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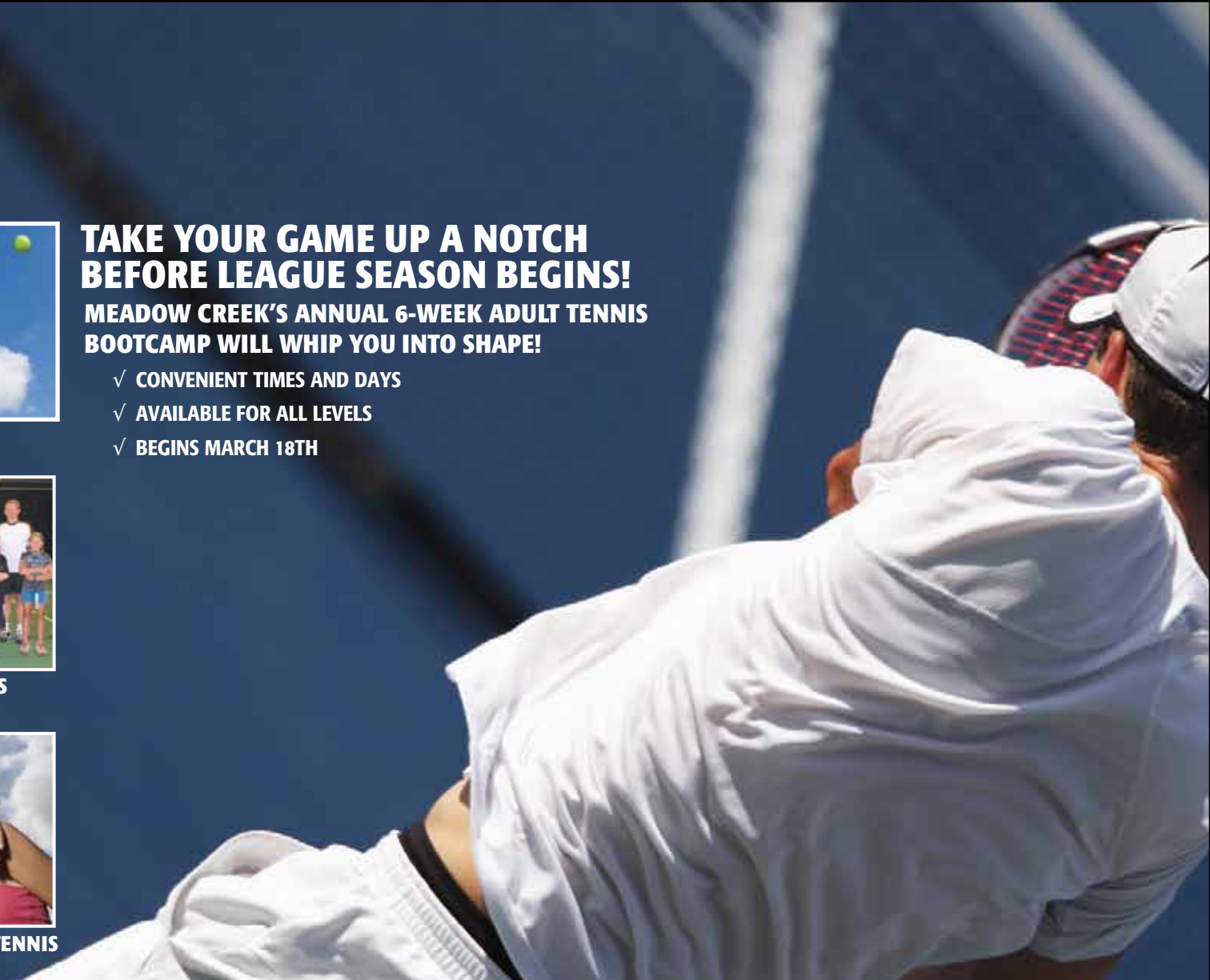
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THE HALL HAS A HOME

GATES TENNIS CENTER TO OFFICIALLY BECOME THE HOME OF THE COLORADO TENNIS HALL OF FAME

In what may be the longest run-up to a grand opening in Colorado tennis history, the permanent home of the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame is on the verge of opening to the public. First announced three years ago, the Hall is slated to become a fixture at Denver's Gates Tennis Center.

Finding a public, permanent home for the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame (CTHOF) has been a recurring dream for the USTA Colorado-Hall of Fame committee that began long before the first class of inductees was announced more than a decade ago. The announcement came prior to the exhibition match between Monica Seles and Lindsay Davenport at DU's Magness Arena as part of the short-lived MS Tennis Classic. That first class was officially inducted in January 2001 at the first Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame Gala.

For nearly a decade after that first class was introduced to the tennis community, each inducted member was commemorated with a photo plaque, which was unveiled to the public at the annual Hall of Fame Gala. The plaques were then moved to their home in the USTA

well as nearly a dozen tournaments, including the state's largest annual tournament, the Colorado State Open. Gates is widely acknowledged as one of the preeminent public facilities in the Rocky Mountain region.

"We saw the chance to make our tennis history accessible in a way that it had never been before," says Garger. "Gates is an incredibly vibrant and popular public tennis facility. Having our tennis history available to the thousands of players and fans who visit here each year made a lot of sense. We're very fortunate to have garnered the approval of the Park People and the Gates Family Foundation, who were very supportive of us bringing the display to Gates Tennis Center."

The display, which will be housed on the west wall of the main floor (USTA Colorado's offices are located on the second floor), underwent numerous design modifications before the final design was approved by the CTHOF committee.

"Not only did we want to find a timeless design that worked for the limited space we have, but we also wanted to be consistent with the look and feel of the tennis operations," says Garger.



FINAL CONCEPT:

The final design for the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame incorporates style elements from Gates Tennis Center.

Colorado conference room, which was located in our offices off Parker Road in southeast Denver. But according to Fritz Garger, USTA Colorado Executive Director, the location wasn't ideal.

"Until the CTHOF committee found a more suitable, permanent location, displaying the plaques at our offices made sense, but due to our relatively remote location, few members of the tennis public ever really saw the plaques on display. The ultimate goal for the Hall of Fame committee and our staff was always to showcase the state's rich tennis history in a place that made that history accessible to the public. While our offices on Parker Road were open to anyone, only a handful of people really knew about the display. It really wasn't conducive to making the tennis playing public aware of our state's incredible tennis history, or the people who have helped tennis in Colorado flourish and thrive the way it has."

The opportunity to become a truly public Hall of Fame presented itself in 2008, when the state's governing body for tennis relocated its headquarters to the newly renovated Gates Tennis Center. As home to both the 5A Girls and 5A Boys State High School Tennis Championships, as

Gone are the original black plaques. They've been replaced by a brushed aluminum palette featuring the inductees in chronological order by class. The current space has enough room for two more years, then the display will add a new section along the same wall, on the other side of the window.

In addition to a planned expansion to the CTHOF website where the winners of Colorado's major tennis championships (the Denver City, Intermountain Sectional and Colorado State Open) will be listed, the physical home will also feature numerous special exhibits related to Colorado tennis history.

"The ultimate goal is to make our tennis history accessible to everyone," says Garger. "The CTHOF provides a vehicle for due recognition of Colorado players, coaches, benefactors and administrators for their contributions to tennis in our state. The goal of the CTHOF is to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to tennis in Colorado. With the final installation of the CTHOF, USTA Colorado and the CTHOF committee are excited for the display to stand as a shining tribute to the men and women who have left their marks on tennis history."



FINAL STAGING:

The brushed aluminum plaques get a dry-run staging before final installation. Plans are in the works for a public dedication ceremony.

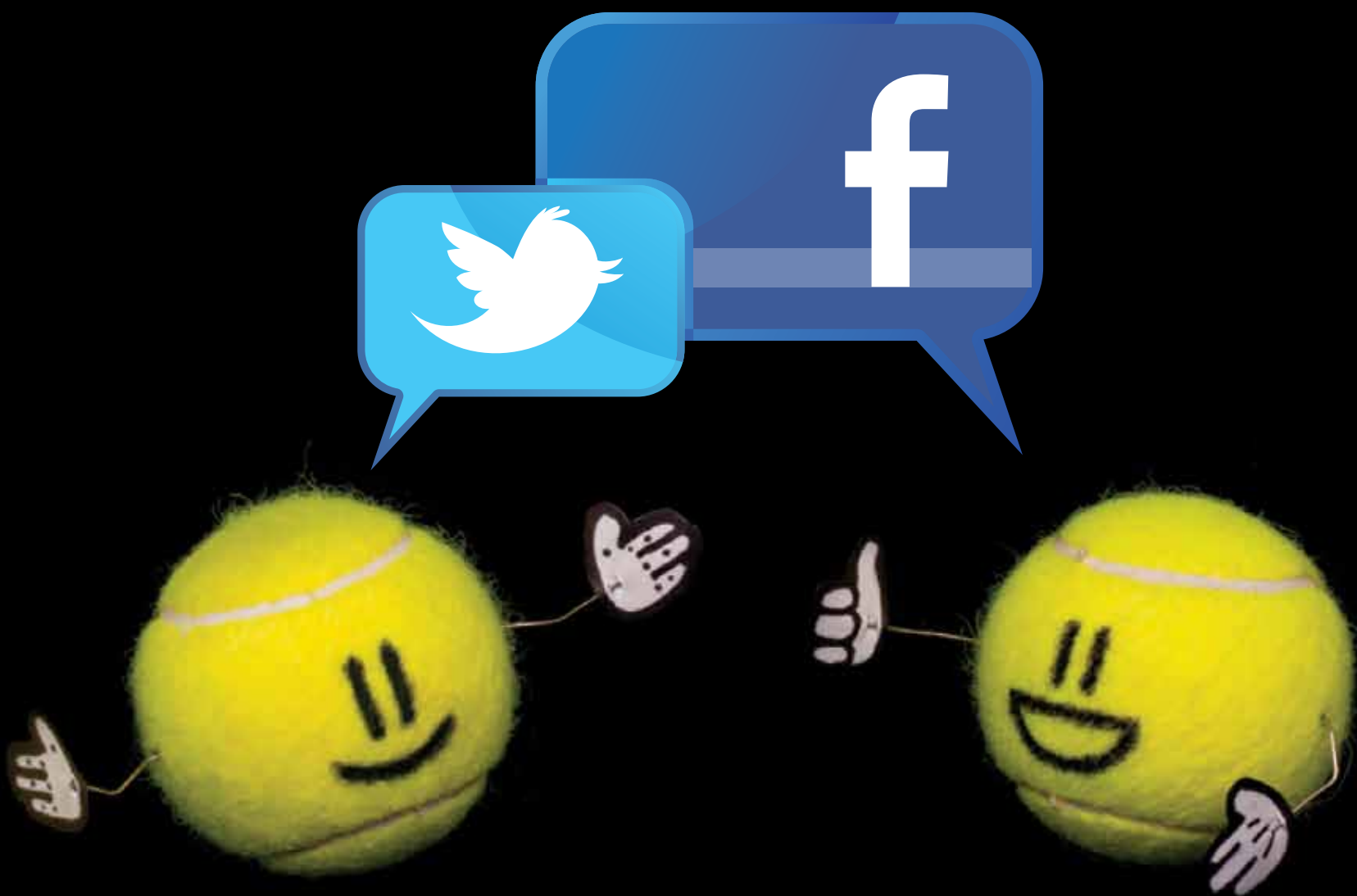
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COLORADO TENNIS HALL OF FAME

Gates Tennis Center will be the new permanent home of the Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame. The exhibit, which was initially slated to be completed in 2010, is printed on brushed aluminum and will be on display on the west wall on the first floor. The public unveiling will take place in the spring of 2013.

Announcements of any additional exhibits will be made at that time.



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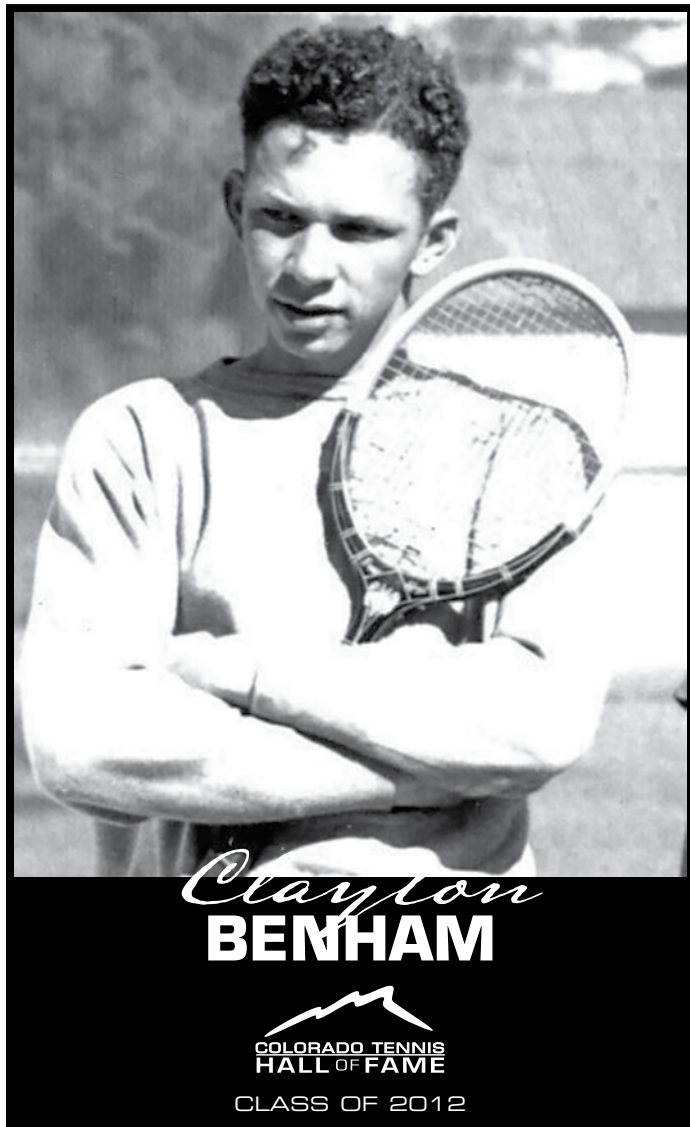


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INTRODUCING THE CLASS OF 2012



Clayton Benham was born in 1920, and raised on a sugar plantation in Hawaii. He seemed destined for a career in athletics as a youngster in Kahuku, Oahu, where he organized races among the neighborhood kids.

At the tennis court on the plantation, Clayton's father recognized his talent, and started driving him into town to play at the public parks. As a seventh grader he became a boarder at the prestigious Kamehameha Schools. Clayton was an outstanding athlete, playing football and baseball in addition to tennis. He competed on the Kamehameha tennis team, winning most of his matches against other schools. After graduating in 1940, he played football and tennis at San Mateo Junior College in California for a year, but as war clouds began gathering over the United States, he returned to Hawaii and went to work for the Honolulu Police Department.

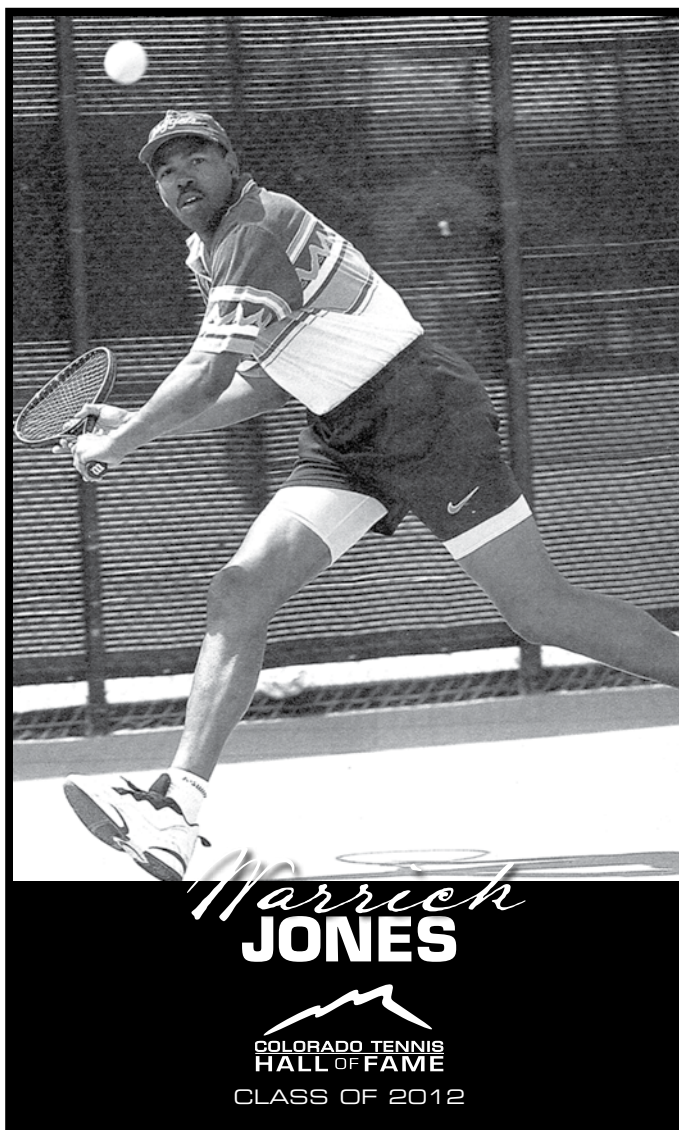
In 1947, Clayton competed at the US National Championships, losing in the first round to two-time Roland Garros singles champ and 1954 Wimbledon champion Jaroslav Drobny. He continued to play competitive tennis, winning the 1950 National Public Parks Doubles Championship in Detroit, Michigan, with fellow Coloradan Bobby Curtis.

Clayton enrolled at the University of Denver in 1950, where he was the top player on the tennis team. A three-time letterwinner at DU, he starred at the No. 1 position in both singles and doubles, as well as serving as Pioneers head coach in his last two seasons. During his matriculation at DU, Clayton won the Denver City Open men's singles title in 1950, 1952 and again in 1953. He also won the Intermountain men's singles championship in 1950 and in 1952.

He earned his bachelor of arts degree in 1953 and was working on his master's at Stanford when he was offered a job teaching and coaching at Kamehameha in 1954.

He was head football coach at Kamehameha from 1954-57 and supervisor of physical education and athletics from 1958-73. He was also tennis coach and taught social studies and physical education.

Clayton retired from teaching in 1982 after 28 years at the Kamehameha Schools, but continued to be active in high school sports administration. He continued to play tennis several days a week right up until his death in 2002.



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

2012: Clayton Benham, Chad Harris, Warrick Jones, Victoria Palmer Heinicke

Celebrating Colorado's Rich Tennis History

A native of Cleveland, OH, Warrick Jones was introduced to tennis by his aunt at age 11. Very quickly, he took to the sport and began competing in USTA sanctioned tournaments with good success. As a senior, he reached the finals of the Ohio State High School Championships.

A recognized leader on and off the court, Warrick was selected to be a ball boy for the US Davis Cup squad on four separate occasions.

He attended three universities (Kent State, Los Angeles Trade Tech and Long Beach State) playing tennis for each.

After graduating from Long Beach State, Warrick competed in numerous professional satellite tour events across the country. He is also a two-time champion of the American Tennis Association (ATA) Championships.

Warrick enlisted in the US Army in 1984 and was stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs. While in the Service, Warrick was a three-time Army Tennis Team member and won the Armed Forces Tennis Championships three times (one singles and two doubles crowns).

Although he was new to Colorado, Warrick quickly assimilated into the Colorado tennis scene and was a fixture at tournaments statewide for years, winning numerous Colorado State Open age

division events.

On the national stage, Warrick has won five USTA National Championships—the National Hard Court Men's 40 and 45 singles, the National Indoor Men's 45 singles and doubles, and the National Grass Court Men's 50s doubles. He was also a multiple selection to compete on the USA National Doubler Cup Team (M45).



A native Coloradan, Chad Harris picked up his first tennis racquet at age 2 and never looked back. His dad recognized his natural ability and his unique interest in the sport and helped foster that interest.

Chad entered his first novice tournament in the 10 and Under age division when he was 7, advancing to the finals. He won the third tournament he entered and quickly made his way to championship level events. In addition to his father as coach, in 1992, Chad also began working with Colorado Tennis Hall of Famer, John Benson, who helped take Chad's game to the next level.

He achieved great success not only in Colorado and the Intermountain Section, but was also a standout on the national scene. In the 14s division, Chad held the No. 3 ranking in the country and was part of the US national junior team alongside Andy Roddick and Chris Martin. Chad was a third place finisher at the USTA National Clay Court Championships, where he defeated Roddick. Chad held the No. 2 spot in the nation in the 16s division and again represented the US in international competitions (ITF) around the globe. He also won the back-draw of the USTA National Championships in Kalamazoo and took home third place honors at the Easter Bowl and USTA National Clay Court Championships, and was finalist at the Copper Bowl. He held the No. 5 national ranking in the 18s division.

A member of the Cherry Creek High School boys' tennis team, Chad helped his team to four State Championship titles and won the No. 1 singles title three years in a row, from 1997-99. In Chad's junior year, the Bruins were perfect at the state tournament, with all seven positions winning individual state titles. In 1999, Chad was named Cherry Creek High School's Outstanding Athlete, given to one student-athlete of the senior class.

Chad attended Vanderbilt University on a tennis scholarship, playing under Coach Ken Flach, where he compiled more wins than any other player in school history (101). As a freshman, he became the first Commodore to achieve 20 overall wins in a season (23-13). He went on to compile a 23-13 singles record again in his sophomore year. In his junior season (2002-03), Chad and his team were runners-up at the NCAA Division I National Championships, falling to No. 1 ranked Illinois in the finals. Chad's hard-fought three-set victory over UCLA's Marcin Matkowski (5-7, 7-6, 6-4) helped propel the Commodores into the finals, earning the team a No. 4 final ranking, and Chad, a No. 10 individual ranking. In his senior season, Chad earned All-American honors for the second year in a row, and advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Singles Championships. He ended his career at No. 8 in the nation in NCAA rankings.

In 2000, at the age of 18, Chad won the Colorado State Open, becoming the first teen to win the event since Bobby Riggs did it in 1937 at the age of 19. He followed that up in 2001 with championship titles at the Colorado State and Denver City Open, becoming the first teen to win both singles titles in the same year.

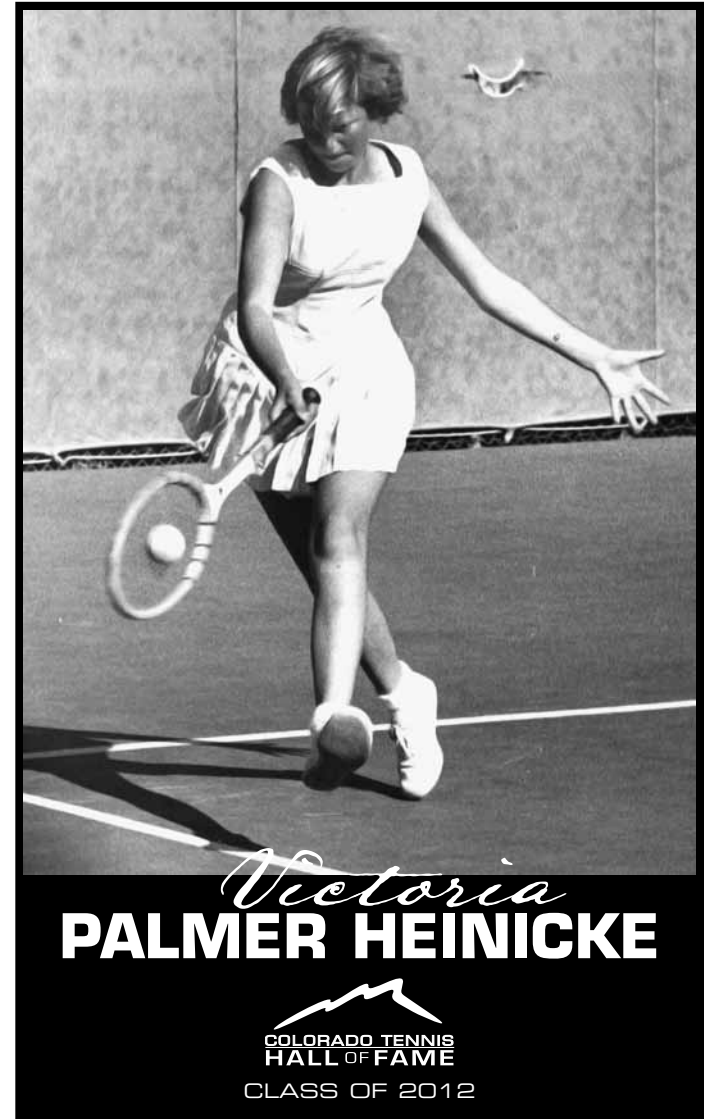
Born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, Victoria Palmer grew up in a tennis family. Her father introduced the six Palmer children to the sport, and Victoria followed in her two eldest sibling's footsteps, attaining a national junior ranking. Learning and playing at the Phoenix Country Club, she routinely played with many of the top players in the world, including Bill Tilden, Alice Marble, Tony Trabert, Pancho Segura, Jack Kramer, Mary Hardwick Hare and Doris Hart.

Victoria began playing tournaments at age 6, and by the time she was a teenager, began playing on the men's and women's circuit alongside Billie Jean Moffitt (King) and 2002 Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame inductee Stephanie Hagen. In 1956, she won the first of her 17 USLTA titles. Victoria won national singles and doubles titles in the 13s, 15s and 18s divisions, and ranked No. 1 four times (G15s, 1958-9; G18s 1961-2).

When she was 14, Victoria became the youngest competitor to play the US Championships at Forest Hills. In 1960, at age 15, Victoria was No. 8 on the women's tour. In 1962, she lost in the round of 16 at Wimbledon, but came back strong at Forest Hills, defeating Billie Jean and the current Wimbledon champion Karen Hantze Susman. She didn't return to Wimbledon in 1963 because of high school graduation.

Indelicately dubbed "the Grunter" by fellow tour players, she is remembered by tennis journalist and author Bud Collins as the sport's first-ever grunter, a harbinger of modern tennis' epic noise makers.

Victoria's career came to an end when she was just 19. At the age of 18, she skipped Forest Hills and Wimbledon and enrolled at the University of Arizona, which didn't have a women's tennis team (she practiced with the men). In January of her freshman year, she got married, and played her last circuit event later that year at Wimbledon, where despite being four and a half months pregnant, made it to the second round. She retired from competitive tennis at the age of 19 and moved to Colorado Springs that same year. Both Victoria and her husband, Nye, have been fixtures on the Colorado Springs tennis teaching scene ever since, coaching high school tennis and teaching at local area tennis clubs including the Colorado Springs Racquet Club.



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2012 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

CINDY MACMASTER (Fort Collins)

Cindy's contributions to the Colorado tennis community are far-reaching. She is an active member on several committees and boards, while also supervising the USTA 10 and Under Tennis Target Market Initiative in northern Colorado.

Clyde Rogers Award

JUDY FENNER (Brighton)

Founder of Centennial Valley Tennis Association, Judy shares tennis with kids in need, teaching them skills they can take off the court and into life, providing them with opportunities for college scholarships.

Sam & Sid Milstein Award

DAVID WARREN (Woodland Park)

Dave took home titles in the 65 and over age division at the 2012 Colorado State Open, Denver City Open and National Public Parks Championships.

Jody Riser Knudsen Award

LORI TAVAREZ (Castle Rock)

An avid league player and team captain, Lori has served as an active volunteer for USTA Colorado and the CYTF for many years.

Fay & Dorothy Shwayder Award

JOSEFA CROTTY (Centennial)

Olympic Silver skiing medalist in 1956, Josefa moved to the US in 1961. She took up tennis at age 55, and is an avid league player and team captain. She was the 2012 Denver City Open 80 and over Mixed Doubles Champion.

Richard Hillway Award

CHERRY CREEK (Greenwood Village)

The Cherry Creek boys' tennis team captured its 38th title in 2012, marking the 200th state title in school history. Creek dominated, capturing individual state titles at the No. 2 and 3 singles and No. 2, 3, and 4 doubles positions.

Ade Butler Award

MARK WILLIAMS (Denver)

An official since 2000, Mark is heavily involved at the Intercollegiate level. He is the current Colorado District Chair of Colorado Tennis Umpires Association and also serves as a USTA sectional trainer and evaluator.

Rosemary Fri Award

KRISTA DAMICO (Parker)

During her career at the University of Texas, Krista compiled an impressive 87-55 singles match record and 74-55 doubles record, winning the 2010 Big 12 Doubles title. She was named to the 2012 All-Big 12 Women's Tennis Team.

Margaret Rogers Phipps Award

CASEY ZHONG (Highlands Ranch)

Casey has made impressive strides in the three years she's been playing tennis, representing USTA Intermountain at the 12s Zonal Team Championships. Casey is respected on and off the court for her sportsmanship.

Jack Cella Award

HARRISON LANG (Longmont)

A two-time 4A state singles champion, Harrison led Niwot HS to 2nd place at the state championships. **HAYDEN SABATKA (Lone Tree)** Hayden won consecutive 5A singles titles at Highlands Ranch, earning Denver Post player of the year honors.

Jim & Anne Dyde Award

JESSIKA MOZIA (Littleton)

A two-time 4A High School No. 1 singles champion, Jessica compiled an impressive 86-5 win/loss record during high school competition. She was also winner of five USTA sportsmanship awards during her junior tennis career.

Carter & Lena Elliott Family Award

THE LI FAMILY (Boulder)

For the Li family, tennis is a family affair. Xinlin and Jinfang both play in adult leagues, while their daughters, Monica and Katie, are both highly competitive high school and tournament players.

Arthur Ashe Award

TARYN ARCHER (Denver)

A long-time advocate for diversity and inclusion in tennis, Taryn is actively involved in USTA Colorado's efforts to grow the sport among underserved populations. She is currently the USTA Colorado board president.

Jim Landin Award

CHRIS COOPRIDER (Centennial)

Between his junior and senior seasons at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Chris won the open divisions in the 86th Annual National Public Parks Tennis Championships and Babolat Boulder Open.

Dorothy Mauk Award

LOVELAND REPORTER HERALD (Loveland)

The Reporter Herald has provided its readers extensive local coverage of prep and community-based tennis over the years.

Willa Wolcott Condon Award

CHERRY CREEK (Greenwood Village)

Cherry Creek won its 16th consecutive 5A State Championship. The team captured three individual titles while two other positions reached the finals.

E.L. Griffey Award

DENVER PARKS & RECREATION (Denver)

DPR hosted the 86th annual National Public Parks Tennis Championships. Two years of planning resulted in the second largest participation numbers in tournament history, with the largest Special Populations draw in event history.

Joan Birkland Award

ALEXA GLATCH (Centennial)

Alexa played a full schedule on the WTA pro circuit in 2012, advancing through the qualifying tournaments and making it to the round of 64 at the French Open. She ranks among the top 120 players in the world.

Mike, Gene & Maurice Reidy Award

LUKE LORENZ (Colorado Springs)

A volunteer coach at local youth tennis camps, Luke won the B16s Summer Sectional Championship, earning an invitation to compete in Kalamazoo, MI.

Charlie & Ira Brown Award

KACEY WALISANDARA (Denver)

Kacey was introduced to tennis at Eastside in Montbello. A dedicated player and exceptional student, he was selected to the USTA Colorado Star Search Program, where he now volunteers his time to help teach younger kids.

John Hough Award

RAM VUPPALA (Denver)

A freshman in Lakewood High School's IB program, Ram reached the regional high school finals at No. 2 singles. He volunteers to teach younger kids tennis at Meadow Creek and in the USTA Colorado Star Search program.

Jerry & Lillian Brawer Award

WAYNE BENNETT (Denver)

Picking up tennis in 2010, Wayne has earned a national ranking in the Men's Wheelchair C Division, winning the Jana Hunsaker Memorial Tournament in New York and the KS Air Capital Classic Wheelchair event in Wichita, KS.

Phyllis Lockwood Award

EVA-LOU EDWARDS (Bayfield)

One of the top-ranked players in the Intermountain Section, Eva-Lou played No. 1 on the Durango High School team because her school is too small to have a team. She also recently captured the 3A Girls' Cross Country State title.

Vernon John Award

CASEY MACMASTER (Fort Collins)

A junior at Harvard University, Casey was named first team All-Ivy League in doubles, and named Harvard's 2012-2013 team captain, making him the first junior to serve as the Crimson's captain in 30 years.



MALE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER
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E.L. Griffey Award

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VOLUNTEER
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John Hough Award

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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

THEBUZZ

NOUNS IN THE NEWS

PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS DOING THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER.

USPTA to host High School Coaches Conference

The United States Professional Tennis Association will be hosting a **High School Coaches Conference** aimed at helping Colorado prep coaches improve their coaching skills. If you are a high school coach, a volunteer or just a tennis enthusiast, the Conference is a chance to learn from the area's full-time tennis professionals. Topics will include stroke production, movement, conditioning, correctional techniques, large group drills, strategy and communication. Please join us at The Meadows Swim and Tennis Club <www.meadowsclub.org> on Saturday, February 2, 2013 for a chance to be better at what you love to do!

Time: 8AM-5PM. On site registration begins at 7:30AM. Light breakfast/lunch provided.

Cost: \$70 Coaches & Public, \$50 USPTA Pros

Location: The Meadows Swim & Tennis Club 5555 Racquet Court, Boulder CO 80303.

Contact: Nora Harrison <ngharrison10s@gmail.com> at 720/281-8422 for inquiries or registration.

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2012 Colorado Big Three results

Willie Dann and **Vasilisa Bardina** repeated at the Denver City Open and jump-serving **Brian Battistone** repeated at the State Open. Former Cherry Creek High School standout and current UNC Wilmington star **Chris Coopridner** earned his first Colorado "Slam" title at the Boulder Open, and **Yana Ruegsegger** collected her first Boulder Open singles title, her fourth overall singles "slam" championship. Results from the 2012 Colorado Big Three, the Denver City Open, Intermountain Sectional Championships (ie, Boulder Open) and the Colorado State Open.

DENVER CITY OPEN: MS Dann; WS Bardina; MD Casey MacMaster/Marc Weiner; WD Bardina/Lauren Strasburger; MXD Bryan Knepper/Heather Young.

INTERMOUNTAIN SECTIONAL (BOULDER OPEN): MS Coopridner; WS Ruegsegger; MD Damon Gilette/Kevin Grieve; WD Laura Ewert/Stacie Vasaune; MXD Ruegsegger/Marc Weiner.

COLORADO STATE OPEN: MS Battistone; WS Alex Poorta; MD Kellen Damico/Nathaniel Schnugg; WD Jamie Pawid/Alex Poorta; MXD Suzanne Matzenauer/Nathaniel Schnugg.

Laurie Lambert named new USTA Utah Executive Director

The USTA Utah/Utah Tennis Association Board of Directors has named **Laurie Lambert** as the new Executive Director of the Utah Tennis Association, effective Monday, December 3, 2012. Lambert will be taking over for Linda Vincent, the current UTA Executive Director, who is retiring at the end of the year. Linda has been with UTA for the past 24 years, 16 of which as the UTA's Executive Director.

Lambert, a Stanford graduate, is a certified teaching professional and has worked as a teaching pro and manager of tennis operations at the Park City MARC for the past 11 years. She has been fully involved in every aspect in growing and promoting the game of tennis in Utah. Laurie has also organized and served as Tournament Director for district and national junior and adult tournaments and serves as a volunteer on the Utah Wheelchair Tennis Committee. Laurie has a 5.0 rating and loves to play when she's not working or involved in family activities. Laurie and her husband, Doug, live in Park City. They are the proud parents of three children; Jack, 16, and 13-year-old twins, Charlie and Allison. Laurie also has a new role as "Tennis Mom" to Charlie.

"I think everyone on the search committee was genuinely excited about the prospects of hiring Laurie as the new ED," said UTA Board President Ric Hammond. "While we all hated to see Linda retire and knew the day would come, we saw in Laurie someone who had the potential to continue the great work and leadership Linda provided during her tenure. The UTA has been very successful under Linda's leadership and we know that Laurie also has the ability to take it to the next level!"

"In my experience, I find I have been well guided by the following principles and plan to bring these positive tenants to the position," Lambert said. "Tennis brings joy – the game allows you a release from the daily routine of life. Tennis unites – families and friends come together, practicing, cheering, consoling and playing. Tennis challenges – players find an inner strength by overcoming the game's adversities. Tennis teaches – tennis is a microcosm of the life and world around us. Tennis connects – different people, sharing common experiences and goal achievements. Tennis endures – as players compete throughout the whole of their lives. Tennis has given me these experiences and I am honored to be given this opportunity to continue to bring them to the tennis community as the Executive Director of the Utah Tennis Association," Lambert added.

Colorado players are golden at USTA Nationals

Some folks enjoy their golden years in quiet repose, but 86 year-old **Rita Price** (right) spends her days tap dancing and collecting USTA gold balls. The No. 1 player in the country, Rita captured the W85 singles and doubles titles at the USTA National Women's Hard Court Championships in Salinas, CA. She and her partner Pat Jackson won every USTA National doubles championship this year, enabling them to go to the 2013 US Open sponsored by the USTA.

Susan Wright continued her hot streak at the National level, coming just one singles match short of completing a double gold slam in the W55s. Susan won all four W55 National events (Clay, Indoor, Grass and Hard) with three different partners, and finished with three gold and one silver ball in W55 singles, her lone loss coming at the National Clay Court Championships. For good measure, Susan also won the Indoor W50 singles and doubles titles and the Grass Court W50 singles title. She stands at 64-4 on the year, ranked No. 1 in the country for W55 singles and doubles.



Photo courtesy of Rita Price



Photo courtesy of Diane Vartuli

Arapahoe wins Racquets for All High School Challenge...Again!

For the second consecutive year, Arapahoe High School won the Racquets For All High School challenge, collecting 71 used racquets and earning \$200 for their efforts. The following week, the team held a free play day for disadvantaged kids at Congress Park and handed out racquets to the dozen-plus youngsters in attendance.

Thanks to the efforts of all the high school teams and facilities who helped Racquets For All in their collection efforts, more than 500 racquets have been redistributed this year back into the community.

Congratulations to the Arapahoe High School Boys Tennis Team: Asst. Coach Pawel Budzinski, Head Coach Jake Keller, Michael Vartuli, Nicholas Farmen, Dylan Panis, Jeffrey Craig, Chad Curd, Jake Becker, Connor Banks, Zachary Cohen, Matthew Swearingen. At top are John Nelson and Michael Sosnowski.



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Mile High City welcome Wilander On Wheels

Seven-time Grand Slam singles champion Mats Wilander brought his traveling tennis clinic, Wilander on Wheels (WOW), to the Mile High City in late October for dates at Gates Tennis Center and Greenwood Athletic and Tennis Club (picture above). Wilander teamed up with Cameron Lickle, a Naval Academy graduate who is currently playing ITF futures events to present Wilander on Wheels. The duo travels the country bringing the fantasy of hitting with legends of the game to your own local club or even your own back yard.

After the weekend, Lickle posted on WOW's FB page: "Great WOW weekend in Denver... Friday private event at Gates Tennis Center, Saturday at Greenwood Village with Ron Steege and friends and Sunday with Sam Hitman and Down Syndrome children....thanks to everyone who made it such a special trip."

Schaefer receives Court Club award

USTA Colorado Associate Executive Director **Lisa Schaefer** (pictured with USTA CO Executive Director Fritz Garger) was recently recognized by the Cherry Creek Court Club as this year's "Youth Award" winner. The award is presented in honor of the work and efforts of an individual in promoting and developing youth tennis in Colorado. While Lisa, who also serves as the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation's Development Director, is one who prefers to stay out of the lime-light, the award was fitting as so much of her professional career has been focused and devoted to giving youngsters the opportunity to develop as people via the sport of tennis.





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SPOTLIGHT

TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP

ROB SCOTT DIDN'T DISCOVER HIS PASSION FOR TENNIS UNTIL HE WAS 17. HE HAS SPENT THE LAST 40 YEARS HELPING OTHERS FUEL THEIR PASSION.

STORY BY
TOM FASANO

Rob Scott isn't one of those tennis junkies who picked up a tennis racquet at the age of 5 and has been playing ever since. No, Scott didn't pick up a racquet until he was 17, and since then he's been trying to make it a better sport for all ages.

Scott, 57, took over as executive director of the United States Tennis Association Intermountain Section on October 1, and already he's got the ball rolling on what he wants the Intermountain to look like in years to come.

A former executive for tennis giant Babolat, a Louisville company that produces racquets, strings, grips, bags, balls and shoes as well as sponsors tennis events and elite players such as Rafael Nadal, Scott said he is excited to be at the helm of one of the USTA's 17 sections. The Intermountain Section, with offices in southeast Denver, currently has about 40,000 individual members, more than 450 organizational members and encompasses six districts in the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Utah.

"The Intermountain is a huge section. I don't think we quite match up to the Pacific Northwest in size (because of Alaska, which has a tiny tennis playing population), but it's definitely bigger than any other Section geographically," Scott said. "There's quite a diverse group of districts and delivery systems within the Intermountain."

Scott was able to see the inner workings of the Intermountain board of directors as its vice president for the past two years.

"My heart has been involved in tennis since I was a young pro in my early 20s," said Scott, who was a walk-on tennis player at the University of Colorado at Boulder and a teaching pro for 33 years and still plays tennis three days a week.

A volunteer for the USTA Colorado Intermountain Section for about 30 years, Scott has worn a number of different hats in the organization.

"I was president of the USTA Colorado/Colorado Tennis Association board and I've chaired a number of different committees with both the ITA and the CTA," said Scott, a Colorado native who was born in Denver and was raised in Brighton. "I'm very familiar with the structure of the organizations and how they interact with each other, how they interact with the USTA at the national level. I'm learning a lot more detail now, but I had a peripheral knowledge of the organization prior to taking this job."

The Intermountain Section has experienced quite a bit of change over the last couple of years.

"They went through a massive reorganization and realignment of their values and strategic plan, and basically chose to become more inclusive of district support and performance," Scott said. "The goal is try to get as many resources down to the district level where the rubber meets the road in terms of program development. In addition, it is super important to foster an environment of collaboration and inclusion between all entities involved."

Scott, who was the director of tennis at the Ranch Country Club in Westminster for 17 years, understands the importance of his new role as the Intermountain executive director.

"The important piece is to make sure that everyone has a chance to be heard, listen to suggestions and try and help empower the districts whenever possible," he said. "That's what it comes down to."

Scott said the value of his role as the ITA's vice president on the board of directors was one of collaboration with the district volunteers who made up the Intermountain board to reach a common methodology and process for implementing all the changes that happened since 2010.

"I guess I would call myself a facilitator or a coalition builder in terms of getting people to be able to vet their ideas thoroughly and come to a common conclusion, even though you might have conflicting viewpoints," Scott said.

Scott said the Intermountain focused its energy on a few key areas.

"We've got some core values. The core values are diversity/inclusion, collaboration, accountability and trust," Scott said.

Scott doesn't think the core values were lacking in the past, but he said it wasn't necessarily a focal point.

"We have three strategic goals. Our first strategic goal is we will build the capacity of and support our districts in delivering programs and services and growing USTA membership," Scott said. "Strategic goal two is we will concentrate on the USTA program priorities of adult leagues and player development (10 and Under Tennis)."

Strategic goal No. 3 for the Intermountain is to promote the work of its districts to USTA National and external entities, Scott said.

"We took a strategic plan that was all over the map and had probably 10 different focus areas and narrowed it down to those three," Scott said. "This plan was started in 2010. Those strategic plans were put into place, and we're going to continue with that strategic plan. But, that said, it's still very new to the ITA organization."

Scott said concentrating on adult leagues and player development goes hand in hand.

"The bottom line is the US hasn't seen a world champion in quite awhile," Scott said. "The 10 and Under Tennis component will



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A career of service

Since he picked up his first racquet at 17, Rob Scott has followed a career path in tennis. The new USTA Intermountain Executive Director, Scott parlayed a passion for the sport into numerous ventures, including stints as a tennis pro and sales rep for Babolat.

help address that so that we get more top American players on the circuit and more visibility for American players. And by creating a new generation of young players, you build the infrastructure for future growth in adult leagues, which thereby grows the spectator base for the US Open, which is the primary funding source for the ITA and all of the districts."

Scott said implementing and getting the word out to the six-state section would come through its network of volunteers and staff, a number of meetings, emails and conference calls.

As far as the role of the Intermountain in the USTA hierarchy, Scott said it's pretty much outlined in the strategic plan.

"If we follow our strategic plan, we've hit our role and that is to support all those

strategic goals that we have in place," Scott said. "The main thing is transparency and clear communication."

Scott, a fifth-generation Colorado native who was recognized by USTA Colorado at the 2012 Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame Gala for his lifetime service to the tennis community with the Bud Robineau Award, said taking over the executive post of the Intermountain Section is the right thing for a lot of reasons not just for him, but also for the section and the Colorado district.

"I'm excited. The main reason I'm excited is I have terrific staff," Scott said. "The staff that I work with is just phenomenal."

Scott has a bit of advice to all the players in Colorado. "I would say to all the players in Colorado, carry some low-compression tennis balls in your tennis bag and



Photo courtesy of Rob Scott

when you see a parent struggling to teach a child to play tennis, give them some low-compression balls out of your tennis bag. That's what I would say to every player in Colorado. That's the whole idea behind the 10 And Under Tennis program is that they're making the racquet smaller, shorter and easier for kids to handle and the balls are low compression so they bounce at the kids' height. They don't bounce over their heads. It makes learning the game much easier for children."

Scott said youth tennis is healthy in Colorado.

"The Colorado Tennis Association (USTA Colorado), the facilities and teaching pros in Colorado are some of the top in the country," Scott said. "I can say that because I've been there. I've traveled all over the western US I've been to hundreds of tennis clubs, I've seen many, many districts of the USTA and Colorado and the facilities in Colorado are the best in the western US."



Blast from the Past

Scott's numerous contributions to the Colorado tennis community earned him USTA Colorado's prestigious Bud Robineau Award in 2011. But despite his incredible record of service to players of all ages, his contributions to tennis fashion have gone largely overlooked.

Pictured here at the Harvest House tournament in 1983, Scott's hat-turned-backwards style became the tennis-rat meme of the 90s, while his thick, bushy 'stache inspired future Hollywood star Tom Selleck.



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HIGH FIVE

PROFILES BY
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For the past 36 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.



Occasionally in a big tournament, an unseeded player comes in and surprises a few people, but Kasper (Kap) Smith managed to surprise everybody, taking home the Boys 12s singles and doubles titles at the USTA Regional tournament in Las Vegas this past September. It's quite an accomplishment for the young netter who saw his ranking jump 201 spots in a single month, placing him at No. 1 in the nation on the TennisRecruiting.net September Hot 100 list.

The ability to overcome obstacles is inherent to Kap, who at age 10 overcame a strep infection that sent a tic to his brain causing nonstop coughing. He was diagnosed with "pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections," or the simplified version known as PANDAS. The constant coughing and visits to the pediatrician kept Kap off the court until the family found a cure via IVIG (intravenous immunoglobulin treatments) in Chicago.

The forced hiatus from the court gave Kap a strong drive and appreciation for the sport. Now healthy and armed with a maturity beyond his years, Kap is driven, yet humble, and wants to keep it fun on the court. When asked which professional he most admires, he said, "Roger Federer, for his strokes and graceful play."

Eager to learn and appreciative of the relationship he has with his coach Kendall Chitamber, Kap knows it is a combination of hard work and keeping a positive attitude that will be the key to his future success. Understanding good sportsmanship is also critical, Kap says, "The most important thing is to always respect people on and off the court."

Parents Stratton, who played at the University of Colorado, and Kristi, introduced their son to the sport and knew he had the hand-eye coordination and demeanor to be great. Even though he's young, he had the court awareness that can't be taught. With strong family support including that of brother Cole (15), and sister, Tatum (9), Kap has dreams of a collegiate career and maybe even professional play.

Having been challenged by his illness early in life does give him a perspective that tennis is a gift to enjoy. "I'm just happy," Kap says of the qualities he has that makes him successful. "And I know that tennis is just a game," he adds, a game that opponents and spectators would agree that Kap plays pretty well. 🙌



Photo by Helen H. Richardson, The Denver Post

KAPSMITH



Photo courtesy of Lance Wendt

LESLIEDAVIS

As a lefty growing up in a world designed for right-handed people, you learn to appreciate the little things, such as left-handed scissors, and being sat at the far end of the table at a restaurant. But you realize, too, that you can have an advantage in certain things and for Leslie Davis, her lefty tennis skills have given her a life of purpose and passion.

With more than 20 years as a Team Colorado 12s coach, and 28 years as a teaching professional at Ken Caryl, Leslie has taken her love of tennis and built a world where she gets to help people learn the sport that means so much to her. Not only does she love to have lefties in her class, but she equally enjoys being the mirror image to her right-handed students.

Leslie lived in Iowa from the 4th grade through college, and played tennis at Drake University. She has seen some changes in the game over her career, one of them being shortening the court and implementing QuickStart.

"It just made sense that they would make tennis fit for smaller people," she explains of the 10 and Under court and adjustments made to learn the game more strategically at the younger ages. "In every other sport like basketball, or football, they made adjustments. They made the court smaller or the ball bigger and that's what's happened in tennis." She feels it will impact the game by getting people engaged earlier and upping the level of skill earlier.

Married to husband Craig, an avid sports fan, Leslie's three children were raised to enjoy athletics. While sons Connor and Charlie are good tennis players who will hopefully enjoy the sport for life, they are busy with other sports currently. Daughter Melissa is following in her mom's footsteps and is a great netter.

"My family is my life," Leslie explains. Having the opportunity to coach at D'Evelyn High School where her daughter played was also something that she reflects on as being a truly positive experience. Bringing her teaching expertise to that program and having the ability to help high school kids sharpen their skills was important to her.

Just like in her own life, Leslie is keenly aware of the value of tennis to make the social relationships in life that keep people connected. She has seen many friendships evolve into lifelong connections that started as a drop in drill group, or league play early on. "These friendships started on the tennis court and continue through life," she explains. "It's amazing." 🙌

When you are the third-born in a very athletic family, it's fun when you get to do something first. Such is the ongoing tennis story of Hayden Sabatka, who brought home his second consecutive Colorado Boys 5A No. 1 singles title to a very proud Highlands Ranch High School this year, earning USTA Colorado's Jack Cella Award for High School Player of the Year. Last year, Sabatka became the first Falcon to bring home a title to his school. The feat really wasn't much of a surprise to Highlands Ranch Head Coach Alex Canono who knew a decade ago the young netter was destined for big things on the tennis court.

Everyone who knows Hayden, however, feels like his potential is just starting to make itself known and the challenge of playing at the D1 level will unlock even more of his potential. Currently choosing a college, Hayden has clear goals. "I'd like to play tennis at the D1 level, and if all that works out maybe go professional someday."



Photo courtesy of the Sabatka Family

HAYDEN SABATKA

He also knows that he'd like to major in kinesiology, combined with athletic training and physical therapy. Humble about the successes already under his belt, he says, "I just want to see how it goes and how I progress." He is also extremely grateful to the coaches in his development who believed there was a unique prodigy in the making, including Dave Weiss, Gary Alpert, Andy Potter, Brent Zimmerman and of course, Canono.

A perfect combination of nature and nurture, Hayden got tennis fever hands on from parents, Darrell and Cathy, and older siblings Heather and Holly who are also skilled players. And while playing in their family was something everyone enjoyed, Cathy admits one of many reasons Hayden has risen to top is his competitive spirit. "Everyone likes to win, but due to his competitive nature, Hayden has an extreme desire to win," she said.

An all around athlete who played many sports as a youngster, Hayden felt that tennis was his best shot. Liking the play and temperament of Andy Roddick, Hayden didn't have to think very long when asked what quality he had that helped him succeed. "I think that I'm really laid back and that always helps me. When I used to get mad, I found that I didn't play as well." Approaching tennis from all areas including nutrition, weight lifting, and speed training, Hayden is setting himself up for an exciting future. 🏆

By the time Tom and Betty Spote adopted their daughter, Jess, from Korea, she had already been through more adversity than most people face in a lifetime.

Jess was born with cancer, and had her right leg amputated in order to save her life. She was adopted and brought to the United States by the Michigan-based couple just after her second birthday. The Spotes had already adopted three children, and would adopt four more after her in addition to fostering many other children. What they offered Jess was a place to call home and the promise of a life filled with purpose and connection. And what a life it's been so far.

Jess won gold in both the Women's A Singles and Doubles divisions at the 2012 US Open Wheelchair Tennis Championships, an accomplishment that reflects her hard work, determination, and optimism. She credits her recent success to early exposure to a variety of sports.

"Around 10 years old, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital introduced me to a wheelchair sports camp," Jess explains. "I got to try everything including basketball, downhill skiing, water skiing, tennis and more."

Participating in the Grand Rapids Wheelchair Sports Association (GRWSA) has also given her many athletic opportunities and the chance to find the best fit for her particular disability.

"What I like about tennis and skiing is that you can really compete right along with your able-bodied friends," Jess says. "Most other sports it's difficult to compete together, but those two sports work."



JESS SPORTE

Having faced another challenge in 2005 from a hip replacement that sidelined her for the better part of a year, Jess feels blessed that she is now getting the chance to compete again and is grateful that her disability didn't take the use of her abdominals, an advantage in both tennis and skiing.

Obtaining her degree in Therapeutic Recreation, Jess relocated to follow her boyfriend from Michigan to Colorado and to help the adaptive community with programs such as Adaptive Adventures.

Wanting to make a difference, Jess has recently joined the Colorado Wheelchair Tennis Foundation Board.

She also has now set her sights on making it to the 2014 Paralympics in Sochi, Russia in monoskiing and the 2016 Paralympics in Rio for tennis, but she knows it will take support from the community to make her dreams a reality. Anyone interested in helping Jess reach her Olympic goals is asked to contact her at jsporte@gmail.com. 🏆

Born in Austria in 1930 into a family of ski instructors and ski lodge owners, Josefa Crotty naturally learned to ski. But Josefa didn't just navigate the slopes, she conquered them.

So begins the story of a ski champion turned tennis enthusiast, who at 82 years young believes that the key to staying healthy in later life is to keep moving.

And keep moving Josefa does, unless she stops briefly to look at her shadow box which holds her treasures. Inside it, she has her 1956 Olympic silver medal for giant slalom held in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, and her two additional medals at the World Championships in 1958. Known as "Putzi" in the ski world, her skill would allow her to travel the globe.

Josefa was 28 when she came to Aspen to teach after ten years on the Austrian National Team. She found quite a bit to love about Aspen, including her favorite student, Patrick, whom she married. Together they had three wonderful children, Joseph, Monica and Patrick.

The tennis bug bit Josefa a bit later in life than for most people. She was 55 before the timing was right, the kids had grown up and her free time allowed her to pick up a racquet for the first time. But of course



Photo courtesy of Josefa Crotty

JOSEFA CROTTY

her natural athletic ability helped her to love the new sport, one that offered friendship and a way to stay active.

Only recently, Josefa has had to hang up her skis due to injuries that threatened her tennis career. "I just decided that twelve months of tennis was a good trade for three months of skiing," she said. That passion has earned her USTA Colorado's 2012 Fay & Dorothy Shwayder Award for Senior Female Player of the Year.

Having lost her beloved husband three years ago, Josefa is grateful for the connections that tennis brings her and spends much of her time volunteering in addition to playing herself. She stays healthy by eating well and going to the gym and she said there is nothing quite as rejuvenating as a nice steam. She is also passionate about her great granddaughters, Ashley and Lily.

Josefa is a great example of living life with passion and intention. Her life philosophy is pretty basic but one that is great to keep in mind.

"Once you stop moving," Josefa explains, "well, you stop moving!" 🏆

PREP COMPETITION

STATE HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Photo by Chris McLean/Pueblo Chieftain

4A—Niwot's steady senior, Harrison Lang (pictured) avenged a three-set loss in last year's final to Kent Denver's David Mitchell to take back the title he first won in 2010. Lang's triumph caps a stellar prep career as the future Division 1 prospect helped his team finish second in the team race to perennial 4A powerhouse Cheyenne Mountain. After a long first set with both players slugging it out, the lefty jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the second set, and held on to capture his second 4A singles title in three consecutive finals appearances. He finished third in his freshman year at No. 2 singles.

In the team race, Cheyenne Mountain earned its 16th boys tennis title, outpacing Niwot with individual titles coming at No. 3 singles and No. 1 and No. 3 doubles.

Since the big school/small school split in 1990, Cheyenne Mountain and Kent have won every team title except for the inaugural year, when Greeley West took home the team honors by a single point over Regis.

Discovery Canyon earned the 4A Team Sportsmanship Award.

2012 CLASS 4A RESULTS

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Team Scores

1. Cheyenne Mountain, 80; 2. Niwot, 57; 3. Colorado Academy, 52; 4. Kent Denver, 49; 5. Air Academy 43; 6. Discovery Canyon, 19; 7. Mullen, 9; 8. Aspen, 4; 9. Steamboat Springs, 4; 10. Alexander Dawson, 3; 11. Silver Creek, 3; 12t. Evergreen, 1; Greeley Central, 1; Pueblo Central, 1; Valor Christian, 1; Vanguard, 1; Windsor, 1.

Championship Matches

No. 1 singles: Harrison Lang (Niwot) def. David Mitchell (Kent), 6-4, 6-2; No. 2 singles: Jesse Ruder-Hook (CA) def. Spencer Lang (Niwot), 7-6 (1), 6-3; No. 3 singles: Andrew Venner (CM) def. Keenan Kaltenbacher (AA), 6-1, 2-6, 6-0; No. 1 doubles: Cole Benson-Austin Hampton (CM) def. Carter Pentz-Drew Pasma (Niwot), 6-2, 6-1; No. 2 doubles: Mac Mease-Noah Forman (CA) def. Matt Clancy-Nathaniel Rocks (CM), 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; No. 3 doubles: Colt Sessions-Carsten Lux (CM) def. Jon Payne-Andrew Thompson (Kent), 6-2, 7-6; No. 4 doubles: Matt Ryan-Michael Sheldon (AA) def. Zach Turner-Will McDermid (CA), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Third Place Matches

No. 1 singles: Stephen Moore (CM), def. Luke Lorenz (DC), 6-4, 1-6, 6-1; No. 2 singles: Billy Fielding (CM), def. Brandon Nachbar (DC), 6-3, 6-1; No. 3 singles: Kevin Adams (Kent), def. Allen Fu (Niwot), 6-3, 6-2; No. 1 doubles: Charlie Alpert/Ryan Beyer (Kent), def. Peter Sisk/Ian Peterson (CA), 7-6(3), 6-3; No. 2 doubles: Jeff Milliman/Kent Schaller (AA), def. Trevor Jones/Scott Rutherford (Niwot), 6-4, 6-4; No. 3 doubles: Naish Gaubats/Everett Valtin (AA), def. Will Baird/Griffin Prall (CA), 7-6(3), 6-1; No. 4 doubles: Robbie Boe/Will Geisz (CM), def. Jack Turnage/Blake Parsons (Kent), 6-3, 6-1.

DENVER POST ALL-COLORADO BOYS TENNIS

Player/School

Singles

Harrison Lang (Sr.)/Niwot
Conner McPherson (Jr.)/Cherry Creek
Hayden Sabatka (Sr.)/Highlands Ranch
Spencer Weinberg (Sr.)/Grand Junction

State finish

1st (No. 1, 4A)
1st (No. 2, 5A)
1st (No. 1, 5A)
2nd (No. 1, 5A)

Honorees-4A

Harrison Lang (Player of the Year)
Brian Singer (Coach of the Year)

Honorees-5A

Hayden Sabatka (Player of the Year)
Kirk Price (Coach of the Year)

Doubles

Cole Benson (Sr.)/Austin Hampton (Jr.)/Cheyenne Mountain	1st (No. 1, 4A)
Kevin Chen (Sr.)/Tommy Mason (So.)/Fairview	1st (No. 1, 5A)
Connor Petrou (Sr.)/Jake Miller (Jr.)/Cherry Creek	1st (No. 2, 5A)
Mac Mease (Fr.)/Noah Forman (Fr.)/Colorado Academy	1st (No. 2, 4A)

5A-It's No. 2 for Sabatka, No. 200 for Creek

Cherry Creek High School won its first state championship in 1957 on the golf course. Fifty-five years later, on a crisp October morning at Gates Tennis Center, the Bruins boys tennis team took home their 200th state title for the school, the team's 38th tennis title. Since 1972, Cherry Creek has failed to capture the big school tennis championship just three times. The Bruins' loss in 1991 to Wheat Ridge snapped their 19-year streak. The other two years, 2000 and 2010, were at the hands of Regis Jesuit.

Creek put all four doubles teams into the finals, emerging with three titles at No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4. The Bruins also won titles at No. 2 and No. 3 singles, giving them 80 points to outdistance last year's runner-up Fairview by a comfortable 16-point margin.

In a repeat of last year's No. 1 singles final, Highlands Ranch senior Hayden Sabatka (pictured at right) defeated Grand Junction's Spencer Weinberg in a tight match that saw Sabatka rally from 5-3 down in the first set tiebreak to take home his second consecutive 5A singles title. Throughout his four-year high school career, Sabatka played at the No. 1 position, and has never finished lower than third at the state championship (see see HighFIVE, page 19).

Chatfield High School was this year's 5A Sportsmanship Award recipient.



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2012 CLASS 5A RESULTS

at Gates Tennis Center

Team Scores

1. Cherry Creek 80, 2. Fairview 64, 3. Arapahoe 34, 4. Highlands Ranch 29, 5. Grand Junction 27, 6. Regis Jesuit 17, 7. Denver East 14, 8. Mountain Vista 13, 9. Loveland 10, 10. Legacy 9, 11. Fossil Ridge 8, 12t. Boulder 6, 12t. Columbine 6, 14t. Fort Collins 3, 14t. Monarch 3, 16. Chatfield 2, 17t. Fruita Monument, Legend, Rock Canyon 1.

Championship Matches

No. 1 singles: Hayden Sabatka, Highlands Ranch def. Spencer Weinberg, Grand Junction, 7-6 (5), 6-3; No. 2 singles: Conner McPherson, Cherry Creek def. Ignatius Castelino, Fairview, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3 singles: Will Ro, Cherry Creek def. Alec Leddon, Fairview, 6-1, 6-4; No. 1 doubles: Kevin Chen/Tommy Mason, Fairview def. Hans Bergal/Jace Blackburn, Cherry Creek, 6-2, 6-4; No. 2 doubles: Conner Petrou/Jake Miller, Cherry Creek def. Chad Curd/Michael Vartuli, Arapahoe, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; No. 3 doubles: Danny Kaprielian/Noah Reiss, Cherry Creek def. Ben Krahenbuhl/Nick Blanco, Fairview, 6-0, 6-2; No. 4 doubles: Gifford Mellick/Harshil Dwivedi, Cherry Creek def. Kamran Shabaz/Max Petrak, Fairview, 6-4, 6-4.

Third Place Matches

No. 1 singles: Matt Sayre (Denver East) def. Joey Diaz (Loveland), 7-5, 6-3; No. 2 singles: Nick Farmen (Arapahoe) def. Chanon Penvari (Regis Jesuit), 6-2, 6-1; No. 3 singles: Ryker Brown (Highlands Ranch) def. Thomas Van De Pas (Mountain Vista), 7-5, 6-3; No. 1 doubles: Dave Rosencrans/Mike Rosencrans (Legacy) def. Calvin Buechler/Andy Leach (Columbine), 7-5, 6-2; No. 2 doubles: Connor Corrigan/Andrew Pollack (Fairview), 6-2, 6-3; No. 3 doubles: Jake Becker/Dylan Panis (Arapahoe) def. Ben Krahenbuhl/Nick Blanco (Fairview), 6-4, 6-4; No. 4 doubles: Noah Warren/Joe Robertson (Regis Jesuit) def. Matthew Ness/Charlie Ruckman (Grand Junction), 6-4, 6-3

JUNIOR NEWS

ITA GREAT PUMPKIN SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS NOVEMBER 10-13 • LAS VEGAS, NV

Nearly half of all titles go to the visiting Colorado contingent

At the 2012 ITA Great Pumpkin Sectional Championships, Colorado juniors acted like they were out to disprove that old marketing cliché, "What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas".

Colorado players returned home with seven of the 16 championship titles, and 17 of the 40 overall medals conferred during the four-day event.

David Kijak (Aurora) got Colorado on the board winning the B12 singles title. Kijak, the No. 5 seed, got a bit of a break in the quarterfinals when he faced off against the 12th seed, Axel Botticelli (NV), who upended the top seed Luke Vandecasteele in the round of 16. Kijak faced unseeded Aaron Bailey (NV) in the semis, dropping the middle set but prevailing 6-2 in the third. After losing the opener 3-6 to No.2 seed Michael Andre (NV), Kijak stormed back to finish off the match 6-1, 6-1. In B12 doubles, Kijak and **Daniel Guiot** (Denver) surprised the No.6, No. 4 and No. 8 seeds en route to a 2nd place finish.

Top-seeded **Morgan Hall** (CO Springs) fell in the semifinals to the eventual G12 singles champion, Daria Shalina (NV), but bounced back to take third over the No. 2 seed, Franny Shea (MT), 7-5, 6-2. **Ky Ecton** (Fort Collins) earned a trip to the finals in G12 doubles, but she and her partner were forced to withdraw from the event after losing the first set, 5-7.

Amber Shen (Broomfield) cruised her first few rounds before giving top-seed Whitney Turley (UT) all she could handle in the semifinals, ultimately falling in three sets. Shen bounced back to take third against No. 5 seed Amber Del Rosario (NV) in straight sets.

Ethan Hillis (Centennial) entered the B14 singles draw as the top seed, but he ran into one of the hottest players in the country, Boulder's **Kap Smith**, who continued his Vegas hot streak (see HighFIVE, page 18) by reaching the finals. Hillis, who finished third in singles, rebounded to capture the B14 doubles title.

The Boys and Girls 16 singles draws seemed to be reserved for Colorado players, who swept all four semifinals to lock out all other comers. Top-seeded **Spencer Lang** (Longmont) took the B14 title over **Ignatius Castelino** (Superior), who upended the 2nd seed in the quarters. The duo teamed up to finish second in B14 doubles. Second-seeded **Nicole Kalhorn** (CO Springs) got the better of **Gabrielle Schuck** (CO Springs) in the G16 singles finals, 6-1, 6-4. Schuck, the No. 4 seed, took out top seed Brianna Turley (UT) 6-3, 6-4 in the semifinals, then partnered with her to win the G16 doubles event.

In the B18 singles event, Colorado players couldn't escape the quarterfinals. Colorado's highest seeded player, **David Mitchell** (seeded No. 3), was upended by No. 11 Samuel Tullis (UT) while No. 6 **Hayden Sabatka** (Lone Tree) fell to top seed Yannick Mahlangu (NV). Sabatka did find redemption with good friend **Matt Sayre** (Denver), as the pair reached the finals of the B18 doubles draw for the second consecutive year.

Rebecca Weissman (Loveland) couldn't quite topple the nation's best player, Kimberly Yee (NV), who won her second consecutive G18 singles title. Weissman came back in doubles, earning the G18 doubles title.

All in all, Colorado's top juniors performed outstandingly well. They'll all be back in action at the ITA Snowball Sectional, held in Utah in January 2013.

COLORADO RESULTS

BOYS

B18 Doubles

Hayden Sabatka/Matt Sayre (2nd)

B16 Singles

Spencer Lang (1st)
Ignatius Castelino (2nd)

B16 Doubles

Lang/Castelino (2nd)

B14 Singles

Kasper Smith (2nd)
Ethan Hillis (3rd)

B14 Doubles

Hillis (1st)

B12 Singles

David Kijak (1st)

B12 Doubles

Daniel Guiot/Kijak (2nd)

GIRLS

G18 Singles

Rebecca Weissman (3rd)

G18 Doubles

Weissman (1st)

G16 Singles

Nicole Kalhorn (1st)
Gabrielle Schuck (2nd)

G16 Doubles

Schuck (1st)

G14 Singles

Amber Shen (3rd)

G12 Singles

Morgan Hall (3rd)

G12 Doubles

Ky Ecton (2nd)



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CHALK TALK

(INTEGRITY, HONEST, ATTITUDE AND EFFORT)

Yesterday I had a member of our club come to me with an issue about their opponent's behavior on the court. The opponent was hitting their racquet on the ground, hitting the tarp, and swearing. Needless to say all of the courts were filled and all of the people in the bubble witnessed this behavior. It never ceases to amaze me of the issues that come up, due to a person's ignorance towards etiquette within the game of tennis. There are tennis rules which are written and there are those which are not (etiquette). Most people understand and follow the written rules, but many don't know or choose to ignore the unwritten ones. By knowing and following some of the most basic unwritten rules we can avoid altercations with an opponent and the tennis facility in which we play.

Attitude and effort are the only two aspects of tennis that we truly can control. You may be having the worst playing day of your life, but that gives you no right to act in an unacceptable manner. Everyone that sees you acting with this bad attitude will surely say something

to someone, which will go to someone else and then someone else. The attitude that you choose to display will affect you, those around you and the facility that you call home. The tennis community is a small one and every person is connected in some way, don't give people a reason to talk negatively about you.

During play I see two major unwritten rules that are broken over and over. First is making sure that you have two balls at the beginning of each point, just in case we miss the first serve. I see people serve with only one ball all the time and as soon as they miss the first serve they have to stop the flow of play and get another one. Please, always start your points with two balls in your possession. The second mistake I see are bad line calls. Tennis is one of the few sports where you hold the outcome of the point with your judgment "IN or OUT". If there is any doubt, the ball is in!! This is opposite to the saying "if there is doubt, it is out", which I have heard on many occasions. Tennis is a sport of integrity and honesty, please keep it as such.



MIKE HUMPHREY
TEAM COLORADO COACH -12s/10s
Mike is a tennis professional at Flying Horse Country Club

We asked our Team Colorado coaches to draw up a short game plan that will help players of all ages and abilities make the most of their next match.

This is the fourth article in the Team Colorado Chalk Talk series.

TEAM COLORADO ANNOUNCES 2012-13 ROSTERS CELEBRATES 25TH YEAR



Team Colorado is USTA Colorado's elite junior training program designed to enhance the performance of the state's top players at Sectional and National tournaments. As a supplemental program, Team Colorado provides training opportunities above and beyond those received in a player's existing personal program. Bringing Colorado's most talented players together to practice and train with one another under

the guidance of the state's top coaches and professionals will significantly benefit our players as they push each other to new heights. The stronger the practicing partners and coaching staff, the better our players will become. This translates into better results at sectional and national tournaments for our team. USTA Colorado staff and Team Colorado coaches are determined to make an already solid program even better for our juniors. Refinements continue to be made every season to ensure the enduring strength of the program.

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Shelby Graber
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Jack O'Dowd
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Samuel Keronen
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THE 2013

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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

COLLEGE RECRUITING LISTS

THE LATEST STANDINGS FROM TENNISRECRUITING.NET

CLASS	RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS	RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS	RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN	CLASS	RANK	PLAYER	HOMETOWN
GIRLS															
2013	202	Meagan Monaghan	Denver (SOUTHERN ILL)	2015	289	Alexandra Weil	Highlands Ranch	2013	1177	Daniel Wright	Superior	2016	856	John Simpson	Littleton
2013	261	Kelli Woodman	Denver	2015	423	Payton Fielding	Crested Butte	2013	1258	Connor Petrou	Centennial	2016	858	Vamsi Senthilvel	Highlands Ranch
2013	274	Kathleen Kuosman	Superior	2015	516	Chloe Brandt	Broomfield	2013	1272	Noah Grolnick	Longmont	2016	866	Ben Blea	Littleton
2013	342	Jordan Appel	Cherry Hills Village	2015	655	Julia Mannino	Greenwood Village	2013	1276	Ashton Blair	Denver	2016	999	Jacob Maxwell	Parker
2013	399	Callie Morlock	Golden	2015	762	Isabella Melena	Arvada	2013	1279	Tucker Ellsworth	Denver	2016	1038	Blake Parsons	Denver
2013	410	Elizabeth Fryberger	Littleton	2015	988	Emma Jo Wiley	Fort Collins	2013	1330	Colin Green	Edwards	2016	1081	Ram Vuppala	Denver
2013	469	Shelby Cerkovnik	Highlands Ranch	2015	1079	Jessie Murphy	Centennial	2013	1355	Kody Cassidy	Hot Sulphur Springs	2016	1105	Kamran Shahbaz	Boulder
2013	548	Jessee Clauson	Boulder (QUEENS UNIV/CHARLOTTE)	2016	24	Rebecca Weissmann	Loveland	2013	1372	Mac Howell	Pueblo	2016	1118	Jackson Johar	Fort Collins
2013	569	Morgan Blanco	Denver	2016	103	Katysa Hall	Colorado Springs	2013	1381	Danny Kaprielian	Englewood	2016	1128	Spencer Clauson	Boulder
2013	592	Morgan Cohen	Centennial	2016	151	Tate Schroeder	Centennial	2013	1471	Owen Davis	Colorado Springs	2016	1171	Nathan Lazarus	Boulder
2013	620	Sarah French	Fort Collins	2016	253	Gloria Son	Aurora	2013	1567	Gifford Mellick	Centennial	2016	1230	Derek Wright	Superior
2013	641	Aimee Basinski	Grand Jct	2016	307	Caroline Kawula	Cherry Hills Village	2013	1570	Thomas Van De Pas	Highlands Ranch	2016	1405	Jake Becker	Centennial
2013	680	Lauran Renjard	Colorado Springs	2016	402	Daniela Adamczyk	Colorado Springs	2013	1645	Alexander Pedraza	Longmont	2016	1428	Kevin Ball	Boulder
2013	691	Lorraine Smith	Littleton	2016	475	Shwetha Prabakar	Colorado Springs	2013	1668	Lucas Barnhill	Louisville	2016	1488	Andrew Gillette	Arvada
2013	706	Madison Porter	Parker	2016	481	Kristen Kirby	Thornton	2013	1677	Will McShane	Westminster	2016	1538	Zhan Su	Louisville
2013	750	Katharine Kirby	Thornton	2016	496	Jessica Metz	Colorado Springs	2013	1682	Cecil MacGregor	Longmont	2016	1555	Drew Parsons	Denver
2013	820	Mary Edman	Boulder	2016	580	Natalie Munson	Longmont	2014	258	Zachary Fryer	Hghlnds Ranch	2016	1618	Dustin Bohustlavski	Peyton
2013	950	Rachel Grubbs	Steamboat Springs	2016	740	Tara Edwards	Littleton	2014	309	Jesse Ruder-Hook	Denver	2017	92	Ethan Hillis	Centennial
2013	1003	Alexandra Purfield	Arvada	2016	822	Natalie Hagan	Lone Tree	2014	339	Luke Lorenz	Colorado Springs	2017	260	Draden Hoover	Aurora
2013	1034	Dayna Demeritte	Thornton	2016	853	Kendra Lavallee	Highlands Ranch	2014	347	Connor McPherson	Centennial	2017	324	Ben Antonsen	Highlands Ranch
2013	1041	Samantha Yacano	Arvada	2016	920	Joanna Kempton	Littleton	2014	466	Vignesh Senthilvel	Highlands Ranch	2017	399	Kai Smith	Denver
2014	35	Mira Ruder-Hook	Denver	2016	947	Allison Smith	Parker	2014	688	Gaten Arney	Boulder	2017	461	Frederick Edwards	Bayfield
2014	168	Alexa Brandt	Broomfield	2016	949	Erin O'Shaughnessy	Denver	2014	837	Heitor Adegas	Fort Collins	2017	497	Stefan Orton-Urbina	Colorado Springs
2014	230	Alex Middleton	Columbine Valley	2016	1005	Bailey Koronich	Timnath	2014	905	Derek Lakowski	Boulder	2017	618	Robby Hill	Greenwood Village
2014	273	Kathryn Hall	Greenwood Village	2016	1115	Sarah Casey	Monument	2014	916	Steven Alcalá	Pueblo	2017	734	Erich Nuss	Castle Pines
2014	370	Bria Smith	Denver	2016	1184	Hanna Fernley	Greenwood Village	2014	973	Eric Kwiatkowski	Parker	2017	739	Stefan Hein	Littleton
2014	432	Eva-Lou Edwards	Bayfield	2016	1205	Reilly Cornell	Highlands Ranch	2014	1018	David Rosencrans	Aurora	2017	769	Dillon Leasure	Carbondale
2014	600	Natalia Deltavalle	Denver	2016	1218	Natalie Borchelt	Centennial	2014	1062	Matthew Jacobberger	Colorado Springs	2017	778	Niko Hereford	Denver
2014	661	Rachael Schepfer	Greenwood Village	2016	1221	Gabriella Hesse	Colorado Springs	2014	1092	Adam Rivera	Littleton	2017	802	Aaron Weil	Highlands Ranch
2014	669	Glenna Gee-Taylor	Louisville	2016	1253	Sarah Megilligan	Pueblo West	2014	1134	Benjamin Schlichting	Denver	2017	834	Tom Hudson	Golden
2014	808	Katie Li	Boulder	2017	7	Samantha Martinelli	Denver	2014	1180	Michael Rosencrans	Aurora	2017	921	Devin Harper	Westminster
2014	914	Heidi Dodgers	Evergreen	2017	36	Ashley Lahey	Boulder	2014	1216	Matthew Matsuyama	Castle Rock	2017	967	Matthew Chavez	Mead
2014	930	Kristin Jensen	Colorado Springs	2017	139	Madison Gallegos	Aurora	2014	1227	Canyon Hill	Colorado Springs	2017	1009	Jack Ferry	Lafayette
2014	961	Shelby Mavis	Windsor	2017	166	Jessica Aragon	Fort Collins	2014	1272	Randall Ball	Boulder	2017	1014	Coulten Davis	Colorado Springs
2014	981	Andrea Motley	Fort Collins	2017	290	Alex Pessoa	Denver	2014	1322	Jason Ferry	Lafayette	2017	1073	Ryan James	Denver
2014	989	Kaitlyn Motley	Fort Collins	2017	383	Shawnea Pagat	Fort Collins	2014	1329	Dakota Burns	Pueblo	2017	1104	Dylan Zumar	Aurora
2014	1026	Kaitlin Ulbert	Highlands Ranch	2017	400	Casey Zhong	Highlands Ranch	2014	1336	Drake Giese	De Beque	2017	1198	Patrick Ross	Littleton
2014	1113	Brittany Glantz	Parker	2017	475	Sadie Moseley	Denver	2014	1481	Hunter Sullivan	Fort Collins	2017	1330	Graham Blanco	Boulder
2014	1130	Kayl Ecton	Fort Collins	2017	539	Stephanie Broussard	Colorado Springs	2014	1497	Chad Curd	Centennial	2017	1335	Joshua Fields	Franktown
2014	1141	Jazmin Gillette	Wheat Ridge	2017	578	Madison Wolfe	Monument	2014	1502	Joshua Efanti	Westminster	2017	1355	Nicolas Savignano	Centennial
2014	1180	Laura Burdick	Highlands Ranch	2017	597	Sara Schoenbeck	Pueblo West	2014	1506	Zachary Inman	Colorado Springs	2017	1414	Jacob Stringer	Longmont
2014	1218	Victoria VanDeVeer	Colorado Springs	2017	634	Grace Koza	Littleton	2014	1602	Trace Collins	Parker	2018	120	Kasper Smith	Boulder
2015	65	Nicole Kathorn	Colorado Springs	2017	660	Maeve Kearney	Englewood	2014	1622	Taylor Ball	Colorado Springs	2018	128	Brett Finan	Broomfield
2015	96	Gabrielle Schuck	Colorado Springs	2017	855	Natalie Bronsdon	Highlands Ranch	2014	1639	Jason Krbec	Fort Collins	2018	164	Joshua King	Englewood
				2017	879	Tiffany Parobek	Lonetree	2014	1717	Naish Gaubatz	Colorado Springs	2018	187	Tom Melville	Boulder
				2017	889	Annie Chen	Boulder	2014	1773	Cody Carlton	Castle Rock	2018	311	Jack Moldenhauer	Denver
				2017	955	Claire Cox	Parker	2014	1779	Ethan Anderson	Boulder	2018	317	Charlie Franks	Denver
				2017	1072	Maleeha Chowdhury	Highlands Ranch	2014	1791	Griffin Kosonocky	Fort Collins	2018	334	Mitchell Johnson	Cherry Hills Village
				2017	1169	Jamie Smith	Colorado Springs	2014	1802	Jackson Feld	Boulder	2018	359	Daniel Guioit	Denver
				2018	78	Amber Shen	Broomfield	2015	34	David Mitchell	Castle Rock	2018	484	Patrick Seby	Denver
				2018	211	Anshika Singh	Greenwood Village	2015	184	Spencer Lang	Longmont	2018	619	Carter Harrington	Aurora
				2018	334	Heather Volls	Colorado Springs	2015	287	Ignatius Castelino	Superior	2018	656	Illijah Bailey	Centennial
				2018	372	Tamara Kattthain	Steamboat Springs	2015	305	Fletcher Kerr	Denver	2018	675	James Hunsinger	Fort Collins
				2018	381	Mariela Hollines	Englewood	2015	471	Tommy Mason	Boulder	2018	681	Jack Alexander	Littleton
				2018	401	Tatum Burger	Steamboat Springs	2015	709	Harshit Dwivedi	Greenwood Village	2018	712	Vinay Merchant	Englewood
				2018	414	Seraphin Castelino	Superior	2015	793	Teller Hoskins	Centennial	2018	730	Brooks Savage	Boulder
				2018	433	Micha Handler	Englewood	2015	831	Joseph Adducci	Colorado Springs	2018	736	Laird Stewart	Englewood
				2018	443	Emily Strande	Centennial	2015	847	Noah Reiss	Littleton	2018	752	Skyler Gates	Littleton
				2018	465	Ky Ecton	Fort Collins	2015	883	Andrew Pollack	Louisville	2018	760	Ryan Neale	Parker
				2018	520	Annika Bassey	Denver	2015	942	Maxwell Weiner	Fort Collins	2018	770	Henry Hawk	Boulder
				2018	570	Allison Murphy	Centennial	2015	964	Lucas Martin	Fort Collins	2018	809	Quinn Bermingham	Denver
				2018	593	Julia Berggren	Evergreen	2015	1006	Jacob Fell	Longmont	2018	849	George Kandell	Denver
				2018	633	Sarah Fleming	Grand Junction	2015	1046	Enzo Abbott	Parker	2018	851	Benjamin Murray	Englewood
				2018	670	Julia Pentz	Niwot	2015	1073	Dante Alcalá	Pueblo	2018	881	Bradley Ma	Colorado Springs
				2018	748	Rachel Nguyen	Westminster	2015	1076	Keenan Kaltenbacher	Colorado Springs	2018	907	Tyler Paddor	Centennial
				2018	876	Emily Wilkins	Greenwood Village	2015	1109	Austin Gruszczynski	Highlands Ranch	2018	910	Evan Nuss	Castle Rock
				2018	911	Hailey Janson	Conifer	2015	1221	Baylor May	Monument	2018	959	Stone Heyman	Englewood
				2019	119	Morgan Hall	Colorado Springs	2015	1264	Michael Maxwell	Parker	2018	1033	Ben Peterson	Broomfield
				2019	576	Caroline Jordaan	Cherry Hills Village	2015	1309	Zachary Fluck	Canon City	2018	1039	Connor Campbell	Colorado Springs
				2019	598	Shelby Graber	Parker	2015	1322	Brian Ross	Littleton	2018	1040	Christian Ridings	Colorado Springs
				2019	604	Sophie Pearson	Longmont	2015	1337	Jimmy Amundson	Littleton	2018	1046	Everett Martin	Boulder
				2019	612	Samhita Bheemireddy	Highlands Ranch	2015	1378	Garrett Schappell	Fort Collins	2018	1061	Ben Shepherd	Highlands Ranch
				2019	622	Josephine Schaffer	Greenwood Village	2015	1385	Benjamin Paddor	Centennial	2018	1076	Connor Larson	Boulder
				2019	625	Isabel Pan	Highlands Ranch	2015	1392	Marcus Hock	Arvada	2018	1078	Ryan Madic	Pueblo
				2019	631	Ashlen Grote	Highlands Ranch	2015	1456	Carter Pentz	Niwot	2018	1144	Brandon Nelsen	Longmont
								2015	1534	Craig Moddelmog	Windsor	2018	1172	Shreyas Gupta	Englewood
								2015	1571	Jameson Lumpkin	Loveland	2018	1177	Zack Fox	Littleton
								2015	1572	Joseph Bove	Castle Rock	2018	1178	Carter Holbrook	Boulder
								2015	1584	Jadon Tanguma	Arvada	2018	1229	Alexander Wimer	Englewood
								2015	1616	Jackson Martin	Boulder	2019	24	Nicholas Lorenz	Colorado Springs
								2015	1646	Dylan Griffin	Longmont	2019	39	Richter Jordaan	Cherry Hills Village
								2015	1677	Klyer Baumgartner	Parker	2019	222	David Kijak	Aurora
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LEAGUETENNIS

WRAPPING UP THE 2012 COLORADO ADULT LEAGUE TENNIS SEASON

2012 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

USTA MIXED

6.0 – PH Red – William Hamel
7.0 – LTF Heastan – Lisa Heastan
8.0 – CM Red – Craig Stromberg
9.0 – PPTA Kiser – Matthew Kiser
10.0 – DEN Blue – Nora Harrison

USTA ADULT

M 2.5 – LEBTC Red – Tim Laughlin
M 3.0 – MHCC Foley – Brian Foley
M 3.5 – CM Green – Paul Seby
M 4.0 – NJ Green – Dominic Massa
M 4.5 – RCC Black – Kenneth E. Moy
M 5.0 – HMTC – Dennis Fulgenzi
W 2.5 – CACI Blue – Kerri Rule
W 3.0 – CACM Blue – Nikki Widner
W 3.5 – BP GREEN – Cheryl Scheck
W 4.0 – LTA Teal – Lisa Lyle
W 4.5 – CR Red – Sarah Watson
W 5.0 – GAC Blue – Molly Carter

USTA SUPER SENIOR

W 6.0 – LEBTC Silver – Teri Manley
W 7.0 – GTC Blue – Phyllis Larson
W 8.0 – MRCK – Sandra Iglehart
W 9.0 – N/A
M 6.0 – MC Navy – Kenneth L Van Der Laan
M 7.0 – LVTA – Gene Boyd
M 8.0 – DTC Navy – Ron Salazar
M 9.0 – DENVER Red – Andy Rinehart

CTA DAYTIME DOUBLES

W 2.5 – GCC Blue – Carol Hegarty
W 3.0 – PH Bronze – Amy Whitehouse
W 3.5 – PH Blue – Mia Hamel
W 4.0 – NIW Orange – Nina Pater
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W 4.0 – RVR – Mimi Jervis
W 4.5 – LAC Navy – Judith Laursen
M 3.0 – CVTA Navy – Greg Harper
M 3.5 – HRCA Navy – Jerry Cerkovnik
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M 4.5 – MC Red – Hank Brumley

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M 4.5 – RCC Maroon – Dean Harper
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W 3.0 – WP Black – Sonya Knight
W 3.5 – GJTC Zebra – Marilyn Hall
W 4.0 – MLF – Priscilla Dressen
W 4.5 – GTC Green – Claire Douthit

CTA SILVER SENIOR

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W 7.0 – BM Red – Rosalie Dinenberg
W 8.0 – No Division
M 6.0 – NOCO – Charlie Wood
M 7.0 – LTC Red – Bob Magnani
M 8.0 – HMTC – John Driesbach

ITA FALL MIXED

5.5 – LEBTC Blue – Leigh Laughlin
6.5 – PH Orange – Steve Vigil
7.5 – WP Silver – Kimberly Gillespie
8.5 – MLF – Dale Oberlag
9.5 – CSRC MCINTRE – Tamara McIntre
9.5 WILD – GTC BLUE – Marie Nguyen

CTA SUMMER DAYTIME

W 2.5 – KC Red – Becca Laughlin
W 3.0 – GR Orange – Kimberly Graves
W 3.5 – KC Black – Robin Stricklin
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Greenwood Ladies Place at Nationals

The Greenwood Athletic Club ladies 5.0 squad, captained by Molly Carter, battled their way to a 4th place finish at the 2012 USTA League National Championships.

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M 5.0 – HMTC – Dennis Fulgenzi

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

WINNING CAPTAINS DRAWN FOR TRIP TO 2013 BNP PARIBAS OPEN

In 2001, USTA Colorado introduced The Captain's Incentive Program to recognize primary team captains for their efforts. Over the last decade, we have made several improvements to the captains' incentive program, and last year the USTA Colorado board of directors and the adult leagues committee approved a major change to the annual Captain's Incentive package. In 2011, USTA Colorado sent two lucky captains on a trip for two to the 2012 BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, CA.

USTA Colorado's guests at the 2013 BNP Paribas Open are **Joe Caston**, a 6-year captain from South Suburban/Lone Tree and **Julie Bosworth**, a 6-year captain from Boulder Tennis Association. Each will receive a trip for two to the event, plus airfare and hotel accommodations. Congratulations, and thanks to all the captains.



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AFTER FACING THE PROSPECT OF NEVER PLAYING TENNIS AGAIN, FIND OUT HOW ONE WOMAN REDISCOVERED THE JOY OF TENNIS

STORY BY
DEBORAH WEINSTEIN

About four years ago, I destroyed my left ACL skiing—or rather, falling—down a mountain. I didn't realize it at the time, but that event became a critical moment that changed my life. After being put on a sled and carried down the mountain by the ski patrol, and MRIs and consultations with one of the best orthopedists in the Denver area, I was told that he would do his best, but I may never ski or play tennis again. Of course, both sports were important to me, but losing tennis? I had spent 20 years of my life playing a sport that I love. How would I ever give it up? That possibility overwhelmed me in ways I never imagined.

During that next year of surgery and rehab, I looked for a way to stay in the game, whether I could play or not. I was hoping for a miracle, but the prospect of never playing again loomed like a large sledge hammer over my head. At some point during my rehab process, I became aware of the possibility of becoming a tennis official. I had seen officials at work—the brother of one of my club tennis pros was an official, but I knew absolutely nothing about it. So, I began my journey of learning what being an official is all about, and how one gets into the officiating game. And what a journey it has been!

Most sports involve teams or individuals competing against each other to determine a winner. The rules usually state that the objective is for each team or person to score more runs or points than the opponent. So, the officials' sole purpose is to make sure that no one team or person gains an advantage over the other in any way that is not intended by the rules. Simple, right?

I have been asked many times, "Why do you officiate?" There are many reasons, but the word 'joy' is the one that comes to mind most often. I get a lot of satisfaction from the physical demands of the work, and the social and psychological aspects. The challenge of making split-second decisions that impact others is very significant in any sport at any level of the game. However, it becomes critical in the highest levels of the game. Careers can be made or fade away through decisions that officials make. Officiating becomes an enormous responsibility and a challenge I wanted to tackle.

Making decisions in officiating is difficult, but the challenge really gets my adrenaline flowing. The problem comes when you make a mistake; you feel awful when that hap-

pens. But, you also know you can recover from that mistake at the next opportunity and do better the next time that situation comes up. Being able to recover from a mistake is critical for success as an official. All officials will face adversity—the best ones find a way to make that work for them in the future by evaluating themselves and developing their skills. They are better prepared and will be up to the next challenge because of having overcome that earlier negative experience.

Officiating is not for everyone. There are many officials that just do the job, but don't find joy in it, either because they are unable to handle the difficult times or develop a vision of what is ahead of them, as officials. Finding the joy in officiating unlocks the secret to a long and successful career. I look inward to find that joy; I don't expect anyone to give it to me. I explore the rulebook, study mechanics and techniques, and look forward to working with players, coaches and parents in a healthy manner. Every official should strive to become a joy to be around on the court. Every official should find a partner(s) that he or she can get along with and who will challenge you to always work on your skills and knowledge.

The Colorado Tennis Umpires Association, Inc. (CTUA) is the governing body for tennis officials in the state. CTUA holds training schools regularly throughout the year, and mentors every new official until he or she is ready to work solo. If an official desires, additional training is provided as needed.

The USTA requires that every official attend a training class each year. The annual officials' training class in Colorado is tentatively scheduled for February 9-10, 2013. Since USTA is limited in the number of trainers it can provide; only one or two of these classes are offered each year. If you are considering exploring becoming or are even remotely interested in officiating, please contact me or our District Chair of officials, Mark Williams, for more information. As we get closer to that date, more details will be available.

Officials are given several different options of roles to pursue, so there really is something for everyone. Most officials start in the role of a roving official; many league players have seen us on court during various league playoff events. You could also work as a lines person at USTA Pro Circuit and

higher level events, which usually involves a bit of travel. Becoming a chair umpire is also available, where you would be in charge of matches from start to finish. Local tournaments employ chair umpires, as well as the USTA Pro Circuit and higher levels of play. Chair umpires can move into college officiating with additional training. It is quite exciting, but also more stressful—managing college players and their coaches can be quite a challenge!

If you're more the administrative type, becoming a referee may be to your liking. Referees are in charge of whole events from start to finish, including hiring officials, resolving disputes and managing personnel. Becoming a scheduler may also interest you, managing the calendar of events for specific CTUA events throughout the year. You can combine your organizational and marketing skills to provide the best customer service to our clients. So, there are many different areas that interest all types of people – maybe one of them is for you!

Officiating is my way of giving back to the tennis community. It has helped me discover my significance and joy. It is challenging, which really appeals to my competitive nature as well. I hope you will consider officiating and how becoming more involved in the game of tennis can develop you in ways you never imagined. So please, contact me or any other official to talk about how we can get you started on your joyous journey.

By the way, I am still able to both play tennis and ski, but I'm now much more careful of how I move on the court and on those snowy alpine runs. I make sure my mechanics are solid, so I play and ski smart now. The same thing happens when I make a mistake on court. I review what went wrong, make sure I improve my mechanics, make sure my techniques are solid, and then get back out there. Lesson learned!

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NEWS FROM USTA COLORADO HEADQUARTERS

FRITZ GARGER
USTA COLORADO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings! I typically reserve my winter edition article to recap the current year and take a look ahead to the new one. This is an opportunity for us to update thousands of people connected to our association who are involved with this great sport—and it's an opportunity to highlight some of our many successes. Those who participate (or have friends or family who do), ought to know that there is a whole lot that goes on behind the scenes to bring programs and services to the fore.

While there is always room for improvement and expansion, USTA Colorado is coming off another great year in programing and we hope you've found our services (i.e. publications and communications) to be effective and meaningful. Adult and junior league participation increased in 2012 and many of our tournaments experienced growth as well this year. We continue with our outreach and to actively communicate with those directly involved in a number of our programs via BLASTs! and the adult and junior league Alerts! Over the past several years, our Colorado Tennis newspaper editor has demonstrated the desire and determination (in print and digital versions) to bring readers a more in-depth look at our sport and the people engaged in it via features and cover stories—in addition to the general information our readership relies on to navigate the tennis landscape.

And speaking of landscape—2012 was the first full year of the adoption of the new 10 and Under Tennis initiative. Colorado followed the lead of the 9-state Southern Section (USTA's largest section) and the Florida Section to incorporate the 60-foot court and orange ball for all sanctioned 10 and Under competition (leagues and tournaments). We realize that those caught right on the cusp of this change (i.e. the more experienced 9 & 10 year olds) were more likely to prefer the 78-foot court and yellow ball. Thus, we had increases in 12 and Under tournament play with slight decreases in the 10 and Under division. Over time that will change—as the 7 and 8 year olds playing on a 36-foot court and red ball graduate to the 10 and Under format.

And players, parents and coaches will recognize the virtues of the enhanced skill development components (optimum point of contact-proper stroke technique, court coverage, and the actual incorporation of strategy and tactics in matches) that a properly sized court and use of the appropriate ball provide as tools to master the physical and strategic aspects of the game. All of these benefits are now occurring in the 10 and Under division which will be so beneficial as players age up to the 12s and beyond.

By the way, we had significant increases in the 10 and Under divisions in our junior league program already in year one and anticipate that trend will only increase as the new format takes hold—and with more 5-8 year olds getting engaged in the sport. It's exciting—and we appreciate the efforts of folks at facilities (statewide) who have embraced this opportunity. Obviously, for anything like this to be successful—it's the people who work directly with the communities that need to be on board. Facility owners and managers are realizing that this is an untapped market (in many ways) and not only is it good for the youth of Colorado, it's a benefit financially for program providers as well.

As everyone knows by now (hopefully), there are significant changes in store for adult league play in 2013. We have been planning for well over a year on ways to incorporate and communicate the changes made to those leagues that are National in scope and as such affect all 17 Sections and their Districts. While the general components should be easily understood, our office and league coordinators will be available to assist all those involved with implementing and navigating the changes throughout the state. Stay tuned as we gear up after the New Year for the upcoming 2013 league season.

As has been noted in previous publications, there are changes in the pipeline for our top junior players re: National, Regional and Sectional schedules and regulations. The vast majority of those changes are set for implementation in 2014. However, our Section (and its six Districts) has already begun planning for these changes and will fine tune the structure and modifications to be adopted well in advance of 2014 with the goal of maximizing the opportunities for our juniors and communicating the changes to all those involved (players, parents, coaches, etc.).

Our association is also looking to move forward in the area of communications with the transfer of our website platform to the USTA template (see The Last Word, page 30). This



move will enable us to maximize our resources internally and also tap into the National effort to provide a consistent and uniform look for the USTA's affiliates (Sections and Districts). Currently all 17 Sections utilize the USTA platform and more District affiliates are also gravitating in the same direction.

As always, we hope you have enjoyed your tennis in 2012. We wish you the best this holiday season and always. We're looking forward to 2013 and hope we continue the trend of getting more people engaged in our sport. 🎾

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THE LAST WORD

THE GREAT MIGRATION

COLORADOTENNIS.COM SET TO MOVE TO USTA CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

KURT DESATUELS
EDITOR, COLORADO TENNIS

I was watching Animal Planet with my son the other night, and it occurred to me that the planned transition of our website, COLORADOTENNIS.com, to the USTA Content Management System is not all that different than the annual wildebeest migration in the Serengeti.

The wildebeest make decent daily progress, but the journey takes months to complete. The path is fraught with challenges—some are visible and easily navigated, some wait until you're waist-deep in a swift-moving current before they grab you and drag you under. On a journey of such length, it's sometimes hard to imagine what the end will look like, but like all good wildebeests, we march steadily on toward our ultimate destination.

Now, unlike wildebeests, the decision to move COLORADOTENNIS.com to the USTA platform wasn't borne of some innate migratory cycle that's ingrained in our DNA... at least, I don't think it was. The move dates back several years, when USTA Colorado staff did an internal evaluation of our website, which was developed in the early 2000s. While we are proud of the numerous features and innovations that COLORADOTENNIS.com offers, we are also aware of the limitations for future development and integration. This wasn't the fault of the developer (which happened to be us), but rather the changing nature of what we wanted and needed our website to be.

When USTA Colorado's first website was rolled out in March of 2000, it had a very narrow focus: to provide links to essential information related to USTA Colorado program-

ming and to be a repository of current stories lifted from Colorado Tennis newspaper. The original COLORADOTENNIS.com (CT.com 1.0), which was developed by former Colorado Tennis editor Brett Chalmers, incorporated the meta tag—how search engines collect information about sites, like a card catalog system for the internet— "the online home of Colorado Tennis newspaper".

In addition to a number of static pages that never changed, updates to the news section were completed shortly after Colorado Tennis hit USTA members' mailboxes. I distinctly remember uploading Tom Fasano's April 2000 story about finding an old wooden tennis racquet in his garage behind an album from KC and the Sunshine Band, an indication of how long we've both been at this gig.

COLORADOTENNIS.com Version 2.0, which you've grown accustomed to for the last 10 years, was developed when USTA Colorado recognized the benefit of having a more dynamic and modular website. In addition to news stories and static pages that acted much as an online catalog of programming, V2.0 set the stage for innovative features like an integrated tournament search (which is far more intuitive and easy to use than the TennisLink search) and the Court Locator, which is likely the most advanced and complete one of its kind in the country.

Over the course of time, COLORADOTENNIS.com has undergone numerous revisions, additions and cosmetic changes that have enhanced the browsing experience. And until recently, few tennis sites have been able to match the

feature list offered by V2.0. Throughout this entire time frame, the USTA has been continually developing its suite of digital solutions. A few years ago, the platform that the USTA used for its website was cumbersome and ugly. But over the last couple years, the USTA and the 17 Sections have built a solid and integrated system that we expect will allow us to better manage the flow of information to our membership and to all tennis players in Colorado. The platform is built with a high level of news and social media integration, and its bundled with custom features and easy-to-manage options that will allow us to continue to develop and innovate in ways that will benefit both member and non-member alike. The migration will be a great opportunity for USTA Colorado to take advantage of these features, while also allowing us to join the USTA family of products.

You've likely already seen different versions of what will become COLORADOTENNIS.com V3.0. Every USTA Section is utilizing the platform, as well as districts across the country. In addition to helping USTA Colorado to better align with the USTA brand, it is also helpful for players relocating from Section to Section, District to District, to easily find opportunities to get connected in the sport.

V3.0 is slated for a March 2013 release. Until then, we'll be diligently working on the great migration. Unless, of course, a crocodile gets us.

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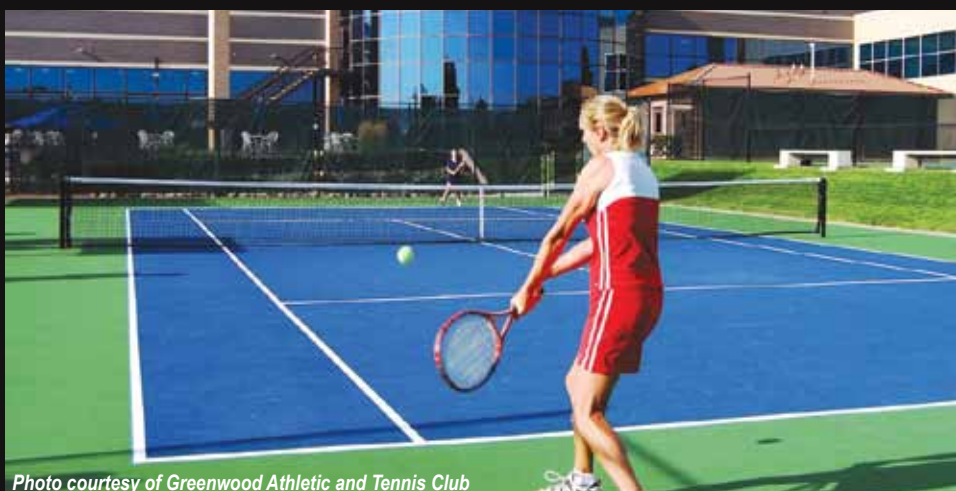


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Founded in 1955, USTA Colorado is a district affiliate of the United States Tennis Association, and the governing body of tennis in Colorado. Its mission is to promote and develop the growth of tennis in Colorado, coordinating recreational and competitive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

We provide grants to organizations that want to introduce tennis to their communities and we offer scholarships to junior players who seek to take their game to the next level. We coordinate adult league play for more than 31,000 players across the state, and offer programs for junior players of all ages and abilities. Our sanctioned tournament schedule offers more than 10 events this year, including opportunities for wheelchair athletes.

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

We are more than 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 & Inclusion is a strategic priority for USTA Colorado and one of our core values.

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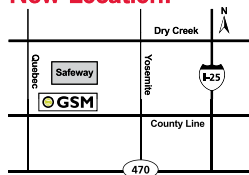
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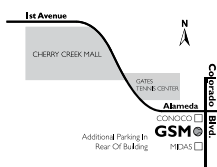
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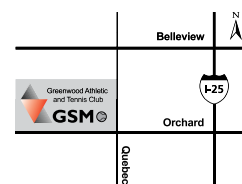
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