



# USTA TEXAS NEWS & NOTES

## USTA Texas Magazine for 2013

Happy Holidays! You are holding and reading the final 2012 edition of the USTA Texas section magazine. We hope that you have enjoyed the publication and our improvements associated with Inside Tennis. The next issue will be released in late January of 2013. Please forward your comments, compliments, suggestions and ideas to make this a better publication to [www.texas.usta.com/forms/texas\\_feedback/](http://www.texas.usta.com/forms/texas_feedback/) or to dhackett@texas.usta.com.

## Executive Committee Applications Deadline Dec. 1

Applications are now being accepted for the USTA Texas Executive Committee - Deadline Dec. 1, 2012. The USTA Texas Nominating Committee is accepting applications for anyone interested in serving as a member of the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee will nominate one person from each of the four geographic zones (NW, NE, SW, and SE). Nominees will be voted on by the Organizational members at the USTA Texas Annual Meeting Feb. 17, 2013. To apply go to [www.texas.usta.com](http://www.texas.usta.com), and then click on "About Us" and then "Volunteers" to the link for the application. The direct link is: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/M3658VF](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/M3658VF)

## Texans Recognized As Tennis Leaders By USPTA

The United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) honored Texas as the 2012 Division of the Year (Large). This is the ninth consecutive year Texas won the award three additional times in 1998, 1999 and 2001 for a total of 12 since 1976. Other Texans earning USPTA awards include; **Ken Sumrow** of Plano, Texas - USPTA Industry Excellence, **Trent Schiek** of Tyler; received

the Manager of the Year - Large Facility; **Jonas Lundblad**, Austin - Touring Coach of the Year; and the Player of the Year in their respective divisions include: **James Daly**, Tyler - Men's Open; **Jonas Lundblad**, Austin - Men's 35-and-over; **Kimm Ketelsen**, Tyler - Men's 55-and-over; and **Kathy Vick**, Lubbock - Women's 45-and-over.

## Dedicated Tennis Supporter — "Margie" Nelson

It is with great sadness that USTA Texas reports the loss of **Margaret "Margie" Nelson** of Dallas on Oct. 9. She was the 90 year old wife of the late **Roy Nelson** a longtime leader of Texas tennis officials. Both Margie and Roy were graduates of Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio where they met and married in 1944, moving to Texas in 1963. Margie was a licensed pilot as well as a high school physical science teacher in Houston.



Margaret Nelson

## Tennis Industry Influencer — Bob Evans

USTA Texas reports the death of **Bob Evans**, a very successful teaching pro, owner of a court construction company, a tennis appeal co-founder and tennis club director. He was a native of Lubbock, Texas and passed on Oct. 5. Bob was a graduate of Abilene High and played varsity tennis at Hardin Simmons University. He co-founded WEK Enterprises, a manufacturer of garment-dyed woven sportswear and is survived by his wife of 33 years, Joey, his two sons Sean and Brandon and six grandchildren.



Bob Evans

## Family Tennis Supporter — Paul Wiegand

It is with great sorrow that USTA Texas was notified of the death of **Paul Bertrand Wiegand** who passed away on Aug. 30, in San Antonio.

He was 59. He graduated from Austin High School where he excelled on the varsity tennis team then graduated from the University of Texas at Austin playing on the Longhorns varsity men's tennis team. He then attended Baylor School of Dentistry in Dallas. Paul was the father to three children Jon, Julia, and Kerry. All three followed his example and played collegiate tennis.



Paul Wiegand

## Welch Wins Wheelchair Doubles Title at PTR

Texas native **Stephen Welch** teamed up with **Gordon Reid** to win the Men's Wheelchair Open Doubles title at the Fall Southern PTR Wheelchair Championships in Hilton Head Island, S.C. Welch lost the singles championship match against his doubles partner Reid. This event was a part of the NEC Wheelchair Tennis Tour in Sept. 27-30.



Stephen Welch

## Kerrville Director Wins National Grass Court Championships

**Garry Nadebaum**, the Tennis Director at Riverhill Country Club in Kerrville, Texas won the USTA National Men's 45 & 50 Grass Court Championship held from Aug. 27- Sept. 2, at the Germantown Cricket Club in Philadelphia. He also finished as a runner up in the Men's Doubles.



Garry Nadebaum

## Longtime Texas Official — Ray Delcastillo

It is with deep regret to inform the Texas tennis family of the death of **Ray Delcastillo** who passed away peacefully on Aug. 19. Ray worked as a Tennis Official for over 30 years, most notably at the U.S. Open and other tennis matches all over the country. Ray received the Jack Star Award at the U.S. Open and also was awarded the Texas Umpire of the Year Award.



Ray Delcastillo



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## Texas Tennis Hall of Fame Inducts Five for Class of 2012

The Texas Tennis Museum and Hall of Fame announced the inductees for the Class of 2012, which include **Lee LeClear**, **John Peterson**, **Jack Sampson**, **Jeannie Sampson-Kamrath-Gonzalez** and **Hugh Sweeney**. The Induction Banquet and Ceremony was held on Oct. 20, in Waco at the Texas Sports Museum and recognized the contributions to



Texas tennis of:  
**Lee LeClear** – longtime Houston Tennis Teaching Pro whom the Lee LeClear Tennis Center with 26 courts, in Houston is named after.  
**John Peterson** – State Championship high school coach in San Antonio and longtime coach at Tyler Junior College who coached 25 National Championship Teams, with one of the best records in college tennis.

**Jack Sampson & Jeannie Sampson-Kamrath-Gonzalez** – father and daughter tennis pioneers in Texas during the 1940s, 1950s & 1960s.

**Hugh Sweeney** – international tennis player and promoter who co-founded World Championship Tennis (WCT) and helped with the growth of the Virginia Slims Tour.

Located in Waco, the

museum has more than 6,000 Texas tennis artifacts, documents, memorabilia, trophies, medals, photographs and books that document the role tennis has played in Texas history. This includes the technological changes over the centuries and the development of the Texas tennis community. For more information about the Texas Tennis Museum and Hall of Fame view their website at [www.texastennishistory.org](http://www.texastennishistory.org).

## Texas Natives Dawson, Canby and Langer Shine in Croatia

**Kathy Langer** of Rockwall, Texas not only captained the Queens Cup (women 75+) team to a win over Australia, New

USA's Von Cramm Cup team (men 60+) successfully defend its crown.

**Margaret Canby** (San Antonio) was a member of the Doris Hart Cup team (women 80+), which is the only Cup the USA has yet to win. The American team performed really well, winning its first three matches without dropping a match,

before coming up short against the defending champion, Canada.



Zealand, South Africa and Germany to win the Cup on September 16, in Novigrad, Croatia, but combined with her teammate to win the doubles at the 32nd ITF Individual Super Senior World Championship the following week in Umag, Croatia. She also reached the singles semis in Umag, beating the No. 2 seed en route to the semis.

**Tony Dawson**, of Horseshoe Bay, Texas won the deciding doubles match against Germany and France to help the

## Dallas Women's Team Crowned 3.0 Adult National Champions

The women's adult tennis team from Dallas representing the USTA Texas Section, captured the national title at the 2012 USTA League 3.0 Adult National Championships held at the Reffkin Tennis Center in Tucson, Ariz. The Dallas team defeated a team from Bellevue, Wash., 3-2 in the Championship match.



3.0 Women's 2012 National Champions from Dallas - Front Row – Kathy Albers, Stefani McQueary, Lorraine Keating, Lynn Hord (captain), Regina Fitch, Heidi Fuller, Farah Ashmore. Back Row – Dee Lynn Deggs, Kristi Lynn Barrientos, Cheryl Thomas, Claudia Stewart, Sue Whieldon, Dagny Teiber. Photo courtesy of USTA.

## San Antonio Wins 3.0 Senior Women's National Title

In the 3.0 Leagues Senior Women's Championship final, the Texas Section from San Antonio edged out the Midwest Section team 2-1, to win the women's title at the USTA Leagues 3.0 Senior Women's Championships held in Rancho Mirage, Calif., in October. Congrats to our Texas ladies!



2012 USTA Leagues Senior Women's 3.0 National Champions from San Antonio from L to R: Yvette Schleiger, Ann Ross, Deborah Garcia, Cheryl Naumann, Monica Jean Parzinger, Sally Theus, Michele Thiet (Captain), Jean Ann Pace. Photo courtesy of USTA.



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## Texas Senior League Sectional Championships

Results from the 2012 USTA League Texas Senior Sectional Championships held in Tyler from Sept. 14-16, saw teams from Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, NETX, NOHO and San Antonio win titles.



2012 USTA Texas Senior League Men's 3.5 Champions (Dallas)



2012 USTA Texas Senior League Women's 4.0 Champions (Austin)



2012 Texas Senior League Men's 3.0 Champions (NETX)



2012 USTA Texas Senior League Women's 3.5 Champions (Fort Worth)



2012 USTA Texas Senior League Men's 4.5 Champions (NOHO)



2012 Texas Senior League Women's 3.0 Champions (San Antonio)



2012 USTA Texas Senior League Men's 4.0 Champions (Austin)



2012 USTA Texas Senior League Women's 4.5 Champions (NOHO)

## Texas League Mixed Doubles Sectional Championships

Congratulations to the winners of the 2012 USTA League Texas Mixed Doubles Sectional Championships for 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0 and 10.0 divisions that was held in Southlake, Texas from Oct. 5-7. Teams from Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Angelo took home titles.



2012 Texas Mixed 6.0 Champions (San Angelo).



2012 Texas Mixed 7.0 Champions (Wild Dallas).



2012 Texas Mixed 8.0 Champions (Fort Worth).



2012 Texas Mixed 9.0 Champions (Wild Houston).



2012 Texas Mixed 10.0 Champions (Houston).



# Dr. T: Putting Others First

***Accomplishments of USTA Texas President Dr. Alfredo Trevino and His Active Participant Style***

BY MATT JACOB

A veteran ophthalmologist with decades of experience, **Dr. Alfredo Trevino** is accustomed to providing a clear, focused vision for his patients. His success in doing so, however, isn't reserved solely for those that come in for a visit to his office in Laredo.

Given the accomplishments Dr. Trevino has amassed and the direction he has provided the last two years as president of USTA Texas, it's safe to say that the future of tennis in the Lone Star State is quite bright.

Under Dr. Trevino's watch, USTA Texas reached an all-time membership high, met budget each year, paid down the section's headquarters and completed the CTA Expansion Plan.

Individually, each of these feats brings with it a sense of fulfillment. But Dr. Trevino said what he will remember most is how USTA staff members – and, by association, the section's volunteers – have come together and worked toward common goals.

"I am most proud at the feeling that I empowered – rather than hindered – staff performance by allowing them to be creative and not feel threatened by me in any way," Dr. Trevino said. "Staff cohesiveness has improved in my term, and that is something that I'm sure will continue for some time to come."

Dr. Trevino didn't play tennis as a youth; instead, he started taking lessons in his 30s while stationed in San Antonio with the U.S.

Air Force. He hasn't missed many opportunities for court time since – playing regularly in tournaments and leagues, including trips to senior nationals in 1999 and 2005.

Apart from playing, though, Dr. Trevino has viewed tennis as a way to give back to his community. He has served as president of the Laredo Tennis Association, served as a tournament director and umpire and worked with others to award college scholarships for aspiring youths in Laredo. With his wife, Tina, the Trevinos notoriously have held strong to three main commitments: family, community, and fun.

Dr. T's service to USTA Texas has also been extensive. He was a vice president on the Management Committee for two terms before being elected President and, prior to those assignments, served as a section volunteer on the Executive Committee for three years.

"Al has set the standard for teamwork and working together toward goals at several levels: within the section and its volunteers, within each Texas community of tennis folks, as well as within the staff as a new cooperative and cross-silo working environment thrived under his leadership," USTA Texas executive director **Ken McAllister** said.

"Above all, the staff and leadership of USTA Texas will remember Al as the President who always showed up. He attended large and small events all over the



state. And he didn't just observe, he put on his tennis shoes and participated. He is a volunteer's volunteer!"

Rather than idly standing by at events, Dr. Trevino enjoys being right in the middle working alongside other volunteers and staff to make things happen. He has traveled the state to partake in a wide variety of events both big and small – from volunteering at Davis Cup kid's day in Austin, to working the membership booth at a pro tournament in Houston Clay Courts as well as taking part in Special Olympics and 10 and Under Tennis events.

Incoming USTA Texas President **Dan Barta** said Dr. Trevino's quiet leadership style speaks volumes for the impact that he has had on the section. Barta added that Dr. Trevino is thorough in his assessment of matters pertaining to the section and shied away from voting too quickly on matters without first having all the necessary information to make an informed choice.

"Dr. T allowed all sides an opportunity to voice their opinions before moving forward on an issue," Barta said. "He encouraged discussion in Management Committee meetings, which resulted in good decisions."

"It has been my privilege to work with him in a leadership role with the Section, and I know that he will continue to be a great resource to me as I step in to lead the organization for the next two years."

Though his term as president has come



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to an end, don't expect Dr. Trevino to stop giving back to his sport of choice. He expects to remain actively involved in USTA Texas and participate in as many tennis volunteer opportunities as he can.

His last job as president is one that he takes great pride in. He appointed a special committee to assist Barta in finding the perfect committee assignments for volunteers to serve the next two years.

"It will open the self-nominating process to all who wish to volunteer for section committees, giving the

committee an opportunity to appoint diverse individuals who have a passion for tennis and who could have leadership potential," Dr. Trevino said. "I hope this concept lives on.

"Appointing committees is the toughest job the president-elect does, and I wanted to make it easier for our future presidents."

"Putting others first" – three words that succinctly sum up Dr. Trevino's vision and commitment to USTA Texas. We as a section are thankful for his tenure as president and his continued leadership.

## Texas Tennis Foundation Awards 10 Scholarships



TEXAS TENNIS FOUNDATION

The Texas Tennis and Education Foundation, the charitable foundation of United States Tennis Association – Texas, has announced the 10 scholarship winners for 2012-13. Each winner is receiving a \$1,000 award to attend and continue their higher educational goals.

The scholarships are administered by USTA Texas. The purpose of the scholarships is to award ambitious and worthy young persons from

funds donated to the Texas Tennis Education Foundation. Congratulations to:

**Ashley Barrett**, Fairfield, Texas  
**Hugo Chavez, Jr.**, Brownsville, Texas  
**Joseph Ekeada**, Houston  
**Casey Floyd**, Dickinson, Texas  
**Slaton Freeman**, Burnet, Texas  
**Emily Lechuga**, Houston  
**Kevin Miller**, Fairfield, Texas  
**Bolivar Morales**, Houston  
**Albert Smith IV**, San Antonio  
**Ashton Wagner**, Orange, Texas

To donate and for more information about the Texas Tennis Educational Foundation go to [www.texastennisfoundation.com](http://www.texastennisfoundation.com).



Taylor Area Tennis Association from Taylor, Texas was named the Revitalized Superstar CTA of the Year and they won the CTA Shootout at the workshop defeating Houston. Photo by D. Hackett / USTA Texas.

## 2012 USTA Texas Community Development Award Winners

USTA Texas announced its 2012 Community Development Awards winners at the Community Development Awards Dinner and Halloween Tennis Ball, held Oct. 27, 2012 in Horseshoe Bay, Texas.

Congratulations to you all and thank you for your support and the advancement of tennis in your community.

Volunteer of the Year  
**Dave Martel – Amarillo, Texas**

JTT Coordinator of the Year  
**Cecy Aboud – Laredo, Texas**

JTT Rookie Coordinator of the Year  
**Matt Goodman – Amarillo, Texas**

School Tennis Advocate of the Year  
**Yvonne Berryhill – Odessa, Texas**

No-Cut Coach of the Year  
**Randy Stewart – Bryan, Texas**

CTA of the Year  
**Capital Area Tennis Association – Austin, Texas**

Revitalized Superstar CTA of the Year  
**Taylor Area Tennis Association – Taylor, Texas**

10 and Under Facility of the Year  
**Austin Tennis Center – Austin, Texas**

10 and Under Program of the Year  
**Don Quy, Parker County Tennis Association – Weatherford, Texas**

NJTL Newcomer of the Year  
**Amarillo Area Tennis Association – Amarillo, Texas**

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## USTA Honors McKinney & El Paso Tennis Facilities

The Courts at Gabe Nesbitt Community Park in McKinney, Texas was honored nationally with the USTA Featured Facility Award for public courts and the Ellis Tennis Center in El Paso, Texas was honored as one of the five private facilities award winners during the USTA Semiannual Meeting and Conference during the US Open in New York, in September.

During the USTA Awards Breakfast, **Jon Vegosen**, USTA Chairman of the Board and President, along with USTA Chair of Awards Committee **Nancy Rasgado** presented McKinney Mayor **Brian**

**Loughmiller** with the award. The facility, recognized for its excellence in design, court construction and amenities officially open with a ceremony on Feb. 25. It has 11 lighted tennis courts along with a premier stadium court and a 3,500 square foot clubhouse.

Also during the conference the USTA honored Aledo, Texas native **Mitchell Krueger** with a Junior Scholar-Athlete Award along with **Andre Agassi** with the USTA President's Award. ESPN's SportsCenter anchor **Chris McKendry** emceed the event.



During the USTA Awards Breakfast, Jon Vegosen, USTA Chairman of the Board and President, along with USTA Chair of Awards Committee Nancy Rasgado presented McKinney Mayor Brian Loughmiller with the award. Photo by D. Hackett / USTA Texas

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## "Staying in the Present"

### COMPETITIVE CORNER

By Steve Cobb

DIRECTOR OF COMPETITIVE TENNIS - USTA TEXAS



**To be here now, is the key to competing.** The struggle with any competition is keeping your focus and concentration in the present tense. From a physical perspective, we can only control what's happening now – we cannot do anything about the ball(s) we just hit, nor do we know enough about those coming in the immediate future to affect them – except to be **READY** to respond and act in a timely fashion when those shots become current.

One way you may not stay in the present is by "Playing in the Future."

Have you ever found yourself at 5-4, and you tell yourself "one more game?" Or after splitting you say "one more set?" You really shouldn't even think "one more point." Why? Because then you are not "present" for the next ball.

**What should you be thinking?** "This Ball!" and when that shot ends, "next ball!" Then you are playing and thinking one ball only, and one at a time. It is as if you need to play with no thought of the score or the outcome, which we all know is impossible. The point is you must try!

What about playing in the past? "How did I let three match points get away? I was up 40-15 on my serve and got broken!" or you may say to yourself, "Idiot - how could you miss that pass on set point? You could've been up a set!"

So stay out of the past and the future. Sounds easy, right? Very tough. We're humans – we're trained to deal with what's coming next, what's about to happen. We look ahead, and live slightly in the future. This ingrained, innate habit will kill you on the

tennis court.

So, how can we be here now and stay in the present?

Here are a few methods you might use sometime, or have seen someone else use:

Straightening your strings between points. Though this has little effect on your next contact from the standpoint of straight strings, it has a tremendous effect on your concentration, as a physical reminder between points to get back to the **PRESENT**.

How about concentrating on your breathing, with your back to the server, until the moment you have gotten your head back to **NOW**?

**Rituals** – doing the same thing between points so you approach each moment before a point begins with the same intensity: Like – ball bouncing (**Novak Djokovic**), toweleling off (**Andy Roddick**), bouncing on your feet (**Maria Sharapova**), adjusting your sleeves (**John McEnroe**), hair (many players), or shorts (**Rafael Nadal**).

How about saying to yourself "this ball" or "next ball?" Can you just tell yourself that over and over between points? Sure – if you'll **LISTEN!**

**Stay in the moment**, and the moments will become a lot more memorable!

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### KENNY Mc'S CORNER

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## Cheating and Bullying Not Accepted in Texas

If you deliberately cheat, intimidate, bully your opponent, rub it in when you win a point or if you think winning is more important than sportsmanship, I am announcing that we do not want you in USTA Texas tennis. Please go do something else.

Our sport is built for those with, or those who wish to develop, integrity. You probably noticed that we do not have enough officials to keep an eye on you. It has allowed you to watch for the Officials uniforms so you could stop foot faulting until they walked away. You have noted that you can call your own lines in 99-percent of your matches and that an official could not change your bad line call if he was not there when you did it. So it is obvious that you do not belong in our sport. Nor does your parent or coach who allows this behavior.

Don't try to tell me it is Tennis' fault for not having enough enforcement to keep you in line. In fact, I'll tell you that this is the strength of our sport. You see, my friend, tennis teaches more than rules and health and mental strength, but it also teaches (here is that word again) integrity. We have to make calls against ourselves, even if it costs us a point, a match, a ranking, or, yes, even a scholarship. We also learn to stand up for ourselves against people like you. Our enforcement comes from the participants, who from their unified strength do not allow poor sportsmanship and dishonesty to infiltrate our wonderful sport. So please, go do something else. You may win some matches here, but you will never gain our respect. More importantly, you will never find that inner sense of value that the rest of us have.

This is the fourth reprint of this article here in Texas. It has been printed in several other publications plus a couple of sportsmanship manuals across the country. It spurred us in the Texas Section to begin a program of having a volunteer support group who are showing up at tournaments without uniforms to help the officials. They have already been responsible for reporting incidents of bad sportsmanship from players who wait for the uniformed officials to leave. Several of these players have been suspended as a result.

The Texas tennis legacy should be that of a **Josh Hagar** of Austin who received the Bill Talbert Sportsmanship Award this summer at a ceremony in Newport, R.I., during the International Hall of Fame Induction. We are convinced that the large majority of our Texas players aspire to Josh's example and not to those bad apples, who, as the article says, should find something else to do. Although we do not encourage a vigilante "ganging up" on the bad sportsmanship, we do encourage the reporting of the obvious bad behavior that we may not see.

As usual, we encourage your comments by emailing me at [kmcallister@texas.usta.com](mailto:kmcallister@texas.usta.com)





## THE PRESIDENT'S ADVANTAGE

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## Parting Thoughts...

These last two years, I have tried to feature USTA Texas activities in an inspiring, and informative prose and I have thoroughly enjoyed recanting what is happening around Texas in "The President's Advantage" of our magazine. Most articles have been about sharing my thoughts after experiencing such joy and extreme pride at Section activities. Sometimes I simply need to share with Texas staff and volunteers of how grateful I feel about their contribution of time and energy towards growing our beloved sport and tennis in Texas. I truly believe we have a great chemistry of volunteers and staff and have enjoyed witnessing their interaction in tennis projects around the state. I hope that, going forward; this chemistry does not fade, but thrive under new leadership.

### Much to be proud of ...

An Executive Committee (unanimous) decision at the eleventh hour, on Sept 20, 2012 in a Special Called Meeting to not support the USTA's Nominating Committee Slate will forever live in my mind of the most courageous activities I have been involved in, as the Texas Section President. Needless to say a Sections denial to support a USTA Nominating Committee slate does not happen often; in fact I believe that it has never happened! Your Texas Section Executive Committee after much thought

and guidance from very experienced leadership examined the USTA Nominating Committee slate and noticed some disturbing factors in the nominees in the slate. Section representation in the proposed USTA Board (National) appeared to be weak in Section and National leadership, weak in female leaders, and showing a trend towards industry and business leaders by the curious removal of seven very capable board members from last term. With the USTA being composed of 17 Sections, it would be logical to expect strong section leadership. Because of what had happened very recently with USPTA and USOC boards with weak representation from the real "players" and the mayhem it caused from the dysfunction in leadership, our Texas Executive Committee decided at great risk to not support a USTA slate that was weak in Section leadership. The moral obligation and genuine concern for USTA's health was the only motivation that our Executive Committee had in mind. Would there be a backlash against our Section, our leaders when applying to committees, including Nominating committee and the USTA board? Who knows? Such a backlash was never a consideration. A wrong was a wrong and our committee was not going to support it. I am very proud of a group of leaders who lead with a "Service-Above-Self" attitude and are not afraid to make tough decisions. In my opinion not acting on this matter would have been more of a disservice and

disappointment to our Section volunteers. VAMOS!!!

### And more .....

The regional tournament Tennis on Campus (TOC) teams was held on Sept 22, 2012 at the University of Texas recreation tennis courts. Fifty-six teams participated with over 400 student athletes, one team traveling from Louisiana. By far the shining star of the Regional was the teams from Lone Star College - CyFair, a Community College in Cypress, Texas (near Houston). This community college has participated in the program since 2004. The club had 66 members and is the schools most active club as far as community service hours. The CyFair tennis logo and T-shirts are all over town as the students are volunteering with many non-profit programs. The Community College now recognizes that the advertising for CyFair from TOC players volunteering all over the Houston has recently impacted the number of new students enrolling in the college. Recognizing the team's value, CyFair now supports the teams directly for travel expenses for tournaments. Most other TOC teams must hold their own fundraisers for travel expenses. Congratulations to the CyFair administration for recognizing the worth of this program. Definitely a win-win situation. Hopefully more institutions will begin to do likewise in the future ... a high five and a fist "pound" for CyFair!

### Finally ...

It as been my pleasure and unique privilege to have served as the USTA Texas President for the past two years. A loud "THANK YOU," and a tight HUG to all staff and dedicated volunteers, who together do the work to grow tennis in Texas. I am definitely not saying ADIOS! This being the last magazine issue of the year ... I wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



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