

The Latest Racket

The Bartlesville Tennis Association Newsletter May 2003

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SOONER PARK TENNIS COURT WORKDAY

Bartlesville Tennis Association helps the City of Bartlesville with maintenance of the tennis courts. Tennis players in the area benefit from the availability of well maintained

BTA Guys and Gals,

If you have not yet paid your **membership dues** please do so. We've included the membership application for your convenience. You can also pay your dues to a board member at one of the events.

You don't have to be a BTA member to attend our first **Season Opener Mixer** on **Saturday May 3rd**. It'll be held at the Johnstone Courts starting at 9am and last till around noon. It'll be a great opportunity to play some doubles and get acquainted or reacquainted. **Refreshments will be provided** so do come to enjoy some tennis fun!

Speaking of tennis fun, Friday evening (May 9th) the **Mixed Doubles** starts its season, which lasts as long as the weather is good for tennis playing. If you are interested in playing as a regular or somewhat regular **contact Melinda Calnan at 333-0425**.

For those of you new to the BTA we have 4 mixers, three mens leagues, two ladies leagues and mixed doubles scheduled on the public courts, so there is plenty of opportunity for organized play.

There is also a **Friday noon workshop** (12:30-2:00) held by Pat Ritchie at Hillcrest Country Club at a group rate (\$10-15/person depending on number of attendees) for those of you who would be interested in working on the finer aspects of your game.

We also have further in this newsletter a **membership survey** developed by **Ted Lowe** to understand our members needs. You might be interested in reading the responses so far and encourage you to fill out the survey to help the Board members do the assessment.

Note that we are still lacking our Ladies and Youth Directors. We need volunteers for these positions. If you or someone you know is interested please contact John Hensley or a board member.

BTA website www.bartlesvilletennisassociation.org has been up for a year now and is becoming a viable center for events, scores, tennis and BTA info. Please visit this site regularly. We value your feedback, and suggestions.

The Ladies Court

The Women's Doubles has started on Wednesday April 2 at 8:00 AM and the Working Women's League on Tuesday April 1 at 6:00 PM.

If you want to play the games are being played at Johnstone.

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courts. The BTA organizes work days each year to do maintenance on the Sooner and Johnstone Park courts. This allows the city to stretch its maintenance dollars. It also demonstrates to the city the commitment of the tennis playing community to our tennis facilities.

The **BTA has scheduled a workday on Saturday, June 7** at the Sooner Park courts. We are asking members to show up for any one hour period to help with tasks such as tying down the windscreens, cutting back grass growing onto the courts, clean up, and adjusting height of nets. Please try to donate one hour of your time during the morning of Saturday, June 7 to help with this. Scheduling the hour is flexible for any one hour period between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon.

Contact Philip Van De Verg, BTA Physical Properties at 440 - 6223 or at Spvdv@aol.com

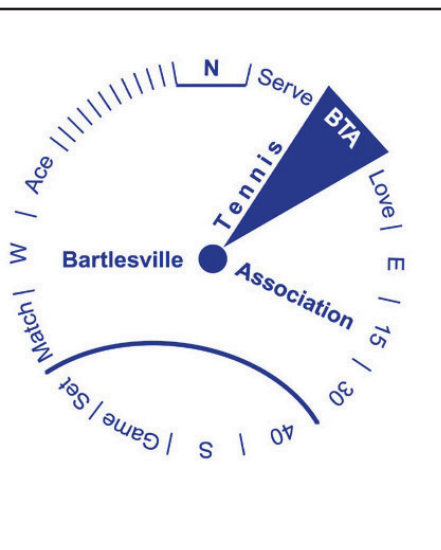
The Men's Court

The 2003 Spring Doubles League is in full swing! We play every Thursday night - 6:00 at Johnstone and Sooner Courts. We have 24 on the Regular Roster and an army of Substitutes ready to fill in (including a couple of the ladies - No Augusta National here!).

New folks on the Regular Roster this time around include Pete Olyniec, Talee Redcorn, and Jason Sutherland. Glad to have Rodney Deffenbaugh, Ted Lowe, and C.A. Mattheson returning to Thursday League play after short absences.

Too many talented individuals and strong performances to list, but rest assured, we are representing the BTA in fine fashion! Summer Singles is just around the corner, so let me know if you plan on playing.

Jon Lynch - Men's Director



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MEMBER SURVEY

We on the BTA board volunteer our time because we want tennis activity in Bartlesville to continue at its highest possible level. To that end, we are constantly re-examining how each department's responsibilities can be better defined to serve the needs of as many tennis players as possible.

In an effort to determine what it is about the BTA's work you would like us to maintain and what other opportunities for playing tennis that you would like to see the BTA offer, we have included it in this newsletter.

Please include your name when filling out your form and send to: BTA Box 69 Bartlesville OK 74005. If you don't fill out the form and send it in we will call you...so it would help us tremendously if you would take the time to fill it out.

Ted Lowe - Tournament Director

THE SURVEY:

MEMBER _____

WHICH OF THESE BEST DESCRIBES WHY YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE BTA?

___ A. I mainly belong to the BTA to show my support because of its contributions to tennis in Bartlesville (court maintenance, membership directory, etc.)

_____ B. I mainly belong because of the opportunities to play tennis it offers me.

WHICH IS TRUER?

_____ A. I almost always read the newsletter.

_____ B. I don't usually read the BTA newsletter.

IS THERE ANYTHING THE BTA ALREADY DOES FOR YOU THAT YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR?

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WISH THE BTA WOULD DO THAT IT DOES NOT DO?

WHICH OF THESE IS TRUER?

_____ I love playing in tournaments and wish there were more

_____ If there was a tournament I might participate but wouldn't care if there wasn't one

_____ I don't really enjoy tennis tournaments and would not participate

The BTA currently provides a 7-week singles league for men but none for women. WOULD YOU LIKE THE BTA TO EXPAND THE MEN'S SINGLES LEAGUE TO MORE WEEKS? _____

Provide a challenge ladder for contacting other members for singles competition _____

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES:

Over half of the people questioned so far belong to BTA simply to support tennis in Bartlesville, rather than because of an expectation of opportunities to play tennis.

Every single person said they ALWAYS read the newsletter.

There are some various suggestions worth reviewing regarding complaints:

1. Possibility that evening leagues like Tuesday night, Thursday night, and Friday night monopolize Sooner courts for public that might show up and want to play.
2. Can BTA help alleviate chasm between stronger and weaker players among weekday morning women players
3. Should BTA provide Saturday morning doubles for women
4. Should BTA provide ladder for men's singles or women's doubles
5. Should BTA expand men's singles league and/or offer it at a different time

No individual polled wished there were more tournaments.

Leagues:	Women's Doubles League	Apr 2 - Oct 22	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Wednesdays
	Working Women's League	Apr 1 - Oct 21	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Tuesdays
	Men's Spring Doubles	Apr 3 - May 22	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Thursdays
	Mixed Doubles	May 9 - Oct 24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Fridays
	Men's Singles	Jun 5 - Jul 24	6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Thursdays
	Men's Fall Doubles	Sep 4 - Oct 23	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Thursdays
Mixers:	Season Opener	May 3	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturday
	Cool Time	Jun 24	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tuesday
	Midsummer	Aug 12	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tuesday
	Last Harrah	Oct 4	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Saturday
Tournaments:	Singles	T.B.A.	
	Doubles (Team Entry)	T.B.A.	
Weekly Clinic: Fridays 12:30-2:00pm group rate coached by Pat Ritchie at Hillcrest			

<p>BTA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL</p> <p>For first time applicants: how did you hear about the BTA? <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber of Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> TV</p> <p>List names of all members joining:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Address: _____ City, State, ZIP _____ Phone: Home _____ Work _____</p> <p>Please list anyone who might be interested in joining the BTA: Name: _____ Phone: Home _____ Work _____</p>		<p>Date _____</p> <p>New Membership? Yes No</p> <p>Family \$20 Single \$15 Junior (under 18) ..\$5 Patron\$25 or more</p> <p>Total enclosed \$ _____ (Make checks payable to BTA)</p> <p>Mail to: BTA Box 69 Bartlesville OK 74005</p>
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