



## TLTA News

The Tellico Tennis Association is finishing the year on several high notes.



The men's super-senior tennis team represented the State of Tennessee at the Southern Sectional tournament at Hilton Head, SC. December 1 through December 4, 2011. The tournament was a divisional championship with ten teams from the southeastern states. The local team got off to a good start with a wins over Kentucky and Louisiana, but then lost a close match to Alabama. Going into the final day of competition the team was in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their division and a win would put them in the finals against a very strong South Carolina team. However, the opponents on the final day turned out to be the toughest team the TLTA team faced, losing several close matches. Overall, the team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the 10 team competition.

The team was composed of area players; Bob Stafford, Oliver Springs; Frank O'Donnell, Oak Ridge; Jerry Carney and Dave Peterson, Knoxville; Bob Rice, Greenback; Larry Denney, Jim Bennett, Larry Burkholder and Fred Bonney of Tellico Village. Jim Bennett led the teams winning efforts with a 3-1 individual record.

Hiwassee College has named TLTA member and USTA-TN Board member, Fred Bonney, (Professional Tennis Registry certified teaching professional), as their new head tennis coach. Hiwassee is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association, and while Hiwassee is predominately a junior college most of their matches are played against four year institutions.

The first indoor social for 2012 has been set for Knoxville Racquet Club, on January 20, 2012 from 6 to 9 PM. It will be a great time for renewing members to get started on the New Year and for new members to get acquainted with past members. The format is for the first 32 TLTA members that sign up to be in the draw for play. There will be a one point tournament, a new event that will take about 15 minutes. Other players are encouraged to attend and be on standby to play. It is a bring a snack to share type event and bring your own drink, and spouses are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$5.00 per player and no charge for spouses/guests.

Mark your calendars for August 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> for the ATP/WTA Tournament in Cincinnati. In the near future on the Web Site, [www.tlta.usta.com](http://www.tlta.usta.com) we will have additional information and signup opportunities. We will be able to obtain discounted ticket prices and room rates with 20 or more desiring to attend. TLTA members are given first choice on these discounts.

Early next year, (March or April), you will see information on the Web site about the Fall Get Away, location, dates and costs.

TLTA is a non-profit organization with membership open to all east Tennesseans. You may find out about joining TLTA by visiting our Web Site, [www.tlta.usta.com](http://www.tlta.usta.com)