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2010 Invest in a Child Dallas Tennis Cup P-A-R-T-Y !!!

Mark your calendar for the biggest tennis party in town. The 9th annual Invest in a Child Dallas Tennis Cup dinner and auction will be held Friday, October 22nd, at Brookhaven Country Club. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased through the DTA office. The price includes admission, 2 drink tickets (for beer or wine) and an Italian buffet.

This year's live and silent auctions will be full of great trips, event tickets, tennis and golf packages, sports memorabilia, gift baskets and more. You can bid on trips to Hawaii, the 2011 US Open (one trip includes tickets to the President's Box), Wimbledon and other great destinations. There will also be a wine tree and raffle.

Scott Murray, former sports anchor for NBC 5, will be our emcee and auctioneer for this annual charity event. Proceeds from the evening support the DTA's Invest in a Child program. This program funds the organization's free/low-cost tennis and education programs for low income, at-risk children in the greater Dallas community.



The Invest in a Child Dallas Tennis Cup team tournament will be held on Saturday, October 23rd. This year, 20 teams from area clubs and tennis facilities will compete to see who will be crowned the Dallas Tennis Cup champion. Entry fees are \$100 per player and include the Friday night dinner, lunch and a player party on Saturday. Check with your club if you would like to play on their team.

For more information about the dinner, auctions, raffle or tournament, visit the Events section on the DTA's website at www.dta.org. To purchase dinner tickets, call or email the DTA office at 972-387-1538 or office@dta.org.

Cannot make it to the dinner but still want to give and participate? You can purchase raffle tickets for \$10 or three for \$25. Raffle prizes include two tickets to a session of the 2011 US Open, a Nook wireless reading device, a \$200 American Express gift card and more. Tickets are available in the DTA office.

National Arthur Ashe Essay Contest Winner: Cody Stewart

For the 4th time in three years, the Dallas area has produced a national Arthur Ashe essay winner. Cody Stewart of Duncanville wrote the winning essay for the Boys 16 age division. He won a trip to New York to attend the 2010 Arthur Ashe Kids Day, the US Open, a Broadway show and more. Cody is a participant in the DTA's NJTL Slam Jammers II program, an AP honors student at Duncanville High School and a member of the school's varsity tennis team.



Cody's coaches describe him as respectful and hard working. They all agree that he is deserving of this honor. Congratulations, Cody. We hope you have a great time in New York. You can read Cody's winning essay on page 3.

DTA Annual Meeting

The DTA's Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 15th, at Canyon Creek Country Club starting at 7:00 p.m. All DTA members are encouraged to attend. There will be a year-in-review, a presentation of the new strategic plan and the election of new officers. The slate of officers for 2010-11 is:

- President - Steve Nolen
- Treasurer - Denise Lytle
- Secretary - Ana Castano-Mears
- Vice President (Advocacy) - Jane Morrill
- Vice President (Junior Recreation) - Laura Worsham
- Vice President (Leagues) - John Kraemer
- Vice President (Special Projects/Fundraising) - Tamara Schumacher-Konick
- Vice President (Tournaments) - Charlotte Ereckson

Get Up and Give! September 8th

On September 8, 2010, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the Dallas Tennis Association is taking part in Get Up and Give! North Texas Giving Day. On September 8, every donation above \$25 will be matched if you donate to us through www.donorbridgetx.org, an online resource to connect donors with nonprofit organizations like us.

Please visit the site anytime between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., search for Dallas Tennis Association and click "Donate Now." Your donation will go a long way in helping us

raise money for the Invest in a Child programs, plus every dollar given at any time during the day will receive a portion of \$700,000+ in matching funds – making your dollars go further.

If you're concerned about the busiest times on the site, visit and donate on off-hours, 10-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Again, all donations over \$25 donated between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. will be matched by some percentage.

It doesn't matter when you give, just remember to get up and give – whether out of bed, from your desk or off your couch, just give!

Dallas Has Six League Teams Heading to Nationals

Dallas' league teams fared well at the Texas Sectionals. Seven teams won their divisions, and six of them will now move on to the national championships. Congratulations to these winning teams: David Picker's 2.5 women's team from High Point, Colette Holman's 3.0 women's team from Royal Oaks, Shelly Odell's 4.0 women's team from Greenhill, Jennifer Engels' women's open team, Robert Bender's 3.5 men's team from High Point, Rusty Branch's 4.5 men's team from Oak Creek and Ed Warren's Lonestar women's team.



2.5 Women's team from High Point

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From the President



Time flies when you are having fun. And I've had fun as the volunteer President of the Dallas Tennis Association for the last two years and the Executive Vice President and Vice President of Communications prior to that.

Fun comes in many forms. For me the fun comes from being associated with a wonderful non-profit organization that gives back to two of my loves: tennis and kids.

The DTA is blessed with a remarkable staff, board and band of volunteers who give tirelessly of their time.

Tina Anderson, the Executive Director, does an incredible job of running the office, adding creative ideas, promoting the association, coordinating with our partners and working with the board of directors. Many of you have spoken with Jane Gilpin via phone or email about leagues and know how quickly she responds. As the Director of Adult Leagues, Jane does a terrific job scheduling and overseeing the local USTA leagues and all that entails. Bert Cole, Director of Junior Recreation, is much admired by young and old for her dedication to the junior program for low income kids and the excellence she brings to it. When the USTA Texas Section asked the DTA to coordinate Junior Team Tennis for the local area earlier this year, we were fortunate enough to find the perfect parttime professional to take on the task. Sherri Rejebian, Assistant Director of Junior Recreation and Junior Team Tennis (JTT) Coordinator, has done a great job of developing JTT procedures and communicating with pros at clubs and facilities to explain the program and gathering feedback to continue to improve the program. Ngoc Dang, the parttime Office and Tournament Assistant, expertly handles the many tasks that end up on her desk in addition to scheduling and running the tennis tournaments. If you've had someone call begging you to volunteer to help at a tournament, then that would be Ngoc. (Please say yes next time. We will train you, if you need it.)

In addition to me, this year's executive committee consists of Steve Nolen, the Executive Vice President,

who has been nominated as the President for 2010-2011; Tamara Schumacher-Konick, Secretary, who has been nominated for Vice President Special Projects and Fundraising; Anne LaCroix, Treasurer; Charlotte Ereckson, Vice President Tournaments, who has been nominated for the same position; John Kraemer, Vice President Leagues, nominated for the same position; Jane Morrill, Vice President Advocacy, nominated for the same position; Laura Worsham, Vice President Junior Recreation, nominated for the same position; and Phillippa Nierling, Vice President Fundraising. This group of individuals has given much time in key roles, and their efforts are much appreciated. They have and will mentor the new board members. As is true each year, improvements have been made in each area.

The appointed Board of Directors consists of Kathy Cheatham, Rex Cuajunco, Lee Hamilton, Wilma Hill, Angela Hughey, Kathy Langer, Denise Lytle (nominated as Treasurer), Marilyn Sherman and Carlos Turic. They have contributed in more ways than I can name, including chairing the Slam Jammer Banquet, participating in the strategic plan; volunteering for tournaments, committees and special events; and fundraising. The board also appreciates the special contributions from Sharon Chapple and Katie Wylie on the 2009 Dallas Tennis Cup and 2010 Challenger.

On our board, we are fortunate to have representation from a former Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the USTA, the National Manager of USTA Flex Leagues, the Chairperson for the USTA National Adult/Senior Competition Committee, the President of the Dallas Wheelchair Tennis Club, two Slam Jammer parents, two tennis pros and business professionals with various areas of expertise including management, sales, marketing, accounting/finance and law.

We have an amazing board that volunteers to do amazing things out of the kindness of their hearts. For all that you do, I say thank you!

Each year we go through the process of nominating the slate of officers (see front page) for the following year. Nominations were accepted by DTA members and the committee through August 15. This year's nominating committee chaired by Laura Worsham, consisted of Rex Cuajunco, Gwen Echols, Ana Castano-Mears and Russ Johnson.

The board and staff without its volunteers who help in all areas and the teaching pros who work with the NJTL kids would not be able to perform its job. It takes many volunteers to run this organization, and all of you are greatly appreciated for your selfless acts of kindness.

The DTA has many heroes, and I want to point one of them out to you. Jere Mills, the Superintendent of Special Services with the City of Dallas Park & Recreation Department, retired recently after more than 28 years of service to the citizens of Dallas. Jere is a good friend to the DTA and worked hard to ensure the completion of the QuickStart Tennis courts at Kiest Park. His efforts will make a difference in many kids' lives. I was so impressed while preparing for the grand opening of the courts that Jere knew everyone who came to work on and around the courts and treated them as friends. During the retirement party hosted by the City, many stood to tell (or sing) about Jere. All of the presentations painted a story of a very sweet man who worked hard, wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty (in fact, preferred to), treated others with the utmost respect, excelled in all he did and would surely be missed. Jere, you are loved by the DTA, and we appreciate all you've done for the kids.

How You Can Contribute in September and October

I would be remiss in ending my letter without mentioning the Invest in a Child Dallas Tennis Cup on October 22-23. You've read about it on the front page. Please plan on attending. The Friday night PARTY is for everyone – those playing in the tournament plus anyone wanting to have fun. The auction committee has some great items on which you can. Come join the fun. New this year, a TCD team can sponsor a child in one of our free 12-week tennis programs for \$75 (\$5 per player). Your sponsorship includes a racquet, T-shirt and professional instruction for the beginners and entry fees, travel cost and equipment for intermediate and advanced players. Whether you attend or not, you can buy raffle tickets at

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Tournament News

Upcoming DTA Tournaments

Cotton Bowl Super Championship Major Zone (16-18) December 4-6, 2010

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, November 16th
 Fees: \$45 flat fee for singles and doubles
 Events: Boys and Girls 16, 18 singles and doubles
 Players must register in the same age division for singles and doubles. Players must include the name and USTA # of their doubles partner when they register. Only qualified players may play in the Super Championship division.

Enter online at tennislink.usta.com/tournaments, and use tournament id #800095910.

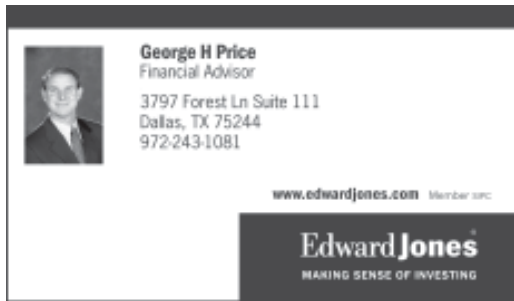
MCB Cotton Bowl Classic December 26-31, 2010

Entry Deadline: Monday, December 13th
 Fees: Adults \$35 for singles, \$50 for doubles teams
 Juniors \$30 for singles
 Events: Adults - Men's & Women's Open, 3.0-5.0 singles and doubles; Men's 25s, 30s, Women's 30s singles and doubles; Mixed Open, 3.0-5.0; Father-Son doubles, Mother-Daughter doubles
 Juniors - Boys' & Girls' 10-18 singles;
 Championship Boys' & Girls' 12-18 singles;
 Super Championship Boys' & Girls' 12-18 singles

Players must register in the same age division/NTRP rating for singles and doubles. Players must include the name and USTA # of their doubles partner when they register. Both doubles partners must be registered and fees paid (\$25 per player) before the entry deadline to be placed in the draw. Players can email seeding information to office@dt.org.

NOTE: If a player receives a new rating at the end of the year, he/she may still play this tournament at the old rating. You will need to register under the new rating, then send an email to the tournament director asking to be moved to the correct division.

Enter online at tennislink.usta.com/tournaments and use tournament id #800019810.



Arthur Ashe Essay

as submitted by Cody Stewart

Arthur Ashe had many great achievements. Being the first African-American male to win a US Open was an amazing feat and will go down in the history of civil rights and tennis alike. But that doesn't affect me as much as his creation of the NJTL. This program gives kids and teens nationwide an opportunity to experience the game of tennis, open up new pathways to great things including college, and let them meet new and interesting people. The "offspring" of this program, Slam Jammers, gives me inexpensive lessons, easy access to equipment, and it pays for my tournaments, all because of Arthur Ashe and his love of the game. Without this, I wouldn't be able to further myself into a game that means so much to thousands of kids nationwide. Finding this program has helped many. There are countless times where a child joins NJTL, receives all that they can, and they get plucked, fresh from high school, and plopped into an amazing college. I want that to be me. This program will enable me to do that. I've learned so much, and still have much to learn. Arthur Ashe was one of the most amazing individuals of his time, and no one in the history of tennis has ever done as much as he has for his sport. Thanks to him, we get the opportunity to do great things as he did. Mr. Ashe wanted to give us as many opportunities that he never had. And he has held up his side of the bargain. All we have to do is use those opportunities. And with my closing, I hope you realize now why the creation of the NJTL was Arthur Ashe's greatest achievement.

(Note from the DTA: NJTL is funded through our Invest in a Child program.)

Junior Team Tennis News

Summer JTT Winners

12 & under Beginner - Northwood Country Club
 Runner Up - Las Colinas Country Club

12 & under Intermediate - Las Colinas Country Club
 Runner Up - Eldorado Country Club

14 & under Intermediate - Garland Tennis Center
 Runner Up - Eldorado Country Club

18 & under Advanced - Slam Jammers 18 team
 Runner Up - Slam Jammers 14 team

Fall JTT Important Dates

September 1 - Deadline for team registrations to qualify for the USTA Teachers Conference/US Open contest and to have teams on the fall schedule

September 12 - JTT fall matches begin

November 7 - Dallas JTT City Championships/End of Season Tournament

November 19-21 - USTA Texas JTT Fall Sectional Championships (for 14 & under and 18 & under Intermediate and Advanced divisions)

Contact Sherri Rejebian at jtt@dt.org for team numbers or more information.

From the President (continued)

the DTA office, from a board member or at the annual meeting on September 15th at Canyon Creek. Come watch the finals at Greenhill late Saturday afternoon (more party).

Since I'm only president through the end of September, I'm going to ask one last favor of any of you thinking about making a donation by the end of the year. Mark your calendars now for September 8th. Get up that morning and make a donation to the DTA through the following link: www.donorbridgetx.org (see the front page). This is the first time the DTA has been part of this matching program. We appreciate any size donation. For those of you who donate \$25 or more on the 8th, we will receive more than that. Please consider giving!

Signing off as president but still volunteering! It has been fun!

- Kenni Driver

DTA Community Calendar of Events

September

- 1-2 DTA USTA Adult Fall League Packet Pickup
- 6 Holiday - DTA Office Closed
- 10 DTA USTA Adult Fall League begins
- 11 Fall NJTL Slam Jammers begins
- 12 Fall Junior Team Tennis begins
- 15 DTA Annual Meeting - Canyon Creek Country Club
- 20 Texas Section Tournament Directors Workshop

October

- 2 Mini Mo Tournament at Kiest Park
- 13 DTA USTA Senior Men's & Women's League rosters due
- 22-23 Invest in a Child Dallas Tennis Cup

November

- 3-4 DTA USTA Senior League Packet Pickup
- 11 DTA USTA Senior League begins
- 16 Entry deadline for December Super Champ Major Zone Tournament
- 19-20 DTA USTA Fall Women's League Playoffs
- 25-26 Holiday - DTA Office Closed

December

- 4-6 December Super Champ Major Zone Tournament (16-18)
- 10-12 DTA USTA Fall Men's League Playoffs
- 13 Entry deadline for MCB Cotton Bowl Classic Tournament

2010 DTA USTA Adult League Champions



High Point 3.5 Men - Robert Bender, captain



Oak Creek 4.5 Men - Rusty Branch, captain



Royal Oaks 3.0 Women - Colette Holman, captain



Lonestar Women - Ed Warren, captain



Greenhill 4.0 Women - Shelly Odell, captain



Open Women - Jennifer Engles, captain



5.0 Men - Brannon Perkison, captain



Village 4.5 Women - Laura Worsham, captain



High Point 4.0 Women - Bea Demel, captain



Lifetime Fitness 4.0 Men - Shawn Arcaria, captain



High Point 3.0 Women - Luz Muniz, captain



Royal Oaks 3.5 Women - Lori Pinto, captain

Congratulations to all of our championship teams!

Photos from *USTA Texas Sectionals* taken by Granger Huntress and Robyn Readicker.

League News

Mixed Senior Doubles League

Team numbers for the 2011 USTA Dallas Mixed Senior Doubles League will be mailed mid-November to teams that participated in 2010 league. To be added to the mailing list as a new team, email janegilpin@sbcglobal.net or call 972-387-1538 ext. 3.

The league will play on Sunday afternoons starting in January.

The levels offered will be 6.0, 7.0, and 8.0 (combined ratings). There cannot be more than 1.0 difference in the ratings between partners. A team consists of three lines of doubles each team match. Level winners advance to Mixed Senior Sectionals.

2.5
1st Place – High Point/David Picker, captain
(Winner)
3.0
1st Place – High Point/Luz Muniz, captain (Semi-finalist)
Wild card – Royal Oaks/Colette Holman, captain
(Winner)
3.5
1st Place – Royal Oaks/Lori Pinto, captain
Wild card – Brookhaven/Carole George, captain
4.0
1st Place – High Point/Bea Demel, captain
Wild card – Greenhill/Shelly Odell, captain **(Winner)**
4.5
1st Place – Village/Laura Worsham, captain
Open
Jennifer Engles, captain **(Winner)**

Men

3.0
1st Place – Canyon Creek/Nicholas Georgas, captain
3.5
1st Place – High Point/Robert Bender, captain
(Winner)
Wild card – Bent Tree/Jack Traeger, captain
4.0
1st Place – Lifetime Fitness/Shawn Arcaria, captain
Wild card – Greenhill/Brian Morrison, captain
4.5
1st Place – Oak Creek/Rusty Branch, captain
(Winner)
5.0
1st Place – Brannon Perkison, captain **(2nd place)**
5.5
Village/Brannon Perkison, captain

The Dallas Tennis Association

Presents:

USTA Dallas 2011 Senior Leagues *ARE YOU A '61 BABY?*

Did you know that if you were born in 1961, you are eligible to participate in the upcoming USTA Dallas Senior League?

Women's rosters are due October 13, 2010. Both the Thursday and Saturday leagues run November 2010 – February 2011. Players born in 1961 can register after January 1.

Men's rosters are due October 13, 2010. All levels play on Saturdays. The league will run November 2010 – March 2011. Players born in 1961 can register after January 1.

Captains of a 2010 USTA Dallas Senior League team will be mailed a team number for the 2011 Senior League.

For additional information on the Senior League or to form a new senior team, email janegilpin@sbcglobal.net or call the DTA Office at 972-387-1538 ext. 3.

Summer Lone Star Tournament Winners

Lone Star is a USTA Texas Section program designed to give new tennis players a taste of competition in a fun environment.

The DTA hosts two Lone Star Tournaments per year. The first of two this year was held at the High Point Tennis Center on June 6, 2010.

Nine women's teams competed in the DTA Summer Lone Star Tournament.

David Picker was the pro/organizer of the winning team. Team members were:

Susan Nissley
Tami McKeon
Lynn Hord
Shellie Stebbins
Pauline Hales
Susie Schmitt
Ami McCann
Christine Delph

Our second Lone Star for 2010 will be held at the High Point Tennis Center on **September 19**. Pro/organizers receive a \$75 per team incentive from the Texas Section for organizing a team to participate in our local Lone Star Tournament. Here are the new rules:

- Advance to represent your city at the Fall Lone Star Sectional on October 23-24 held at the Dominion Country Club in San Antonio
- Cannot have played USTA league tennis before/ can play Lone Star only one year
- Women 2.5 and below
- Easy to form teams – 3 doubles per team
- Players must be 18 (before December 31, 2010) or older
- Must be a USTA Member*
- Team registration on TennisLink (\$3 registration fee per player)
- \$75 incentive/per team to the pro organizing the team

For additional information, please email janegilpin@sbcglobal.net.

Combo Doubles Tournament Results

1st Place 7.5 Men – Bill Kaiser, captain
2nd Place 7.5 Men – John Sisk, captain
1st Place 8.5 Men – Joel Pickett, captain
2nd Place 8.5 Men – Bob Somabut, captain
1st Place 6.5 Women – Annette Melton, captain
2nd Place 6.5 Women – Jennifer Ray, captain
1st Place 7.5 Women – Robyn Yerian, captain
2nd Place 7.5 Women – Sharon Gutierrez, captain
1st Place 8.5 Women – Celesta Caldwell, captain
2nd Place 8.5 Women – Jackie Zarate, captain

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USTA Dallas Qualifying Tournament & City Championships

A special thanks to Rick Lyon, Elaine Albergotti, Anne Gannon, John Gilpin, John Arnette and Bob Somabut for volunteering their time during the recent DTA/USTA Dallas Adult League Qualifying Tournament and City Championships as site workers.

The Qualifying Tournament was plagued by rain on Friday evening, wet courts on Saturday morning and more rain late Sunday afternoon. Thanks to all of the captains and participants for their patience under conditions beyond our control. All matches were completed by moving some Friday evening matches indoors and extending play on Saturday to get in the balance of matches that could not be played on Friday evening. Bob Somabut, Saturday site director at Greenhill, asked the teams scheduled to play at Greenhill on Saturday morning for help in squeegeeing the courts to get them ready for play. Bob arrived at 8:30 am to find that Ron Crow arrived at 8:00 am and had already squeegeed 4 courts. Ron worked on two more courts while Bob, Chris Gordon, Mark Ferrell and some of his team helped get everything completed. A big thanks to all!

The weather forecast gave us a break from the rain for the City Championships but turned up the heat to triple digits.

A special thanks to Brookhaven, Canyon Creek, Greenhill, LB Houston and Northwood for hosting matches. We went from 225 individual matches in the Qualifying Tournament to 382 individual matches in the City Championships.

USTA Dallas Adult League Sectional Teams

Women

Lone Star
1st Place – David Picker 1 **(Finalist)**
Wild card – Ed Warren **(Winner)**

Junior Recreation News

by Bert Cole

2010 Summer National Junior Tennis and Learning (NJTL)

This was a long hot summer for Dallas NJTL. The staff and the kids did a fine job of dealing with the heat and the rain this summer and accomplished our mission. We were able to get many kids out on the courts and successfully teach them the awesome game of tennis. They had a lot of fun and did a fantastic job of learning. For the first summer, 100% of the kids on court were able to play and successfully keep score without too much help. This is remarkable considering we expanded our program this year to include four- year-olds, proof that QuickStart tennis is an excellent program for young children.

We hosted a series of five tournaments for the kids. Our big event was the NJTL Kids Day (formerly known as NJTL Regional Rally) on July 24th and at the very end our Dallas NJTL City Championship!! It was great to see so many smiles and very few frowns during these tournaments. We were very fortunate to have the help of the Junior League of Dallas and our very own Jan Beeman to give so many hours this summer helping us achieve our goals.

The kids submitted more than 700 Arthur Ashe essays and artwork. These were sent to New York City with the hopes of being chosen by the USTA NJTL committee as the best essay or artwork of Arthur Ashe in the nation. The winner earns a three-day all expense paid trip for two to New York City to attend the Arthur Ashe Kids Day Celebration at the US Open this August. They join some 35,000 other kids from all over the U.S. in that day's fun as a special guest honored in the prestigious President's Box for the tournament. Arthur Ashe Kids Day is a totally awesome experience for any child, and the proud a parent gets to enjoy all the same privileges!!!

More than 1,100 kids were involved in the NJTL program this summer, and many will sign up to continue in our upcoming Fall Season. Overall, we had a great summer in spite of the 106° - 108° days we endured!

Our Fall Season begins September 4, 2010. You may contact Bert Cole (817-247-9977) for further information on our Fall Program.



Full Court Division, Ages 13-15
1st place - Jennifer Nguen (Jaycee Rec. Center)
2nd place - Dezmon Titus (Thurgood Marshall Rec. Center)

Jubilee Park Grand Celebration

On August 3rd, Jubilee Park had its grand celebration to show off and share its two new buildings for the kids in the Jubilee Park area of Dallas. Slam Jammer parents and kids were able to help make that day a great event for them. We set up six mini nets in the streets (took up a whole block actually) and put out the QuickStart Equipment and got the adults and the kids all playing tennis for about 4 hours of fun tennis.

I believe the Police department had the most fun. Once I got them to play, I couldn't get them to sit down the rest of the evening. It was a great event. Thanks to our DTA Board members: Marilyn Sherman, Wilma Hill and Kathy Cheatham, who came out, helped set up equipment, worked out on the courts with the kids and officers and danced with the crowd to the great music! Mercedes (Pro at Brookhaven CC) and Marilyn's sister, Mickey Menna (Special Olympics Medal Winner), played most of the evening with the kids and officers. Great job ladies!! Thanks to Leslie Robinson -Foster who shared the new Tennis Scholastics Game with the kids. They had a blast doing that as well. Great fun and a great time for all!

2010 Dallas NJTL City Championship Winners



36' Court Division, Age 4
1st place - DeAnthony Bridges (Friendship West)
2nd place - Lance Jackson (Friendship West)



36' Court Division, Ages 5-6
1st place - Nelda Hernandez (Walnut Hill Rec. Center)
2nd place - Davis Escobar (Kiest Rec. Center)



Slam Jammers Madison & Mason Myles with Venus Williams at her book signing at Barnes & Noble in North Park Mall



36' Court Division, Ages 7-8
1st place - Stephen Kirk (Kleberg-Rylie Rec. Center)
2nd place - Jeremiah Baker (KB Polk Rec. Center)



36' Court Division, Ages 9-10
1st place - Adrianna Bonner (Thurgood Marshall Rec. Center)
2nd place - Joel Valencia (Vickery Meadow)



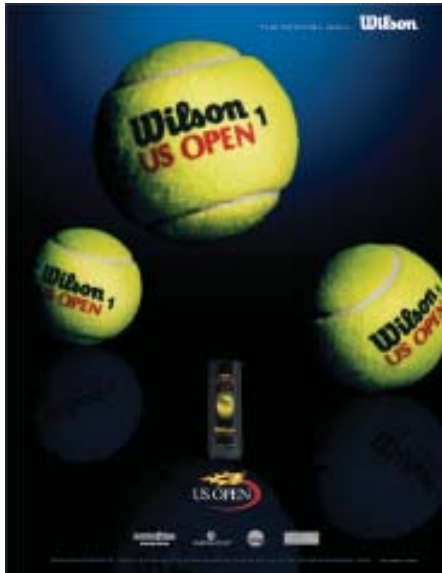
60' Court Division, Ages 9-10
1st place - June Gilbert (Kiest Rec. Center)
2nd place - Simeon Baxter (JW Ray)
Not Pictured: 60' Court Division, Ages 10-12
1st place - Lonnie Burgess (Kiest Rec. Center)
2nd place - Kevin Kim (Kiest Rec. Center)

Kids Day Event

Each year many of the NJTL Chapters travel to Dallas for a big event on Kids Day. Due to the economy, the groups decided to stay home this summer. Quickly, we revamped our plans to do something different than the traditional tennis event with our smaller group. We all decided to call the activities "Creative Tennis." The kids had to be creative on the courts all day using objects such as books, spatulas, frying pans, shoes, spoons and paddles instead of racquets. It was such fun watching the kids create and finish points with these unusual "racquets." A few of the Champs and Super Champs were humbled by the experience. (Smile)

We had lunch, and then all the parents, kids and coaches took to the court for some fun Zumba fitness moves. To my surprise, the older kids and parents just totally loved it! We will definitely do this again! After lunch, we hit the courts for more Creative Tennis followed by winning prizes for court skills. For the grand finale, we headed off to a Pizza/Skate party at Duncanville's Redbird Skateland. After a long hot (106 degree) 12-hour day, we finally called it quits and went home. The 110+ kids and 25 to 30 parents who stayed the full day managed to still be able to walk at the end of it all. All in all, it was a very successful day for Dallas NJTL even though Kara fell and broke her elbow near the end of the day!

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A poster for the Dallas Racquet Club Mixed Doubles for Singles event. It features a green and white color scheme with a tennis ball graphic. The text includes the event name, dates (Thursday nights - March 18 thru November 18, 2010), location (Greenhill Tennis Center, Midway @ Hornet - Addison), and details about sign-in times and guest policies. The website www.dallasracquetclub.net is listed at the bottom.

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