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Apex Fieldhouse
Site of NJTC Annual Meeting

Apex Tennis Center Fall 2019
Credit: Greg Shepherd
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Jennifer Stiebeling
NJTC President

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

Thanks to those who attended our Annual Meeting Saturday, January 25th, and thank YOU for reading this Newsletter :-). With 476 members last year and the potential for further growth this year, our Newsletters are one way we keep everyone informed. And, with League season just around the corner there is news to share.

First, our annual memberships dues have changed a bit for league play in 2020.

$95 Full Membership per person to play in 2 or more leagues. Also, discounted rate for Socials.

$50 Membership per person to play in just 1 league. Also, discounted rate for Socials.

$50 Full Membership per person for players 18-29 years of age to play in 1 or more leagues. Also discounted rate for Socials.

$45 Upgrade fee per person (30 years of age and older) to move from playing just 1 league to multiple leagues.

$30 Social membership per person for discounted rates at Socials.

Club Rep’s will be working with players based on their NTRP rating. Should players or captains have pressing questions/requests, Club Rep contact information is as follows:

NTRP Level

2.5-3.0 Maggie Carson maggiecarson87@gmail.com

3.5 Doris Minor minorkd@live.com

4.0, 4.5, 5.0 & all 55+ Women Hae Monroe dexterluca@gmail.com

4.0, 4.5, 5.0 & all 55+ Men Dave Kranzler dkranzler62@gmail.com

All mixed and all 65+ teams

Bo Thistle bbthistle@gmail.com

Maggie, Hae and Dave are new to our Board this year and we are thrilled to have them! I know that they, and our veterans Bo Thistle and Doris Minor, will do their very best to find everyone a team that wants one. I wish everyone the best of luck as 2020 gets underway.

Jen

NEW for YOU!

“Community Corner” on the NJTC Bulletin Board at the ATC

We have created a way for our members to reach out to one another. This takes the form of our new “Community Corner” on the bulletin board at the ATC. Members can post information/requests/offers for all to see. There are a few stipulations below simply for consistency. Whether you have a team picture to share, are looking for accommodations in Indian Wells, have US Open tickets to sell, or a PCT time you want to trade, this is your place to get the word out. We hope it will be useful.

1. Tennis related topics only.
2. Size limit 5 x 7
3. If your name is not displayed on the front, please place it on the back. Date of posting is also required on the back.
4. Any business related advertising requires the approval of the NJTC Board and fee’s may apply.
5. When the post becomes no longer valid, we ask that it please be removed. Otherwise posts are allow to remain for 30 days.

Has it really been a year already?
DO YOU KNOW “THE CODE”? 

I am sure everyone has experienced a discrepancy over the “Rules of Tennis” and “The Code” with their opponents. As we head into league season I will attempt to highlight some important Rules/Code you should familiarize yourself with… knowledge is power.

All players have a responsibility to be familiar with the basic rules and customs of tennis. Further, it can be distressing when a player makes a decision in accordance with a rule and the opponent protests with the remark: “Well I never heard of that rule before!” Ignorance of the rules constitutes a delinquency on the part of a player and often spoils an otherwise good match.

“The Code” is a summary of procedures and unwritten rules that custom and tradition dictate all players should follow. No system of rules will cover every specific problem or situation. If players of goodwill follow the principles of “The Code”, they should always be able to reach an agreement, while at the same time making tennis more fun and a better game for all. The principles set forth in “The Code” shall apply in cases not specifically covered by the ITF Rules of Tennis or the USTA Regulations. There are a number of things not specifically set forth in the rules that are covered by custom and tradition only. Further, custom dictates the standard procedures that players will use in reaching decisions. These are the reasons a code is needed. —Col. Nick Powel

PRINCIPLES

1. Courtesy is expected. Tennis is a game that requires cooperation and courtesy.

2. Points played in good faith are counted. All points played in good faith stand. For example, if after losing a point, a player discovers that the net was four inches too high, the point stands. If a point is played from the wrong court, there is no replay. If during a point, a player realizes that a mistake was made at the beginning (for example, service from the wrong court), the player shall continue playing the point. Corrective action may be taken only after a point has been completed. Shaking hands at the end of a match is an acknowledgment by the players that the match is over.

WARM-UP

3. Warm-up is not practice. A player should provide the opponent a warm-up of five to ten minutes. If a player declines to warm up the opponent, the player forfeits the right to a warm-up, and the opponent may warm up with another person. Some players confuse warm-up and practice. Each player should try to hit shots directly to the opponent. (If partners want to warm each other up while their opponents are warming up, they may do so.)

Stay tuned for more!

Vilura

Vilura Haas
NJTC Vice President
2020 LEAGUES HERE WE COME!

It is hard to believe that it’s already time to start thinking about the upcoming tennis season! Hopefully you have accomplished or have started working on all your offseason goals.

Teams are already starting to form. If you are looking for a team to play on you can enter your information at https://njtctennis.com/i-need-a-team/ and one of our Club Reps will try to help place you on a team.

If you plan on captaining a league for 2020 you must attend one of the two Captain’s Meetings:

**February 8, 9:00-10:30 am**
APEX Center (Randall Room)
13150 W 72nd Ave, Arvada, CO

**February 20, 7:00-8:00 pm**
Standley Lake Library (Meeting Room)
8485 Kipling St. Arvada, CO

**Upcoming Dates for Minimum Roster Deadlines:**
- **Trio**: February 28
- **USTA Mixed 18 & Over**: March 6
- **USTA Adult 18 & Over**: March 13

There are a few USTA changes for the 2020 year to keep in mind.

- Trio will no longer count toward NTRP ratings (so sign up a team and use it as warm up).
- USTA Adult 40 & Over leagues will now consist of 3 lines of doubles and 1 line of singles
- CTA 2.5 Women’s leagues will now have Flight Playoffs
- Players must be 18 years old prior to participating in any USTA league

Best of luck on the upcoming season. We look forward to a great 2020 season!

Laura & Jess

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Jessica Mitchell, Evening League Coordinator
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NEED A TEAM?
Follow this link to our website:
https://njtctennis.com/i-need-a-team/
Tennis in Town

USTA weekend mixed leagues start Sunday April 5th. On Monday April 20th we start 18 Plus for the women and men’s leagues on week nights. If you want to play, register ahead of time. For more information go to njtctennis.com and look for the tabs at the top of the page.

Captains Meetings are on February 8th @ 9 am at the APEX on 72nd Avenue or February 20th @ 7 pm at Standley Lake Library. FYI, these captains’ meetings are very important and mandatory that we attend.

High School Girls’ Tennis Season will begin soon with matches starting March 17th and running through April 30th with most matches being on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This will give us all a chance to go out and support our junior players and watch some good tennis. Our local teams include Arvada West, Ralston Valley, Arvada, & Pomona High Schools. For more information go to maxpreps.com

After School Tennis for kids begins in March on Tuesdays. This program introduces kids to tennis and gives them something great to do after school. For more information or if you would like to volunteer contact Wanda wandashep@gmail.com or Jen jenstiebeling@gmail.com.

Tennis @ the ATC is still happening on sunny Saturday mornings from 9:30–11:30. Register ahead of time with Julie Gall juliegall@sprint-mail.com. At just $8/person its a steal! If it looks like snow, call or go online to register for drills on the indoor courts: 303-420-1210 or register online at apexprd.org. Drills are happening just about every day! The pros and drills are very popular, which means if you want to play you have to sign up ahead of time and not wait! Plan ahead and work your plan.

Socials are happening the next three Saturday nights:

• February 15th (Valentines’ weekend)
• March 21st (St. Patrick’s weekend)
• April 18th (Big Dogs /4.0+)

*Big Dog Socials are a little different! We play for 2 straight hours (6-8pm & 8-10pm) and then socialize with food and drink.

Our NJTC club will provide adult beverages and most of us bring a dish to share. Again, register ahead of time @ njtctennis.com and at the top of the page find the “Events” tab. We have been filling up regularly with only 32 spots available (there is a waiting list if need be!).

Kevin

Come have some fun with your old friends and make some new ones too!

CU on the courts!
Kevin your Social Guy
303-803-8120
socials@njtctennis.com
Get ready for the 2020 Season with our very popular drills!

Adult Winter Tennis Drills
January – March 2020
Let our highly trained staff help improve your game!

PLAYERS MUST BE AT THE USTA RATING OF THE DRILL ATTENDING

Sign up online at apexprd.org/activities/tennis
- OR - call ahead: Apex Tennis Center (303)420-1210

* 4-hour drill cancellation policy in effect *

Coed 4.5/5.0 Drill........................................... Sundays, 9-11 am
Ladies 2.5/3.0 Drill........................................... Mondays, 9-10:30 am
Ladies 4.5/5.0 Drill........................................... Mondays, 9-10:30 am
Ladies 3.5 Drill................................................. Mondays, 10:30-Noon
Coed 3.5/4.0 Drill & Play............................... Mondays, 6:30-8pm
Ladies 4.0+ Drill............................................. Tuesdays, 10:30-Noon
Coed 4.5/5.0 Drill........................................... Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm

NEW! Ladies 3.0/3.5 Drill................................. Wednesday 9-10:30 am
Coed 3.5/4.0 Drill........................................... Thursdays, 10:30-Noon

*3.0 + Serve & Return.................................... Thursdays, Noon-1 pm

NEW! Coed 2.5/3.0 Drill................................. Thursday 6:30-8pm
Coed 3.5 Drill................................................. Fridays, 9:30-11am
Coed 4.0/4.5 Drill........................................... Fridays, 11-12:30pm
Coed 2.5/3.0 Drill........................................... Saturdays, 9-10:30am
Coed 3.5/4.0 Drill........................................... Saturdays 10:30-Noon

NEW! Coed 4.0/4.5 Drill................................. Saturday 12-1:30pm

Standard Drills are $20 for APEX PRD residents/$25 for non-APEX PRD residents

*Serve & Return Drills are $15 for APEX PRD residents/$20 for non-APEX PRD residents