

The Latest Racket

The Bartlesville Tennis Association Newsletter March 2003

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Warm-up Exercises

Do a few minutes of stretching exercises. This will loosen you up for your tennis match and help to prevent injuries. Include shoulders, hamstrings, and waist. Loosen up your wrist and ankles by rotating them.

• Letter from the President •

BTA Guys and Gals,

Believe it or not, the **2003 BTA season** will soon be upon us, in spite of the recent cold, snowy and icy weather. The **first week of April** will begin regularly scheduled mens, ladies and mixed play, so it's time to dust off those racquets, limber up those arms and sharpen your swings! It's also time to **renew your BTA membership** and **recruit new members**. The dues renewal and membership application form is included in this newsletter. Please send it in ASAP.

Your board of directors are busily planning a special event, "**Bartlesville Tennis Festival**", for the weekend of June 27 to involve community businesses and organizations, as well as the public to promote tennis and the BTA. The festival will emphasize youth and family tennis opportunities with workshops and prizes. A team play tennis mini-tournament and possibly a semi-pro exhibition match will be offered. More will be said about this in later issues. We are also planning a booth again this year at Sun Fest, after our first-ever, and very successful appearance there, last year.

We want to **welcome three first-year directors** to the board this year: **Larry Hsing** - Treasurer, **Ted Lowe** - Tournament Director, and **Tom Flowers** - Secretary. Larry replaces Ina Stoeckinger, treasurer for two years. Charles Moll moves to Public Relations replacing Charlotte Hensley, PR and other posts for five years. Many thanks to Ina and Charlotte for great jobs. Other board members are shown in this newsletter.

Note that we are still lacking our Ladies and Youth Directors. We need volunteers for these positions. Will someone please step up to the service line? Contact me or board member if know someone who is interested.

Let's all have a great time with tennis in the BTA this year. 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. Watch for sign-up forms in the newsletter. We've been holding a **Friday noon workshop** (12:30-2:00) under Pat Ritchie at Hillcrest Country Club at a group rate (\$10-15/person depending on number of attendees).

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.

Happy Tennis to all in '03, hope to see you soon on the courts,
John Hensley, BTA President

The Ladies Court

The Women's Doubles starts April 2 at 9:00 AM and the Working Women's League starts April 1 at 6:00 PM.

If you want to play please sign-up by the form below.

Warm-ups (cont.)

Warm up your elbow muscles by rubbing them in a circular motion.

Both tennis players stand on the service lines. Hit about ten forehands and backhands letting the tennis ball bounce or, if you are a more advanced player, hit volleys without a bounce. Remember to follow through.

Move back to the baseline. Hit about ten ground strokes each. Mix in forehands and backhands.

One tennis player moves to the service line. The baseline player feeds the player at the net about ten volleys and then five lobs. Reverse roles.

Both tennis players move to the baseline. Serve three balls which are caught on the other side and served back. Rotate to the backhand/forehand side after total of six serves.

The Men's Court

We're not so far away - Spring Doubles begins April 3 and runs through May 22 (7 weeks of play w/ a rain-date built in). We'll play every Thursday at 6:00, either at Johnstone or Sooner, depending upon number of courts needed.

Start to think about your schedules and let me know your intentions - Regular, Sub, or Abstaining. Weekly schedules are based on prior week's results and will be sent out by Wednesday of each week.

You are responsible for finding a Sub if unavailable and I can be of assistance in that endeavor. We had "0" no-shows last year, so let's keep that up (of course that means I didn't collect any million dollar fines, but such is life).

As a refresher, Dues are \$15 and each seasons's Regulars pay an additional \$8. That makes for quite a bargain! Feel free to forward this on to any of your friends, enemies, acquaintances that I've missed. If you have any phone number, address, etc. up-dates, please let me know. That's all for now...

Jon Lynch - Men's Director

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February 3, 2003 Meeting Minutes

- Larry Hsing was welcomed as a new member of the Board of Directors and as the Treasurer. He reported that there is a current balance of 1832.86 in the BTA fund as 1-11-03.
- Bill McCarthy presented the Board with the proposed finalization schedule for Tennis Court Reservations for 2003. The schedule was accepted.
- A discussion was conducted regarding filling the Ladies' Director position and the concern over the current lack of organization in the women's league. Several ladies have been approached regarding the position with no one interested as of to date. John Hensley will continue to contact potential candidates regarding this position.
- It was decided that the annual end of the year meeting will be held 11-04-03.
- The proposed June Festival will be held on 6-27-03.
- The date for the Sun Fest Booth is thought to be 5-31-03
- Plans will be made to distribute the first newsletter of 2003 by the last week of February.
- The Board recognized Peter Olyniec, a new member to the BTA from the Houston area.
- Jon Lynch discussed progress

with the proposed Tennis Festival, and distributed a handout of a letter draft that he intends to provide to local merchants and the local newspaper. Jon stated that he had spoke with Tim Hudson, an employee of the newspaper and a BTA member. Tim ensured a story in the paper regarding the proposed Tennis Festival.

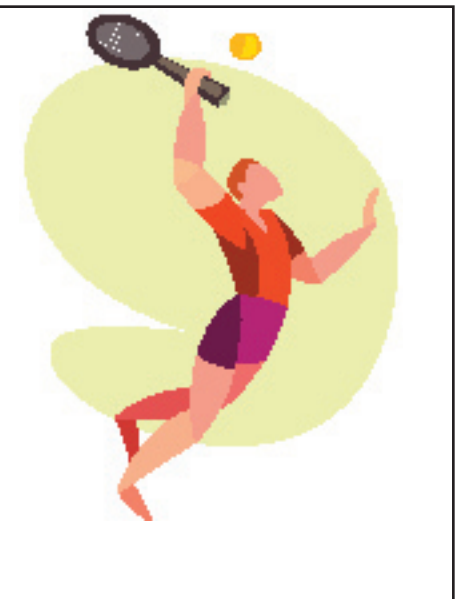
- Phil Van DeVerg reported that two wind screens were loose at the Sooner Courts and it appears there is a reoccurring problem with kids using the courts for skateboarding.

January 6, 2003 Meeting Minutes

- Tom Flowers was welcomed as a new member of the Board of Directors and as the Secretary. Charles Moll requested the role of Publicity Chairman.
- The open Board position of Treasurer was discussed.
- Ted Lowe was presented as the new Tournament Director. His recommendation for tournaments was to survey members with a questionnaire. He suggested that was in need of some restructuring.
- Bill McCarthy was re-elected as Committe Chair responsible for coordinating schedule with the Park Board of which he is also a member.
- Ina Stoeckinger's resignation was accepted with regret by

the Board. The Board members thanked her for her dedication and enthusiasm.

- Jon Lynch agreed to continue his role as Director of the Men's League. and Phil Van DeVerg agreed to continue his position of Physical Properties Director.
- Keith Naylor agreed to continue his role as Education Director and help Charles Moll publish the newsletter and maintain the website.
- The schedule for 2003 was discussed and approved after a few of corrections.
- A Committee to develop a youth program was created consisting of Jon Lynch, John Hensley and Charles Moll.



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| 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 | | | |

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| <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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