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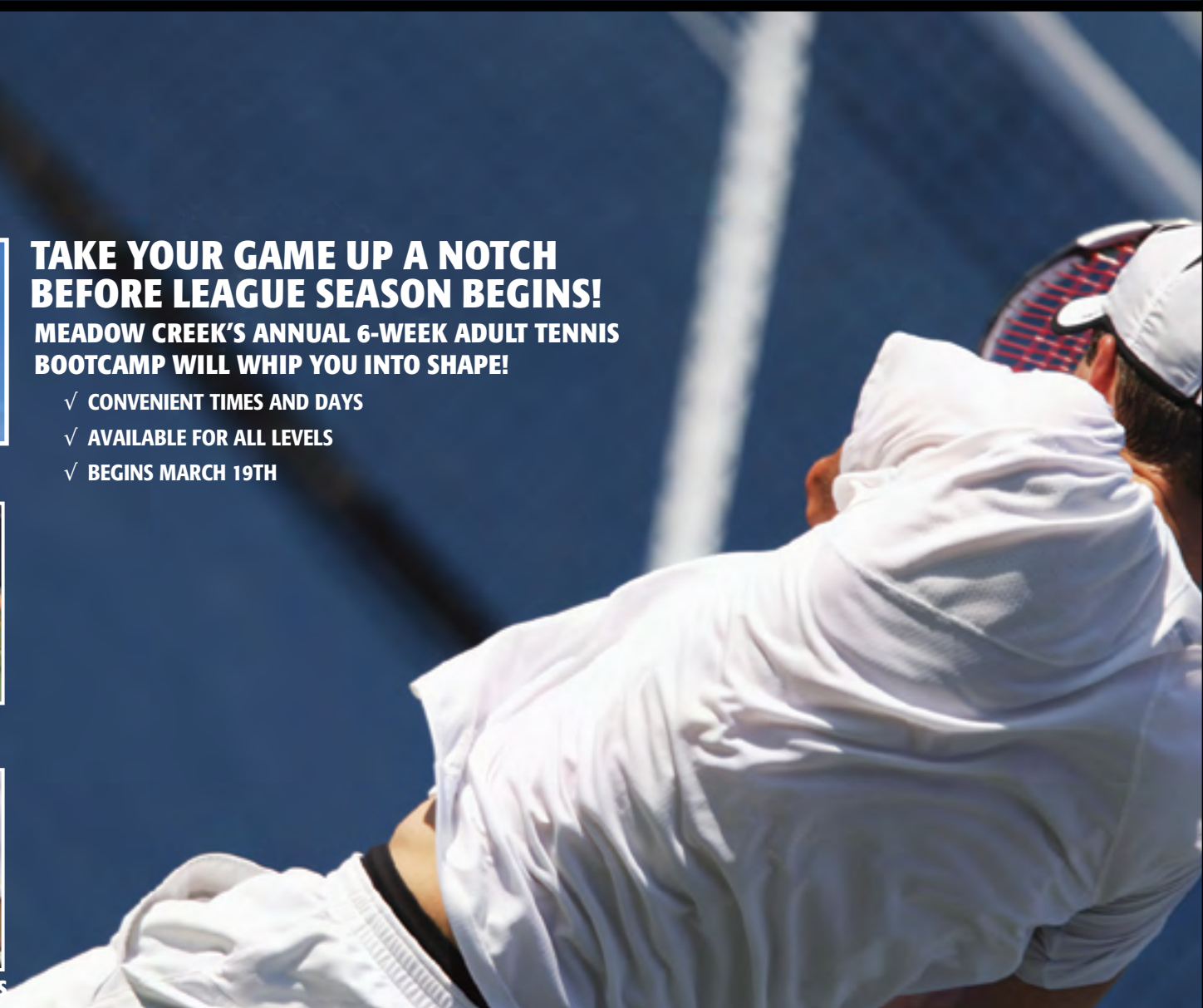
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## UNWRAPPING 10 AND UNDER TENNIS IN 2012

For more than a year, USTA Colorado staff and committees have been working toward the integrated implementation of the QuickStart Tennis format for all 10 and Under sanctioned play. The time has come, and in just a few short weeks, the sport of tennis will usher in a new era for kids.

QuickStart Tennis is an exciting new play format for learning and playing tennis. It is designed to bring kids to the game by utilizing smaller racquets, slower and lighter balls, shorter court dimensions and modified scoring, all tailored to the age and size of the child. It is divided into two different levels, ages 8 and under and ages 9-10.

Beginning in January, all sanctioned events for players 10 and under — including tournaments and Junior Team Tennis — must follow the new regulations, which have been fully adopted by both the United States Tennis Association and International Tennis Federation. USTA Colorado has approved the rule changes for sanctioned competition for all 10 and under divisions. There are six components of the new rules:

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|----------|---------------|
| 1) Stage | 4) Net Height |
| 2) Ball  | 5) Racquet    |
| 3) Court | 6) Scoring    |

# THE SIX COMPONENTS OF 10U

**ONE: the stage...** (because 10 and unders shouldn't be treated like adults)



10 and Under Tennis follows the same logic as other youth sports like baseball or soccer, which use kid-sized courts and kid-sized equipment. Kids learn to play baseball by first playing T-ball; they use shorter, lighter bats and larger, softer balls. Kids learning basketball shoot baskets with kid-sized balls on lowered backboards and they play soccer on smaller fields with smaller goals.

Now with 10 and Under Tennis, balls bounce lower, don't move as fast through the air and are easier to hit. Racquets are sized for small hands and courts are smaller and easier to cover. By using this format, the benefits are immediate and within a short time, kids are rallying, playing, and excited to keep playing. That means kids will have more fun and less frustration. They're playing real tennis and having real fun...and that's what is most important.



**TWO: the ball...** (slower moving balls that bounce into the hitting zone teaches better technique and are less intimidating than balls zipping like BBs over your head)



Kids need a tennis ball that is sized and paced to their playing abilities. A standard yellow tennis ball moves too fast, bounces too high and is too heavy for their smaller racquet. With 10 and Under Tennis, each age group uses a tennis ball better suited to its size and unique playing ability.

QuickStart format balls aren't just dyed in fun different colors. They travel up to 75% slower and bounce significantly lower than a traditional yellow ball.

**RED FOAM AND RED FELT:** For kids playing 8 and under, red foam or felt balls move 75% slower through the air, bounce lower and travel less distance.



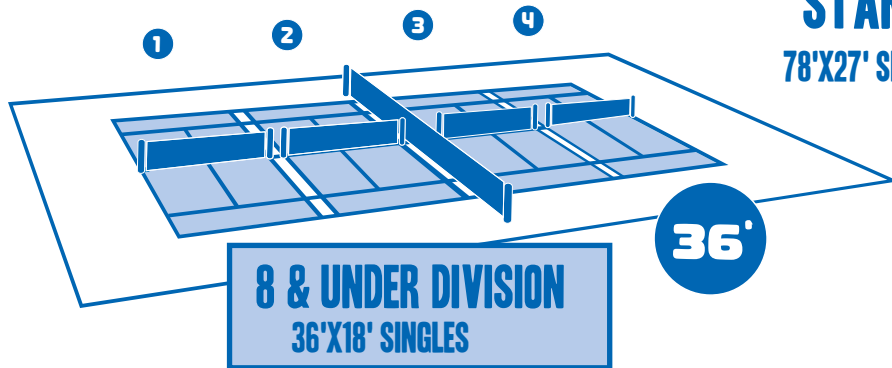
**ORANGE BALL:** For kids competing in 10 and under divisions, an orange low-compression ball moves a little faster and travels farther than the red ball, but about half the speed and distance than a standard yellow ball.



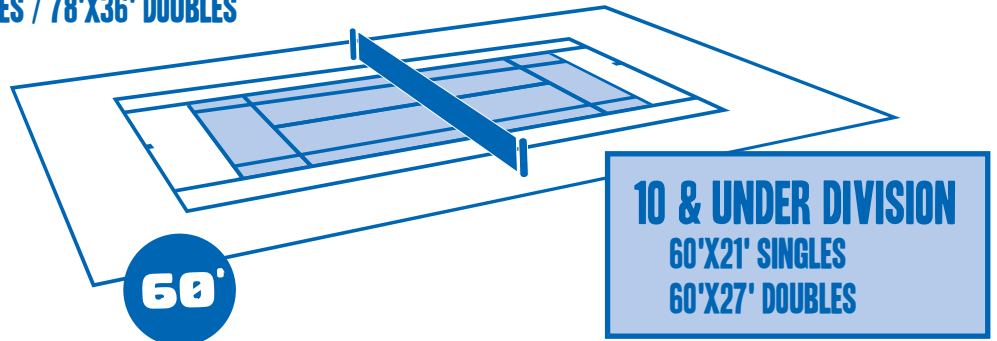
## THREE: the court... (young players better develop an all-court game when they can cover the whole court)

Can you imagine sending your child out to play baseball for the first time on a full-size field, with the same size bat and ball they use in the major leagues?

Of course not. Yet in previous years young players have done just that in tennis, taking an adult-sized racquet and a yellow tennis ball to play on the same-sized court as is used at the US Open.



### STANDARD COURT: 78'X27' SINGLES / 78'X36' DOUBLES



#### USTA COLORADO REGULATIONS SAY:

**ALL 10 AND UNDER SANCTIONED LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT MATCHES MUST TAKE PLACE ON A 60' COURT. WHILE 'BLENDED' PERMANENT LINES ARE PREFERRED, DIRECTORS/COORDINATORS MAY USE TEMPORARY LINES (I.E. PAINTERS TAPE).**

Important note: we believe the USTA will continue its grant program to cover 50% of the cost for painting permanent 'blended' lines.

## FOUR: the net... (The 10s division compete with a regulation height net: 3' high in the center; for 8 and under play, the net height is reduced to 2'9")

## FIVE: the racquet... (what better way to help kids get a grip on tennis than with the right sized racquet?)



Adult racquets are too unwieldy for young players; they are too long and heavy and the grips are too large. An appropriately sized racquet, one designed for kid-sized hands and strength, is essential.



## SIX: the scoring... (children just want to play and the more they can play the faster they will develop.)

The scoring is modified to allow for shorter matches and more competitive experiences for children 10 and under.

-10U (60" court): best two out of three, short-sets (i.e., first-to-four); a third-set seven-point tiebreak will be played if the players split the sets.

-8U (36" court): seven-point games, best two out of three (approximately 20-minute matches)

The serve rules are the same as regulation tennis for both age divisions.





# 10U TEST DRIVE: Take the new format for a spin at one of these events

There are many opportunities for your child to get in the game. The goal of USTA youth programs is to give kids a foundation on which to build a lifelong passion for tennis. The USTA is committed to building tennis participation among youth in our communities, and the offerings are designed for kids at any and all levels. Contact USTA Colorado for more information about any of these opportunities.

**Play Days** Play Days are designed to give kids additional court time in a fun, low pressure, non-elimination setting where they can continue to develop and enhance their skills. For both novices and more experienced players, Play Days are a welcoming and fun way for kids to experience the social and competitive aspects of tennis. Organized by skill level, Play Days afford kids the chance to gain additional play experience by rotating opponents through short, continuous matches over a 2-3 hour period. Play Days promote a sense of achievement through a fun and spirited atmosphere.

**Kids Clubs** Kids Tennis Clubs are offered at local schools, parks, youth centers and tennis facilities. This format lets kids "sample" the sport in a social and group environment. The Kids Tennis Club is structured like an organized extracurricular activity. These clubs offer kids

the opportunity to have fun, gain confidence and meet new friends all while enhancing their social, educational and physical development. If a Kids Tennis Club isn't offered in the local community, parents should encourage local youth-serving organizations to add tennis to their curriculum.

**Leagues** Junior Team Tennis is a child's first experience at organized play in a team setting. Through singles and doubles formats, team competition helps kids develop a sense of individual contribution within a group. Junior Team Tennis promotes social skills and important values by fostering a spirit of cooperation and unity, as well as self-growth. Whether they win or lose, kids learn that succeeding is really more about how they play the game.

**Tournaments** USTA Junior Tournaments are a great way for kids to enjoy the thrill of competition by getting on the court, playing a variety of styles and making new friends. Competing in Junior Tournaments will help kids determine their personal goals for tennis—high school, college, pros or just enjoying the lifetime sport with family and friends. With a range of levels from novice to national competition, tournament participation encourages player development and advancement.

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### Northern Colorado secures 10 and Under Tennis grant from USTA

Colorado was awarded one of 16 national 10 and Under Tennis Target Market Initiative (TMI) grants available from USTA as a part of the national office's efforts to help grow the fledgling program. The grant, which totals \$100,000 over three years, will help fund a variety of efforts ranging from equipment to promotion of the new standard for 10 and Under play.

USTA Colorado wrote the grant on behalf of the Northern Colorado Quad Cities – Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland and Windsor. The grant, one of just two awarded to the Intermountain Section for 2012, will primarily affect schools – including elementary, middle schools, high schools, and local universities – and other entities offering junior tennis, including Parks and Recreation, Community Tennis Associations, private and public facilities, boys' and girls' clubs and YMCAs.

One area of significant focus will be on USTA Play Days and Kids Tennis Clubs where children under 10 can enjoy a hands-on experience with scaled-down equipment, courts and learning/play opportunities.



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# THEBUZZ

## NOUNS IN THE NEWS

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### Top junior players reunite at Apple, win BAITL Championship

Two of the state's top junior players of yore have reunited in their post-college days at Apple, helping the tech giant claim the coveted Bay Area Industrial Tennis League Championship. Former Cherry Creek stars **Jeff Zeller** (Stanford '09, left), and **Chad Harris** (Vanderbilt '04) led their Apple squad to the regular season title, and claimed the No. 1 seed in the playoffs. In the finals, Jeff and Chad easily won their doubles match, but had to watch as two-time defending champion Lockheed Martin squared the team doubles match at 2-2. After splitting sets in the deciding doubles match, the entire championship came down to the match-tiebreak. With both teams crowding on the adjacent court, cheering and rooting on their players, Jeff said it "was just like a college match."

The Apple duo won the tiebreak 10-7 and were promptly mobbed by their cheering teammates. "It was a great experience" said Jeff. "It was fun to re-live the team aspect of tennis, the way Chad and I experienced it in college."

### 24 Hours to Give Where You Live

Increase the value of your donation when you support the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation on **Colorado Gives Day** <<http://www.givingfirst.org>>, December 6, 2011! Last year, the generosity of Coloradans shined when \$8.7 million was donated to their favorite local charities, including the CYTF, which received more than \$15,000! This year, the tennis community is encouraged to help the CYTF in its Mission 24/24 campaign to raise \$24,000 in the 24-hour period beginning at midnight, Tuesday, December 6.

When you donate online on December 6, the value of your donation will be increased by the Colorado Gives Day Incentive Fund – created by FirstBank and supplemented by local organizations. To learn more about Colorado Gives Day, visit the CYTF at [COLORADOTENNIS.com](http://COLORADOTENNIS.com) or find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), and please remember us on December 6!

### Burghardt inducted to Denver East High School Hall of Fame

Former Colorado junior tennis standout, **Ted Burghardt**, was inducted into the East High School Athletic Hall of Fame as part of the 2011 class on October 15. A 1998 graduate of East High, Ted went on to play tennis for San Diego State University. Today, Ted is a veterinarian in Las Vegas, NV and still competes in tournaments.

### Applewood seeking summer coaches

Applewood Athletic Club, located in Golden, is now interviewing for a Summer 2012 Head Tennis Coach and an Assistant Tennis Coach. Duties included coaching state-qualifying Boys and Girls tennis teams, providing group lessons (ages 5-13), coordinating adult tennis ladders, and providing private lessons as desired. Approximately 25-35 hours per week, late May through mid-August (peak time is June/July). Contact Karen Girard <[kmgirard@comcast.net](mailto:kmgirard@comcast.net)> at 303.202.6896.

### 2012 Big Book of Colorado Tennis in pre-production

The annual Big Book of Colorado Tennis will be hitting the streets in just a few short months. All USTA members will receive a copy of this keeper publication, so members are encouraged to keep their mailing address current with the USTA. Interested advertisers can download a media kit at [COLORADOTENNIS.com](http://COLORADOTENNIS.com).



### Martina Navratilova shares ...

Eighteen-time Grand Slam singles champion and All-Time Tennis Great **Martina Navratilova** shows off her still-formidable forehand at a 10 and Under Tennis Play Day for girls, conducted by the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation and USTA Colorado in partnership with The Women's Foundation of Colorado.

The girls represented under-served communities across the metro area where USTA Colorado and the CYTF help to establish tennis opportunities for young people. The Play Day incorporated the QuickStart Tennis play format – smaller courts, lower nets, lighter and lower bouncing balls, and smaller and lighter racquets. Each girl also received a free USTA membership and a low compression tennis ball donated by Babolat. Martina took the time to impress the girls with a few volleys and spoke to them about overcoming adversity and working hard to reach goals.



### Remembering Sarah Landmark

Friends and family of **Sarah Landmark**, who died in May, gathered at Gates Tennis Center, to celebrate her life and dedicate a bench in her honor. Sarah's love of the game and the competition was apparent in her captaining teams for more than twenty years. Marcia Sedillo secured a spot alongside center court (east) for the bench, where her spirit and all may come, rest, and watch the best of games!



**Arapahoe HS Tennis wins Racquets For All High School Challenge**

Thanks to all the boys teams who competed in the 2011 **Racquets For All High School Challenge** this fall, which netted 120 racquets for the program which will be distributed to players in need across the state. **Arapahoe High School** was the winning team, collecting 47 racquets and earning the \$200 cash prize, which was presented to the school at its team banquet.



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**Racquets For All in the community:**

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The state has had a rich tradition of tennis throughout the years and the Hall of Fame provides a vehicle for due recognition of Colorado players, coaches or administrators for their contribution to tennis. The Hall will also seek to provide exposure for the recipients and for tennis in the state of Colorado. The mission statement of the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame is to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to tennis in Colorado.

The Colorado tennis community will celebrate the accomplishments of four individuals (pages 14-15) with their induction into the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame, at the 12th annual Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame Gala. The event is slated for Friday, January 27, 2012 at the Marriott Denver Tech Center. The community will also honor the USTA Colorado Annual Award winners (facing page), whose efforts, passion and dedication honor the sport of tennis.



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## **Bud Robineau Award**

### **ROB SCOTT (Louisville)**

Rob, a Colorado native, has served in the local and national tennis communities for nearly 40 years. A teaching professional for 33 years, Rob is currently the Western Regional Manager for Babolat USA.

## **Clyde Rogers Award**

### **KIM GIDLEY (Colorado Springs)**

The winningest women's head coach in Air Force Academy history, Kim has received numerous accolades for her service to the Colorado Springs community, hosting events for players, instructors and military personnel.

## **Sam & Sid Milstein Award**

### **PHILIP LUPO (Westminster)**

Phil won both the Men's NTRP 5.0 and the Men's 50 singles divisions at the Denver City, Boulder and Colorado State Opens.

## **Jody Riser Knudsen Award**

### **TOM TALMADGE (Centennial)**

A valued CYTF board member, Tom has been instrumental in the success of Racquets for All, putting gently used racquets in the hands of those in need.

## **Fay & Dorothy Shwayder Award**

### **JEAN DARST (Fort Collins)**

Jean captured the Women's 70 and over singles titles at the Denver City Open and Glen Hines Senior Memorial Tennis Tournament. She previously won this award in 2003.

## **Richard Hillway Award**

### **CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN (Colorado Springs)**

The Cheyenne Mountain boys tennis team swept all four doubles championship matches and placed each of its singles players in the top three en route to the school's 13th team championship.

## **Ade Butler Award**

### **JACKIE JONES (Colorado Springs)**

An umpire for 40 years, Jackie has officiated matches at many levels, having also coached high school and collegiate teams. Since 1995, when she officiated her first Colorado match, Jackie has been a mainstay on the tennis court.

## **Rosemary Fri Award**

### **ALEX LEATU (Littleton)**

Alex is a sophomore at Vanderbilt University and was named to the All-SEC Second Team after playing the majority of the spring at the No. 1 singles and doubles position. Alex finished ranked No. 73 in singles and No. 41 in doubles.

## **Margaret Rogers Phipps Award**

### **AMBER SHEN (Broomfield)**

A sixth grader, Amber loves competing on the tennis court. She started playing sectional and national tournaments this year and loves the challenge. She is well-respected by coaches and peers for her on and off-court achievements.

## **Jack Cella Award**

### **DAVID MITCHELL (Castle Rock)**

David took home the 4A Colorado High School State Championship title at the No. 1 singles position. He is the first freshman to win the Boys' No. 1 singles title in state history.

## **Jim & Anne Dyde Award**

### **JENNIFER WEISSMAN (Loveland)**

Jennifer took home the 5A Colorado High School State Championships No. 1 singles title in 2011. It was Loveland's first state championship and The Denver Post named her Player of the Year and All-Colorado First Team.

## **Carter & Lena Elliott Family Award**

### **THE SWIGGART FAMILY (Steamboat Springs)**

Tennis plays a huge role in the lives of each of the Swiggart family members. Stacey and Jim have been running the Tennis Center at Steamboat Springs since '91, which won a National Facility of the Year Award for 2011.

## **Arthur Ashe Award**

### **RICH BERMAN (Boulder)**

A nationally renowned coach, Rich has spent his 40-year career producing champions, including David Hall, the six-time world No. 1 and Paralympic gold medalist, and two-time 5A state champion Chad Tsuda.

## **Jim Landin Award**

### **RICHARD JOHNSON (Boulder)**

The two-time Colorado 5A high school champion and member of the 2006 NCAA Championship Pepperdine squad won his first Colorado major championship, the Intermountain Sectional singles title at the Boulder Open.

## **Dorothy Mauk Award**

### **COLORADO PUBLIC TELEVISION (Denver)**

CPT has set itself apart with an unparalleled amount of local programming. This year, the station aired the tennis documentary, Crossing the Net: Denver City Park and the Black Tennis Experience.

## **Willa Wolcott Condon Award**

### **CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN (Colorado Springs)**

Cheyenne Mountain captured three of the four doubles titles to earn their third consecutive 4A Team Championship, the 16th in school history.

## **E.L. Griffey Award**

### **SOUTH SUBURBAN PARKS & RECREATION (Littleton)**

South Suburban Parks and Rec delivers quality tennis programming—instructional, leagues & tournaments—to its community. A leader in 10 and Under tennis, SSPR has already lined 18 of its courts with 60-foot lines.

## **Joan Birkland Award**

### **VASILISA BARDINA (Denver)**

Vasilisa nearly completed the Colorado Slam, earning the City and Sectional titles but falling in the finals of the State Open. She also won the US Open National Playoff Qualifying event in Denver, earning a trip to the National Finals.

## **Mike, Gene & Maurice Reidy Award**

### **SPENCER WEINBERG (Grand Junction)**

The 2010 5A No. 1 singles state champion and 2011 finalist, Spencer is highly ranked in the section and is a leader and active volunteer on and off the court.

## **Charlie & Ira Brown Award**

### **ANTHONY SANDOVAL (Denver)**

Anthony enjoys giving back to the sport by volunteering as a tennis coach for the Net Results program at Loyola K-12 elementary school. He is patient, kind and is well-respected by the children he teaches.

## **John Hough Award**

### **BRETT FINAN (Broomfield)**

One of the top juniors in the state, Brett was recognized for his work ethic by National-level coaches at several Regional Training Camps. A champion on the court, Brett gives back to his community, volunteering to mentor other kids.

## **Jerry & Lillian Brawer Award**

### **MELISSA MCGUIRE (Denver)**

Currently the No. 1 Quad A player in the US—and the only woman in that division—Melissa won the gold medal at the 2010 US Open Wheelchair Championships in St. Louis.

## **Phyllis Lockwood Award**

### **JESSIKA MOZIA (Littleton)**

A top-ranked junior, Jessika won the high school No. 1 singles title in 2010. She is widely respected for her on-court demeanor—winning five sportsmanship awards—and for her scholastic contributions and community service.

## **Vernon John Award**

### **CHRISTOPHER COOPRIDER (Centennial)**

A sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Christopher went 19-5 (singles) and 16-7 (doubles)—6-0 at the '09 Conference Championship—earning the Colonial Conference Most Outstanding Performer award.



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

UMPIRE  
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

# HALLOFFAME

INTRODUCING THE CLASS OF 2011



**C**liff Buchholz's accomplishments in and contributions to the sport of tennis are many. Growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, Cliff had a stellar junior career before moving to Colorado. He was a three-time Missouri High School singles champion and in 1960 was the National Jaycees Boys' 18 doubles champion. Cliff was also a finalist at the National Championships in Kalamazoo and the US Men's Indoors doubles. In 1963, Cliff was nationally ranked inside the top 20 in singles and top five in doubles. Cliff attended Trinity University, earning a 1966 national ranking of No. 18 and All-American honors.

He moved to Colorado in 1973 and opened the Cliff Buchholz Tennis Ranch in Steamboat Springs. He was an original member of the Denver Racquets, one of the original teams of the nascent World Team Tennis league. In 1974, Cliff teamed with fellow Colorado Tennis Hall of Famer Stephanie Hagan to lead the Racquets to Denver's first world championship team title in any sport.

From 1977-1981, Cliff operated kids' tennis camps at the University of Colorado-Boulder and Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Although he won the Denver City Open in 1975, Cliff has since focused on the business side of the sport he loves. The owner of four tennis clubs outside of Colorado, Cliff brought that experience to Denver when he co-founded Racquet World at Monaco. A past owner of Meadow Creek Tennis and Fitness Center in Lakewood, Cliff also founded and currently owns Miramont Lifestyle Fitness and the Fort Collins Tennis Center.

For more than 30 years, Cliff ran professional events around the country – the Rawlings Tennis Classic in St. Louis, MO, the Pilot Pen Tennis Championships in New Haven, CT, and the Lipton International Players Championship in Miami, FL (now known as the Sony Ericsson Open, considered the fifth major).

Cliff has previously been inducted into four Halls of Fame for his accomplishments on and off the tennis court, including the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame, the St. Louis Tennis Hall of Fame, the USTA Missouri Valley Section Hall of Fame and the Trinity University Sports Hall of Fame.

*Celebrating Colorado's  
Rich Tennis History*



*January 27, 2012*

**I**t's a long way from the Lincoln Park tennis courts in Grand Junction to the fabled grass at the All England Lawn Tennis Club at Wimbledon. But it is an odyssey that Maricaye Christenson Daniels successfully navigated.

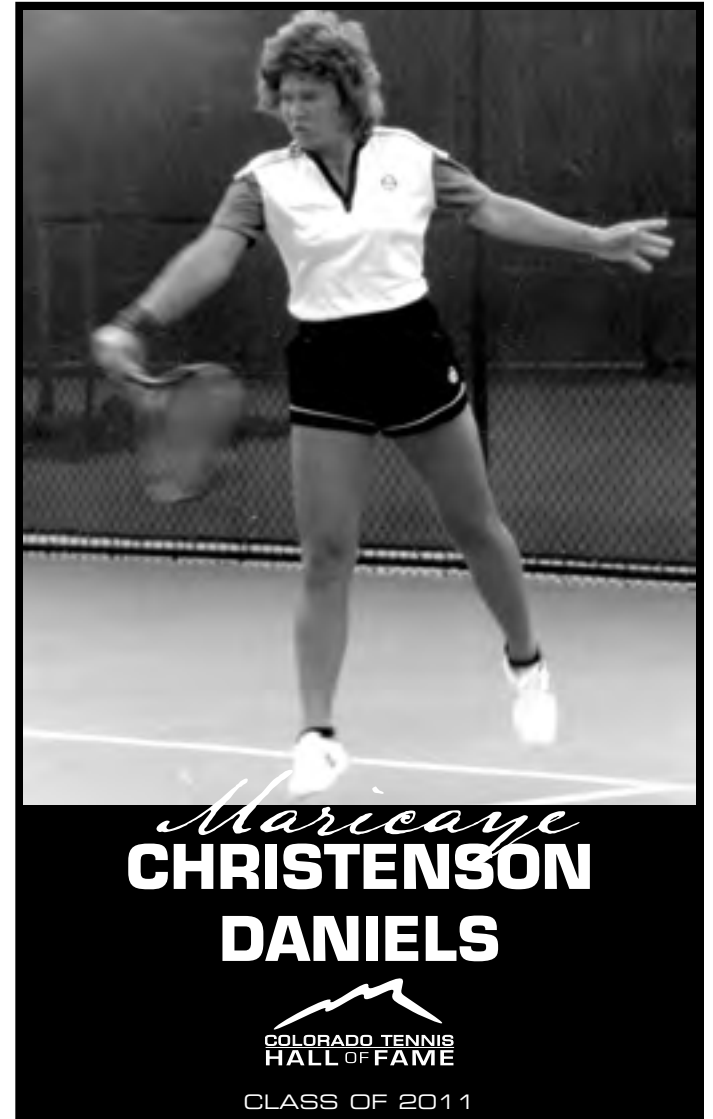
Born in Grand Junction in 1948, she took up tennis at age ten, during a time when she also excelled at diving and horse jumping. In spite of the scarcity of indoor courts, practice partners and weather-friendly months for an outdoor sport, success came rather quickly for Maricaye.

She won her first tournament at age 13. Not long after, she swept the women's singles, doubles and mixed in Glenwood Springs. Maricaye won both the State and Intermountain Junior Championships, and was an alternate on the US Junior Wightman Cup Team.

She attended the University of Southern California where she played No. 1 singles from 1967-70. She was ranked in the top ten in the Southern California women's open singles for 10 years in succession. After graduating from USC, she joined the women's professional tour, which took her to Wimbledon, Forest Hills, the French Open, as well as the open championships of Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark, Spain, South Africa, New Zealand and Nigeria. Her highlight was reaching the fourth round of the Wimbledon mixed doubles draw with Steve Tidball in 1974, where they were defeated by the eventual winners Billie Jean King and Owen Davidson. Maricaye also made the main draw of the women's doubles twice, with Shari Barman and Judy Dixon.

In 1977, she won the singles, doubles (with Liane Marquez) and mixed at the Intermountain Championships in Salt Lake City. Maricaye won the women's open doubles at the Denver City Open in 1980 and 1981 and the mixed in 1980. As a senior player, she won three gold and nine silver USTA National Championship balls from 1983 to 2003. In 1999 and 2000, she and Judy Louie were ranked No. 1 in the USTA 50 doubles. Maricaye was selected by the San Diego District Tennis Association as their Female Player of the Year in 2001.

Currently, she resides in Rancho Santa Fe, California with her husband Don and their sons Peter and Grant. Maricaye continues to compete in the 60s sectionally and nationally.





*Alicia*  
**SALAS**

**COLORADO TENNIS  
HALL OF FAME**  
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**W**hen Alicia Salas first picked up a tennis racquet and began playing tennis with her parents at the age of five, only she dared to dream where tennis would take her in her life.

She started taking lessons at Ken Caryl Ranch with coaches Leslie Davis and Carey Brading. She began her competitive career playing junior leagues, and by the age of nine had won her first tournament.

Alicia trained with the Team Colorado program and was the top-ranked player in both Colorado and the Intermountain section throughout her junior career. She peaked at No. 36 in the nation (G14) and had reached No. 68 in the country her senior year (G18).

In 2000, Alicia became the first four-time 5A Colorado No. 1 high school singles champion. She graduated from Cherry Creek High School and matriculated at the University of Notre Dame, where she received a tennis scholarship.

Alicia helped the Fighting Irish capture the Big East Conference Championships her freshman year, and again in 2003. In 2002, she led the Irish in singles and doubles wins, compiling 57 total victories and winning 27 of her last 30 singles matches. Alicia was named Team Captain her senior year. She played No. 1 singles and No. 2 doubles, and was named the 2004 Midwest Region's Senior Player of the Year. During her four-year career with the Fighting Irish, Alicia was twice voted MVP, in 2002 and 2004.

Notre Dame qualified for the NCAA team championships all four years Alicia competed, qualifying for the NCAA singles championship her junior and senior years. She finished her collegiate career with a national singles ranking of No. 22, peaking with a career high No. 10 in March 2004. Alicia was also one of five women's college tennis players selected to compete on the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's American Express "All-Star team" in Hong Kong and Beijing in 2004.

In a five-year span beginning in 2001, Alicia won seven women's singles, eight women's doubles and eight mixed doubles titles at the Denver City, Colorado State, and Boulder/Intermountain Open Championships. In 2005, she swept all three divisions at every one of the state's top championship events.

**B**orn and raised in Greeley, Scott Humphries is one of the greatest tennis players our state has ever produced. A legitimate tennis prodigy, Scott first started playing with his mom, Fonia, then later with Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame inductee, Sherrie Farris. He honed his considerable tennis skills at Greeley Country Club and Work Out West during the long Colorado winters. A member of Team Colorado, he finished the year No. 1 in the nation at age 12, winning the Boys 12s national championships in both singles and doubles in Corpus Christi. The following year, Scott moved to California before relocating to the Palmer Tennis Academy at Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, Florida where he was coached by Kevin O'Connor.

In the years to come, Scott would win several national doubles titles (B14) alongside long-time doubles partner BJ Stearns. He nearly captured the Orange Bowl as a 14 year-old, falling to future Roland Garros finalist Magnus Norman in the semifinals. A three-time Kalamazoo doubles champion, Scott recorded wins over Marcelo Rios, Mark Philippousis and Sjeng Shalken. In 1994, Scott became the first American in more than a dozen years to capture the Boys' Wimbledon Championship.

Scott's junior career offered a glimpse of what his professional career would look like. After becoming an All-American at Stanford in the '94-'95 season and winning an NCAA national championship alongside 2001 Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame inductee Jeff Salzenstein, he left to compete on the ATP Tour. While on tour, he climbed the pro rankings to No. 220 before being forced off the singles court following two elbow surgeries at the age of 21. With his singles career over, Scott's love for tennis kept him going on the doubles court. He appeared in 11 ATP Tour doubles finals, winning three, and reaching a career-high doubles ranking of No. 29. In 2001, he and partner Justin Gimelstob reached the semifinals of the Australian Open. The following year, Scott helped the Delaware Smash win the World Team Tennis title. He would return to the Grand Slam stage in 2004 at Wimbledon, reaching the quarterfinals with Gimelstob, and beating the Bryan brothers in the round of 16.

After his professional career, Scott found himself in the coaches box, working with top-ranked American Mardy Fish and later with former world No. 1, Jelena Jankovic.



*Scott*  
**HUMPHRIES**

**COLORADO TENNIS  
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## COLORADO TENNIS HALL OF FAME 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: Miiko 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

2008: Paula Coulter, Charlie Gates, Jr., Allen

Kiel, Katie Koontz, Jeff Loehr

2009: Chester Harris, Vernon John, Rhona

Kaczmarczyk, Jack TerBorg, Becky

Varnum Bucolo

2010: Clarence Dodge, Art & John Hagan,

Brenda Vlasak, Kent Woodard

2011: Cliff Buchholz, Maricaye Christenson

Daniels, Scott Humphries, Alicia Salas



# HIGH FIVE

profiles by  
**KATIENEWELL**

For the past 35 years, *Colorado Tennis* (née *High Bounce* in 1976) has been bringing you profiles of local players, coaches, administrators and anyone else in the Colorado tennis community who shares their passion for the sport with others.

In each issue, we are profiling five individuals who deserve recognition for their efforts and accomplishments.

As always, some you will know, while others will be fresh names and faces.

We encourage readers to help us recognize others who they think deserve special recognition.

Email Kurt Desautels <kurt@coloradotennis.com> with your comments or suggestions.

**S**ome fifty years ago, 12-year-old basketball and baseball player **Rich Berman** got some great advice from his beloved father, Jack Berman. He was told to try tennis...that based on the family genes he might be on the smaller end to excel at the other sports. Trying the "sissy" sport was a good thing, because Colorado tennis wouldn't be the same without him. He is a humble man who grew to be a tennis giant as a player, professional, mentor and as a great friend to many. Rich is being awarded the Arthur Ashe Award this year, a well-deserved honor.



Photo courtesy Rich Berman

## **RICHBERMAN**

for coaching David Hall, the six-time No. 1 Player in the world, five-time Paralympic medalist, singles gold medalist in the Sydney Paralympics (a moment Rich describes as both poignant and incredibly emotional), and who in 2010, was inducted into the Sports Australia Hall of Fame. He's coached the Tsuda brothers, both well recognized players and is now mentoring them to continue his important mission of bringing the joy and hope of tennis to everyone they can. It's a great goal...living more of a "Rich" life.

Hooked after hitting his second ball, Rich found tremendous success as a player, ranking 8<sup>th</sup> as a junior behind would be champions such as Stan Smith and Bob Lutz. He played on the junior U. S. Davis squad, and later for Cal State Long Beach where he earned All American Honors. Rich worked for Dennis Van der Meer (who was coaching Billie Jean King at the time) and opened his own TennisAmerica franchise. Realizing by 14 that he also loved instructing others, he went on to have a long career as a teaching professional holding various high profile professional positions at clubs until he owned his own, South Bay Tennis Center in Torrance, California. Rich opened Rich's Tennis School in Boulder in 1990, and then built the facility in Erie in 2004 where he's currently working with 200 able bodied and chair players with the Dream Team that includes well known tennis brothers Chad and Alan Tsuda.

Coaching his chair students on a volunteer basis, Rich says his notoriety isn't the gift in all of it. "I get the same chill, the same excitement every time one of my students connects with that ball for the first time," he explains. "It's moments like when a player realizes that they can toss the ball up with the same hand and then overhand serve it- they know 'I can do this!'" And for Rich, he really does know it from a personal level as plantar fasciitis placed him in a wheelchair for months. Now, with the help of his great friend Bill Trubey, one chair's been donated and one more is coming so that both of his assisting coaches can be skilled chair players/coaches, as well.

There are many highlights in Rich's career, but he is well known

**T**here's a perfect storm brewing in Northern Colorado, and if you look closely you'll find tennis enthusiast Cindy MacMaster right smack in the middle of it. And like most big storms, this one is expected to make a heavy impact.

Cindy is the chairperson of the USTA Colorado Player Development Committee, a member of Intermountain's Junior Competition Committee and the Northern Colorado Junior Team Tennis Coordinator, a program which she has helped grow by leaps and bounds – all that in addition to her regular job at Miramont Lifestyle Fitness coordinating the in-house tennis leagues. It's a juggling act, but one that works with her commitment and drive.



Photo courtesy Miramont Athletics

## **CINDYMACMASTER**

Cindy was introduced to tennis by her father when she was little. Growing up in Southern California she thrived at the sport. When asked what tennis means to her she explains, "Most of my life has been centered around tennis. So many of the incredible opportunities I've been given and many of the amazing people I've met have been a result of it. It's a sport that keeps on giving."

She's passed along the family tennis tradition to her two sons, TJ, a DePauw University graduate, and Casey, a sophomore at Harvard. Coaching them early on, traveling with them to their tournaments and watching them grow into wonderful young men has meant the world to her. "Tennis is a sport that develops integrity and character. It's a great parallel to life."

Understanding the deeper benefits of tennis, Cindy is working very hard with Bruce and Holly Malloy to start NorCO Junior Tennis, a grassroots initiative to help promote junior tennis. There are 300 kids currently participating in the Fort Collins middle school program (one of only a handful of well-established programs in the country) and over 100 in Loveland's newly formed league, and both are running on the volunteer commitments of parents, pros, coaches and local tennis enthusiasts. "It's a huge component of our success," Cindy explains of the ability of everyone to come together and the culture that she, Bruce and Holly are working to create in Northern Colorado.



**B**y all accounts, David Mitchell was born to play tennis. After all, the very first time he stepped onto a court as a four-year-old, he exchanged a 30-ball rally with his instructor...forehands and backhands. So, it doesn't surprise very many people that David became the first male 9th grader in Colorado history to win a state title at No. 1 singles (see page 22). In addition to being the top dog in 4A high school tennis, he's also the top-ranked player in both the state and the section (B16s), and finished his career in the Boys 14s division ranked No. 7 in the nation.

As a child, David participated in team sports such as soccer but said he knew that the challenges and benefits of an individual sport such as tennis were a good fit. "Being able to control your own destiny and have no one to blame but yourself appealed to me," David explains. He also appreciates the mental, physical and emotional demands to continue on his path. He works out with weights and does Pilates. He does mental training, and stays balanced with great friends. "I just try to keep my focus on having fun," David says, "and I never want it to be a chore."



Photo by Wells Photography House

## DAVIDMITCHELL

That maturity and healthy perspective on his game is complemented by an unusual aptitude for the game. His father, Victor agrees that David has a special talent. "He's a student of the game, very disciplined." He also says that David's hand-eye coordination as well as time and space perception is very unique.

David is also fortunate to have a very supportive family, which includes mother, Amy, and sisters Lauren (18) and Emily (8). It's a family effort getting David to his tournaments, keeping the focus on grades, and helping him to stay the well rounded individual that he is as he continues on his extremely successful path.

Coached by Randy Ross (Kent Denver) and Pete Richman (CAC Inverness personal coach), David looks forward to a very bright future, hoping to play at the University of Southern California and then go pro. It's a gigantic goal and although the odds are small for anyone in the sport at the professional level to make it, David's got the skills, the desire and the family support to turn his dream into a reality.

**T**here are people that you meet in your life that change you and how you view the world. They are people who have gone through something incredibly traumatic and still find a reason to move forward, press on, and keep reaching for a better life. One such woman is Melissa McGuire. She's currently the number one Quad A player in the US and the only woman in the division. She also won gold at the 2010 U.S. Open Wheelchair Championships in St. Louis.

Ten years ago, Melissa was an able-bodied 17 year-old high school basketball player. "I was always gifted athletically," Melissa explains, describing how she could do anything she wanted to physically. It's a different situation now as a drinking and driving accident at 17 took the life of her best friend and took away her mobility. Almost dying, living a month in a coma, and struggling to adjust to a challenging new life was not the journey she'd imagined, but Melissa didn't give up on herself. She doesn't understand, however, how people, some very close to her, still make bad decisions even after seeing what she's gone through.

Earning her bachelor's degree in Human Services with an emphasis in addiction, Melissa is now pursuing a graduate

## MELISSAMCGUIRE



Photo courtesy of Melissa McGuire

degree in Social Work. She's determined to work at the VA Hospital in the future, helping injured soldiers returning home. Her goal is to give them hope and to realize there is life after a life-changing injury.

It wasn't until four years ago that Melissa decided to give tennis a try. It was a sport she had never played. But after attending a wheelchair camp in Highlands Ranch offered by Frank Adams and Dan James, she found hope and the drive to keep improving. Coached for the last year and a half by Rich Berman, her goal is to be a contender in the Open Division. Getting frustrated at her lack of strength sometimes, Melissa admits that "of course it's hard," but says it's definitely worth it. Tennis has become an important part of her life and she gives back, too. She helped wheelchair bound kids in the Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp in Aurora this year and is truly committed to supporting them.

Missella's accident confirms what we should already know: Don't drink and drive. But as Melissa has demonstrated, if you do get injured, don't stop living. Melissa always needs and appreciates sponsors to help her reach her tennis goals. If you are interested in helping, please email her at [Melissa3354@yahoo.com](mailto:Melissa3354@yahoo.com).

**I**t's hard to figure out where to start when you talk about Amber Shen, an 11-year old netter from Broomfield who is as well-rounded as the tennis balls she hits with such passion and precision.

Currently ranked No. 5 (singles) and No. 2 (doubles) in the Intermountain Section (G12s)—the result of five days-a-week practices and 100% focus on the court—her on-court prowess is hard to fathom given that Amber discovered tennis by watching a cartoon on television.

But there's so much more to Amber than just being a talented young player. For starters, everyone—from opponents to opponents' parents, to coaches—all agree that Amber exhibits exemplary sportsmanship every time she walks out onto the court. Her demeanor is one reason she is the recipient of USTA Colorado's 2011 Margaret Rogers Phipps Award. Mature beyond her years, Amber credits her on and off court behavior to good parenting. "My parents really influence me. They tell me that winning or losing is not important, being a good person always comes first."

For Amber's parents, having Amber in their lives is a great pleasure. "She's always been very mature for her age," her mother Wei explains, "and she's very tough minded with a strong work ethic. Most importantly, though, Amber has a really good heart." Her father, Minsheng agrees, adding that Amber is incredibly self-driven, independent and competitive; all attributes that will help her succeed in life.

Off the court, Amber plays the piano and violin. She enjoys drawing. She can listen, speak and write Chinese. She loves horseback riding and has received awards in that sport, as well. Amber easily makes friends wherever she goes, the result of her kind heart and warm spirit. She adores her pets, which include her birds, Austin and Mia, a fish named Comet, and her Chinchilla named Roger Federer Shen.

Giving back to the tennis community is also very important to Amber. She showed strong leadership skills by organizing an eco-friendly activity that involved gathering old tennis balls and turning them into Christmas ornaments that were distributed to sick children at Denver Children's Hospital. She's participated in multiple projects in the Kids Care Club, one delivering 51 hand-tied children's blankets for the Denver Samaritan House, a homeless shelter. She's been involved in food drives and already knows the importance of giving back.

Down the road, Amber says she would love to play tennis at Harvard, and if her grades and test scores are any indication, she is well on her way to that dream.



Photo courtesy Shen Family

## AMBERSHEN

# PROFILE

LAKEWOOD CAFE A BREWING SUCCESS STORY: Wy Livingston has fashioned a vocation from her avocation

STORY BY  
LINDA SARGENT

**A**fter a 20-year career in operations for some rather large companies, Wy Livingston decided it was time to brew up something new for herself. However, she wasn't sure what that was exactly. She had always considered herself a "foodie", an aficionado of food and drink who pays particular attention to, and appreciates, the ingredients and preparation of food. Given her interest things culinary, her friends suggested that she open a coffee shop, but Wy found the java market was far too saturated.

Through some extensive research, ideas began to percolate, and she made a great discovery — that tea is the second most consumed beverage in the world after water and garners health benefits that other drinks can't even begin to boast about. Wy's focus was to create a café which served gourmet, tea-infused foods and would specialize in finding, blending and serving the finest quality tea from around the world. This combination of food and tea put her in a unique position in the marketplace, allowing her to cultivate her passion for food. With the commencing whistle of a teapot on the stove, Wystone's World Teas poured its first cup of *Camellia sinensis* in 2008 in Lakewood's revitalized urban neighborhood of Belmar.

The 150 teas Wy offers in her shop come from countries such as Japan, India and Vietnam, to name a few. Her customers are greeted each day with special blends of tea. Additionally, tea graces the food items on the café menu. Breakfast, lunch and dinner cuisines are imaginatively infused with tea. Flavorful spices — all made from tea — for beef, seafood and veggies help add distinct flavor to sandwiches, vegetable soup and more. French toast with a vanilla tea glaze and carrot cake with tea in the batter and frosting are a couple of the relished sweet treats found at the café. And if you're not in the area, you can learn to cook with tea through Livingston's YouTube Channel — [www.youtube.com/wyatea](http://www.youtube.com/wyatea) — "Ask



Photo courtesy of Wystone's World Teas

Wy Cooking with Tea," where she and her staff demonstrate recipe ideas that include tea.

Delicious as the teas may be, they are also steeped with healing power. The advantages of drinking tea include improved digestion, strengthened immune system, and prevention of cellular damage and cardiovascular disease. Wystone's World Teas is skilled at blending teas to address health concerns or even match a person's request for higher energy, increased metabolism and stronger antioxidants. Tea tastings and personalized tea education at the café helps customers find the aligning teas for their desired results. Wystone's World Teas works with professional athletes, body builders and anyone interested in utilizing tea as it relates to health.

One of Wystone's World Teas specialties is customizing tea blends and packaging them for corporate clients. The Broadmoor Hotel and Copper Mountain ski resort have collaborated with Wy and her staff to fashion their own unique blends. Even for special events, Livingston can create a suitable tea blend. This past spring, Wy was one of the featured speakers at the USTA Colorado's "Breaking the Barriers" exhibition and Oral History Lecture Series titled: Tennis, for the Health of It. Attendees were treated to a custom blended tea called "Breaking the Barriers," created in honor of the event. Packaged with the USTA insignia, the tea was designed for metabolic support for pre- and post-athletic activities, provides high energy, and promotes hydration — benefits that tennis players appreciate. Served cold, the tea was such a huge success that not a drop was left.

Wy appreciates the demands of the sport, and what an athlete needs to perform on the court and recover after a match. She started playing tennis at age eight, still carries a racquet in her car. She also recently joined the USTA Colorado Marketing Committee.

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## Grilled Pear Salad with African Rooibos Dressing (serves 8)

### Salad

24 oz. field greens  
6 - 8 grilled pear halves quartered  
4 cups dried cranberries  
1 cup grated parmesan cheese  
1 cup dressing (see below)  
candied pecans or walnuts

**GRILLED PEARS:** Use canned halved pears, drain the pears, coat lightly with extra virgin olive oil and place on stovetop or outdoor grill to caramelize. Set aside.

### Honey Spice Rooibos Dressing

1 Tbs. Roast Garlic  
1 Tbs. Mustard  
4 Oz. Agave  
1 Oz. Lemon juice  
Pinch Salt  
2 Egg yolks  
1 Cup Oil  
1 Tbs. Honey Spice Rooibos Tea  
4 Oz. Hot Water/ as needed

1. Combine garlic, mustard, agave, lemon juice, salt and egg yolks in blender and puree until smooth.
2. With the machine running slowly add oil
3. Steep tea in hot water for 5 minutes and add both the Rooibos tea and tea leaves to dressing.

Any lettuce may be used, we prefer a Spring Mix. To the greens add grilled pears, candied pecans or walnuts, dried cranberries and Parmesan cheese in a large bowl. Add dressing and toss.

Plate and garnish with grilled pears on top, dried cranberries, pecans or walnuts and grated parmesan.

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# PROFILE

A WHEAT RIDGE ICON SAYS GOODBYE: After more than two decades at the helm of the Farmers' boys tennis team, Tom Sabus retires

STORY BY  
TOM FASANO

**T**om Sabus has always made sure his players were ready when it came time to do battle on the tennis court.

He helped lead the Wheat Ridge High School boys tennis team in ending powerhouse Cherry Creek's two-decade run as state champions in 1991. Nearly a decade later, Wheat Ridge once again beat Creek, this time in the regular season to end the Bruins' dual-match winning streak at 316, a national record.

It doesn't matter what skill level a player has, Sabus (pictured left of center in an all-white shirt) loves coaching kids whether at the prep level or at the recreational level.



Photo courtesy of Ryan Lutz

A coaching legend and a marvelous player in his day, Sabus, 53, of Arvada is in the battle of his life. Always in top physical condition, the head tennis pro has been battling ataxia, a dysfunction that is affecting the cerebellum that controls his speech and balance.

"Basically, his brain is atrophying and there's no known cure for it," said Sabus' younger brother, Tedd Sabus. "Part of the problem is that there's not enough people that have it, and there isn't the overwhelming research to push it."

Tom's younger sister, Ann Sabus, and Tedd said their brother was an amazing athlete.

"He was like the John McEnroe of Colorado," Ann said. "He loved the net. He had a good serve and he had a John McEnroe temper, too. The kids love him and he loves the kids. It's all about the kids."

Tedd Sabus of Golden said his brother always had a knack for coaching young kids and keeping them focused.

"They had some really good tennis players come out of Wheat Ridge High School, and I talked to a lot of them who said how Tom helped them get through life situations in terms of helping them with tennis and helping them with their confidence and growth and helping them when they went to college," Tedd said. "He's been a mentor who has changed a lot of lives not just in tennis, but helping them grow into better people. He enjoys their success."

Sabus, who started coaching at Wheat Ridge in the fall of 1990, recently retired as boys coach at Wheat Ridge and was honored by his current and former players at the team's banquet.

"I was surprised," admitted Sabus.

Sabus said he began playing tennis at the age of 8, and instantly fell in love with it because he liked how the game was all up to the individual. He played tennis at Mesa State College in Grand Junction, and started coaching in 1987 at Arvada West High School as well as working as a tennis pro at places such as Rolling Hills Country Club in Golden. He is currently the director of tennis for the city of Wheat Ridge.

The humble Sabus said it's always been about the kids when it came time to coach.

"I try to think about all the kids. I like to make them better and watch them grow," Sabus said. "My goal is to take every kid and try to make them better. The harder you work, the more you get out of it."

Wheat Ridge girls tennis coach Chuck Sprague said he started coaching with Sabus about 11 years ago.

"He did it the right way. He was able to bring in not just being a coach, but being a head coach," said Sprague, whose younger brother played on the 1991 state championship team. "There's a difference between just being a tennis coach and a head coach. He was able to teach me all the different things a head coach had to do in order to make a program successful."

Sprague said the biggest thing Sabus brought to a program was his doubles strategy, how to play real doubles and not just placing two people on the court.

"He was considered one of the best doubles specialists in the US when he was in his 30s," Sprague said. "A lot of it was about timing, the angles and where to put the ball. It's a method to know where to go on the court, not just be on the court. It all just made perfect sense."

Colorado Tennis Hall of Famer and former Wheat Ridge star Jeff Loehr, one of Sabus' best players who won two state titles at No. 3 singles and placed second at state at No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles his first two years at Wheat Ridge, was a key member of the 1991 state title team. Mitch Robinson and Chris Jenkins were the other singles stars on the title team.

Loehr, 37, of Englewood credits Sabus for helping to make his game improve where he then played at the University of South Florida and finished ranked in the top 100 in the collegiate rankings in singles. Loehr played professionally where he was ranked just inside No. 500 in the world. Jenkins, who played for the University of Arizona, also played professionally. Loehr said seven seniors from the 1991 title team went on and played Division I and II college tennis, and Sabus said a total of nine players from that team ended up playing tennis in college.

"I definitely wouldn't have been going to any college — playing college tennis — if it wasn't for Tom. Several of those guys that ended up playing college tennis would have no shot if it wasn't for Tom," said Loehr, who grew five inches his junior year in college. "With Tom, he coached me to the point where once I did fill in and get a little bit stronger, I would have a game that was capable of really exploding to that level. He didn't just teach the basics. He was always teaching me how to be aggressive, taking control of points even though I couldn't quite do it as well in the high school years, it really translated well into the college years."

Loehr, a 1992 Wheat Ridge graduate, took private lessons while in high school from Sabus at Rolling Hills.

"During the non-high school tennis months, I would drive straight over to Rolling Hills after school and would practice with Tom and take an hour or two hours of lessons almost every day," Loehr said. "Those were the times where he really, really helped me work on my game. He's just a great guy at heart."

Sonia Schwartz of Arvada remembers how good of a tennis player Sabus was when she used to run a lot of the tennis tournaments in Arvada about 20 years ago.

"Tom was a top player," Schwartz said. "He's dedicated. He's married to tennis. I saw him when he was at his prime out of high school and he was coaching a lot of the top high school players. I would bet that there are tons of kids that you could probably trace back to him."

Loehr said Sabus will really be missed at Wheat Ridge. ☺



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2000

A boys high school tennis team in Colorado lost this week for the first time since 1972, ending one of the nation's longest winning streaks.

The team from Cherry Creek High School had a dual-match winning streak of 316. The run ended Wednesday with a 5-2 loss to Wheat Ridge.

"The streak was wonderful," Cherry Creek coach Kirk Price said, "but the pressure has been overwhelming."

The streak was the second-longest of any sport in the country, according to the National High School Sports Record Book. First is the wrestling team at Brandon, Fla., which has won 334 consecutive dual meets since 1973, with its streak still alive.

This was the second time in 10 years that Wheat Ridge ended a long streak by Cherry Creek. In 1991, the Farmers halted the Bruins' national record of consecutive state tennis championships at 19.

# JUNIOR COMPETITION

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The Northern Colorado (14 Intermediate) Squad (left to right: **Coach Andrew Gunberg, Robin Drummond, James Hunsinger, Ky Ecton, Bailey Koronich, Shawnea Pagat, and Gabriel Pagat**) won the Team Spirit/Sportsmanship Award and finished in 8th place at the USTA JTT National Championships in Surprise, AZ.

The Ken Caryl (18 Advanced) squad (not pictured: **Andre Greene, Brennan Graham, Daniel Steinhauser, Lorraine Smith, Madison Mamaghani, and Melissa Davis**) also qualified for the National Championships.

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## GREAT PUMPKIN SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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It's too bad Halloween comes but once a year for Colorado's top junior players, who captured seven of the sixteen championship titles and finished second in seven divisions, in Las Vegas at the 2011 Intermountain Great Pumpkin Sectional Championships. So dominant was the Colorado contingent, only four of the 16 finals contested at the Championship didn't feature a Colorado player.

In the Boys 12s division, fifth-seed **Richter Jordaan** (Cherry Hills Village) upended the top seed **Brett Finan** (Broomfield) in the quarterfinals, but lost to second-seeded **Nick Lorenz** (Colorado Springs) 6-1, 6-3 in the finals. Jordaan and Lorenz then cruised through the doubles draw to win the B12s doubles title.

In the B14 singles draw, No. 4 seed **Willie Gold** (Denver) was stopped in the semifinals by the No. 1 seed Dylan Levitt (NV) in two tiebreak sets, but rallied to finish third, defeating Cody Kim (ID) in the 3rd/4th playoff final. Third-seeded **Casey Ross** reached the B14s finals without losing a single set, Levitt was up to the challenge, defeating Ross 6-2, 6-2. Ross nabbed his second Runner Up trophy in the B14 doubles draw, where he and partner Chase Stoner (UT) fell to the un-seeded duo **Frederick Edwards** (Bayfield, CO) and Clayton Alenik (NV).

Top-seeded **David Mitchell** (Castle Rock) continued his sectional dominance, capturing the B16s singles title, his second sectional championship this year. **Spencer Lang** (Longmont) overcame a loss in the round of 16 to grab sixth place in the B16. In the doubles draw, **Luke Lorenz** (Colorado Springs) and **Zach Fryer** (Lonetree) finished second.

In Boys 18s action, **Harrison Lang** (Longmont) lost to the No. 7 seed but finished strong by winning the feed-in consolation bracket. Meanwhile, the un-seeded pairing of **Matt Sayre** (Denver) and **Hayden Sabatka** (Lonetree) upset the No. 1 and No. 3 seeds but fell in the finals to earn a well-deserved 2nd place finish.

On the girls side of the draw, Colorado's **Mira Ruder-Hook** (Denver) completed the double, winning both the G16s singles and doubles titles in convincing fashion, dropping just a single set — in the singles championship final — during the entire tournament. **Eva-Lou Edwards** (Frederick's older sister) finished second to Ruder-Hook in the doubles final. **Kelli Woodman** (Denver) and **Kalyssa Hall** (Colorado Springs) had strong showings in the 16s as well, as No. 3 Woodman cruised through her early rounds before falling to the top seed in the semis. She easily won the playoff, 6-1, 6-1 over Taylor Calton (UT). Hall lost early, but battled through the back draw to the consolation finals, but retired due to an injury in the first set.

In the G18s, unseeded **Meagan Monaghan** (the 4A high school champion from Denver South) upset No. 4 **Erin Gebes** (Littleton) in the round of 16. They were set to face each other in the consolation final but Gebes received a walkover.

In the G12s, top-seeded Sedona Gallagher (NV) upended No. 4 **Morgan Hall** (Colorado Springs) in the semis before defeating No. 3 **Anshika Singh** (Greenwood Village) in the finals.

**Ashley Lahey** (Boulder) joined Ruder-Hook on the top step of the podium by capturing the G14s doubles championship. Lahey rebounded from a tough three-set defeat in the singles quarterfinals to the eventual champion (her

### COLORADO RESULTS

#### Boys 12 singles

Nick Lorenz (Champion)  
Richter Jordaan (Finalist)  
Brett Finan (5th)

#### Girls 12 singles

Anshika Singh (Finalist)  
Morgan Hall (4th place)

#### Boys 12 doubles

Lorenz/Jordaan (Champions)

#### Girls 14 singles

Gabrielle Schuck (3rd Place)  
Ashley Lahey (5th)

#### Boys 14 singles

Casey Ross (Finalist)  
Willie Gold (3rd Place)

#### Girls 14 doubles

Lahey (Champion)

#### Boys 14 doubles

Ross (Finalist)  
Frederick Edwards (Champion)

#### Girls 16 singles

Mira Ruder-Hook (Champion)  
Kelli Woodman (3rd place)  
Kalyssa Hall (6th)

#### Boys 16 singles

David Mitchell (Champion)  
Spencer Lang (6th)

#### Girls 16 doubles

Ruder-Hook (Champion)  
Eva-Lou Edwards (Finalist)

#### Boys 16 doubles

Zach Fryer/Luke Lorenz (Finalist)

#### Girls 18 singles

Erin Gebes (5th)  
Meagan Monaghan (6th)

#### Boys 18 singles

Harrison Lang (5th)

#### Boys 18 doubles

Matt Sayre/Hayden Sabatka (Finalist)

doubles partner), Morgan Cooley (ID) to capture the singles consolation match. The two-seed, **Gabrielle Schuck** (Colorado Springs), appeared to be in cruise control on the bottom half of the draw, but ran into a tough semifinal opponent Whitney Turley (UT) who upended her in a pair of tight sets. Schuck rebounded in the playoff to claim third.



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# PRECOMPETITION

## STATE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

stories by  
MARK KROLL

**4A**—Kent Denver freshman, David Mitchell, rips a forehand in his No. 1 singles championship match. Mitchell became the first freshman to win at No. 1 singles in state history.

Photo by Chris McLean/Pueblo Chieftain



### 4A- Kent Freshman earns 4A state crown, Cheyenne Mountain repeats team title

Remember the name David Mitchell, likely to become more and more familiar in the Colorado tennis world. The Kent freshman won the No. 1 singles title over Niwot junior Harrison Lang in typical Mitchell fashion, blasting winners from his powerful forehand wing to upend the former champion, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

With his win, Mitchell (see **HIGHFIVE** on page 18) became the first 9th grader to capture the No. 1 boys singles title in state history, and earned Kent Denver its fourth No. 1 singles champion.

Niwot's Michael Ogez and Spencer Lang won the No. 2 and No. 3 singles championships respectively to propel the Cougars to a second place team finish, as Cheyenne Mountain swept all four doubles titles to secure coach Dave Adam's 16th state championship with the Indians (boys and girls team titles).

### Denver Post All-Colorado Boys Tennis

Player	School	Year	Class	State finish
<b>Singles</b>				
Zach Fryer	Cherry Creek	So.	5A	1st (No. 2)
David Mitchell	Kent Denver	Fr.	4A	1st (No. 1)
Hayden Sabatka	Highlands Ranch	Jr.	5A	1st (No. 1)
<b>Doubles</b>				
Jack Greene	Cherry Creek	Sr.	5A	1st (No. 1)
Spencer Anderson	Cherry Creek	Sr.	5A	1st (No. 1)
Jonathan Kaufman	Cherry Creek	Jr.	5A	1st (No. 2)
Will Ro	Cherry Creek	Jr.	5A	1st (No. 2)
Abe Yellen	Cheyenne Mountain	Sr.	4A	1st (No. 1)
Cole Benson	Cheyenne Mountain	Jr.	4A	1st (No. 1)
Vincent Chow	Cheyenne Mountain	Sr.	4A	1st (No. 2)
Canyon Barry	Cheyenne Mountain	Sr.	4A	1st (No. 2)

### Honorees

Player of the year: Hayden Sabatka, Highlands Ranch  
Coach of the year: Chad Tsuda, Fairview

### CLASS 4A RESULTS at Pueblo City Park

#### Team Scores

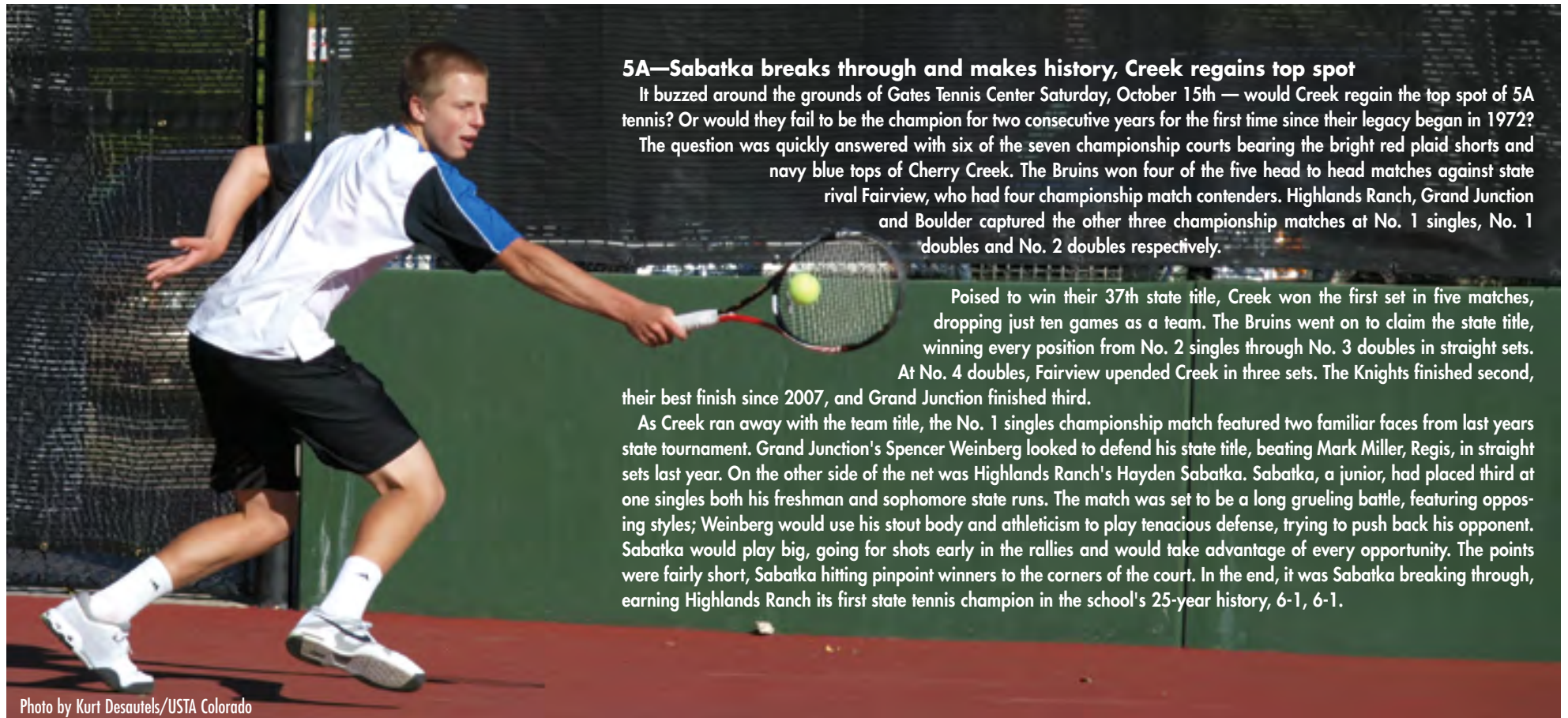
Cheyenne Mountain 85, Niwot 67, Kent 59, Air Academy 28, Colorado Academy 21, Discovery Canyon 14, Alexander Dawson 14, Aspen 11, Steamboat Springs 7, Mullen 6, Valor Christian 3, Broomfield 3, Longmont 2, Montrose 2, Silver Creek 2, Golden 1, Lewis-Palmer 1, Pueblo Centennial 1, Pueblo Central 1, Pueblo South 1, Palmer Ridge 1.

#### Championship Matches

No. 1 singles — David Mitchell, Kent, def. Harrison Lang, Niwot, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.  
No. 2 singles — Michael Ogez, Niwot def. Brandon Nachbar, Discovery Canyon, 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.  
No. 3 singles — Spencer Lang, Niwot def. Andrew Venner, Cheyenne Mountain, 6-2, 6-4.  
No. 1 doubles — Abe Yellen-Cole Benson, Cheyenne Mountain def. Peter Sisk-Ian Welty, Colorado Academy, 6-4, 0-6, 6-4.  
No. 2 doubles — Vincent Chow-Canyon Barry, Cheyenne Mountain def. Jase Wyeno-Zach Vargas, Air Academy, 6-3, 6-0.  
No. 3 doubles — Declan Hyde-Matt Clancy, Cheyenne Mountain def. Josh Rubin-Charlie Alpert, Kent, 6-3, 6-0.  
No. 4 doubles — Nathaniel Rocks-Austin Hampton, Cheyenne Mountain def. Mickey Martin-Alex Peters, Air Academy, 6-0, 6-2.

#### Third Place Matches

No. 1 singles — Stephen Moore, Cheyenne Mountain def. Bryan Mehall, Aspen, 6-4, 6-4.  
No. 2 singles — Billy Fielding, Cheyenne Mountain def. Ryan Beyer, Kent, 6-3, 6-0.  
No. 3 singles — Carson Smith, Alexander Dawson def. Brendan Soane, Kent, 6-2, 6-1.  
No. 1 doubles — Matt Londa-Connor Mulshine, Niwot def. Alec Lee-Adam Pinto, Kent, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3).  
No. 2 doubles — Kamiar Coffey-Jeff Ellenoff, Kent def. Drew Pasma-Scott Rutherford, Niwot, 6-2, 6-3.  
No. 3 doubles — Jeff Milliman-Nash Gaubatz, Air Academy def. Jesse Jones-Trevor Jones, Niwot, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4.  
No. 4 doubles — Will Baird-Will Gallagher, Colorado Academy def. Andrew Thompson-Julian Schwab, Kent, 2-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2.



### 5A—Sabatka breaks through and makes history, Creek regains top spot

It buzzed around the grounds of Gates Tennis Center Saturday, October 15th — would Creek regain the top spot of 5A tennis? Or would they fail to be the champion for two consecutive years for the first time since their legacy began in 1972?

The question was quickly answered with six of the seven championship courts bearing the bright red plaid shorts and navy blue tops of Cherry Creek. The Bruins won four of the five head to head matches against state rival Fairview, who had four championship match contenders. Highlands Ranch, Grand Junction and Boulder captured the other three championship matches at No. 1 singles, No. 1 doubles and No. 2 doubles respectively.

Poised to win their 37th state title, Creek won the first set in five matches, dropping just ten games as a team. The Bruins went on to claim the state title, winning every position from No. 2 singles through No. 3 doubles in straight sets.

At No. 4 doubles, Fairview upended Creek in three sets. The Knights finished second, their best finish since 2007, and Grand Junction finished third.

As Creek ran away with the team title, the No. 1 singles championship match featured two familiar faces from last year's state tournament. Grand Junction's Spencer Weinberg looked to defend his state title, beating Mark Miller, Regis, in straight sets last year. On the other side of the net was Highlands Ranch's Hayden Sabatka. Sabatka, a junior, had placed third at one singles both his freshman and sophomore state runs. The match was set to be a long grueling battle, featuring opposing styles; Weinberg would use his stout body and athleticism to play tenacious defense, trying to push back his opponent. Sabatka would play big, going for shots early in the rallies and would take advantage of every opportunity. The points were fairly short, Sabatka hitting pinpoint winners to the corners of the court. In the end, it was Sabatka breaking through, earning Highlands Ranch its first state tennis champion in the school's 25-year history, 6-1, 6-1.

Photo by Kurt Desautels/USTA Colorado

## CLASS 5A RESULTS at Gates Tennis Center

### Team Scores

Cherry Creek 80, Fairview 71, Grand Junction 42, Denver East 21, Boulder 20, Highlands Ranch 19, Fort Collins 15, Chatfield 13, Regis Jesuit 11, Legend 10, Arapahoe 9, Monarch 8, Mountain Vista 2, Loveland 1, Liberty 1, Columbine 1, Fossil Ridge 1, Fruita Monument 1, George Washington 1, Rocky Mountain 1, Smoky Hill 1.

### Championship Matches

No. 1 singles — Hayden Sabatka, Highlands Ranch def. Spencer Weinberg, Grand Junction, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 2 singles — Zach Fryer, Cherry Creek def. Johnny Combs, Fairview, 6-0, 6-4.

No. 3 singles — Daniel Steinhauser, Cherry Creek def. Igantius Castenlino, Fairview, 7-6, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles — Spencer Anderson-Jack Greene, Cherry Creek def. Jacob Filutze-Caleb Gartner, Grand Junction, 6-2, 6-4.

No. 2 doubles — Jonathan Kaufman-Will Ro, Cherry Creek def. Levi Chandler-Harrison Vivas, Boulder, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 3 doubles — Parker Dannenberg-Connor McPherson, Cherry Creek def. Tommy Mason-Andrew Pollack, Fairview, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 4 doubles — Nick Blanco-Ben Krahenbuhl, Fairview def. Jace Blackburn-Connor Petrov, Cherry Creek, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

### Third Place Matches

No. 1 singles — Matt Sayre, Denver East def. Eli Winegardner, Fairview, 6-2, 6-1.

No. 2 singles — Nick Holmes, Chatfield def. Luke Whalen, Legend, 7-5, 6-3.

No. 3 singles — Sam Buffington, Ft. Collins def. Jack Shanahan, Monarch, 6-3, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles — Kevin Chen-Brock Dehaven, Fairview def. Zach Cohen-Jeff Craig, Arapahoe, 7-5, 6-3.

No. 2 doubles — Dakota Muench-Connor Corrigan, Fairview def. Max Proietti-Daniel Ness, Grand Junction, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

No. 3 doubles — Case Anderson-Nate Root, Regis Jesuit def. Gabe Campos-Jeff Hansen, Grand Junction, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 4 doubles — Luke Duffy-Connor Smith, Denver East def. Luke Jirmans-Sig Doulson, Boulder, 6-7, 7-6, 7-6.

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 8.0: APR Silver (Aurora Parks and Recreation) / Tanya Harrington  
 9.0: PCRK Orange (Piney Creek) / Paul Whipple  
**10.0: Denver Black (Holly) / Tiffany Milner (Nationals 11/18-11/20)**

### USTA Adult

**M 3.0: ATC Green (Arapahoe Tennis Club) / Christopher Gruber**  
 M 3.5: CACM Navy (Colorado Athletic Club Monaco) / Roger Freeman  
 M 4.0: LVTA Gold (Loveland Tennis Association) / Brian Smith  
**M 4.5: CSRC Hayter (Colorado Springs Racquet Club) / Michael Hayter**  
**M 5.0: FLAT Blue (Flatirons Athletic Club) / John Fasullo**  
 W 2.5: CACM Red (Colorado Athletic Club Monaco) / Nancy Bernstein  
 W 3.0: CSCC Harms (Colorado Springs Country Club) / Kelly Harms  
 W 3.5: HOME (Homestead) / Susan Carlson  
 W 4.0: GTC Blue (Gates Tennis Association) / Marie Nguyen  
 W 4.5: TAG Red-WOW (Tennis Association of Greeley) / Ann Hochworter  
 W 5.0: CACI Silver (Colorado Athletic Club Inverness) / Laura Lafors

### CTA Daytime Doubles

W 2.5: KC Gold (Ken Caryl) / Alicia Hoveland  
 W 3.0: WYO (Wyoming) / Suzie Young  
 W 3.5: HRCA Red (Highlands Ranch Community Association) / Debbie McGough  
 W 4.0: NIW Blue (Niwot) / Nina Pater  
 W 4.5: GAC Silver (Greenwood Athletic Club) / Audrey Davine

### USTA Super Senior

M 6.0: LTA Blue (Longmont Tennis Association) / David Bluhm  
 M 7.0: NJ Red (North Jeffco) / Michael Everard  
 M 8.0: GTC Green (Gates Tennis Center) / Norbert Frueh  
 M 9.0: NOCO (Northern Colorado) / David Eikner  
 W 6.0: HEB Gold (Heritage Eagle Bend) / Carrie Sharp  
 W 7.0: HEB Red (Heritage Eagle Bend) / Carol Chiolero  
 W 8.0: MRCK (Maroon Creek) / Sandy Iglehart

### USTA Senior

M 3.0: GAC Black (Greenwood Athletic Club) / Kendor Jones  
**M 3.5: LTF Conter (Lifetime Fitness) / Tom Conter**  
 M 4.0: LTA Green (Longmont Tennis Association) / Dan McGlothlin  
 M 4.5: MHCC Balboa (Monument Hill Country Club) / Robert Balboa  
**W 3.0: CSU (Colorado State University) / Ann Hunt**  
 W 3.5: SSLGT Gold (Littleton Golf and Tennis) / Robin Cann  
**W 4.0: GAC Silver (Greenwood Athletic Club) / Charlene Parkinson**  
 W 4.5: HG Red (Heritage Greens) / Sarah Patterson

### CTA Twilight

M 3.0: MHCC Foley (Monument Hill Country Club) / Brian Foley  
 M 3.5: BTA Black (Boulder Tennis Association) / Doug Turley  
 M 4.0: CSU Green (Colorado State University) / Brian Kugeler  
 M 4.5: RCC Maroon (Ranch Country Club) / Dean Harper  
 W 2.5: HRCA Purple (Highlands Ranch Community Association) / Danielle Zgut  
 W 3.0: PH Blue (Pinehurst Country Club) / Kimberly Creedon  
 W 3.5: BP Bronze (Berkeley Park) / Cheryl Scheck  
 W 4.0: GTC Orange (Gates Tennis Center) / Marie Nguyen  
 W 4.5: LT (Lewis Tennis) / Erin Boyd

### ITA Fall Mixed

5.5: CPV (Castle Pines Village) / Carol Lail  
 6.5: HMT (Highland Meadows Tennis Center) / Susan Holland  
 7.5: NJ Green (North Jeffco) / Kelley Sober  
 8.5: GTC Red (Gates Tennis Center) / Jennifer Bui  
 9.5: GTC (Gates Tennis Center) / Marie Nguyen

### CTA Summer Daytime

W 2.5: SKY Blue (Skyline Acres) / Rebecca Burckhardt  
 W 3.0: PH Green (Pinehurst Country Club) / Kimberly Creedon  
 W 3.5: ERIE Purple (Erie Tennis Association) / Becky Fase  
 W 4.0: GAC Yellow (Greenwood Athletic Club) / Debbie Yoon  
 W 4.5: CK Blue (Columbine Knolls) / Heidi Trichler

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Since 2001, we have been keeping track of all of the captains for Colorado, but there are definitely those unsung captains who should also be recognized... the co-captains. Unfortunately, Tennislink does not allow us to export a list of co-captains, so only the primary captains' names are able to be listed. Still, we greatly appreciate the efforts of all captains and co-captains.

\* Years of service beginning in 2001. Although we have numerous captains that have been leading their teams for 10, 15, or even 20+ years, we only began tracking this information in 2001. The numbers in ( ) indicate how many captains out of the total of 2,143 had reached X years of service.

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USTA League Tennis is improving its structure to enhance your playing experience starting with the 2013 Championship Season. Under the new structure, USTA Leagues will have three divisions: 18 and Over, 40 and Over and 55 and Over.

For more information on this new structure, see the 2012 Big Book of Colorado Tennis or visit [COLORADOTENNIS.com](http://COLORADOTENNIS.com)

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# THEBIGCHAIR

STATE OF THE DISTRICT: news from USTA Colorado headquarters

FRITZ GARGER Executive Director/USTA Colorado

It's Thanksgiving time, and we do have a lot for which to give thanks. Yet another very successful year of tennis in Colorado, and as is always the case, there are a lot of people involved who make our season a success. From middle school and high school coaches, the tennis professionals and instructors — all those on-court teachers who foster the love of the game; to those involved in the administrative arena — the committee members, event volunteers, sponsors, staff, and board members — thanks for all your efforts and support to bring this game to more people and provide opportunities to all the existing players we have in the fold already. This is an exciting time for our sport and we continue to see increased growth in almost every area of involvement — events, tournaments, leagues and other promotions. Several key elements were further established this year (2011) as we plan and position ourselves for 2012.

## 10 & Under Tennis Initiative:

We are gearing up for the adoption of the new 10 & Under Tennis initiative, which will involve new rules for all sanctioned 10 & Under competition in the state (league and tournament play). We are also looking at how we best promote and track several other non-sanctioned activities that revolve around the new 10 & Under Tennis initiative (Play Days, Kids Clubs, etc.). We need to coordinate everyone's efforts in the formal and informal program areas to account for the strides being made by all those involved statewide with this initiative. USTA Colorado was awarded a "Target Market" by the USTA (Section and National) with our proposal for the Quad Cities in Northern Colorado — Fort Collins, Greeley, Loveland and Windsor. And while there will be a significant focus placed on that market, our association is putting a strategy in place for the entire state as we look to see exponential growth in the number of kids (10 & under) getting into the sport. As we've said before, the landscape of tennis has changed for this demographic in a most positive and constructive way — now we need to capitalize on it.

## ITA – Intermountain Section's adoption of a new strategic plan:

Upon review of their assessment, the Intermountain Section's Board of Directors unveiled a new strategic plan that narrows its focus to three primary areas (all of which are top priorities for USTA National and the Districts);

- Diversity and Inclusion (at all levels – this is a cornerstone as we seek to reach out and include ALL people at every level of our organization – National, Section, District/State and Local)
- Adult Leagues (our Section has a very strong league program – led by the efforts of USTA Colorado, which has one of the largest league programs and expansive league menus in the country)
- Player Development — with major focus on Junior Leagues and the 10 & Under Initiative (from the entry-level to the elite player, our goal is to create opportunities for youngsters to develop talent and achieve whatever level is their desire). The establishment of a solid pathway for all is critical.

The process of simplifying and refocusing efforts in a more optimal way was also a central message of the recent USTA Staff Development Workshop. The primary theme was simplification — placing an emphasis on a few things (and doing those exceptionally well) versus trying to take on too much and spreading resources (time and money) too thin to be truly effective.

An additional aspect of the Section's philosophy of streamlining its operations is designed to build greater capacity at the District level — which is viewed as being one step closer to the delivery systems of programs and initiatives. And while our USTA CO programs may extend beyond the three areas noted above, our own Board is advocating an approach that places significant emphasis on those areas with the goal of seeing major strides realized in the years ahead. We have done our own, less formal USTA CO assessment and will be shaping our plans for the next several years based on those findings. And while we will have the need to extend beyond those three primary areas, we will invariably focus a lot of attention on them. With the changes to our landscape — literally with the 10 & under initiative (size of courts, racquets and balls) as well as figuratively with strategic plans and areas of focus — we are excited to see more people of all backgrounds involved in our sport — players of all ages, as well as personnel (staff, community leadership, committee and board members) at all levels.

This is an exciting time to be involved in tennis and once again, we thank everyone who has been, and will continue to be involved in the effort to promote this lifetime sport! It takes everyone involved to be successful. Thank you!

May all of you have a wonderful and joyous holiday season and New Year! 🍷

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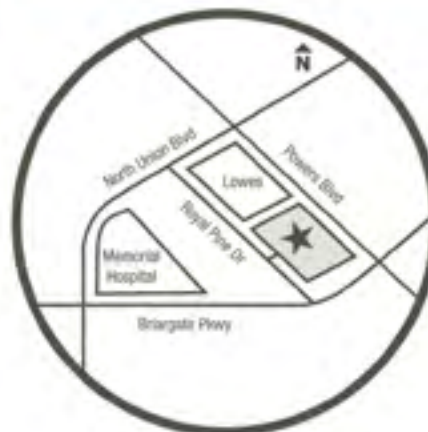


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# THE LAST WORD

## 10 AND UNDER TENNIS: Welcoming the Revolution

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**O**n January 1, 2012, when I roll out of bed at the crack of noon and wade through the empty bottles of Moët & Chandon and half-filled bags of Cheese Nips that litter my floor after my traditional New Year's Eve celebration, I am not quite sure that it will hit me that we have officially entered a new era in tennis.

It may take years before any of us truly recognize the significance of that date. It may take an entire generation. But make no mistake...after more than 100 years of treating kids like adults on the tennis court, the sport of tennis has not only embraced the teachings of the past, it has embraced the future direction of the sport.

It's been a long time coming, and I'm not simply referring to the last century. I first saw "36-60" — the pre-launch name for the format that would later become "QuickStart", and is now universally as "10 and Under Tennis" — at the 2006 USTA National Staff Training in Phoenix, Arizona. Like so many of us who first stepped onto the 36-foot court, picked up a 21" racquet and began hitting an over-sized foam ball (imported from France) over the mini-nets, the concept seemed so obvious as to not warrant the effort that so many at the USTA were giving it. What sport wouldn't treat its kids as kids?

But combining the physical elements that had existed for years wasn't the transformational part of the plan. The true genius of 10 and Under Tennis — which will become the law of the tennis land on January 1, 2012 — is in the universal application of the whole package, from racquet size and court dimensions to age-specific balls and scoring modifications.

After taking the heat for a dearth of American champions, and watching as other youth sports flourished while junior tennis stagnated, the USTA realized that not only must it lead the next revolution in tennis, it must also carry it on its back.

For the past several years, the USTA has been working all angles of the equation, helping foster the demand for the new formats and equipment while at the same time providing funding to communities across the country to help deliver the supply of age-appropriate courts. The USTA and its affiliates have been soft-launching the product for a little over a year, and now, with the official launch of the 10 and Under Tennis rule change set to go into effect in about a month, the success of the revolution will largely depend on the commitment of facilities — public, private and commercial — to the format.

As we survey the Intermountain tennis landscape — Colorado in particular — what is striking is how slow the providers have been to join the revolution. There have been dozens of facilities across the state that immediately saw the early adoption benefits of the 36'- and 60'-court specs, or perhaps they were keenly aware of the repercussions of failing to jump aboard the train before it left the station. Either way, when you, as parents, are looking to introduce your children to tennis, don't just Google Maps the nearest courts, do a bit of extra research. Visit [10andundertennis.com](http://10andundertennis.com) and identify which facilities have made the commitment to teach kids as kids. Call up the front desk and ask if their tennis pros utilize the QuickStart format, or if they approach it buffet style, picking and choosing which aspects of the format to offer. It's not enough to hand kids a small racquet and then start firing balls at them from the other side of a regulation net. It's not enough to simply put up a short net, bounce a few foam balls in their direction and then have them stand in line to wait their turn the way we did when we were learning so many decades ago.

This is a transformational time in our sport's history. The rule change codifies our commitment to the future of the sport, and signifies the beginning of a new era in tennis' long and storied history.

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### Introducing Mark Kroll

USTA Colorado and *Colorado Tennis* is very excited to introduce Mark Kroll, who began his internship with this publication in October.

Mark Kroll, aka "the Intern" or "Pizza Thief", is a senior at Castle View High School and is the Editor-In-Chief of the CV school newspaper, *The View*. He played varsity tennis all four years of high school and is a member of the National Honor Society.

As the editor, it is my prerogative to blame all misspellings and poor word choices on the Intern, regardless of reality.

Mark's contributions to this publication are numerous, and his efforts are greatly appreciated. That he survived the process of corraling so much information from so many different sources in order to pull this issue together is a testament to his patience, dedication, sense of humor and tolerance to vast amounts of caffeine.

Look for Mark to work on several other projects during his stay with us here at USTA Colorado. Thanks, Mark. ☺



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A District of the United States Tennis Association, USTA Colorado is the governing body of tennis in our state. USTA Colorado's mission is to promote and develop the growth of tennis in Colorado. We do this in a number of ways.

We provide grants to organizations that want to introduce tennis to their communities and we offer scholarships to junior players who seek to take their game to the next level. We coordinate adult league play for more than 30,000 players across the state, and offer programs for junior players of all ages and abilities. Our sanctioned tournament schedule offers more than 170 events this year, including several opportunities for wheelchair athletes.

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

We are more than 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. We reach out to all players, including those of diverse cultural backgrounds, mentally and physically challenged athletes, and under-served communities. Diversity and Inclusion is a strategic priority for USTA Colorado and one of our core values. Diversity allows us to touch *all of Colorado* and Inclusion allows *all of Colorado* to touch us.

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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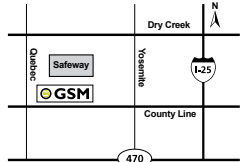


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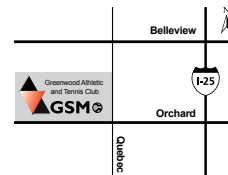
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