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NEW PLAYERS, SAME OLD GAME

Well, by the time ya'll read this we've turned the calendar corner and 2007 is here with all her New Year's hope and glory. With any luck, maybe, I got a new backhand for Christmas — lord knows no matter how many times I repaired the last years, it still needs help. The New Year brings new volunteers and new committees, but the same passion for the game.

Speaking of passion, let's not forget Lars Rosene and his past two years of leadership. Lars as President, has put in mega-hours as the leader of TX Tennis. Lars has served us well as our Ambassador of TX Tennis, whether in our Section meetings or the USTA National meetings we are fortunate to have him as our representative. Also, how about Joni Rosene, The First Lady of TX Tennis, we could not ask for a better First Lady, always helpful, always smiling.

As we look forward to TX Tennis in 2007, I think it's important that we recognize where we ended 2006. First, due to the terrific effort by volunteers and Section staff, the Texas Section was named the 2006 USTA Section of the Year by Racquet Sports Industry magazine, in its sixth annual Champions of Tennis Awards—an off the chart accomplishment. Secondly, we hit 50,000 in our Association membership, another great achievement. While these accomplishments occurred during 2006, the truth is they were several years in the making with 2006 being the year it all came together.

These 2006 achievements set the bar high, but I believe our volunteers and section staff still have some game in their bag. Texans usually think big. Now we need to do the usual, push through all the past records and reach for new goals. Can we make 2007 another record year in membership? Is 51,000 members within our grasp? Can we be named #1 Section two years running? Why not?

Let's start off the New Year full of resolutions on how to improve our game and Section with only our imagination as the ceiling. I'm humbled and honored to be leading such a wonderful organization and looking forward to representing TX Tennis the next two years. Let's have fun as an organization on and off the courts.

Keep your knees bent,
Ben Eshleman

Kenny Mc's corner

BY KEN McALLISTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, USTA TEXAS SECTION

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PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING AS HAVING THE BEST OF INTENTIONS

I believe that I, along with many of you, have the right and experience to say what I am going to say.

We all know that the portion of the brain that controls logic and decision-making begins to misfire and disconnect when a human reaches about age 12 or 13 and does not fully reconnect until around age 25. This is scientific fact. That is why we worry so much about the influences on our children during those years. Obviously most survive that period – often by denial – and reach harmony and good sense in our mid-twenties. That is, of course, about the time that many of us decide to have children.

Normal good people love our children. Our children have many friends with whom they play, and we like that. As they grow older, our children have many acquaintances with whom they compete and we do not always like that. I do not have the scientific training to know whether some of our parental brains begin to disconnect again at this stage. One theory would indicate that the instinct to protect our children from outside predators kicks in. Another says that we identify ourselves through our children and so when they win, we win, and the other way around. A third theory is more evolutionary in nature and suggests that the next generation must always do better than the previous one. Whether these theories or others are true, all of you tennis parents are relating to this as you read.

Unlike many of you, I was the perfect tennis parent (while overcoming the fact that I was a tennis pro at the same time). I believed that good competition was good for my children and helped them to grow toward maturity. I believed that when they were cheated, psyched out, insulted, or otherwise abused, it helped them take one more step toward being able to adjusting to the real world in their future. Although it would have been nice for them to have high rankings to help them toward tennis scholarships, having a balanced, educated, and tolerant attitude was best. Calling bad lines, stalling, playing mental games, losing tempers, or getting secretly coached from the sidelines were all considered crutches of weak players by our obviously superior family.

OK, I have probably overdone it in that last paragraph. I was certainly not a perfect tennis parent. I did have enough sense to realize that I was teaching values by example. That is what surprises me about some parents, and I wonder if they can really see what they are teaching their children by example or by directing. We at the USTA Texas Section cannot legislate good sense. What we do is to put in place the best system possible to try to have a positive atmosphere for you and your children to play tennis. The mishaps and bad behavior may be reported through the tournaments and leagues to our volunteer run Discipline and Grievance Committee. They have the tools and the dedication to keep tennis play on an even keel in Texas. We encourage you to use them to help all of us have fun and grow up through the wonderful game of tennis.

Comments to kmcallister@texas.usta.com are encouraged.



Kevin O'Shea

In December, the USTA Texas Section was sad to learn it would be losing one of its most visible and popular employees. Kevin O'Shea, the Director of Competitive Tennis at the USTA Texas Section, resigned to accept the newly-created Director of Tennis Operations position at Texas A&M University.

"Kevin's focus, dedication, advice, innovative ideas and perseverance have made a difference in the tennis landscape of Texas," said Executive Director Ken McAllister.

O'Shea served the USTA for nine years, first joining on as the Multicultural Participation and Junior Team Tennis Coordinator. In 2002, he was promoted to the Director of Competitive Tennis, a position he held until resigning.

With his new position, O'Shea will work closely with the men's and women's head coaches, Bobby Kleinecke and Steve Denton, as well as men's assistant coach, Bob McKinley. Along with overseeing the Texas A&M Tennis Camps, he will also oversee construction of the proposed new indoor tennis facility on the campus.

The consummate professional, teammate and family man, we wish Kevin and his family the best as they pursue this wonderful opportunity.

Junior news

Christopher Kearney – Beating the Drum For Tennis

Christopher Kearney first discovered tennis while in elementary school in Dallas. He loved what he learned in school and was encouraged by a family friend to begin outside lessons. But Kearney was not like the rest of the kids in his elementary school class, he was born deaf. Of course that was not about to stop this energetic player.

His dad, Brian Kearney, Christopher's biggest fan, went to every lesson with him, to interpret between him and his coach. Eventually, Christopher joined the Dallas Slam Jammers, a beginner program that has been responsible for hundreds of

kids' development at Kiest Tennis Center, started in a partnership with the Dallas Tennis Association.

Not long after developing a love for the game, Kearney entered his very first tournament in Las

Colinas and won the tournament, obvious proof that both his skills and confidence were on the rise. With his success, though, he felt it very important to share his passion for tennis with other kids facing similar challenges, and so he volunteered at Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas, starting programs that introduced tennis to children.

In 8th grade, Kearney moved away from his family and friends in Dallas to pursue an education with students of like abilities and began his studies at the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin. Kearney showed off his tennis prowess as he entered high school, immediately playing on the varsity and competing at the TAPPS State Championships. As is usually the case, he was the only deaf player in the tournament.

Kearney recently competed at the National Deaf Tennis Qualifier for the 2007 Dresse and Maere Cups in Farmington, Connecticut. The Dresse and Maere Cups are similar to the Davis and Fed Cups for Deaf tennis players. The world finals will be held in Munich, Germany this summer from July 21st to the 28th, with the top four finishers in each gender nominated to represent the USA. Kearney was one of the youngest to compete and came up a little short this year, but he will definitely be representing our country in the years to come.

Currently, Kearney is an advocate for deaf tennis players everywhere, working with the USTA, the Adult Deaf Tennis Association, as well as other teachers and personnel at his school lobbying, for more competitive opportunities for players like himself. His goal is to help tennis reach the level that deaf football and basketball have already reached at his school, where teams competing at this level can

advance not only to state, but also to regional and national championships. Kearney would like the opportunity to win a national championship, and as Nick Bannon his coach states, more than anyone, he deserves this chance.

Aside from his obvious passion for tennis, Kearney is a born leader. He is the Student Body President and is an enthusiastic voice for all classmates.

A senior, he has also narrowed his college choices to only four: Gallaudet University, the only university in the U.S. for the hearing-impaired located in Washington DC, Southern Methodist University, University of Texas, in Austin, and Arizona State University.

Gallaudet University, as well as many hearing-impaired high school campuses across the country, bangs a large bass drum at their football games to replace the quarterback's snap count. The lesser-impaired players can actually hear the beat. Those who can't hear the beat are able, because of their heightened tactile sense, to feel the vibrations from it, so that the offense moves as one, whether on the first pulse, the second, or the third.

The USTA Texas Section is proud to have people like Christopher Kearney and his coach Nick Bannon banging the drum of tennis throughout the hearing-impaired community. We are truly inspired by their efforts and hope that by working along side them, we can improve the state of tennis within the hearing-impaired community.



Christopher with his coach, Nick Bannon.

JTT Nationals

The Dallas S.W.A.T. captured the Jr. Team Tennis 14 and Under Advanced National Championship held at the Barnes Tennis Center in San Diego. This team is composed of: Isabelle Rodriguez, Casey Johnson, Michael Smith, Joshua Izzard, Nicki Johnson and Gabriel Sandoval.

In the semifinals, S.W.A.T. defeated Eastern, 34-12. For the title, they SWAT-ed Fullerton Tennis from Southern California, 30-22.

Texas' own John Haley of the Dominion Gold received the Sportsmanship Award for the 18 and Under Advanced Division.

Congratulations go out to all that attended, as Dominion Gold (San Antonio) placed fifth in the 18 & Under Advanced division.

Other teams and place at the USTA Jr. Team Tennis 3.0 National Championships held in Tucson, AZ on October 19-23.

High Rollers (Brownsville) - 4th place in 14 & Under Intermediate.

Sugar Creek (SW Houston) - 9th place in 18 & Under Intermediate.



Slammin' 10s Return to Texas

Arlington Tennis Center will host the 2007 Slammin' 10S Intersectional Team Rally, March 16-18. Texas will play host to teams from the Caribbean, Intermountain, Midwest, Missouri Valley and Southwest Sections competing in a round robin format. Each team consists of six boys and six girls. Texas selects its team from players that are 10 or under and ranked in the Super Champ or Champ 12s division. In 2006, Team Texas took first place. We are hoping to repeat, but competition will be very strong this year. If you are in the area, come out and see some of Texas' rising stars! For more information, contact bvona@texas.usta.com.

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USTA JR. TEAM TENNIS TEXAS SECTION FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JOHN NEWCOMBE TENNIS RANCH

NEW BRAUNFELS, NOVEMBER 18-19, 2006

The 2006 USTA Jr. Team Tennis Texas Section Fall Championships were held November 18-19 at the John Newcombe Tennis Ranch. This event for the first time utilized the "USTA National Championship" format, sending teams into pools to qualify for the semifinals. Congratulations to the 38 teams that participated.

14 AND UNDER INTERMEDIATE

FLIGHT A

SE Houston	109
West Texas	94
NETT	86
Lubbock	76
East Texas	53

FLIGHT B

Dallas	110
SW Houston	104
Corpus Christi – Northshore	95
Amarillo	85
Smithville	37

FLIGHT C

San Antonio	76
Corpus Christi – Al Kruse	76
Austin	73
Denton	19

Head to Head Tie Break –
San Antonio def. Corpus Christi 24-20

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

GIRL – Patty Sanger (NETT)
BOY – Byron Koonce (West TX)
BOY – Austin Carder (Lubbock)
COACH – Carla Sims (Lubbock)
TEAM – East Texas

SEMIFINALS

Dallas 22, Corpus Christi – Al Kruse 25
San Antonio 23, SE Houston 24

CHAMPIONSHIP

Corpus Christi 29, SE Houston 15



14 Intermediate Winners - Corpus Christi.



14 Intermediate Finalists - SE Houston.



14 Intermediate Sportsmanship Winners.

18 AND UNDER INTERMEDIATE

FLIGHT A

San Antonio	76
Corpus Christi Northshore	62
East Texas	50
West Texas	47

FLIGHT B

NETT Wilder 2 Fighters	82
SE Houston	78
Amarillo Canyon Aces	56
Smithville	29

FLIGHT C

NETT STC	73
Denton	72
SW Houston	55
Amarillo Spin Masters	50

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

BOY – Sam Howell (Denton)

GIRL – Lindsey Chavez (West TX)

COACH – Raymah Davis (Smithville)

TEAM – Smithville

SEMIFINALS

NETT Wilder 2 Fighters 21, SE Houston 24

NETT STC 20, San Antonio 21

CHAMPIONSHIP

SE Houston 29, San Antonio 15



18 Intermediate Winners - SE Houston.



18 Intermediate Finalist - San Antonio.



18 Intermediate Sportsmanship Team - Smithville.



18 Intermediate Sportsmanship Winners.

14 AND UNDER ADVANCED

Austin	144
SW Houston	111
NETT	106
Lubbock	91
SE Houston	87
East TX	74

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

BOY – Shane Li (SW Houston)
 GIRL – Kaitlin Huskey (East TX)
 COACH – Brian Notis (Austin)
 TEAM – East TX



14 Advanced Winners - Austin.



14 Advanced Sportsmanship Team - East Texas.



14 Advanced Sportsmanship Coach, Brian Notis.

18 AND UNDER ADVANCED

NETT	145
Amarillo	134
SE Houston Surfers	125
SE Houston Skaters	95
East TX	82
Denton	74

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS

BOY – Chris Gilman (NETT)
 GIRL – Francesca Bossoo (SE Houston Surfers)
 COACH – Linda Sweetgall (Amarillo)
 TEAM – SE Houston Skaters



18 Advanced Winners - NETT.



18 Advanced Finalist - Amarillo.



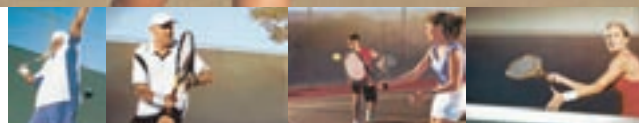
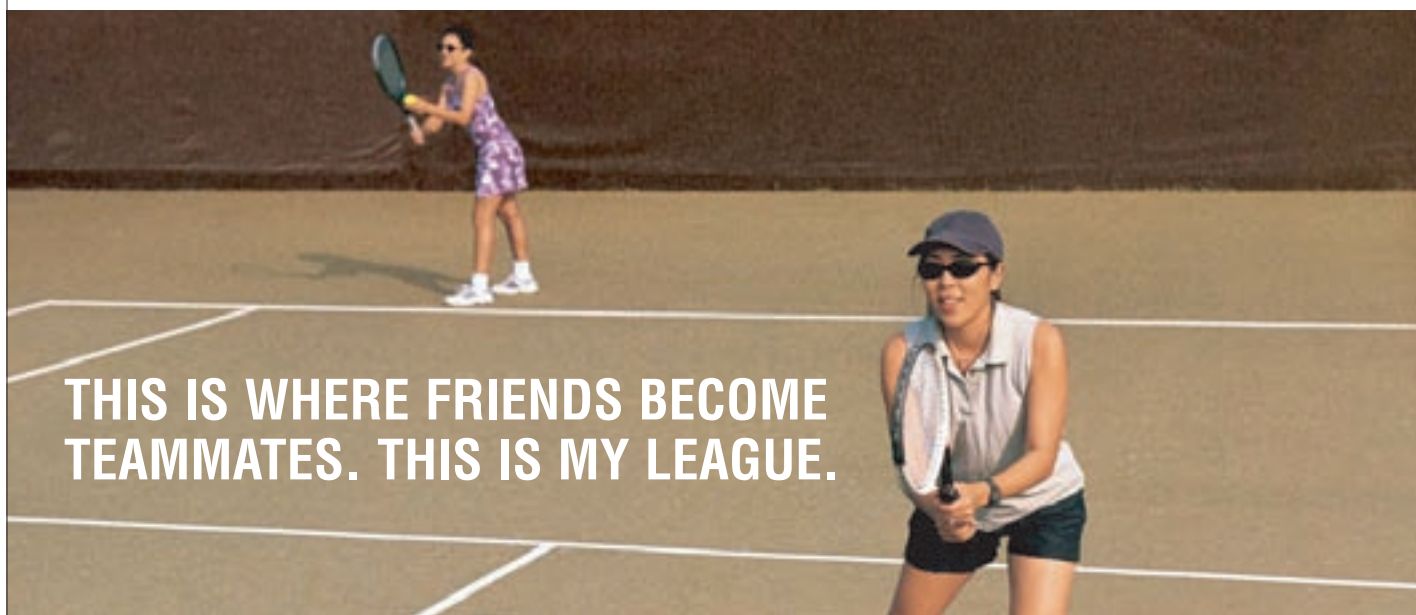
18 Advanced Sportsmanship.



18 Advanced Sportsmanship Team - SE Houston Skaters.

John Newcombe's Tennis Ranch Sportsmanship Winners for October and November

<u>Tournament Name</u>	<u>Winner's Name</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Laredo (CMZ)	Bianca Gonzalez	Girls' 14	Laredo
Midland (CMZ)	Meaghan O'Canas	Girls' 18	Rowlett
Pasadena (CMZ)	Xavier Gonzalez	Boys' 12	Houston
Plano Fall Championship (CMZ)	Justin Kim	Boys' 16	Austin
McFarlin ZAT	Joshua Ellis	Boys' 16	Austin
Waco Tennis Association ZAT #2	Frankie Fischer	Boys' 14	Georgetown
Frisco ZAT	Brian Nguyen	Boys' 16	Garland
San Angelo ZAT	Travis Beck	Boys' 14	San Angelo
SATA ZAT #2	Scott Politz	Boys' 12	Austin
Arlington Tennis Association ZAT	Tyler Truitt	Boys' 16	Harker Heights
SE Texas Tennis Association ZAT	John Flanagan, Jr	Boys' 12	Beaumont
Deer Park Fall ZAT	Jessie Hampton	Girls' 14	La Porte



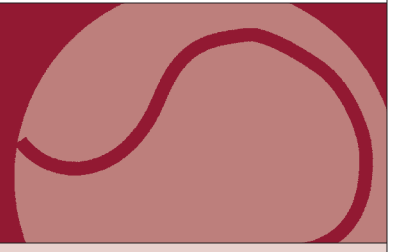
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The USTA League Tennis season is just around the corner. To find the nearest league or team, please contact your Local League Coordinator. A list can be found at <http://texas.usta.com>.



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College news



Six campuses throughout Texas hosted USTA Tennis on Campus regional tournaments during the Fall semester. At each one day tournament, a number of college co-ed teams from all around Texas and even New Mexico came ready to compete and have fun. The teams consisted of non-varsity co-ed college students and played under the World Team Tennis format. This format allows for a more exciting and fun tournament, as teams can coach and substitute players during play.

West Texas Regional

LUBBOCK – With a total of six teams, The University of New Mexico played with enough consistency throughout all five of their matches to come in and snatch this round robin on October 21 at the Don and Ethel McLeod Tennis Center at Texas Tech University.

The event was comprised of teams from The University of New Mexico, Angelo State, and four teams from the Texas Tech.

In this round robin, each team played five matches with the winner of the tournament calculated by taking the total number of team points scored. New Mexico scored 24, 24, 21, 24, and 24 points in their matches for a total of 117 and the victory.

DFW Regional

ARLINGTON – The University of North Texas 1 defeated Baylor 1 in the Group 1 finals, while the Group 2 finals had Tyler Junior College 2 defeating The University of Texas at Arlington on October 21 at the University of North Texas.

Teams from UT-Arlington, Baylor, the University of North Texas, and Tyler Junior College played in two divisions. With a variety of skill levels present, two groups were formed, with group 1 being made up of players with an NTRP rating of 4.0 +, while Group 2 consisted of 3.0 – 3.5 level players.

In Group 1, Baylor 1 and North Texas 1 reached the championship by scoring 76 and 77 games, respectively. The other participating teams in this group were Tyler Junior College 1 and North Texas 2. In pool play, Baylor 1 defeated the North Texas 1 by the score of 28-24, but in the finals it was North Texas regrouping and edging out Baylor 1 to win the DFW Regional title.

In Group 2, Tyler Junior College 2 defeated UT-Arlington in the finals. Tyler JC 2 had a close call to make the finals, narrowly edging out Baylor 2 by a single game after three rounds of play, 67-66. North Texas 3 was also in the running in this close group.

Central Texas Regional

AUSTIN – Competitors almost got a full day of play in before the rains hit on October 14 at the University of Texas at Austin Whitaker Intramural Tennis Facility. Four teams

remained, UT Longhorn, UTSA 1, Trinity 1, and Texas State 2 before this event was unfortunately cancelled.

Team from The University of Texas, Trinity University, UTSA, Baylor, Tyler Junior College, Texas State, and the University of Houston competed for the title.

With a total of 16 teams, there was not much room for error. When the rain would not let up, the tournament was called with UT Longhorn leading Tyler 1, UTSA 1 leading UT Bevo, Trinity 1 defeating UTSA 2, and Texas State 2 already winning their match over Houston.

Houston Regional

HOUSTON – Twenty-four intramural college teams from throughout the state converged on the Rice Campus and Homer Ford Tennis Center to play in the Houston Regional “Tennis on Campus” team tournament on November 4. Teams from Rice, University of Houston, Houston Baptist, Cy-Fair Community College, University of Texas, Trinity, University of Texas at San Antonio, Sam Houston, Tyler Junior College, Baylor, University of Texas at Arlington and Southern Methodist University competed in a compass draw.

The University of Texas (White) defeated University of Texas (Orange) in the finals. The compass draw was used so that teams were guaranteed at least 4 rounds and this draw lets teams seek their own level so that after the second round, the matches become increasingly competitive. This format also allows teams play against a lot of other teams so they get to meet a lot of people, plus see some of your old friends from high school tennis. Most of the schools started their day on the road at 5:00 a.m. to make it on time and then drove back that evening.

East Texas Regional

TYLER – The East Texas Regional was held at Tyler Junior College on November 11. It was a round robin with WTT scoring. UT-Tyler came away with the victory over Baylor, with Tyler JC (Black) finishing third. Tyler JC (Gold) and UT-Arlington rounded out the standings, finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.

Valley Regional

BROWNSVILLE – On December 2, UTSA, UT-Brownsville (A, B, and C), Trinity (Maroon, Grey), South Texas College, and Texas State all competed on a cold and rainy day at the Brownsville Tennis Center.

The teams were able to get in two matches of their divided round robin. With the weather not improving, the teams were paired off with the #1 team in the A bracket facing the #1 team in the B bracket, as so forth.

In the top flight, USTA defeated UT-Brownsville A, 30-18. In the second flight, Trinity Maroon edged Texas State, 22-21. In the third flight, UT-Brownsville B narrowly fell to South Texas College, 19-18. In the fourth flight, UT-Brownsville C dropped its match to Trinity Grey, 20-24.

League news



TWO TEXAS TEAMS "LEI" CLAIM TO NATIONAL TITLES IN HAWAII

Two men's teams from Waco and San Antonio, representing the USTA Texas Section, captured national titles at the USTA League presented by Chrysler 4.0 and 4.5 Adult National Championships, respectively, at Hilton Waikoloa Village in Waikoloa, Hawaii.

On October 13-15, the San Antonio team defeated a team from Gainesville, Fla., 4-1 in the championship match. Earlier in the day, San Antonio had defeated a team from Reading, Pa., 3-2 in the semifinals. They advanced this far by winning their round-robin flight where they actually lost a match on Day 1 to the Southern California team from Orange County.

San Antonio played their local matches out of McFarlin Tennis Center and was captained by Jorge Vazquez and Daniel Cambon and featured Trent Broach, Alann Torres, Andre DeLeon, Alex DeLeon, and Davender Toor making the trip to Hawaii.

Later that month, on October 27-29, Team Waco defeated a team from Northern California 3-2 in the championship match. Earlier in the day, the Waco team defeated a team from Hanover Park, Illinois, 3-2 in the semifinals. They advanced this far by sweeping their round-robin flight contested Friday and Saturday.

Waco played their local league matches out of the Waco Regional Tennis Center and was captained by Bill Sanders and Craig Epp and features Todd Stoner, Jimmy Fenn, John Arvesen, Taylor Northcutt Brown, Matthew Smith, Matthew Martin, Brandon Epp, David Tekell, Jeff Abshire, Michael Ellison and Jason Peavy.

Two Ladies' teams also fared well at the USTA National Championships. The 3.0 Senior Ladies from North Houston (Kingwood) and 4.0 Ladies from the Valley (McAllen) both captured fourth place. The 4.0 Ladies competed also com-



peted in Hawaii, while the 3.0 Senior team from NoHo played in Tuscon.

USTA League presented by Chrysler is the world's largest recreational tennis league. Established in 1980, the program began with 13,000 participants, playing in only a portion of the country. In 2005, it celebrated its 25th Anniversary, and had over 585,000 participants, playing across the entire United States, in all 17 USTA Sections. USTA League offers recreational players the opportunity to get a great workout, improve their skills, have fun, and compete for a National Championship.

The USTA League program was established to provide adult recreational tennis players throughout the country with the opportunity to compete against players of similar ability levels. Players participate on teams in a league format, which is administered by the USTA through its 17 Sections. The league groups players by using six National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) levels, ranging from 2.5 (entry) to 5.0 (advanced). USTA League is open to any USTA member 19 years of age or older. It features Adult and Mixed Doubles divisions, as well as a Senior Division (age 50) and a Super Senior Division (age 60).

Chrysler is entering its first year as the presenting sponsor and official vehicle of the USTA League program. Penn Racquet Sports is in its 19th year as official ball of USTA League Tennis.

Lonestar Champions

The Lonestar team from Dallas defeated Austin, 3-0, in the finals at the 2006 USTA Texas Section Lonestar League Championships held at The Dominion in San Antonio, October 28-29.

Eight teams competed in this excellent event, but Dallas prevailed. Both teams cruised through the competition in their respective round robin draws before facing off in the final. Dallas was especially impressive all weekend and did not drop a single match. Dallas was captained by Patti Jones.



Lonestar-Dallas 1st.



Lonestar-Austin 2nd.



Lonestar-match play.

League News

2006 super senior



The 2006 USTA League Tennis Texas Section Super Senior Championships presented by Chrysler were held November 2-4 at the Waco Regional Tennis Center with eight new champions crowned.



6.0 Ladies, North Houston, Shirley Donaldson.



7.0 Ladies, Waco, Leta Easterwood.



8.0 Ladies, San Antonio, Pat Mannheimer.



6.0 Men, Wild San Antonio, James Bartlett.



7.0 Men, Wild Dallas, Chuck McDermott.



8.0 Men, Houston, Charlie McMahon.



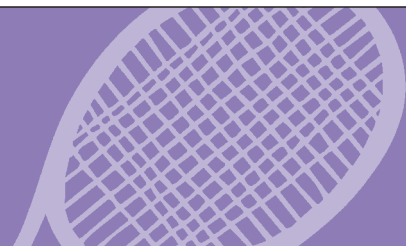
7.0 Super Plus Ladies, Austin, Francis Ryan.



7.0 Super Plus Men, Dallas, Harry Klein-Smith.

League News

combo league



2006 TEXAS SECTION COMBO LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION

OCTOBER 20-22, 2006

Seven Combo League champions were crowned on October 22 in Bryan-College Station at the 2006 Texas Section Combo League Championships.

SUNDAY RESULTS

5.5 LADIES

Fort Worth wins round robin

6.5 LADIES

NE Texas 2, San Angelo 1

7.5 LADIES

Corpus Christi 2, Fort Worth 1

8.5 LADIES

Austin 2, Fort Worth 1

6.5 MEN

Fort Worth wins round robin

7.5 MEN

Austin 2, San Antonio 1

8.5 MEN

College Station 3, Valley 0



5.5 Ladies, Fort Worth - Richland TC, Holly Driver.



7.5 Ladies, Corpus Christi - Rockport CC, Nancy Alamon.



6.5 Men, Fort Worth - Richland TC, Chris Young.



7.5 Men, Austin - Polo Club, Andy Colburg.



6.5 Ladies, NE Texas - Faulkner TC, Vicki Alley.



8.5 Ladies, Austin, Diani Garcia.



8.5 Men, College Station, Odion Dibua.

Adult & Senior

news

USTA Women's Intersectional Team Event

Texas was proud to host the 2006 National Women's Intersectional Team Event, held November 13-19, in Austin at the University of Texas. There were 13 Sections represented: Eastern, Florida, Intermountain, Mid-Atlantic, Middle



Carol Cofer

States, Midwest, Missouri Valley, New England, Pacific Northwest, Southern California, Southern, Southwest, as well as the host, Texas.

Team Texas did well, placing in each event. Team Texas finished: 1st - 45s; 2nd - 55s; 3rd - 35s; 4th - 75s; 5th - 65s.

The Team Texas consisted of: Women's 35s: Susan Bryson, Julie Cass, Co-Capt., Michelle King, Sharon McKinney, Tina Whiteman, Shelly Works, Co-Capt. Women's 45s: Vicki Buholz, Ellen Dawson, Teal Lang, Lynn McWilliams, Kathy Vick, Co-Capt., Sue Whiting, Co-Capt., with Rosie Garza. Women's 55s: Lindsay Barton, Sue Bramlette, Capt., Kay Hendrix, Melinda L. Herrick, Hilary Marold, Rox Ann Schanzenbach. Women's 65s: Lenora Graham, Kathy Langer, Carolyn Henderson, Mary John Lynch, Capt., Chris Smith, Carol Ann Vest. Women's 75s: Frances Ryan, Carol Cofer, Capt., Rose Marie James, Betty Jordan.



Kathy Vick

USTA Men's Intersectional Team Event

The men's 2006 National Intersectional Team Event was held again at the River Hills Club of Jackson, Mississippi on September 27-October 1.

Team Texas fared quite well, as the Men's 75s came in first, the 45s came in second, the 55s & 65s came in third. The Men's 35s team had several last minute cancellations and did not participate.

Players who made up Team Texas included: Men's 45s, Alex Behar, Danny Dobbs, Tridib Goswami, Capt., Ronald Guse, Paul Vishnesky, Max King; Men's 55s, Hugh Burris,



Del Campbell

Tony Dawson, Dick Fikes, Aubrey "Lucky" Frazier, Jerry Thomas, Capt., Lawton Park; Men's 65s, Richard Andersen, Del Campbell, Capt., Michael K. Garza, Courtney Henderson, Buddy Lomax; Men's 75s, Marvin Brown, T.C. Chang, Scott Denison, Russell Seymour, Capt.



Alex Behar

THE TEXAS PREMIERE 2007 ADULT MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS

hosted by

The USTA TEXAS SECTION and THE CAPITAL AREA TENNIS ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER 2-4, 2007

A new event is on the horizon, The Adult Masters Championships. This tournament will pit the top eight players in every adult age group, competing for cash and prizes.

You will want to be a part of this FIRST EVER event. Prize money is available for all open level divisions. There will be player gifts, food, fun, and fellowship, in addition to Texas Hold 'em at Friday's "Welcome to the Championships" party, serving light refreshments with beer; a player dinner Saturday evening, and a band, including dancing if the mood should strike.

All of that and it is also a year-end 600 point Adult Tournament!

So get your tennis gear ready to hit the 2007 Texas Section tournament circuit.

2007 ADULT MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS:

- Men's and Women's Open singles, doubles and Mixed Open doubles;
- Men's 25s singles and doubles
- Men's and Women's 30s singles and doubles
- Men's and Women's singles, doubles, and mixed 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5
- Men's 5.0 singles and doubles
- Husband/Wife doubles.
- 39 divisions total.



2007 RULES AND REQUIREMENTS:

1. Top 8 ranked players from each division will be selected based on 2007 Texas 12 month rolling standings list, calculated to include 2007 Texas Adult Sectionals in San Antonio. (Adult Sanctioned Tournaments played Sept. 22, 2006 through Sept. 16, 2007.) All players may enter, but only those who are selected will be charged the entry fee. (The top 8 in each division that enter.)
2. If there is a tie in points, it will be broken first by head-to-head play, and then based upon the highest point win in a single tournament.
3. Each division will round robin (pool/play). That is, each division will be divided by ranking position into two groups of four, to play a round robin. Winners of each pool within each division then compete for the Championship.
4. Doubles are ranked individually and top 8 players can pick and choose a partner. Partner must have been a doubles partner in at least 1 Texas Section Sanctioned tournament within the 12 month ranking year and played the level in which you're entering.
5. All matches excluding FINALS will consist of best 2 out of 3 sets with a match tie-break to determine the 3rd set. FINALS ONLY WILL BE PLAYED AS BEST OF 3 TIE-BREAK SETS.

Community news

Spotlight on Staff – Katie Cox



Katie Cox with Junior Recreation Committee Chair, Sally Brown at the 2006 Jr. Team Tennis Championships.

A new feature where each issue we will focus on a different staff member (selected by a draw from a US Open hat) so that you can have a face and a little background music for that name you may call, e-mail or see in print relating to a particular tennis program.

Some have a life outside of tennis, but for most, like this month's Katie Cox, tennis is Life and they're lovin' it!

It's ironic that Katie Cox was chosen first to spotlight because she is one of the last to come aboard the current USTA Texas family that "lives" in the Austin office. (Remember, there's a lot of tennis going on during week-ends.) This twenty-four-year-old is coming up on her first anniversary in the Community Development department with the responsibility of Partnerships and Events. Partnerships include relationships with other non-profit organizations, and Events include any number of . . . well,

events. Junior Team Tennis rallies, setting up community development workshops, etc.

Katie grew up in Texas in a tennis-playing family. She and her brother played junior tennis tournaments and high school tennis, her father played, her mother played leagues (remember that fact). Katie went off to Baylor University where tennis is played at a little higher level than her game, so she enjoyed the academics, majoring in Professional Writing.

After marrying and settling in Waco, her husband had a job opportunity in Austin, and Katie found herself needing a job there. As luck would have it, that tennis-loving mom was browsing around the USTA Texas website to see how she could get US Open tickets and noticed a section on job opportunities in Texas. She suggested Katie send in her resumé. And that's how she got the job she loves involving a sport she always loved.

What does she love best about her job? (1) The rewarding task of calling kids and their families to tell them they've been awarded camp scholarships and (2) no longer having to wear suits and pantyhose to work. And then there's the beautiful office, a great bunch of people, the list goes on and on.

Katie says her second favorite sport is basketball. She likes to shoot hoops and watch college hoops. She rides bikes, swims, works out, is an avid reader, likes to cook and go to the movies, and she loves her Labrador dogs.

Her life in and out of tennis is great, and she's a great addition to the USTA Texas staff!

Welcome Back to Tennis

On November 4, Oak Hills Country Club in San Antonio hosted a Welcome Back to Tennis (WBTT) event. This event was open to the public and created to get those "elapsed" tennis players back onto a tennis court.

The event featured an introduction to the club, a discussion of the benefits of tennis, stretching, on-court activities, as well as an Up/Down Wheelchair exhibition with Larry Quintero and Rick Byrd competing with

the pros of Glenn Barton (Director of Tennis) and Joe De Luna (Head Tennis Pro).

Special appreciation to the sponsors of the event, including Barrett Jaguar, Frost Bank, Golfsmith, St. Mary's University and the Valero Energy Corporation.

If you would like more information about hosting a WBTT event, please contact Todd Carlson at the Texas section office.

Please go to www.oakhillsscc.com, for more information about Oak Hills C.C.

