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Growing the game through the life-tennis pathway

It's hard to believe that we're heading into fall! The summer has seen some great events across our section showcasing the many elements of our sport. Our mission to grow the game was evident as we hosted a Regional Community Tennis Development Workshop in Oklahoma City, welcomed Tracy Austin and Cardio Tennis in Kansas City and Springfield, Mo., completed more than 10 Recreational Coaches Workshops, supported eight NJTL Regional Rallies, and cheered on our World TeamTennis™ teams in St. Louis, Springfield, and Kansas City, Mo. We've been working with our public school systems across the section to incorporate tennis in P.E. and in their after-school programming. We're helping communities advocate for our sport. This summer we saw Kearney, Neb. renovate four courts and Rogersville, Mo. renovate two courts and build six new courts for their high school, all with the help of USTA Public Facility funding.

OUR PATHWAY In this edition of CrossCourt, you will see that the focus is our pathway. As with any mission, you need a plan and ours is pretty simple. Following the pathway leads to tennis for life! We're introducing a new format

to the pathway, Quickstart. We want kids to have a wonderful, fulfilling first experience. What better way to gain confidence than by shortening the courts, using different balls, smaller racquets and different scoring systems.

Once we have players on the pathway, the opportunities are endless. Junior Team Tennis, high school tennis, the junior competitive circuit, Tennis on Campus, varsity tennis, adult leagues and tournaments, senior leagues and super senior leagues! You can jump in anywhere and experience

success. We have so many more players to bring back to the game...we need to get the words "used to play" out of their vocabulary!

I also want to stress that our sport is all inclusive. We have some terrific adaptive programming happening in our section and each of our districts supports their state Special Olympics. It was also great to see the wheelchair division of the US Open playing at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

Adding more players to the pathway means a healthier population and more friends to make on the courts! Let's all make an effort to bring a new friend onto the pathway of health, fitness, fun and family. See you on the court!



Vive tenis!

Sept. 15th marks the beginning of **Hispanic Heritage Month**. The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race. One out of every five new tennis players is of Hispanic origin. As we celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, we recognize and applaud the extraordinary accomplishments of Hispanic Americans.

There are many resources available in Spanish to help you effectively reach and communicate with Hispanic tennis players and their families.



BILINGUAL & SPANISH RESOURCES

- Bilingual brochure – Ven y juega tenis
- Bilingual brochure - Descubre al tenis
- Tennis terms
- Pancho Gonzalez brochure
- Individual USTA membership applications
- Dedicated e-mail address - tenislatino@movalley.usta.com
- National website – USTAenEspañol
- List of Spanish speaking tennis pros
- Tennis on Campus marketing kit
- "It's Your Game" marketing kit
- Tennis Block Party marketing kit
- USTA League Tennis marketing kit
- Junior Team Tennis marketing kit
- Other materials related to tennis participation are being translated into Spanish

For more information on programs or resources, contact the USTA Missouri Valley at **888-368-8612** or tenislatino@movalley.usta.com for more information on the resources available.

2007 Missouri Valley Annual Conference and Awards Luncheon

December 7 - 9 at the Overland Park Sheraton Hotel

Get the resources you need to grow tennis in your community and meet others who have the same passion and drive you do!

The **Coaches Clinic** will be held **Friday, December 7**, at the **Overland Park Sheraton Hotel**. The all-day clinic is for junior and high school coaches and will focus on:

- On-Court drills and techniques
- Sport sciences off-court sessions



The deadline for reservations to attend the conference is **Friday, November 16**. The registration form can be found at missourivalley.usta.com

Join or renew now to receive the USTA member conference rate preferred pricing.

Book a room at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel, call 913-234-2100 to receive the special USTA conference rate.

The **Annual Awards Luncheon and Hall of Fame ceremony** held on **Saturday, December 8**, will honor the many individuals and organizations who have contributed to our sport. Join us to honor three new inductees into the Missouri Valley Hall of Fame.

- Ken Flach** - St. Louis, Missouri
- Barbara Fackel** - Rock Island, Illinois
- Bob McKinley** - College Station, Texas

A series of workshops on **Saturday, December 8**, will provide something of interest to everyone in attendance:

- Learn more about the tennis pathway and how to grow your schools' and Junior Team Tennis programs
- Join the discussion on the growing role of Community Tennis Associations
- Pick up tips on how advocacy can make a difference in your tennis community

A silent auction featuring racquets, trips, artwork and much more will be held during the weekend; with all proceeds going to the Missouri Valley Tennis Foundation.

"Go to the net" for conference updates

USTA Missouri Valley Member Benefits

USTA Missouri Valley members have access to many benefits including this issue of CrossCourt, Tennis Magazine, USTA Magazine, SMASH Magazine, discounts on travel to the US Open through Continental Airlines, adult tournaments, adult leagues, discounts on various national tennis camps and much more!

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In addition, new to 2007 are benefits from Active.com. It's easy and there's no cost to join! USTA members can earn up to 20% in Cashback Rewards at thousands of participating restaurants and 5% at hotels without having to show special cards or coupons. Sign up online at USTA.com/membership!

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Young to Old, There is a Path

You've probably heard of the "tennis pathway." But what does that really mean? Pathway to... what? The mission of the USTA is to 'promote and develop the growth of tennis.' By introducing tennis to children at a young age, especially in school, they are placed on a path to good health and social skills. The goal is to encourage America's youth to continue playing the game from their first physical education class, to college and then well into their adult life.

For decades, the educational system has put a premium on physical health and that concept is spilling over into expanded after-school programming. A major factor in this growth: the USTA's commitment to tennis in the schools.

Many schools and organizations balk at adding more programming with already stretched budgets, but the need for activity, the desire to make friends and find a way to 'fit in' have aided this growth.

Starting and then growing a tennis program can be a slow process, but once started, can lead to the long-term growth of tennis and friendships.

Tennis in School

Every year, students all across the country take part in basketball, flag football, soccer and other classes in physical education. For over 200 schools in the Missouri Valley, tennis is also a sport offered in gym class.

New this year is the latest edition of the USTA Schools Curriculum Guides for physical education teachers which includes a full teacher's guide, a pocket guidebook and an instructional DVD. The USTA supports the growth of tennis in the schools with free teacher in-service trainings and discounted equipment packages.

"The introduction of tennis in the physical education classes allow the students to get a taste of tennis and show them something they might wish to pursue," David Minihan, program director at Westwood Tennis Center in Norman, Okla., said.

While not many children are introduced to tennis at a young age, the average person burns more calories playing tennis than they would by lifting weights, riding a stationary bike, or playing baseball or softball. Coupled with the ability to meet others, tennis is an avenue for lifetime friends and fun.

"In the last two years our high school teams have had the largest participation in school history," Troy Saulsbury, the Junior Team Tennis (JTT) coordinator in Kearney, Neb., said. "The number of younger players continues to increase."

Many communities utilize local parks and recreation associations or community tennis associations for their programming needs. But by junior high the number of tennis outlets has grown to include JTT, tennis in the schools and after school programs.



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*There are **69** coaches registered as No-Cut Coaches in the Missouri Valley impacting over **3,500** high school students. Over **200** schools have placed tennis into their physical education classes impacting more than **56,000** students in 2007.*

After School Programs

The easiest transition comes for schools that offer tennis in gym class to then offer an after-school program. There is even support, both training and monetary, for programs to tap into when running an after-school program.

Starting and keeping an after-school





Junior Team Tennis

A great format for after-school programs, JTT seeks to combine friendly competition with an emphasis on the team.

With established leagues in most every district, there are plenty of teams to join across the section ranging from the first-timer group of ten & under Rally-ball all the way to the 18-and-under advanced group.

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This league gives players a chance to play on athletic teams that emphasize fun, fitness and friends. **To join or start a league, contact your district tennis service representative for leagues in your area.**

No Cut Coaches

With JTT, tennis in P.E. and the after-school program, a good problem can arise: having too many students out to play for the high school team.

The USTA has seen the need to keep all young players playing, thus creating the designation for coaches that don't cut any players. The Missouri Valley has set aside limited funding to aid programs in need of additional funding due to program growth.

For more information on programming or grants up to \$500, please contact your district Tennis Service Representative to learn how you can incorporate tennis in your school or community program.

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program can help grow tennis in the community for years to come, as many times, players involved in after school programs will go on to play for their high school teams.

"To sustain tennis in a community, the USTA stresses year-round play and having an after-school program is a perfect way to build your program," Sue Riemann, USTA Missouri Valley Program Manager – Community Tennis, said.

Schools teams either have a league where the school plays itself or programs can be set up to play other schools in the community. Either way, players are being developed in a fun-filled team atmosphere.

Tennis on Campus

The journey doesn't end when players play their final high school match. In over 25 colleges and universities across the section, club tennis teams exist to foster play with various duals and section and national championships. The 2008 National Campus Championships will be held in Cary, N.C., on April 17-19, 2008.

To start a club team or find one in your area, contact your district tennis service representative for more information.

USTA League Tennis presented by Chrysler

Throughout the growing years children can be exposed to tennis, whether through community programs, JTT, in school programs or college clubs; we are building tennis players for life.

Now, as young adults, players can join an adult league and compete against others at their same skill level while competing at the district, section and national championships. The USTA League program is the largest tennis league in the country.

Through it all, players are having fun and building friendships that can last a lifetime. Now that's a love that will never grow old.

Contact your local league coordinator for more information on how to join or start a league. "Go to the net" for your local league coordinator.





WORLD TEAM TENNIS™ STARS SHINE BRIGHT



The Springfield Lasers defended the "Show-Me Cup" trophy (Above). While recovering from her thumb injury, Serena Williams helped with the junior clinic (Far right). WTT CEO Ilana Kloss presented Jeff and Mel Launius a plaque for being in the league for 15 year (Below).

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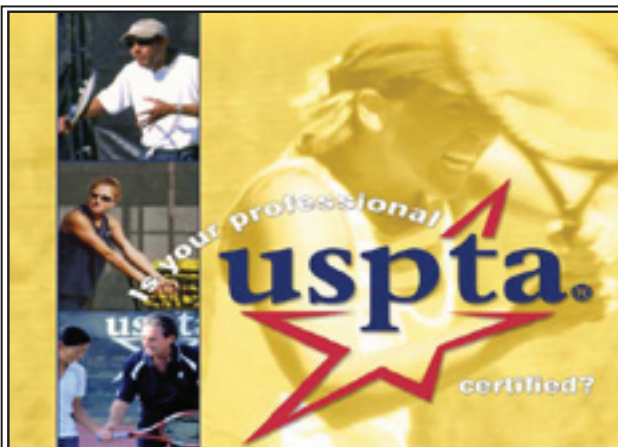


Some of the sport's biggest names made stops in the USTA Missouri Valley this July for the three-week summer season of World TeamTennis. With stars like **Serena Williams**, **Pete Sampras**, and the **Bryan Brothers** in action, many tennis fans got to see top-flight tennis up close and personal.

Two former world No. 1's made stops in St. Louis. Williams was scheduled to play as a member of the Aces on July 23, but a lingering thumb injury from Wimbledon sidelined her for the Aces' home match versus the New York Sportimes. The eight-time Grand Slam champion still connected with fans off the court, participating in a junior clinic before the July 23 match. The following night, Sampras returned to St. Louis for the second consecutive year.

In Kansas City, the Explorers had one of their best seasons in recent memory, posting a 9-5 record, and came within a win of reaching the WTT playoffs. The Bryan Brothers appeared for a week in mid-July and helped lead Kansas City to four wins. Team owner and general manager **Mel and Jeff Launius** were presented with a plaque by WTT Chief Executive Officer **Ilana Kloss** for the franchise's 15-year run in Kansas City.

The Springfield Lasers won the USTA Missouri Valley's "Show-Me Cup" trophy for the second consecutive year, going 4-0 against the Aces and Explorers in the annual intrastate competition. The Lasers also posted the best regular season mark in WTT since 1994 (13-1), but two losses to the Sacramento Capitals to finish the season, including one in the Western Conference Finals, ended their run.



Byron Alp • Richard Armstrong • Michael Arndt • Donna Austin • Michael Baetz • Philip Baillos • Jed Bair • Mario Barretto • Ann Bartek • Linda Becker • Robert Bennett • Jeff Benson • Nicole Berger • Stanley Bergman • Bob Bernstein • Jeff Bianco • Lucian Biesiadecki • Theodore Bissell • Marc Blouin • Gene Bollinger • Doug Boswell • Deon Botha • Nancy Bradshaw • Chandler Brass • Dan Bratetic • John Bregin, Jr. • DeArmond Briggs • Scott Broady • Matt Brothers • Melburn Brown, Jr. • Bunny Bruning • David Bryant • Mary Buschmann • Kerry Bush • Byron Canfield • Chris Carey • Diana Carr • Rodney Caster • Skye Castle • Vincelle Caviness • John Cayton • Rich Chappuis • Brian Clark • Jeff Clark • Marc Claude • Dean Clower • Elizabeth Clower • Rex Coad • Mickey Coats • James Cobb • Todd Congdon • Michele Conlon • Matt Connor • Patrick Cook • Tracy Cooper • Patrick Copie • Phillip Coughran • Scott Cowgill • Ian Cunliff • Charles Darley • Lyn DeLaney • Suzan Dick • James Dillon • Bradley Drummond • Timothy Dunville • Kevin Ebert • Blake Edwards • Brian Edwards • Spencer Eells • Kirsteen Elliott • Mark Elliott • Scott Enge • Tommy English • Dale Eshelbrenner • Lawrence Eyre • Jim Falvo • Richard Faust • James Fisher • Roger Fisher • Gregory Fitzgerald • John Fitzsimmons III • Bridget Fitzwater • Peter Fiumefreddo • Roger Follmer • Bill Fraley • Jack Frankowicz • Dustin Franzen • Tanner Freeman • Abby Frick • David Fuhrig • Tom Galbraith • Craig Gansen • Ellis Garlington • Sig Garnett • Kirkland Gates • Marc Gelina • Lawrence Gerber • David Gilbert • Jerry Glidewell • John Glover • Bill Gordon • Teri Gowan • Kim Gradoville • Rusty Graff • James Graham • Brock Green • Daryl Greenstreet • Doug Greenwald • Matt Greteman • Jason Grubb • Bill Guilfoil • Cheryl Gunlock • Lorri Gunter • Kendell Hale • Jared Haley • Richard Halpine • Sara Hamilton • Norman Hamm • Kevin Hammell • Jake Hannas •

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Net Notes

Two former Missouri Valley junior players, Omaha, Nebraska's **Sheeva Parbhu** and **Amanda Craddock** of St. Louis turned in strong performances at USTA Pro Circuit events over the summer. Parbhu, a senior-to-be at Notre Dame, reached the singles final of the Lewis and Clark Community College Futures held in Godfrey, Ill. Craddock reached the doubles final with partner Whitney McCray (Decatur, Ga.) at the Car City Hyundai Classic in St. Joseph, Mo.

Longtime USTA Missouri Valley official and North Liberty, Iowa resident **Donna Farley** was recently selected as one of five international referees who will officiate at the Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Shanghai, China, Oct. 2-11, 2007.

Audubon, Iowa's **Erica Frederiksen** was chosen as one of 10 national Arthur Ashe Essay Contest winners. Frederiksen's essay won the Girls' 16 division, and for winning, Frederiksen received an all-expense paid trip to New York City for Arthur Ashe Kids' Day presented by Hess.

The USTA National Wheelchair Indoor ROHO Gateway Classic, one of the nation's most prestigious wheelchair tournaments, was held for the 24th consecutive year in the St. Louis area. The ROHO switched sites this year from Kings Point Racquet Club in Alton, Ill. to Creve Coeur Racquet Club in Creve Coeur, Mo. The tournament drew just under 100 entries and had a strong international presence that included players from 12 different countries.

photo courtesy of Tony Fox - U. of Georgia



Former USTA Missouri Valley junior player and current University of Georgia senior **Travis Helgeson** was selected as one of eight collegians to participate in the 2007 Pan American Games, held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in late July. Helgeson, a three-time All-

American, reached the Round of 32 in singles and the doubles quarterfinals with Todd Paul of Wake Forest.

Three USTA Missouri Valley NJTL participants **Sarah Fielding** (Cleveland, Okla.), **Alexandra Maytubby** (Anadarko, Okla.) and **Zach Taylor** (Aurora, Mo.) were chosen to attend the weeklong NJTL Leadership camp as USTA Missouri Valley representatives. The camp was held in late July at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Two of the section's facilities - the **Westwood Tennis Center** in Norman, Okla. and **McCook Public Schools** in McCook, Neb. - were recently named as recipients of the 2007 USTA Outstanding Facility Award. Selection criteria for the 18 national recipients for the 2007 calendar year were based on items like overall layout and adaptation to the site, excellence of court surface/lighting/accommodations, and number of programs supporting the USTA and overall growth of the game.

Collegiate Welcome Week Promotes Tennis

Tennis, incoming college freshman, and a social component thrown in for good measure, that's the recipe for an introductory program called Freshman University Network, (F.U.N.) put on each year by teaching professional Mark Platt at St. Louis University (SLU).

Thus far, that mix has been a successful one at SLU, helping put thousands of new eyes on tennis, and has created a thriving tennis community on campus for both newcomers to the sport and frequent players.

"It's a tremendous event, more of a mixer than anything," said Platt of his F.U.N. program, which began at SLU in 2002. "What we're trying to do here is to use tennis to create a social network, not just a collection of tennis players. We're of course trying...to show them what a wonderful sport it is, but we're also trying to serve a greater need for students...the social need. Combining an event that helps introduce people and tennis at the same time is a natural thing."

The F.U.N. program has become an annual rite for new SLU students during the school's "Welcome Week," an event that showcases many of the university's social clubs and educational activities during the first week on campus. F.U.N. has become a fixture during "Welcome Week" attracting newcomers looking to either get into the game, or continue playing it. It's also gaining leverage with the already existing tennis population at SLU, who see it as a great recruiting tool for the school's tennis club and Tennis on Campus teams.

"The best part is these are new kids each year," said Platt.

Student leaders and tennis club members assist with the pre-promotion and help put on the event with Platt, helping to make F.U.N. a rocking, three-hour tennis festival of music, food, and co-ed games, one that lives up to its' "You've Got the Hook-Up" mantra.

"I've met a few young couples that have even met each other at one of the F.U.N. events," said Platt, who estimates that nearly 4,000 SLU freshmen have taken part in the six years he's been holding them.

That's all good news for tennis at SLU. Platt's goal is for F.U.N. to reach about 1200 students and to continue expanding the program to other college campuses regionally and nationwide, all while keeping the social component and backyard barbecue-like feel to F.U.N. that makes it such a success.

To get more information on F.U.N., contact Platt at 314-971-0851.



photo courtesy of Diane Stern
Students in the F.U.N. program gather to "break in" their tennis skills.

Congratulations

ADULT WOMEN

<u>District</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Captain</u>
2.5 Oklahoma	Broken Arrow, Okla.	Sharon Brolick
3.0 H. of America	Overland Park, Kan.	Mona Palmer
3.5 Iowa	Des Moines, Iowa	Sarah Corell
4.0 H. of America	Overland Park, Kan.	Amie Schick
4.5 Missouri	Springfield, Mo.	Barbara Busiek

ADULT MEN

<u>District</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Captain</u>
3.0 Oklahoma	Broken Arrow, Okla.	Brent Head
3.5 St. Louis	St. Louis,	Ron Olivares / George Lower
4.0 H. of America	Kansas City, Mo.	Dave Moore
4.5 H. of America	Merriam, Kan.	Ryan Caldwell
5.0 H. of America	Merriam, Kan.	Chris Smith

SENIOR WOMEN

<u>District</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Captain</u>
3.0 St. Louis	St. Louis	Rose Albrecht
3.5 Nebraska	Omaha, Neb.	Marie Dowd
4.0 Iowa	Des Moines, Iowa	Cindy Rovner
4.5 Iowa	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Susan Stamats

SENIOR MEN

<u>District</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Captain</u>
3.0 H. of America	Kansas City, Mo.	Stan Bennett
3.5 St. Louis	St. Louis	George Lower
4.0 H. of America	Merriam, Kan.	Chris Cox
4.5 H. of America	Merriam, Kan.	Bob Dickerson

SUPER SENIOR WOMEN

<u>District</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Captain</u>
6.0 H. of America	Overland Park, Kan.	Peggy Schmiedeler
7.0 H. of America	Overland Park, Kan.	Barb Meigs
8.0 Nebraska	Omaha, Neb.	Cindy Bluml



Josh Vorcick of the St. Louis 3.5 Adult Men's Team.

League Champions!

SUPER SENIOR MEN

<u>District</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Captain</u>
6.0 Oklahoma	Tulsa, Okla.	Bill Russo
7.0 St. Louis	St. Louis	Robert Lietz
8.0 Nebraska	Omaha, Neb.	Tom Schlosser

MIXED DOUBLES

<u>District</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Captain</u>
6.0 Kansas	Topeka, Kan.	Mel Brown
7.0 St. Louis	St. Louis	Chris Hahn
8.0 H. of America	Kansas City, Mo.	Todd Vorachek
9.0 Oklahoma	Broken Arrow, Okla.	Bryan Dick

SUPER MIXED

*(does not advance to National Championships)

<u>District</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Captain</u>
7.5 Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	Leroy Cantrell

Congratulations to all our teams advancing to the National Championships, but also to every team that helped make 2007 our best yet.

For locations and dates of the National Championships, visit the USTA League section of the Missouri Valley website, missourivalley.usta.com.

Begin planning for the 2008 Section League Championships!

Adult/Senior Championship 1 | August 14-17, 2008 | Oklahoma City
4.5, 3.5, 2.5 Adults; 3.0, 4.0 Seniors

Adult/Senior Championship 2 | August 28-31, 2008 | Oklahoma City
5.0, 4.0, 3.0 Adults; 3.5, 4.5 Seniors

Super Senior/Senior Mixed | September 11-14, 2008 | St. Louis

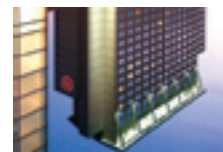
Mixed Doubles Championship | September 25-28, 2008 | Springfield, MO

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December 7: All day coaches clinic for junior and high school coaches
December 8: Awards Luncheon and Hall of Fame Ceremony
December 8-9: Workshops covering the 'tennis pathway'
Visit missourivalley.usta.com to register today!



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December 7 - 9, 2007**