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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Tennis Talk,

What a wonderful season this has been. The leagues, the socials, and the tennis camps have all been great, but if you are like me, it is getting harder and harder to find time and some ideal conditions to get out and play. So how about an indoor activity? On Thursday, December 9 we are going to have our annual business meeting and banquet. What a good way to wrap up a successful tennis season. This year's banquet is going to be held at the Best Western Motel, home to Ruth's Country Cooking. We will start with a social hour at 6:30, beer, wine, and soft drinks provided. Then at 7:30 we will either order from the menu or have a buffet, depending on how many will be attending. **That means that you need to let me know if you are going to attend.** Your only cost will be for the dinner, menu pricing if we go that way or less than 8 dollars per person if we have the buffet. After dinner, I think I am supposed to make a speech, it will be short, we will make some presentations, and then we will need to take care of the business of electing our new board for 2005. Don't let the business part scare you. We are going to have fun. Let me know if you will join the rest of us. RSVP at 331-1366 or send e-mail to [martypuck@aol.com](mailto:martypuck@aol.com). I hope you can make it.....Marty Puckett.....BTA President

### Mixed Doubles at Hillcrest Country Club

A big thank you to Melinda Calnan for coordinating another successful season of mixed doubles. Don't put those racquets away yet! We have some exciting news! Arrangements have been made with Hillcrest Country Club for our group to play on their indoor courts on Friday nights. The cost will be \$10 per person for the 2 hours of play. Play will begin in January. For further information contact Melinda Calnan at 333-0425.





### Men's Fall Doubles League

The BTA men just completed another outstanding season of doubles and the season, which lasted from September 16<sup>th</sup> until October 21<sup>st</sup>, once again enjoyed great weather with only one rainout. After several tough weeks of competition (and a confusing scoring system), Jon Morgan edged out Bob Gaut by one game (60 to 59); both men were tied at 8 sets apiece and the total of games won was used to decide the tie-breaker. Bill Amburn and Marty Puckett were close behind with 7 sets apiece and, like Jon, won a total of 60 games. Thanks to all who participated, especially to the people who substituted when regular league members had a conflict and also to the new faces we had this year.

Paul Meier  
Men's Director

## Mark Your Calendars!

**BTA Banquet  
Thursday  
December 9th  
6:30  
at the  
Best Western  
Hotel**



### Tennis Tip

**Practice first serves with a specific percentage in mind, say 60%. Serve in increments of 10, always trying to get a minimum of six in. Setting goals like this will help you focus and become more consistent.**

**- Tennis Magazine**



### Men's Summer Singles League

Over the course of June, July, and August, the BTA men competed in a singles league. Twenty brave men signed up to risk the normally brutal Bartlesville summer but were pleasantly surprised to enjoy generally mild weather. In the first half of the season, prior to July 9<sup>th</sup>, 4 groups of 5 people were arranged randomly. After round-robin play, the players were seeded into 4 new groups based on the first round of play. After weeks of tough competition, Keith Naylor, Jim Winslow, and John Hammett emerged as the winners of Groups 1, 2, and 3. Since Keith Naylor was in Group 1 based on winning all of his first round matches, he was the overall winner and also won all of his second round matches. I am still waiting on results from Group 4, which has yet to complete all their matches; however, I am willing to wait until next year. Special mention is also given to Tushar Choudhary, who wins the title of "King of the 3-set matches"; Tushar played four 3 set matches in all.

Paul Meier, Men's Director



Photo from the September season end luncheon for the Wednesday morning Women's League. It was held at the Philips Hotel Grill. A big thanks to Melinda Calnan for heading up the league and making it such a successful season.

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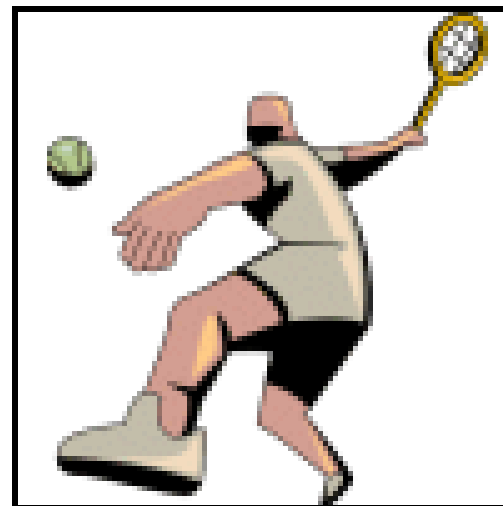
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We have several board positions that will be opening up for the 2005 season. If you would like to become more involved we need your talents and input! Please contact Marty Puckett at 331-1366 (w), 333-2485, [Martypuck@aol.com](mailto:Martypuck@aol.com) or let us know at the upcoming BTA Banquet.



**BTA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL**

For first time applicants: how did you hear about the BTA?

Chamber of Commerce  Newsletter  Friend  Newspaper  TV

List names of all members joining:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list anyone who might be interested in joining the BTA:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

New Membership? Yes No

Family ... .. \$20

Single ... .. \$15

Junior (under 18) ..\$5

Patron ..... \$25 or more

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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