simple answer is that we're not trying to *fix* tennis, we're trying to *supercharge* it! Now is the perfect time to capitalize on the sport's popularity and create relationships outside the tennis community that will last for many years to come. And by reaching out to the under-served populations and diverse communities throughout the state, we believe that hundreds of thousands of new players of all ages can play and benefit from tennis.

The individual tapped to lead the charge is Paula McClain, who has joined USTA Colorado as its new Director of Marketing and Diversity. Paula's first leadership experience came as a National Champion in track & field as a seminal member of the Colorado Flyers Track Club, one of the top ranked track clubs in America. Paula moved on to be a standout on the women's track team at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

"Competitive sports gave me the opportunity early on to know the value of developing personal goals and achieving those goals," she said. "Through sports, my self-esteem and confidence were developed creating a foundation to excel in my professional career."

Paula has more than 20 years of marketing experience in branding, strategic planning,



creative direction, media campaigns, as well as public relations, promotions and special events in multiple industries, including high-tech, telecommunications, cable, government and nonprofit organizations.

This past summer, Paula headed up the Colorado C3 Roundtable, a nonpartisan, nonprofit coalition of civic engagement organizations. She has been the senior partner with RNR Design Group working on multi-tactical branding campaigns. Exploring her entrepreneurial spirit, Paula was one of the founders of 9711 CreativeWorks LLC, which produced award winning independent films, receiving credits as associate producer and location manager.

Paula's credentials include time at the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, where her project received the Colorado Chapter, International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) Bronze Quill Award, and at Starz Entertainment, where several of the campaigns she worked on won national awards, including the Beacon Award, the NAACP Image Award and the National Association of Multi-Ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC) Excellence Award. Paula also spent 12 years at Apple Computer, helping launch the Macintosh computer and Macworld Expo, an event with nearly 50,000 attendees annually.

Paula has been actively involved in the community, serving on various boards, including the Denver Center for Crime Victims, Single Mothers of Color and the San Jose Repertory Theater while living in the San Francisco Bay Area. Currently, she is on the board of the Shaka Franklin Youth Foundation, a nonprofit addressing the serious problem of youth suicide. She recently received her second appointment by Mayor John Hickenlooper to the Denver African American Commission, charged with advising the Mayor on issues and concerns that impact the African American community.

A native of Denver, Paula received her undergraduate degree in Journalism from CU Boulder and a MBA in Marketing from the University of Phoenix.

"In my new role, my envisioned goal is to bring my experience to advance the brand identity and increase the visibility of USTA Colorado. In order to actualize the mission to grow tennis in Colorado, all segments of the population will be targeted, along with a commitment to be inclusive to people of all diverse cultural backgrounds and underserved communities. The tennis experience provides fun and discipline for both young and old," she says. 🌱

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SHRINK-WRAPPED TENNIS

TENNIS CAN BE INTIMIDATING TO A YOUNGSTER. THE COURTS ARE BIG, THE GAME IS FAST, AND THEN THERE'S THAT WHOLE THE-NET-IS-BIGGER-THAN-I-AM VIBE. ENTER DROP SHOTS TENNIS, SOMETHING NEW IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

BY LENNON MCCARTHY

What is the best way to teach children to play tennis?

The number of answers you'll get will directly correlate to the number of people you ask. The one thing that most tennis pros do agree on is to take the game down to the kids' level. And that's just what Matt Nelsen has done at Drop Shots Tennis, an indoor tennis facility that offering tennis lessons and experiences to children ages 2-10.

Nelsen, a young entrepreneur and USPTA Tennis Professional, opened Drop Shots in February 2008, with the intent of providing a completely unique tennis experience that takes coaching tennis to children to a whole new level.

Rather than teaching tennis to youngsters on full-size, outdoor courts, Nelsen instead moved the game indoors, carpeted the floors and decorated the walls with murals of the game's brightest stars: Andre Agassi, the Williams sisters, Pete Sampras, Roger Federer and more. Combined with softer, lower pressure balls, and small racquets, the facility is set up to maximize a child's success and breeds confidence in developing the important fundamentals of the game.

And while outdoor tennis courts really only allow for tennis, the Drop Shots facility caters to kid friendly games, hand-eye coordination activities, and other things that are geared specifically to small children and their small attention span.

"In today's society, children are learning sports at a very young age; however, the game of tennis does not easily lend itself to small children playing it. Typical tennis courts are very large and intimidating," said Nelsen. "Drop Shots Tennis provides a more child-friendly atmosphere to the game of tennis...the scaled down equipment and courts allow children to develop proper stroke technique at a young age."

In addition to teaching the fundamentals of the game, coaches at Drop Shots Tennis also work to develop children's dexterity, cardiovascular health, and overall athleticism, all while emphasizing important life skills such as following directions, patience, good sportsmanship and more.

Parents sign their kids up for eight-week sessions split into one class per week. Students learn one of four shots (forehand, backhand, volley, and overhead) every week and by the end of the session will have practiced each stroke twice. As students increase their skill level, coaches progress to more advanced instruction on things such as serves, rallies, scoring, and actual matches. Both parents and coaches alike see vast improvement in most students week to week, and the kids love coming to Drop Shots Tennis.

"My twin girls really like everything about Drop Shots [Tennis]," said Le Ann Fead, mother of two students. "The coaching is good and friendly. I really like the way the program is setup."

Each hour long class typically breaks down into three separate stages. During the first stage, students receive instruction on the shot they will learn and practice that day. Stage two is an obstacle course made up of hoops, bars, poles and more. Students are clocked as they make several attempts to run through the various obstacles, continually trying to best their times. After a quick drink of water, the class moves on to stage three, games! Depending on the shot of the week and the skill level of each class, coaches decide the appropriate games to play



An early start

Emma and Kate Seneshen of Denver get their first taste of tennis at a Drop Shots Tennis birthday party. In addition to tennis lessons, Drop Shots offers tennis-themed birthday parties for the 2-10 year old set.

TAKING TENNIS TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL

Drop Shots Tennis has a simplified and a unique way of teaching tennis. In each class, the kids will ACE their way to learning the sport of tennis.

ACE:

- A – Active Skill Building
- C – Coordination & Agility
- E – Entertaining

Each class focuses on one or two specific tennis shots, which actively builds the skill level of that particular stroke(s). Additionally, the students spend a lot of time participating in activities that increases coordination and agility. Becoming more agile and coordinated helps the children become more successful tennis players. Lastly, the entire class will be entertaining and fun for the children. If they are not having fun, then they are not learning.

that emphasize fun, yet still develop tennis skills.

After finishing an eight-week session, students are given a marker to sign any one of the tennis ball halves attached to the walls of the facility. And, though it's too early to tell, perhaps the next Roger Federer or Steffi Graf will have signed their first autograph at Drop Shots Tennis.

"It is an absolute joy seeing so many children progressing as tennis players everyday at work," said Nelsen. "One day I want to see a new, up and coming professional tennis player that began their career at Drop Shots Tennis."

Drop Shots Tennis is located in Centennial, at the northwest corner of County Line Rd and Holly St. For more information about Drop Shots' programs, including birthday parties, please visit their website, DROPSHOTSTENNIS.com or call 720.276.0550. 🌐

league tennis



SALUTING OUR FAVORITE CAPTAINS

When you hear the word *CAPTAIN*, what image comes to mind? Do you conjure images of Bill Shatner as the iconic Captain Kirk, guiding the Enterprise on its three-year mission to boldly go where no man has gone before? Or does the the eccentric and flamboyant *Pepé Le Pew* of the big screen, Captain Jack Sparrow, come to mind?

Regardless of how the word *captain* plays in your mind, it's undeniable how important they are to their respective crews, or their league teams.

USTA Colorado would like to pay tribute to the numerous league captains who have helped make the USTA Colorado Adult League Tennis Series one of the best in the nation. We know how hard they've worked, and we'd like to thank them by recognizing each one of our more than 1,900 captains.

So whether your league captain is more like the cetacean-hunting Ahab, the suave, sophisticated kitsch of Captain Stubing, the grandfatherly Captain Kangaroo or the sweet-crunchy-corn goodness of Captain Crunch, we say, "Ahoy" and "Thanks!"

If you would like to become a league captain, please contact your facility coordinator or Kailey Jonas, USTA Colorado Adult League Coordinator, at kailey@coloradotennis.com.



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 Lonnie Blilie
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 Cindy Burke
 Suzette Calvillo
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 Richard Fetter
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 Kenneth Fisher
 Stephanie Fix
 Renee Fleisher
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 Brian Ford
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 Steve Gardner
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 Lyle Giegling
 Diane Gordon
 Mark Gosselin
 Beth Grace
 Karen Gross
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 Sudy Opsahl
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 Tom Patterson
 Jared Petersen
 Susan Pivan
 Joseph Pologar
 Andy Potter
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 Guy Radcliffe
 Dan Raykovitz
 Brian Reiss
 Cathy Robertus
 Cathleen Robinson
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 William Ross
 Gayle Rullo
 David Russell
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 Fred Todd
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 Elizabeth Wald
 Betty Jo Walker
 Michael Waller
 Carolyn Wallisch
 Jana Warwick
 Daniel Washburne
 Jonathan Watkin
 Beth Watson
 Diane Wells
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 David York
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 Robin Cann
 Claudia Cardozo
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 Tom Conter
 Frank Coria
 Lisa Crandall
 Jack Cronkhite
 Elaine Curts
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 Dot Dickerson
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 Connie Dickson
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 Bobbi Dorgan
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 Julie Hart
 La Nelle Haxton
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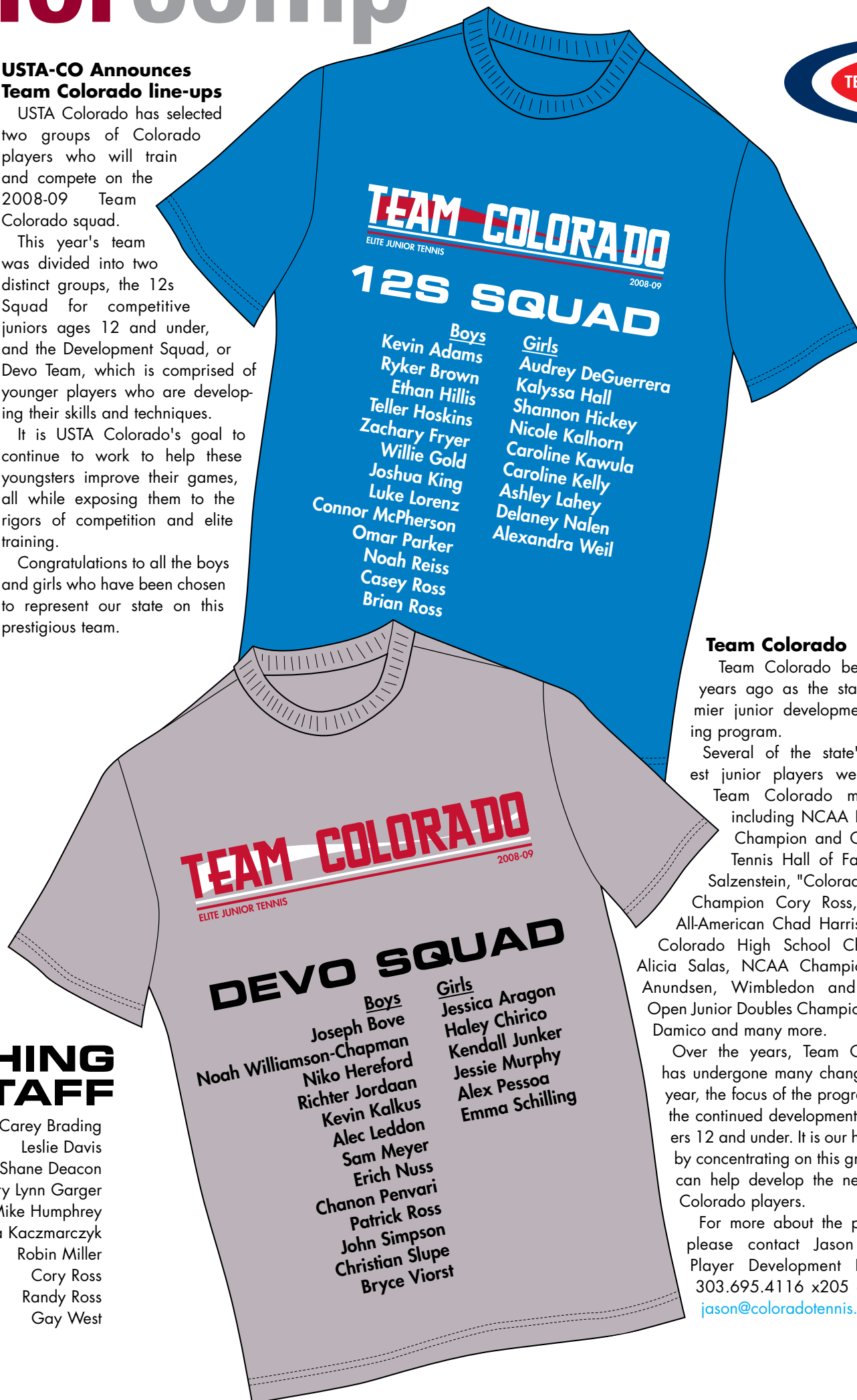
USTA-CO Announces Team Colorado line-ups

USTA Colorado has selected two groups of Colorado players who will train and compete on the 2008-09 Team Colorado squad.

This year's team was divided into two distinct groups, the 12s Squad for competitive juniors ages 12 and under, and the Development Squad, or Devo Team, which is comprised of younger players who are developing their skills and techniques.

It is USTA Colorado's goal to continue to work to help these youngsters improve their games, all while exposing them to the rigors of competition and elite training.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who have been chosen to represent our state on this prestigious team.



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Team Colorado

Team Colorado began 20 years ago as the state's premier junior development training program.

Several of the state's greatest junior players were once

Team Colorado members, including NCAA National Champion and Colorado Tennis Hall of Famer Jeff Salzenstein, "Colorado Slam" Champion Cory Ross, NCAA All-American Chad Harris, 4-time Colorado High School Champion Alicia Salas, NCAA Champion Sara Anundsen, Wimbledon and French Open Junior Doubles Champion Kellen Damico and many more.

Over the years, Team Colorado has undergone many changes. This year, the focus of the program is on the continued development of players 12 and under. It is our hope that by concentrating on this group, we can help develop the next great Colorado players.

For more about the program, please contact Jason Colter, Player Development Director, 303.695.4116 x205 or email jason@coloradotennis.com.

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NEWS FROM USTA COLORADO HEADQUARTERS

STATE OF THE DISTRICT

BY FRITZ GARGER, USTA COLORADO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The close of another year is upon us. First things first – may you have a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for the new year from all of us at USTA Colorado.

We started the 2008 year with the Hall of Fame and Annual Awards Gala and it was another memorable evening. A lot of effort goes into the planning and execution of the event and the work of all those involved is much appreciated. It is always a great evening as people from all over the state gather to recognize the achievements and contributions of those selected who have done so much for and with tennis. It's a wonderful coming together of our tennis community to celebrate, and in my mind there are too few of those opportunities. It's important to take a moment to reflect and take notice of the accomplishments of those who are so dedicated to our sport. Along those lines, I would encourage everyone associated with tennis to attend our annual Gala next month (the '09 date is January 30).

This was a monumental year for our association. The move to Gates Tennis Center was both logical and exciting. It makes sense for the state's governing body of tennis to be located at a public center surrounded by the very activity our mission statement calls us to promote. And the central location of Gates in Denver makes it an even better location. There are a lot of people to thank, but in particular I want to thank again the Gates Family Foundation for their support of the project and the work of The Park People.

On the programming front, our sanctioned events (leagues and tournaments) showed an overall increase in participation once again. As always, this is a function of a lot of people – from captains, teaching professionals, directors, coaches, area coordinators, our staff and of course the players. Thanks to everyone who made getting on the court possible for all the players.

We also made significant strides in our outreach and community development. USTA School Tennis continues to be very strong, and we've partnered with numerous allied organizations to bring tennis to their constituents (juniors, adults and seniors).

In addition to our large menu of existing programs, we are extremely excited about the future with the advent of the QuickStart Tennis format. We hope to see facilities and parks adopting the format – which has components tailored for specific age groups (5/6, 7/8 and 9/10 year olds). Our goal is to partner with those interested to bring the format to sanctioned tournament play and junior leagues.

Our publications (primarily *Colorado Tennis*, *The Big Book* and *ColoradoTennis.com*) have focused on delivering basic program and activity information along with substantive features that tell the story of our sport and the people who play it.

Another exciting development was the creation of a new department. In November we hired Paula McClain (see profile on page 22) as our Marketing and Diversity Director. Paula is a wonderful addition to our staff and her experience and expertise will prove to be extremely beneficial to our organization and tennis as a whole here in Colorado. The areas of marketing and diversity are priorities for our association and now we have allocated additional resources to support these priorities.

On the Information Technology front, there have also been significant strides made in 2008. The efforts made may not be the most noticeable to the general public, but our efforts have certainly had a very positive impact on players, administrators and our internal operations. There are several projects that are long-term in development that also made good progress this past year.

A lot was accomplished in 2008 and we're looking forward to another very good year in 2009. In closing, I want to thank all our committee members who play an integral part in the success of our organization; and thanks to the Board of Directors for their steady and consistent guidance and leadership. Everyone's support and dedication is much appreciated.



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THE EDITOR OFFERS SOME SUGGESTIONS ON HOW YOU CAN FIGHT THE BIG-3 BAILOUT BLUES AND JUST HOW YOU DEFINE A HERO.

BY KURT DESAUTELS, COLORADO TENNIS EDITOR

It's mid-December, and wouldn't you know it, I'm sick. And tired.

I'm sick and tired of politics, news reports about the "R" word ("recession", in case you need a hint), and the notion that we, as taxpayers, can't decide how to spend our own money. For Christmas this year, I could go to my favorite local retailer and buy a couple new racquets, or a pair of shoes. Maybe I could finally put away my cotton t-shirts and pick up a few microfiber shirts with matching shorts (I hear Nadal's clamdiggers are "in" again for '09). But no, this year I'm buying a car company. Or three. And a bank. And an investment firm.

I jest, of course, because jesting is what I do best. One thing for sure is that people are worried, and that makes for some uncertain times at the local retailers. When we start looking to save a buck, and decide to shop online for a new racquet, or a pair of shoes, we don't just deny the local pro shop a sale. Because so many of our local retailers support our efforts to help grow the game, internet shopping hurts many in our community who don't have the means to play tennis. When was the last time you saw a Tennis Warehouse banner at a local tournament? Or Holabird?

And not to disparage the big box sports stores, but let's be honest, there's a slew of floor salespeople who have a hard time distinguishing between a squash racquet and a tennis racquet. Heck, I've met a few who have difficulty discerning between tennis racquets and snowshoes. Before you make a choice to purchase tennis equipment, I urge you to consider these four hallmarks of a local pro shop: expertise, relationship, service and community. Our local pro shops have the knowledge and expertise to help you find the right equipment for your game. When you take the time to build a one-on-one relationship with a shop, you are basically able to tap into not just their expertise, but their support. Your local shop cares about your game, and wants you to succeed. Local shops provide service for your game by helping you find the right string, getting the right tension, solving grip issues and helping you select the shoes, clothes and accessories that help you play well and look good. Finally, there are many players in our community who depend on our local shops for assistance. Inner-city youth programs, non-profit agencies, benefit events and many other causes rely on the local retailer for help. When you patronize a local business, you are helping to support the game in your own backyard. You might save \$10 on a racquet from Tennis Warehouse but once you go down that road, you lose out on the opportunity to do something good for your local tennis community.

So this holiday season, splurge. Celebrate your recent purchase of GM by picking up that new racquet you've been needing. Or kick your heels together with some new kicks (shoes, for those of you over 35). Please, feel free to browse globally, but shop locally.

Hero Worship

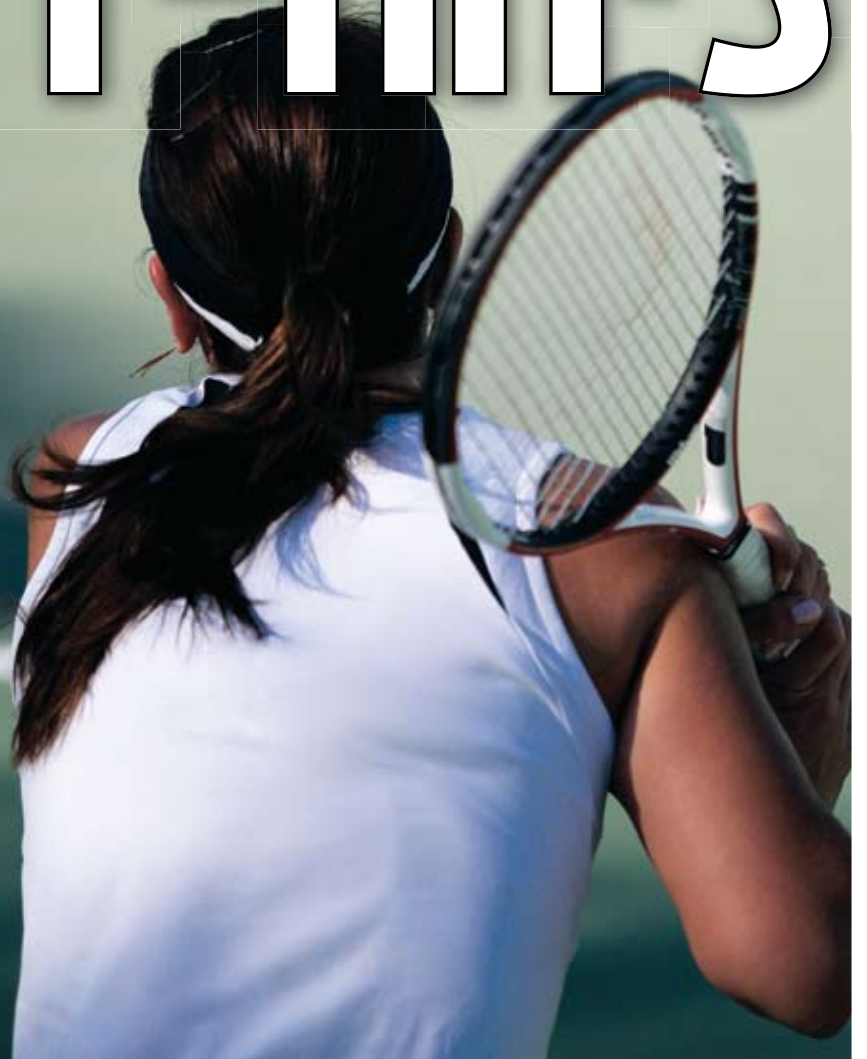
Throughout this year, *Colorado Tennis* has profiled numerous players who are the very faces of the game. They may or may not be well-known, but each of them represents what is best about this sport. Whether they play for recreation, competition, or to overcome obstacles that many of us would shy away from, these players are the heart of our sport. In this issue, we've had the chance to profile a handful of the coaches who have helped change the lives of literally thousands of players. If their players are the heart of tennis, then these coaches are the very soul of the sport.

I was asked many years ago if I had any heroes. I said that while I admire a great many people, there are few that have ever risen to hero status. But since coming on board to USTA Colorado nearly nine years ago, I can honestly say that I'm starting to recognize that heroes are everywhere. They aren't the ones winning tournaments or getting endorsement deals. They don't show up in newspaper articles nor do they get the credit they truly deserve.

But there are a lot of heroes out there. You'll recognize them by their smile. It's the look of someone who has just sparked the flame of passion in a young player. In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle our inner spirit.

Thank you coaches. Thank you for helping us discover not just what is best in our sport, but what is best in ourselves. ☺

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A District of the United States Tennis Association, USTA Colorado is the governing body of tennis in our state. We are one of six districts in the Intermountain Section, which includes Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Nevada.

Founded in 1955, USTA Colorado's mission is to grow tennis in our state. We do this in a number of ways. We provide grants to public and private groups who want to introduce tennis to their communities. We offer scholarships to players who seek to take their game to the next level. We coordinate adult league play for 25,000 participants across Colorado, and offer many recreational programs for junior players of all ages and abilities. We reach out to players of diverse cultural backgrounds, to mentally and physically challenged athletes, and to under-privileged communities across the state. Our sanctioned tournament schedule offers more than 130 events in 2008 for players of all ages and abilities, 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.

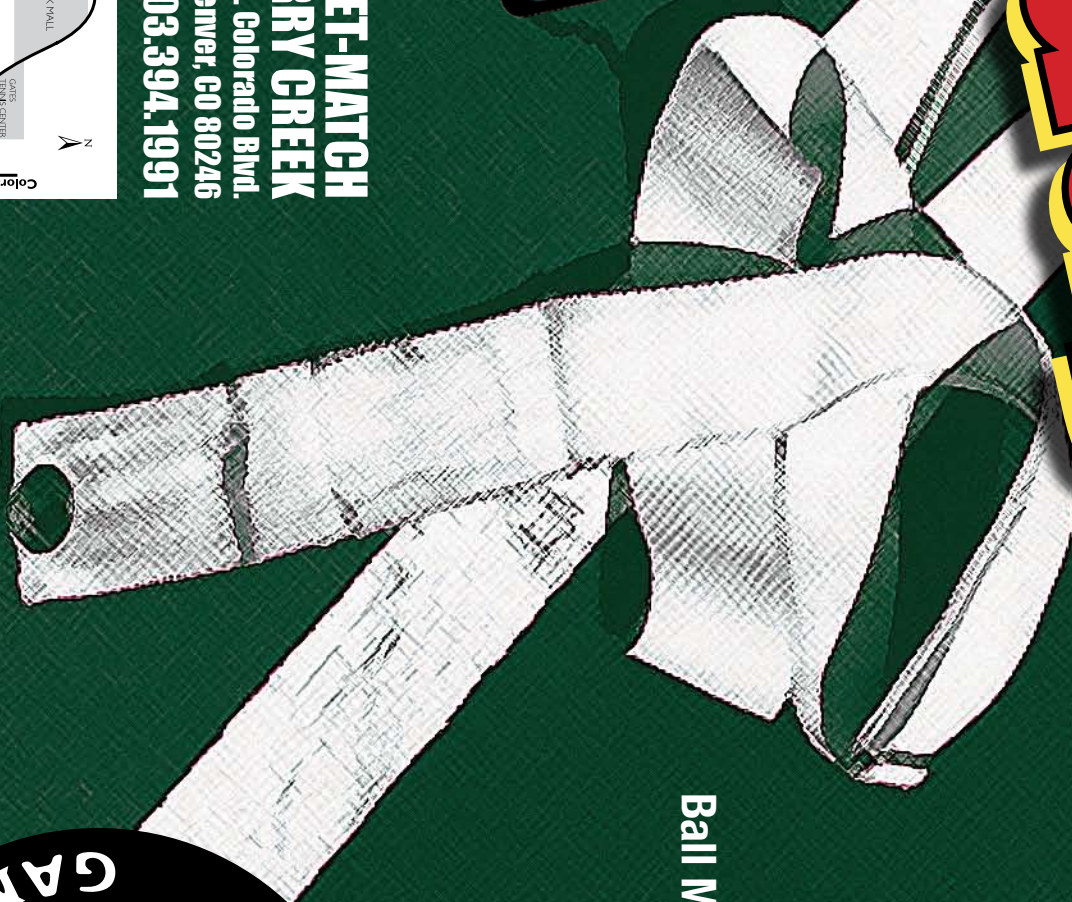
We are 22,000 members strong, but our scope is not confined to those players alone. We represent the nearly 500,000 tennis players in our state, providing information and opportunities to play for each and every one of them. Our publications reach out to players around Colorado and in neighboring states. We strive to make tennis available to anyone who is interested in our sport – all ages, all abilities, all backgrounds.

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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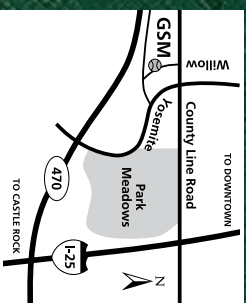
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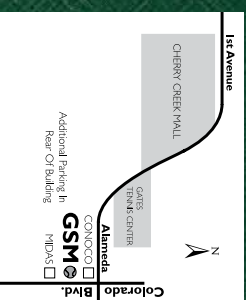


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