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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Tennis Talk,
Greetings all. What a summer this has been for Tennis , with just a little bit of really hot weather to make us realize what a gift we have been given with this unusually cool spell. I hope you have all been getting out to participate in our favorite pastime. There has been a lot of "Tennis" business going on behind the scenes. I want to thank Paul Meier for all of his work on the Summer Men's Singles League. Also to Mike Dronyk for working with the parks department to get new windscreens. Many thanks to Valerie Geerts for her effort on the children's Tennis Camp. Other tennis camp helpers were Laura Welch, Kathy Jones, Mike Dronyk, April Parker, Keith Naylor, and Melinda Calnan. We also had our Summer Social with a tasty Sub sandwich and some tasty Tennis too. Thanks to Margaret Puckett for her help with the social. I'm looking forward to Fall Doubles and we may put on another Tennis Camp, but for Adults this time. Let me know if you would like to participate in an evening Tennis Camp for adults. See you on the court. Marty Puckett - BTA President.

BTA Improvements

- Mike Dronyk is researching types and prices of replacement wind screens for the Sooner courts. He is also checking with BHS about getting new nets for the high school courts.
- Steve Byrd has purchased and donated at court cleaner for the BTA. It and a hose will be stored in the Johnstone shed. He will also price high quality nets. The BTA would like to purchase a few extra nets to have on hand.



**Men's Fall Doubles League**

After wrapping up a successful summer singles season, complete with unusually mild weather, it is now time to get back into the doubles mode. Put away your baseline game and get ready for serve and volley. Play will begin on September 9th and continue for 7 weeks through October 21st, starting at 6 PM every Thursday night, as usual. *It is not too soon to sign up, so reserve your spot by calling me at home, at work, or sending me an email at any of the various choices shown below.*

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**Mark Your
Calendars!**
**The last mixer of the
season is coming up.**

**“The Last Hurrah”
will be held
Saturday,
October 2nd
9:00 a.m.
at the
Johnstone courts
Donuts, drinks and
great tennis!!**

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Photos from the BTA Youth Tennis Clinic held in July at the Sooner courts. We had a wonderful turnout with approximately 26 kids. Lots of budding tennis players eager to learn and master the sport!

Photos from the June BTA Mixer. Both the June and August mixers were a big success with a good turnout, beautiful weather, great food and fun competition!



The women's doubles will be starting up their last session of play on Sept. 15th. They play Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. If you are interested in playing, please contact Melinda Calnan at 333-0425.



Tennis Tip—Adding More Zip to Your Serve

Once you've begun to master the basics of the serve--scratching your back with the racquet, tossing the ball in the same zip code each time, hitting at its peak--the next step is to give the shot some zip. That doesn't mean you have to lift weights or swing harder. In fact, the more relaxed your swing and the more flexible your muscles, the better your serve will be. But one thing you can work on immediately to improve your serve is your reach. Hitting the ball as high in the air as you can, with maximum racquet-head speed, is key for increasing the pace of your serve. Here's a simple technique to get you started.

Think "shoulder over shoulder." When you toss the ball, consciously keep your tossing shoulder high in the air. Then, as the ball rises toward its apex, bring your hitting shoulder up and think of it as coming over the top of your other shoulder. This will give you an idea of the explosive movement needed to hit the ball hard and at full extension. - Tennis Magazine

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2004 TENNIS COURT RESERVATION SCHEDULE



Leagues:	Women's Doubles League	Apr 7—Oct 27	8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Wednesdays
	Working Women's League	Apr 6—Oct 26	6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Tuesdays
	Mixed Doubles	May 7—Oct 27	6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Fridays
	Men's Fall Doubles	Sep 2—Oct 8	6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Thursdays
Mixers	"Cool Time"	Jun 22	6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Tuesday
	Midsummer	Aug 10	7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Tuesday
	Last Harrah	Oct 2	9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Saturday

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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