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10th Annual Invest in a Child Dallas Tennis Cup October 21-22

Mark your calendar for the 10th annual Invest in a Child Dallas Tennis Cup. This year's fundraiser and tournament will take place the weekend of October 21-22. The big party will be held at Brookhaven Country Club that Friday night with dinner, a silent auction, live entertainment, a live auction, a raffle and more! The auctions will have trips (US Open, Hawaii, Indian Wells and more), wine lovers packages, gift baskets, autographed memorabilia, tickets to local sports and entertainment events, retail and restaurant gift cards, tennis and golf equipment and many other items. Tickets to the dinner (for those not registered in the tournament) are \$45 and include dinner, beer and wine.

The team competition takes place on Saturday at various sites around the Dallas area. Teams are forming now - make sure your club/facility is represented this year! Our goal is to have 20 teams. Entry fees are \$100 per person and included the Friday night dinner, team tournament registration, lunch and a player party on Saturday.

The DTA is also in need of items for the auction. (All donations are tax deductible.) Get all the latest information on the DTA website, www.dta.org, under the Events section.

Raffle tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$20 each. The raffle prize is a \$5,000 Visa gift card. You may purchase tickets in advance through the DTA Office or at the Dallas Cup party at Brookhaven October 21st. Dinner tickets are also available through the DTA Office at 972-387-1538 or office@dta.org.

Proceeds from this event benefit the DTA's Invest in a Child programs that provide free tennis and education programs for low income, at-risk youth and the programs of the Dallas Professional Tennis Association (DPTA).

Thank You for Supporting Adopt-a-Unit



A huge thanks to all the members/league players who donated to the DTA's Adopt-a-Unit initiative. We collected over \$4,000 in supplies and monies to send care packages to the two military units we adopted. The units (one in Afghanistan and one in Bahrain) will receive boxes filled with hand sanitizer, baby wipes, socks, razors, lip balm, beef jerky, tuna packets, granola bars, sunflower seeds, peanuts, hard candies, flavored drink mixes and thank you notes. In addition, the USTA will be sending these units QuickStart tennis packages (racquets, balls, nets and lines) to use for their recreation.

Thank you to our packing crew for counting and separating items, taping boxes, writing thank you notes and filling out address labels and shipping forms: Tina Anderson; Trish Chandler and her daughter, Colleen; Mary Lubinsky; Jane Morrill; Sue Toney and her daughter, Renee, and granddaughters, Bethany and Rachel.

Thanks to everyone for helping us support our troops.

Thank you to the troops for serving and protecting us!



DTA Annual Meeting Wednesday, September 21 7:00 at Canyon Creek Country Club

Come join in the DTA's Annual Meeting, open to all DTA members. Find out about the organization's accomplishments throughout the last year and the goals for the future (with a preview of the upcoming USTA league restructuring.)

New officers will be elected at this meeting. Here is the slate for 2011-12:

President - Steve Nolen (Canyon Creek)

Treasurer - Denise Lytle (Brookhaven)

Secretary - Jan Beeman (The Village)

VP of Leagues - John Kraemer (Brookhaven)

VP of Junior Recreation - Laura Worsham (T Bar M)

VP of Tournaments - Charlotte Ereckson (High Point)

VP of Advocacy - Jane Morrill (Seay/High Point)

VP of Fundraising - Tamara Schumacher-Konick (Brookhaven)

A big thank you to the nominating committee:

Kenni Driver (Brookhaven/LB Houston), Phillipa Nierling (Royal Oaks), Cindy Johnson (T Bar M), Rex Cuajunco (The Village), Barry Mellman (JCC) and Owen Stewart (Oak Creek).

If you would like to volunteer to serve on the board or other committees, please send an email to office@dta.org. All requests will be forwarded to the nominating committee.

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From the President



I want everyone reading this to start thinking about getting signed up for the Tenth Annual Dallas Cup October 21-22. This is one of the best tennis events of the year and is a major fundraiser for “Invest in a Child” programs. We have had full rosters of 360 players the last few years and we hope to have our biggest attendance for Friday night party.

Here is my Top Seven List of ways that you all of our DTA members can help make this year’s Dallas Tennis Cup the best one yet.

1. Play on one of the 20 teams so that we have 360 players again on Saturday 10/22/11.
2. Attend the party Friday night 10/22/11 at Brookhaven Country Club.
3. Buy raffle tickets for the “Invest in a Child programs.”
4. Donate an item or service for the Silent Auction.
5. Bring a new hat to be used by NTJL players to help prevent sun damage.
6. Bring gently worn clothes and rackets to be used in NJTL programs.
7. Make sure that more people from your facility come to the party so that we can have 500 people at the event.

It will be a special night and please come and introduce yourself to me at the party or during play on Saturday.

Finally, there will be many exciting changes to USTA league play going forward, and we believe that this will allow more people to play and get involved with tennis. So please try to get some of your friends who have stopped playing to begin in a league next year.

See you in October at the Dallas Tennis Cup!

Steve Nolen



USTA Offering Free 1-Year Memberships for 10 & Under Players

The USTA is promoting its 10 & under Tennis programs by offering free one year memberships (a \$19 value) through December 31, 2011. The membership includes a subscription to “Bounce” newsletter and makes players eligible to play in USTA tournaments and USTA Junior Team Tennis.

To purchase a membership over the phone, call 1800-990-8782 and mention source code NEWGAME3. For more information or to purchase your membership online, go to www.tryusta.com or 10andundertennis.com.

Junior Team Tennis News

by Sherri Rejebian

2011 JAM Sessions were a summer SMASH!

The DTA Junior Team Tennis (JTT) program offered 12 and under beginners something new this year: Play dates utilizing the Quick Start format.

Players from our Slam Jammer program and members of the Dallas Junior League hosted the 3 events that consisted of 3 hours of tennis fun and games. Players were introduced to tennis fundamentals through games such as jail break, wipe out, up the river and the BIG HIT King of the court!

The 3 hour JAM Sessions were graciously held at Royal Oaks Country Club, Highpoint Tennis Center and Las Colinas Country Club. We had a total of 30 players over the summer! Players had a SMASHIN’ time!

JTT plans to continue to offer Play Dates in the future. We hope to take advantage of the free annual USTA membership for potential 10 and under players.

Fall Junior Team Tennis Now Registering

Registration is now open for the fall season of Dallas JTT. Divisions offered are: 8 & under beginner; 10 & under beginner; 12 & under beginner, intermediate and advanced; 14 & under beginner, intermediate and advanced; 18 & under beginner, intermediate and advanced. The league fee is \$25.

Match play is on Sunday afternoons and begins on September 11th. More information can be found on the DTA’s website, www.dta.org, under the Junior Team Tennis section. For team information, contact Sherri Rejebian, JTT Coordinator, at jtt@dta.org.

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Tournament News

Upcoming DTA Tournaments

**Cotton Bowl Super Championship
Major Zone (16-18)
December 3-5, 2011**

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, November 15th
Fees: \$45 flat fee for singles and doubles
Events: Boys and Girls 16, 18 singles and doubles
Players must register in the same age division for singles and doubles. Players must include the name and USTA # of their doubles partner when they register. Only qualified players may play in the Super Championship division.

Enter online at tennislink.usta.com/tournaments, and use tournament id #800095911.

**Cotton Bowl Classic
December 26-31, 2011**

Entry Deadline: Monday, December 12th
Fees: Adults \$35 for singles, \$50 for doubles teams
Juniors \$30 for singles
Events: Adults - Men's & Women's Open, 3.0-5.0 singles and doubles; Men's 25s, 30s, Women's 30s singles and doubles; Mixed Open, 3.0-5.0; Father-Son doubles, Mother-Daughter doubles
Juniors - Boys' & Girls' 10-18 singles; Championship Boys' & Girls' 12-18 singles; Super Championship Boys' & Girls' 12-18 singles

Players must register in the same age division/NTRP rating for singles and doubles. Players must include the name and USTA # of their doubles partner when they register. Both doubles partners must be registered and fees paid (\$25 per player) before the entry deadline to be placed in the draw. Players can email seeding information to office@dt.org.

NOTE: If a player receives a new rating at the end of the year, he/she may still play this tournament at the old rating. You will need to register under the new rating, then send an email to the tournament director asking to be moved to the correct division.

Enter online at tennislink.usta.com/tournaments, and use tournament id #800019811.



The 2nd Annual Mini Mo Tournament Saturday, September 17 Kiest Park QuickStart Courts

This tournament is for players ages 10 and under. Age divisions are 5&6, 7&8, 9&10 beginner and 9&10 advanced. Matches will be played using age appropriate ball and racquets and on courts sized accordingly. The entry fee is \$20. Play will begin at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please email cartennis@aol.com or call 214-754-7065. This is a Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation tournament.

DTA QuickStart Series Tournament

The DTA held its second summer QuickStart Series tournament on July 30th at the QuickStart Courts in Kiest Park. The 16 participants played a team format tournament and received prizes and snacks. This tournament series was designed to introduce 10 & under tennis players to competitive tournaments and team play.



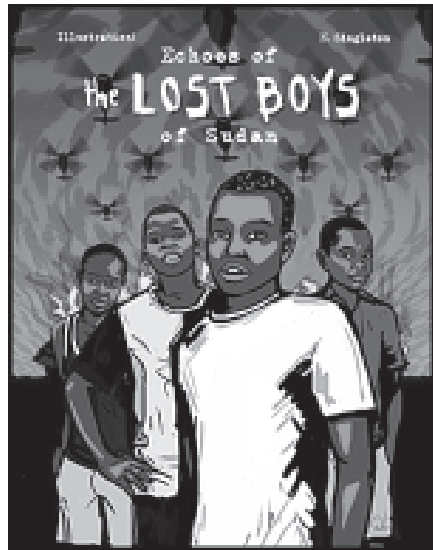
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DTA Community Calendar of Events

September

- 3 Fall NJTL Slam Jammers begins
- 5 Holiday - DTA Office Closed
- 9 Dallas USTA Fall Adult and Super Senior Leagues begin
- 16-18 USTA Texas Senior League Sectionals
- 17 Mini Mo Tournament at Kiest Park - MCB Tournament
- 21 DTA Annual Meeting
- 26 USTA Texas Section Tournament Directors Workshop in Dallas

October

- 21-22 10th Annual Invest in a Child Dallas Tennis Cup
- 29-30 USTA Texas Section Community Tennis Workshop in Austin

November

- 2-3 Dallas USTA Senior League Packet Pickup
- 10 DTA USTA Senior League begins
- 15 Cotton Bowl Super Champ Major Zone Tournament entry deadline
- 18-20 DTA USTA Fall Womens League playoffs
- 24-25 Holiday - DTA Office Closed

December

- 3-5 Cotton Bowl Super Champ Major Zone Tournament
- 9-11 DTA USTA Fall Mens League playoffs
- 12 Cotton Bowl Classic Adult Levels and Junior Open Tournament entry deadline

2011 DTA USTA Adult League Champions



Michelle Miller's LoneStar Ladies Team - Sectional Champions - photo by Derick Hackett



Lucy Muniz's 3.0 Ladies Team from Lifetime Fitnexx - Sectional Champions - photo by Derick Hackett



Robert Benner's Mens 3.0 Team from Canyon Creek - Sectional Champions - photo by Derick Hackett



Robert Bender's Mens 3.5 Team from High Point- Sectional Champions - photo by Derick Hackett



Shawn Arcaria's Mens 4.0 Team from Lifetime Fitness



Bea Demel's Ladies 4.0 team from High Point



Joel Pickett's Mens 4.5 Team from High Point- Sectional Champions - photo by Derick Hackett



Brannon Perkison's Mens 5.0 team from the Village



Ana Castano Mears' Ladies 4.5 team from Greenhill



Kelly Pearson's Ladies 5.0 Team from Greenhill- Sectional Champions - photo by Derick Hackett

Dallas NJTL Kids' Day at Kiest Park QuickStart Courts



League News

40 & Over Team Tournament Winners

Women

3.5 – Beth Mahler, captain
4.0 – Laurie Weatherby, captain

Men

3.5 – Steve Nolen, captain
4.0 – Rueben Muniz, captain
4.5 – Jerry Thomas, captain

USTA Dallas Adult League Sectional Teams

Women

Lone Star
David Picker 1/Michelle Miller, captain
2.5 Women
Canyon Creek/Charlotte Goodrich, captain
3.0 Women
Lifetime Fitness/Lucy Muniz, captain
3.5 Women 1st place
Canyon Creek/Chrissi Gumbert, captain
3.5 Women Wild
High Point/Donna Northam, captain
4.0 Women 1st place
High Point/Bea Demel, captain
4.0 Women Wild
Royal Oaks/Barbara Lown, captain
4.5 Women
Greenhill/Ana Castano-Mears, captain
5.0 Women
Greenhill/Kelly Pearson, captain
Open Women
Greenhill/Jennifer Engels, captain

Men

3.0 Men
Canyon Creek/Robert Benner, captain
3.5 Men 1st place
High Point/Bob Bender, captain
3.5 Men Wild
Garland/John Sisk, captain
4.0 Men 1st place
Lifetime Fitness/Shawn Arcaria, captain
4.0 Men Wild
High Point/Bob Somabut, captain
4.5 Men
High Point/Joel Pickett, captain
5.0 Men
Village/Brannon Perkison, captain
Open Men
Village/Brannon Perkison, captain

Mixed Senior Doubles League

Rosters for the 2012 USTA Dallas Mixed Senior Doubles League are due on October 12, 2011. To be added to the mailing list as a new team, email janeilpin@sbcglobal.net or call 972-387-1538 ext. 3.

The league will play on Sunday afternoons starting late fall 2011 and run into the early part of 2012.

Players who turn 50 in 2012 may register for the league starting on January 1, 2012.

The levels offered will be 6.0, 7.0, and 8.0 (combined ratings). There cannot be more than 1.0 difference in the ratings between partners. A team consists of three lines of doubles each team match. Level winners advance to Mixed Senior Sectionals.

New USTA League iPhone App

The USTA League iPhone application has been approved and is live in the App Store. Download it on your iPhone, iPad, and ITouch today! Please share with your coordinators, captains and players.

The USTA League iPhone application gets you in the game like never before. It allows you to track, measure and improve your league and your team at your convenience—with everything you need right at your fingertips.

Get the most out of your USTA League experience today by simplifying and maximizing the way you communicate with teammates and organize matches.

Features of the new application include the ability to:

- View league schedules
- Track rosters and records
- Research statistics and standings
- Find an NTRP rating
- Report a score from any league match

The Dallas Tennis Association

Presents:

USTA Dallas 2012 Senior Leagues *ARE YOU A '62 BABY?*

Did you know that if you were born in 1962, you are eligible to participate in the upcoming USTA Dallas Senior League?

Rosters are due October 12, 2011. The women have two separate leagues. One league plays on Thursdays, and the other one plays on Saturdays. Both senior leagues run November 2011 – February 2012. Players born in 1962 can register after January 1, 2012.

Men's rosters are due October 12, 2011. All levels play on Saturdays. The league will run November 2011 – March 2012. Players born in 1962 can register after January 1, 2012.

Captains of a 2011 USTA Dallas Senior League team will be mailed a new team number for the 2012 Senior League.

For additional information on the Senior League or to form a new senior team, email janeilpin@sbcglobal.net or call the DTA Office at 972-387-1538 ext. 3.

Summer Lone Star Tournament Winners

Lone Star is a USTA Texas Section program designed to give new tennis players a taste of competition in a fun environment.

The DTA hosts two Lone Star Tournaments per year. The first of two this year was held at the High Point Tennis Center on June 5, 2011.

Six women's teams competed in the DTA Summer Lone Star Tournament.

David Picker was the pro/organizer of the winning team.

Team members were:

Beth Raeder
Claudia Stewart
Daniela Goonatilleke
Dawna Walls
Geraldine Brown
Kelly Lilley
Lisa Jeffery
Christine Miller
Suzannah Aftosmis

Dallas Fall Lone Star Tournament! *September 11, 2011* High Point Tennis Center

HERE ARE THE RULES... Lone Star Women New!!!

- Advance to represent your city at the Fall Lone Star Sectional on October 22-23 held at the Dominion Country Club in San Antonio
- Can't have played USTA league tennis before/ can play Lone Star only one year
- Women 2.5 and below
- Easy to form teams – 3 doubles per team
- Players must be 18 (before December 31, 2011) or older
- Must be a USTA Member*
- Team registration on TennisLink (\$3 registration fee per player)
- \$75 incentive/per team to the pro organizing the team
- Have your team registered by August 28th to be included in the September 11th tournament

Call Jane Gilpin at 972-387-1538, or email or office@dtatx.org for a team number.

*To join the USTA call 1-800-990-8782, or join online at national.usta.com (no www).

Junior Recreation News

(Programs supported by DTA's Invest in a Child)

by Bert Cole

Hot Summer for Dallas NJTL

The Dallas NJTL summer program hit the courts day after day, week after week for 5.5 to 8 hours each day in 100+ degree weather. We worked with the inner city kids to help them learn how to play the game of tennis. The kids were great and pretty good sports about being out in the heat each day and all had smiles as soon as they saw the racquets and balls. We ran four (4) practice tournaments for them to get ready for the big one, the Dallas NJTL City Championship Tournament in which the top performers from each of the practice tournaments qualified to play for the bragging rights to be called the Top Player. Each of the smaller practice tournaments had approximately 200+ plus kids playing each time. Due to transportation issues, the schools that participated in the summer program unfortunately could not travel to participate in the activities away from their sites. With the heat index daily in the 100s, we kept the kids supplied with plenty of water and ice. Summer numbers were up from last summer and totaled 1455.

Slam Jammers Jamming in Atlanta (“Hotlanta,” as they say)

Dallas Slam Jammers did a great job at the ATA 94th National Tennis Tournament held in Atlanta, GA. The nationals are held every year the 1st week of August. Six (6) Slam Jammers competed in the tournament. The participants were Kalee Kuhn, Bradley Loftis, KeVon Webb, Alex's Gilbert, Victoria Gilbert, Elizabeth Gilbert. Players who came back to Dallas with a trophy: Elizabeth Gilbert (#1 seed) won 1st Girls 10 singles for the 2nd consecutive year.



KeVon Webb (right) at ATA Championships in Atlanta

Alexandra Gilbert won Girls 14 Cons. singles and finalist in Girls 14 Doubles. KeVon Webb (#1 seed in doubles) was a finalist in Boys 12 doubles.

USTA Texas Section NJTL Leadership Camp

Four Slam Jammers traveled down to Austin and participated in a four day NJTL Leadership Camp on the campus of the University of Texas given by the Community Development/ NJTL Department at the USTA Texas Section. The participants were Austin Gula, Debra Wehrli, Jordan Singleton, and Ashlyn Frey. They returned to let us all know that they had a blast and that the swim in Barton Springs was awesome! One young lady is really into history. When they went on the tour of the Capitol Building, the tourist guide told the group that she needed to be giving the tour since she answered not just one of the questions asked correctly but all of them correctly. She said that was the best part of the camp for her.

Dallas NJTL Kids Day

On July 22, NJTL Kids Day was held at Kiest Park QuickStart Center and The Kiest Tennis Center in Dallas. The kids enjoyed an extremely hot day of fun with hoola hoops, three legged sack races, water balloons, hitting with the coaches, playing for prizes. Last of all, they had a pizza and skate party at the end of the day. Approximately 276 kids came and enjoyed the day. All were saying it was the coolest day even with the 104° weather. What a way to end the summer season.

2011 Fall NJTL Slam Jammer Season

The Fall Season for Slam Jammers will kick off August 20 with a meeting for all parents who will have kids attending the fall session. The meeting will be held at Thurgood Marshall Recreation Center in Dallas. New this season will be JTT teams from each site and SJ II 10 & Under Tournament Players. The season will start September 3rd, with hopefully a temperature of less than 100°.

Sites for this Fall include: Bowie, Duncanville, DeSoto, Dealey, Islamic Center, JW Ray, Jubilee/MLK, Kiest Park, Princeton Courts, Samuell Grand, & the Bethlehem Center.

For more detailed information, contact Bert Cole Director of Jr Rec department.

Email or call: Bertsy@tx.rt.com or 817-247-9977.



2011 NJTL Kids Day - Players receive instructions



Slam Jammers at the Davis Cup in Austin (USA vs Spain)



Joel Valencia - 10 & Under NJTL tournament champion from Vickery Meadow site



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