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The President's advantage

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I just attended the USTA Leadership Meeting earlier this month and below are a few feelings, insights and thoughts I came away with.

First and foremost, the new president and chairman of the board is a really nice person with a terrific new and exciting agenda for the next two years. President Brown-Grimes opened our leadership meeting in New Orleans with her vision for the next two years.

Some highlights were:

There has been some confusion with the measuring stick on tennis participation, as some of you know. While racquet and tennis ball sales appear up, our participation survey suggested this wasn't the case. While most tennis leaders point to a flaw in the measurement technique, the good news is as a result of this survey an entire new methodology was created.

This new participation measurement methodology is dubbed "Tennis Health Index". The chief components are:

1. Tennis participation – phone survey
2. Tennis participation – online survey
3. Tennis participation – mail panel survey
4. Ball shipments
5. Grass root monitor

As you can see, by the above chart we should really be able to get a feel now for how many people are swatting the ball around.

President Brown-Grimes also wanted to show the people of New Orleans how much the USTA supports their rebuilding effort. While it's apparent much work has been done, it's also apparent much more still needs to be done, so any support the USTA can show in tourist dollars, I know will boost the local economy.

One last item I took away from our meeting was the USTA's eagerness to make tennis investments. We heard numerous reports on high performance facilities located in Florida and California and an existing investment in The Tennis Channel cable television outlet. These are pure tennis investments in our sport.

These three points: tennis participation, social and financial support for a depressed area or city in our state and tennis-oriented investments, can all be repeated here in Texas. I strongly encourage our Texas tennis leaders to consider all three and their merits for our section.

Let's hope for some better tennis weather.

Respectfully,
Ben Eshleman

Kenny Mc's corner

BY KEN McALLISTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, USTA TEXAS SECTION

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TENNIS ROCKS, AND OTHER THOUGHTS

According to the Sporting Goods Manufacturers survey in 2006, 14 of the 15 traditional sports were down in activity for the previous three years. The only sport to show growth during that period was tennis at a whopping 10.3% increase in participation. We anxiously await the 2007 report because we know for a fact that tennis ball and racket sales are up for the year, and USTA membership has also grown by over 20,000 members. Football declined by .6% to be second place to tennis. Other sports including golf declined even more during the period. Many of these sports are beginning to market for growth, similar to what tennis has been doing for several years.

Texas, by the way, has reached the 50,000 member threshold during 2006, and non-member play has had significant growth for more than three years with the latest count at 1.73 million players.

I noted that an ESPN commentator drew an interesting conclusion comparing the draw of Tiger Woods in golf to the draw of Roger Federer in tennis. He noted that both currently dominate their sport, but that TV viewers are drawn in when Tiger is playing but that viewers decline when Federer plays. He even went on to say that Federer is probably more dominant than Woods, yet tennis viewers seemed more reluctant to watch his domination than golf viewers who seemed to enjoy the 15 stroke wins by Woods. I agreed with the commentators closing statement telling tennis enthusiasts that he encouraged their watching Federer for the beauty and near-perfect play that will place him as the greatest player ever.

His comment was made following Roger's demolition of Andy in the Semi-Final of the Australian Open. On the same day, unseeded Serena Williams moved into the finals of the Women's Singles. What I noted was the concern that only two of the semi-finalists were Americans – Serena and Andy. Two things come to mind:

- 1) three of the other semi-finalists received most of their tennis training in the United States, Haas, Sharapova, and Vaidisova, and
- 2) the international nature of our sport makes it a different measurement than a domestic sport. Or as someone recently said to me, many players from other countries are playing to escape to the US while American players seldom move away.

Such comments imply that a loss in American viewing of tennis relates to the participation. That isn't necessarily true. There is always ebb and flow to within the health of tennis, and as long as we focus on keeping the infrastructure strong, tennis will stay strong even when it isn't the sport de jour. What is infrastructure? Besides the private clubs, school tennis, tennis professionals and coaches, and public tennis facilities, it is the umbrella Community Tennis Associations and the supported program-mings that serve our players and bring new folks into the game. This is the basic philosophy behind the USTA Texas Section's current push to strengthen CTA's in Texas. For more information or comments, contact me at kmcallister@texas.usta.com.

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Community news

USTA Texas Section 2007 Community Development Workshop Stars Shining Bright

Community tennis in Texas has much to be proud of, and the celebration and vision for another successful year was in full swing during the 2007 Community Development Workshop held in Austin January 13-14th.

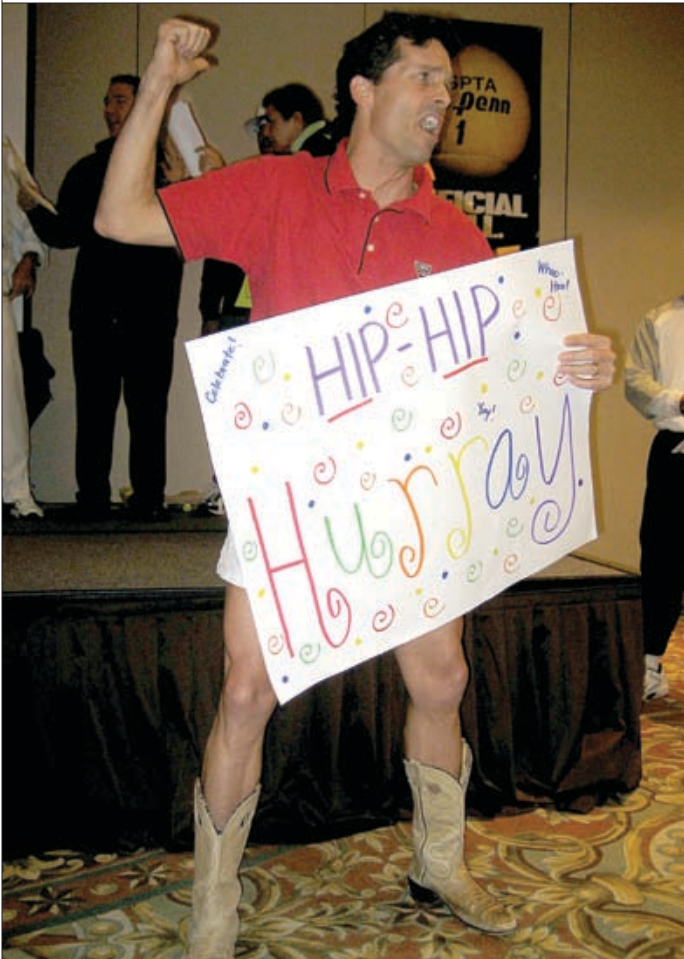
The workshop kicked off with kudos going out to the 'Texas Tennis Stars', the community tennis leaders responsible for administering the grassroots tennis programs at the local level. Our 'stars' participated in a weekend of networking exercises, program trainings and advice from USTA national experts. One of these national representatives was Mark McMahon, USTA Tennis Service Representative (TSR) Manager from White Plains, NY, who shared the facts and figures summarizing the first year of the TSR initiative and raved of the outstanding success in community tennis growth the Lone Star State has achieved in 2006. He also reported on the various goals – both national and section-specific of the TSR program and our Texas TSR focus in the upcoming year.

Our second guest from USTA national was Shannon Hatton, USTA Tennis in the Parks Administrator who presented comprehensive instructions on applying for the Tennis in the Parks Public Facility Funding in 2007. Shannon addressed all funding details and various changes to expect in the new year. Questions from the group ranged from small court resurfacing projects to multi-court, new construction issues and Shannon had answers and even met one-on-one with those who'd submitted applications and had specific questions relating to those projects.

Workshop participants were the first to see the Junior Tennis Super-Highway system that hopes to revolutionize the way beginner tennis is taught throughout Texas. Our goal in Texas is to "Right-Size the Game" of tennis. Every other sport has created size-appropriate playing fields and/or modified versions for the youth of their sport. Guest speaker Shannon Hatton said it perfectly, "In baseball we do not send a tee-ball kid onto a major league baseball field



Pickers show up at the CD Workshop skit.



Mike Carter rallies the crowd at the 2007 CD Workshop finale.

and say hit a home run, but in tennis we do. Big racquet, wrong ball, huge court! It's time to change that!" The USTA national office has done a great job in starting this initiative, being inspired by other national governing bodies of tennis who are producing many world-class players, and we look forward to working with them in the very near future. Although having more world-class players coming from Texas will be nice, that is not in any way our single motivation. Right-Sizing the Game will speak directly to our Section mission statement which is to "Promote and Develop the Growth of Tennis in Texas!"

The first day of work-shopping ended with an especially exciting awards dinner that celebrated the many Texas Tennis Stars recognized at the national and section level. 2006 was an exceptional year as three Eve Kraft Community Service Award winners fared from our state. Eve Kraft recipients Cassie Goodell from Brownsville, Peggy Tice from Austin and Emily Schaeffer from Houston will be officially presented with a national award for extraordinary community service in Atlanta, Georgia during the USTA Community Tennis Development Workshop. Texas Section awards were given for overachieving Community Tennis Associations (CTAs), Jr. Team Tennis programs, Schools Clinicians, Beginner programs and Collegiate programs as well as two special awards sponsored by Whataburger, the Community Tennis Family of the Year and the P.E. Specialist of the Year.

Marketing was the focus of day two, and USTA Texas Section Marketing Director Stephanie Arena presented an

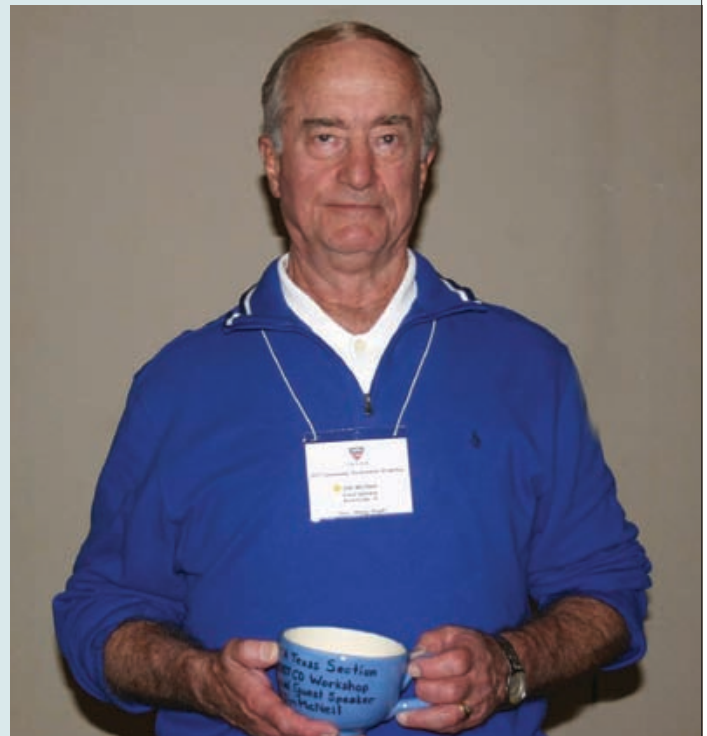
orientation on the national advertising cds containing a variety of customizable ads designed for the program administrators to promote their programs with the new 'It's Your Game' ad campaign.

Kristi Hotz, Texas Section Community Development Coordinator, addressed 2007 national and Texas grant opportunities, upcoming workshop schedules, fundraising projects, and new insurance offerings.

You had to be there for this year's workshop finale. The Texas staff was in rare form as they performed a skit that can only be described as 'indescribable.' Audience members were in for a treat as the first ever production of *Road to Starville*, an original screenplay written and performed by section staff, was staged. With public courts in danger of tear down to build a Little League baseball complex, two fiery tennis advocates were left to save the day. At first thought they called Superman, their most fearless tennis leader, but due to a top secret leadership conference in New Orleans, he was unable to help, but he sent his best back-ups, the Junior Tennis Super Highway Crew, who luckily knew just what to do.

The four, dressed to fit their roles as No Court, Short Court, Mid Court, and Full Court were able to convince the Mayor of Starville to hold off on tearing down the courts, because with minimal effort he could restructure the courts to be playable for Short and Mid Court tennis, putting Starville on the map for taking tennis to an entirely new level. Starville made tennis a priority because of the great opportunity it lends their children by giving them a natural progression through the beginning stages of the game, leaving them better prepared to embark on a wide-range of full-court tennis opportunities, including Jr. Team Tennis and the Texas Section junior competitive circuit. A special thanks to the Junior Tennis Super-Highway Crew for their outstanding work in saving yet another public facility from destroyed! Hurray!

Thanks to guest speaker, Jim McNeil of the Brownsville Tennis Association, who shared *How to Start a New Tennis Facility*.



Community Development Award Winners

Heavenly Volunteer of the Year JoAnn Padgett

JoAnn Padgett is one of the few people that have “transformed” herself from volunteer, to Staff, and back again. As a long-time national committee person, she currently volunteers for the Adult Recreation Committee as well as the Section Adult Recreational Committee. She has not missed an annual CDW since she started it when she was a staffer over 14 years ago. She is also in-the-know and ready-to-go to help grow Tennis in Texas and nationally. She has devoted her life to her family first, and tennis second. For that, she earns this award but deserves so much more. She literally has changed Texas tennis for the better and we all look forward to many more years of collaborating with, and learning from JoAnn.

CTA Umbrella of the Year Houston Tennis Association

How do we count the ways that the Houston Tennis Association was given the CTA Umbrella of the Year Award. They encourage and promote amateur tennis for all ages in the Greater Houston Metropolitan area by running singles, doubles and mixed doubles leagues, three ZATS, the Houston Coca-Cola Open, the Houston Coca-Cola SuperChamp, the Khiem Aitken Houston Junior Open, and the Tennis Express Houston Fall Festival. They also run two non-sanctioned tournaments. They award scholarships to Houston area high school graduating seniors who have been involved with tennis and are in partnership with the Houston Parks and Recreation Department to support the free year-round National Junior Tennis League (NJTL) program. They work closely with area pros to conduct the Competitive Training Center for the top Houston area junior players. HTA Volunteers also help with the Houston Block Party, Special Olympics, College on Campus, and a booth at the Houston Wranglers home matches. They started the HTA Tennis & Education Foundation which will use the funds for various projects throughout the city. Special thanks to HTA staff and volunteers for their dedication to Houston Tennis.



Houston Tennis Association.

New CTA of the Year Rockwall Tennis Unlimited

Rockwall Tennis Unlimited had a tremendous year as a major provider of tennis for the Rockwall community. With their efforts they were able to host several block parties, run a league program and even offer after school junior programming for the youth of the Rockwall community. Thanks goes out to so many who support this group but a special thank you goes out to J.R. Rahmzadeh President and founder of RTU for all his efforts and to make RTU the great champion of tennis it is.

Survivor Star Tina Anderson

With tremendous resolve and determination the Dallas Tennis Association's very own Tina Anderson was able to guide the DTA to another stellar year of programming despite some early adversity to the association. Also, a mighty thank you to those key individuals whose generous support helped the DTA overcome difficult obstacles and remain strong for years to come!

Bert Cole accepts her award from Kerlin Butchee.



Tina Anderson.

Clinician of the Year Bert Cole Master

Congratulations go out to Bert Cole of the DTA and USTA Texas Section for winning this prestigious award. Bert has tirelessly worked to promote the NJTL and schools program presented by Whataburger through the USTA and her work with the DTA. She dedicates above and beyond the normal 9 to 5 schedule many in her shoes would spend, to provide opportunities for all who would like to play tennis.

Hard Hat Award Amarillo Area Tennis Association

After several years of planning and fundraising, the Amarillo Area Tennis Association opened the Amarillo National Tennis Center. This center is an expansion of the original facility that won the award for 2004 Small Municipal Tennis Center by the USTA. Huge thanks goes to Ona Lee Johnson, President of AATA, and her enthusiastic crop of dedicated volunteers and tennis enthusiasts. You are a model of how far passion can carry tennis within a community.

JTT You Want To Be Me Award Wendy Bridenstine

Wendy Bridenstine has been committed to the Amarillo Junior Team Tennis League as it's commissioner for six years. She organizes three leagues per year with increased participation each and every year. A previous award winner, we want JTT Commissioners just like Wendy to carry the torch for this flagship program, and appreciate her being the perfect example of what running a successful JTT league should look like.

Coach of the Year Robin Nixon

Robin Nixon does it all: coaching, recruiting, organizing, and establishing programs for juniors. She encourages participation in tennis and is a long time supporter of the USTA Texas Section. We are inspired by Robin's dedication to the growth of the game, and are continually appreciative of her enthusiasm and hard work that often goes unrecognized.

Robin Nixon.



JTT On the Ball Award Jennifer Jackson

Over 700 junior tennis players take part in the NETT Jr. Team Tennis program every year, and it is no easy feat to organize and run a league this size especially when you are a new area league coordinator. Jennifer Jackson has stepped up to the plate and the program has not missed a step due to her effort and dedication.

JTT On the Ball Award Jenny Gray

When trying to find a new area league coordinator in East Texas, only one name kept coming up. Due to her persistence, energy and positive attitude, that name was Jenny Gray. She took hold of a Jr. Team Tennis program that was about to be dropped, organized a great Fall season and sent four teams to the Section Championships.



Whataburger PE Teacher of the Year Leslie Robinson

As a partner of the section, Leslie has done tremendous things for the schools program this year, as the new and improved curriculum, which she knows and presents better than anyone, rolled out. Her knowledge and enthusiasm for physical education, tennis, and the USTA Texas mission has made her an infectious presenter influencing hundreds of other teachers just like her to bring tennis into their schools and share the gift of a lifetime sport.

Leslie Robinson.

No Court, No Problem! Sarah Pernell

Dedicating the majority of her time to growing the game, Sarah Pernell goes above and beyond the call of duty, creating opportunities for kids when most of us couldn't. "Miss Sarah", as her kids call her, is notorious for meeting her kids where they're at, visiting local apartment complexes weekly, most of which have no courts. She sets up pop-up nets, brings foam balls, racquets, everything they need to start playing the game. While tennis is of course her mission, her driving force is her love for children and leading them to believe in themselves and their ability to be successful in tennis, but most importantly, in life.



Sarah Pernell.

Grassroots Guru Chuck Sanchelli

Taking beginner programs to the next level, Chuck has always been dedicated to grassroots programming, hosting a number of beginner level programs throughout the years, and transitioning them into his Jr. Team Tennis leagues. We appreciate Chuck's dedication to Fort Bend Tennis Services and to the hundreds of kids he serves each year through his programs.

Partner of the Year BlazeSports

Tennis is definitely not something BlazeSports created, but they were able to create an arena where new and existing collaborations would come to fruition in a format (run/roll) that was easily to duplicate across the country.

BlazeSports America is inspired to use tennis to fulfill their mission to maximize the potential of all persons and youth with physical disabilities through sport and physical activity. They are committed to the growth of tennis and all sports for all persons.

Collegiate Program of the Year Trinity University

The team came together very easily following the advice of Jacob Tingle (Director of Club Sports at Trinity) who had experience forming these kinds of teams. The team is fortunate to have three captains and a coach who are reliable, organized, and enthusiastic about this team. They communicate well and are willing to try new things with each tournament. Their love for the game encourages them to be able to continue playing the game through all aspects of life as well as to be able to share this wonderful game with others. Without the Tennis on Campus program, the students truly believe their ability to live out their passion for tennis would remain dormant.



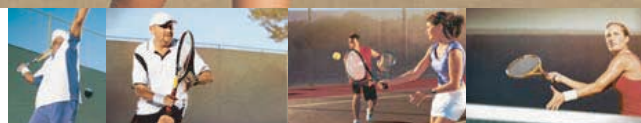
Trinity University Club Team.

Whataburger Family of the Year Mark, Sally, Taylor, and Keeley Brown

As a family The Browns have volunteered and participated in Jr. Team Tennis since 1998 but that is only a small glimpse of their tennis effort and dedication. Both Taylor and Keeley played #1 for Brownwood High School and won a district championship. Outside of high school, they have helped instruct Scoop It Up programs, became tennis officials and participated in Jr. Team Tennis. Mark has played adult leagues, helps assist Sally in coaching the Howard Payne tennis teams and volunteered on the Membership, Ranking and section's Jr. Recreation committees at the USTA Texas Section. Along with being the head tennis coach at Howard Payne University, Sally is the chairperson of the Jr. Recreation committee and Jr. Team Tennis Coordinator for Brownwood. The Browns have been quoted saying, "Tennis has been something our whole family has enjoyed and has allowed us to spend time together. We play the game because we love the sport, but we volunteer because we love the people, and the reward is the relationships we have made along the way and the friendships we have developed."



Sally Brown and her family.



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Junior news

Winter Nationals

Breaunna Addison of New Braunfels paced all Texans, capturing a silver ball at the 2006 USTA Winter National in Arizona. Addison, competing in the Girls' 12 Singles, defeated the second seed, Sachia Vickery, 6-0, 6-2 in the semifinals before falling to Jerricka Boone in the finals. Addison is currently ranked #4 nationally in Girls 12's.

Several other Texans captured bronze balls for third place. Those included Christian Harrison of New Braunfels, Mia Lancaster of Richardson, Mia Matuszak of Houston, Jordan Rux of Kerrville and Lilly Kimbell of New Braunfels.

Rux, the top-seed, avenged a previous loss to JT Sundling in the Boys' 18 playoff. Rux, from Kerrville, had a great run through the tournament before falling to Reid Carleton, 1-6, 6-2, 6-1 in the semifinals. The Winter Nationals concluded a great year for Rux, who is currently ranked #1 nationally in Boys' 18's.

GIRLS' 12 SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

(6) Jerricka Boone, Chicago d. (3) Breaunna Addison, New Braunfels, 6-2; 6-4

BOYS' 18 SINGLES THIRD PLACE

(1) Jordan Rux, Kerrville d. JT Sundling 7-5; 3-6; 6-3

GIRLS' 14 DOUBLES THIRD PLACE

Mia Lancaster/Mia Matuszak d. (2) Desimone/Falcone Wo (ill)

BOYS' 14 DOUBLES THIRD PLACE

(1) Emmett Egger/Christian Harrison d. (2) Campbell Johnson/Clay Thompson, 8-3

GIRLS' 16 DOUBLES THIRD PLACE

(4) Kaitlyn Christian (Calif.)/Lilly Kimbell, New Braunfels d. (2) Cercione/Kasler 6-2; 6-1

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Breaunna Addison



Lilly Kimbrell



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Mia Lancaster



Christian Harrison

Krueger Wins Eddie Herr

Aledo's Mitchell Krueger won the Boys 12 Singles title at the prestigious Eddie Herr International Junior Tournament in Bradenton, Florida. Krueger didn't just win this classic, he dominated it, dropping only a set and crushing Liam Broady of Great Britain, 6-0, 6-1 in the final.

Krueger's only struggle the entire week was in the round of 16 where he topped Jaehwan Kim of Korea, 7-5, 1-6, 6-2. In the semifinals, he defeated Norway's Johan Skattum, 6-4, 6-3.

The Eddie Herr International Junior Tournament has served as a springboard to the pro tour for such names as Steffi Graf, Marcelo Rios, Anna Kournikova, Maria Sharapova and Andy Roddick - to name just a few. Founded in 1987 by the man known as the "grandfather" of international junior tennis, the tournament attracts top junior prospects from all over the world. Last year, 1,260 players from 72 countries participated in the event, which is held at the Nick Bollettieri Sports Academy in Bradenton, Florida. After two days of qualifying rounds, 576 players entered the main draw.

"This event just gets bigger and bigger every year," Eddie Herr proudly declared shortly before his death in 2000. "The best juniors come from all over the world to play, and the successful ones go on to become a force in pro tennis."



Alexander Captures Doubles Title

Jessica Alexander teamed Lauren Embree to capture the Girls' 16 Doubles title at the prestigious Orange Bowl in Florida this December. Alexander and Embree defeated the Canadian pair of Gabriela Dabrowski and Brittany Wowchuk in the final, 6-3, 6-2.

In the semis, Alexander and Embree topped Americans Kristie Ahn and Alexandra Cercone 7-6(10); 6-2. Their biggest win of the tournament came in the second round against the top seeded duo of Adeline Goncalves and Charlotte Rodier. Alexander and Embree won, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, to open their path to the final.

Girls' 16 Doubles Championship

Jessica Alexander/Lauren Embree d. (4) Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada/Brittany Wowchuk, Canada 6-3; 6-2



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HEADS UP, PLAYERS

To improve consistency and help ensure fairness to all players, Referees and Officials will be strictly enforcing lateness rules this year. The Lateness Penalty begins when the match is scheduled and called, and any court is available. The Officials Committee and the Texas Section are strongly discouraging the "first match 15 or 30 minute grace period". Should a player be defaulted from a tournament for lateness, the player may appeal to the referee or if the decision was made by the referee, the player appeals to the Tournament Committee. If the match is reinstated, any penalties associated with lateness shall stand.

Officials will be closely following the Friend at Court guideline of starting to assess Code Violations after 2 overrules. Also, officials may penalize a player for abusive conduct from a person (coach, parent, friend) associated with the player.

Enforcement of the rules and regulations is not intended to be punitive. Rather, it is to encourage adherence to the Code of Tennis and to maintain high standards of proper conduct, fair play and good sportsmanship.

Maureen Connolly Brinker Special Achievement Award presented to Tara Eckel

Left to Right: Carol Weyman (MCB Executive Vice-President), Nancy Jeffett (MCB President), Tara Eckel, Cindy Brinker Simmons (daughter of Maureen Connolly Brinker).



John Newcombe's Tennis Ranch Sportsmanship Winners for December 06 and January 07

Tournament Name

Winner's Name

Division

Hometown

WACO CHAMPIONSHIP
JUNIOR MAJOR ZONE (CMZ)

Laura Jacobi

Girls' 14

Ft. Worth

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION
CHAMPIONSHIP MAJOR ZONE (CMZ)

John Davis

Boys' 14

Houston

KATY ZAT 1

Stephanie Williamson

Girls' 16

Katy

RGVTA EMBASSY SUITES ZAT

Carolyn Treneer

Girls' 10

McAllen

WALNUT CREEK ZAT

Hillary Parras

Girls' 16

Mansfield

Nancy Jeffett Sportsmanship Winner for January 2007

AUSTIN SUPER CHAMPIONSHIP
MAJOR ZONE (SCMZ 12_14)

Claire Williams

Girls' 12

San Angelo

Clarency Mabry Sportsmanship Winners for January 2007

AUSTIN SUPER CHAMPIONSHIP
MAJOR ZONE (SCMZ 12_14)

Adrian Garza

Boys' 12

Ceder Park

SE Texas, San Antonio Take First-ever Tri-Level Crowns

Despite some trying times, the first annual Tri-Level Texas Section Championships was an enormous success.

Before the event even started, teams and organizers were faced with some serious challenges, as the tournament hotel canceled a week play was to begin and the cold weather lingered in the Houston-area. But Kingwood Country Club and the Houston Airport Marriott hotel opened their doors to our players.

Jim Ward, Director of Tennis at Kingwood CC, opened the Kingwood pavilion to check in players and keep them warm while providing a fun social gathering place inside. The hotel gave us a hospitality suite to host a "meet and greet" party Friday night. Houston Sports Authority, under Events Director Cathy Dean, provided cases of wine for the party and the Texas Section provided hors d'oeuvres.

There was the great tennis played by the teams that make the journey.

In the Men's semis, Fort Worth defeated Dallas, while SE Texas defeated NE Texas. The finals found SE Texas victorious, defeating Fort Worth 7-5, 3-6, 1-0 at the 4.5 position and 7-6, 7-5 at the 3.5 line. Fort Worth won the 4.0 line 7-5, 6-4. Jon Williams captained the SE Texas Champions.

In the Ladies' semis, San Antonio defeated Houston and Abilene defeated SE Texas. In the finals San Antonio won all three lines, two in tie breaks: 4.5s, 6-1, 2-6, 1-0; 4.0s 7-6, 6-2; and 3.5s 4-6, 6-2, 1-0. San Antonio was captained by Becki Wortham.

The teams now advance to represent Texas at the Inaugural Tri-Levels National Championship in Palm Springs March 16-18.



San Antonio-Ladies Tri Champions.



Southeast Texas-Men's Tri Champions.



Abilene-Ladies Tri Finalists.



Fort Worth-Men's Tri Finalists.

