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BY ROBERT RUBEL
 PRESIDENT, USTA TEXAS



Summer of 2010

What a fun and rewarding time it has been these last two years serving as president of the Texas section. I also was selected by my fellow presidents to chair the Presidents' committee of the USTA and was asked by Lucy Garvin to serve on the Budget committee of the USTA. I will admit to being challenged along the way; however, I believe we are

better today than two years ago. Our membership is up, our league play is up, and we are on the leading edge of the QuickStart Tennis movement in the United States.

First, I would like to congratulate Dr. Alfredo Trevino from Laredo – who will serve as your new president beginning Jan. 1, 2011 – and his wife, Tina, the new first lady of Texas Tennis. I would also like to congratulate the other officers and executive committee members who will lead Texas Tennis in 2011 and beyond.

As my term as president comes to an end this year, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to those who have served as president before me. Without their support and counsel, I would not have made it this far. I'm quite sure there are many volunteers who will step forward to help the new president as he starts to put his thoughts and ideas into growing tennis in our great state – just like so many did these last few years. This is not a job you take on by yourself; instead, you have many dedicated volunteers, staff, family and friends along your side each step of the way.

We have accomplished much but can't afford to slow down now. For the first time in our history, we have a format to grow the game in the 10-and-under age groups. I can't wait to see the results that this will bring, when children can start enjoying the game as early as 5 and 6 and really learn the strategies and techniques that it takes to become an accomplished player. I also think this format increases the fun factor many times over.

From the plains of Amarillo, to the gulf coast of Beaumont, to Laredo and across to Tyler, with many trips to the Hill Country, I have traveled the state to help grow our sport. I am always impressed by our loyal and ardent volunteers across this state.

So much energy and passion go into running leagues, tournaments, play days, clinics and all those things that bring tennis to the community and bring people together. A Texas-sized thanks goes to Ken McAllister, the best executive director in all the sections. I have enjoyed every day we have worked together. And to a great Texas section staff, thank you for the great job you all do every day.

And finally, a very special thanks to the first lady of Texas Tennis, Diane – I could not have done it without you! What a great time we had!

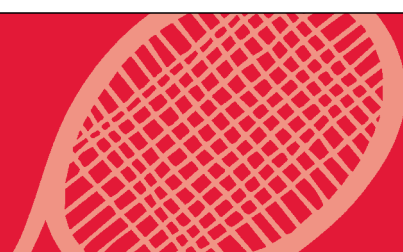


USTA TEXAS

Kenny Mc's Corner

BY KEN McALLISTER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, USTA TEXAS

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Thanks for Twenty

Please enjoy this walk back through twenty years of Texas Tennis volunteers and staff. You may remember someone you had forgotten. A name may conjure a memory or a meeting or a party as it did me. Each list is generally chronological, and I attempted to name no one twice except when someone served both on staff and as a volunteer. Under Volunteers, I only listed those who either served as a Chair or on the Executive Committee. Consider this as my way of thanking each person for the support and work toward making Texas the best section in the USTA. I look forward to several more years of working – and playing – together.

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League News

Eight Claim Titles at 2010 USTA Texas Senior League Championships

Almost 1100 players took part in the 2010 USTA Texas Senior League Championships held September 17-19 in Tyler. Teams from across the state competed in levels ranging from 3.0 to 4.5 at this event, which will be played at several sites, including Tyler Junior College (the main host site), Holly Tree, Tyler Tennis and Swim and Faulkner Tennis Center.

Wild Fort Worth defeated Southeast Texas, 2-1, in the Ladies' 3.0 Championship match. Both teams had advanced to the finals after winning their respective round robins.

Wild Fort Worth was captained by Kelly Greenwell and plays out of River Crest Country Club. Their team included: Carol McCluer, Lisa Gupton, Gina Ravnaas, Bea Kutzler, Harriet Willis, Teresa Brownlie, Anne Ferguson, Melinda Adams, Rudi Toler, Nancy Blalock, Dana Porter, Cathy Hayes and Olivia Kearney.

In Men's 3.0 play, Northeast Texas won a round robin to capture the title. This team plays out of the Faulkner Tennis Center in Tyler and included: Brian Eggerman, Bruce Dillon, Richard Peacock, Ramsay Walker, Ted Heithecker, Charles Wilcox, Thomas Sutsch and David Barnett.

Fort Worth also won the Ladies' 3.5 Championship. Fort Worth blanked Northeast Texas, 3-0, in the championship match. In the semifinals, Fort Worth edged San Antonio and Northeast Texas snuck past Midland.

Playing out of the Richland Tennis Center, this team was captained by Karen Osborne and included: Pat Norman, Janet Cunningham, Marilyn Trevathan, Deena Nutt, Tracey Driver, Bonnie Harwell, Gina Tallent, Gayle Hale, Susie Gilinsky, Casey Jones and Nelda Sledd.

Fort Worth continued its domination in the Men's 3.5 division, winning a narrow, 2-1, victory over Austin in the finals. Both teams reached the finals after sweeping their competition in round robin play.

Gary Driver captained the team, which was based out of TCU. Team members included: Roy Guinnup, James McBurney, Rob Owen, Leslie Derdeyn, Cullen Turner, Gary Wright, Bill Miller, John



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Brefczynski, Jeffrey Garner and Rusty Hall.

The Ladies' 4.0 Championship was decided when Dallas won a narrow victory over Austin in the title match. After winning their respective round robins, Dallas edged San Antonio,

while Austin blanked Houston, in the semifinals.

The Dallas team was based out of The Greenhill School. They were captained by Trish Chandler and included: Carol Bernon, Nidia Bridges, Nancy Johnson, Debbie Koporec, Betsy Lawson, Linda Bagley, Jannese Knaus, Cassie Atkeisson, Sherri Allen, Mary Freet and Susan Hull.

Houston won the 4.0 Men's title under captain Ron Fisher. Houston blanked Austin, 3-0, in the finals and Wild Dallas, 2-1, in the semifinals. Austin topped Wild Austin, 3-0, in the semifinals.

The Houston team played out of the Houston Racquet Club and included: Robert Hogan, Paul Christian, Michael Spoor, Mark Kobelan, Michael Brunner, Rodney Kubicek, Tim Purcell, William Daughtrey, Phil Kerig, Steven Smith, Tim Jordan, Richard Hunter, Nicholas Stephens, Bradley Dawson and James Wooten.

Houston defeated Dallas, 2-1, to take the Ladies' 4.5 Championship. Both teams had captured round robins to reach the final.

Based out of Memorial Park Tennis Center, the ladies were captained by Rox Ann Schanzenbach. Also on the team were: Susan Bramlette, Daryl Lerner, Mary Morgan, Lisa Caledonia, Kathy Anderson, Carol St. Clair, Melinda Herrick, Connie Weinholtz and Carla Baker.

Houston also took the Men's 4.5 crown, as Jimmy Kilshaw's team squeaked past Northeast Texas. Both teams finished the round robin at 3-1, but the Kingwood Crushers, based out of Memorial Park Tennis Center, won one more individual line.

Also on the team were: Walter Fortenberry, John Berryhill, Jim Hamilton, Juan Lopez, Mark Willingham, David Hall, Robert Zlotnik, John Burmann, Mark Judson, Louie Aro, Ward Jannuzzi and Thomas Courson.



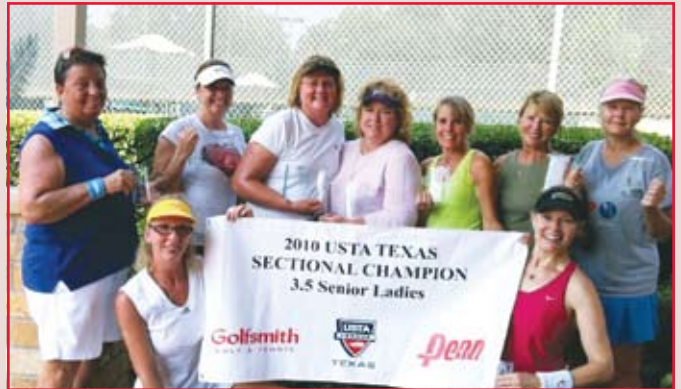
Northeast Texas Senior Men 3.0



Wild Fort Worth Senior Ladies 3.0



Fort Worth Senior Men 3.5



Fort Worth Senior Ladies 3.5



Houston Senior Men 4.0



Dallas Senior Ladies 4.0



Houston Senior Men 4.5



Houston Senior Ladies 4.5

MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2010 USTA Texas Mixed Doubles Leagues Championships were held in Corpus Christi, October 1-3. Four teams, Northeast Texas (MXD 6.0), Wichita Falls (MXD 7.0), Dallas (MXD 8.0) and Fort Worth (MXD 9.0), won titles during a beautiful weekend, highlighted by perfect, 'chamber of commerce' weather. Rumor has it there was even very little wind.

Northeast Texas took the 6.0 division, going an undefeated 4-0 in their 5-team round robin. NETX completely dominated, never losing a single line and only dropping two sets along the way to the title.

Meridith Twaddell captained the team from Tyler's HollyTree Country Club. Also on the team were: Stacy Leach, Lynette Ogletree, Tim Twaddell, Chris Phillips, Tiffani Daniels, James Minton, Joseph Martellotto, Blake Daniels, Karen Minton, Kelli Armstrong and Christopher Foreman.

In 7.0 play, Wichita Falls swept through the competition like a North Texas storm front. After sweeping their 4-team round robin, Wichita Falls then swept Northeast Texas, 3-0, in the semifinals, then blanked Austin, 3-0, in the championship. Austin reached the final with a 2-1 victory over Southeast Texas in the semifinals.

Wichita Falls team included; Larry Wiggins, Tammy Williams, Bonnie Husband, Larry Murdock, Leslie Towry, J. E. Mendez, David Hettick, Ray Featherston, Adrian Wainscott, Margaret Lindley, Susan Gooch and Eden Buddemeyer.

Dallas snuck out of the 8.0 division with the title. Dallas advanced to the semifinals, based on a tiebreaker over Amarillo. In the semifinals, Dallas edged Waco, 2-1, while Houston got past Southeast Texas by the same score. In the finals, Dallas defeated Houston, 2-1, to claim the championship.

Alan Abbruzzese captained the team from Dallas that plays out of SpringPark. Also on the team were: Eugene Davis, Elizabeth Diano, Danielle White, Marilee Gaughan, Michael Kelly, Mike Pearson, Jeannette Ledezma, Melanee Rackley, Susan Doyle, Rafael Ledezma and Heather Stevens.

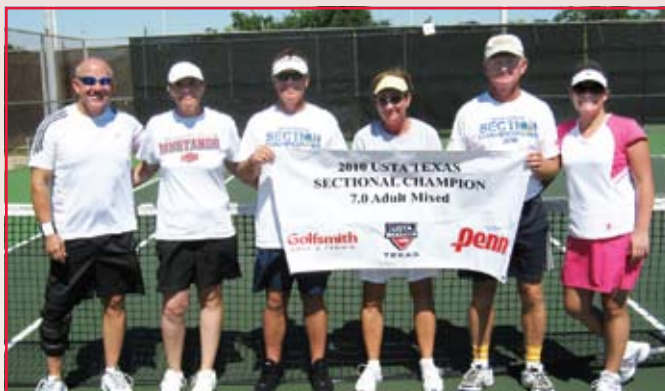
Fort Worth, the defending national champions, defended their sectional title in the 9.0 division. Fort Worth and Dallas reached the championship match after claiming their 5-team round robins. In the final, Fort Worth blanked Dallas, 3-0, to retain their title.

The Fort Worth team plays out of Rivercrest Country Club and is captained by Rafael Omana. The team also includes: Jackie Daniel, Ricardo Omana, Athena Cajas, Lili Luth, Raquel Syre, Jason Moore, Jack Sheehy, Seth McCarthy, Ana Castano-Mears, Alana White, Moira Taylor, Jan Flynn, Justin Huffman, Ryan Thomas and Lillian Cobb.

The winning teams now advance to the USTA National Mixed Doubles League Championships to be held in Tucson, Arizona. The 7.0 and 9.0 levels will play November 12-14, while the 6.0 and 8.0 levels will play the following weekend, November 19-21.



Northeast Texas 6.0 Mixed Double Champions



Wichita Falls 7.0 Mixed Double Champions



Dallas 8.0 Mixed Double Champions



Fort Worth 9.0 Mixed Double Champions



**Austin 7.0 Mixed Double
Runner-Up**



**Houston 8.0 Mixed Double
Runner-Up**



**Dallas 9.0 Mixed Double
Runner-Up**

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Dallas 4.5 men and the Fort 3.5 senior men had a great weekend at their respective USTA League National Championships, Oct. 8 to Oct. 10.

The Dallas 4.5 men won three tight 3-2 matches in pool play Friday and Saturday, to reach the semifinals at the USTA League 4.5 Adult National Championships held at the Reffkin Tennis Center in Tucson, Ariz. They defeated teams from Phoenix, Tacoma, Wash. and Fremont, Calif.

In the semifinals, Dallas came up a bit short, falling 3-2 to a very strong team from Cleveland, Ohio, representing USTA Midwest. The Dallas men did rebound, defeating a team from Manhattan Beach, Calif. (USTA Southern California), 4-1 for third place.

Captain Rusty Branch led the men from Dallas, with acting co-captain Todd Feldman. The team also included Brandon Underwood, Kevin Durten, Donnie Pollard, Chris Slezak, Wil Saqueton, Justin Huffman, Wesley James, Paul Kiron, Walter Williams and Jehan Ahktar

The men's team from San Juan, P.R., representing the USTA Caribbean, captured the national title defeating Cleveland, 3-2 in the final.



The 3.5 senior men from Fort Worth also won their pool play Friday and Saturday to reach the semifinals at the USTA League 3.5 Senior National Championships held at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, Calif. They defeated teams from Indianapolis, Montgomery, N.Y. and Phoenix.

Fort Worth dropped a 2-1 decision to Trumbull, Conn. in the semifinals, then fell, 3-0 to Lafayette, La., in the third place match to finish in fourth place.

The team was lead by Co-captains Jeffrey Garner and Gary Driver and included Rob Owen, Gary Wright, Rusty Hall, Bill Miller, John Brefczynski and Roy Guinnup.

The senior men's team from Oahu, Hawaii swept Trumbull, 3-0 in the final to claim to championship.

This year's USTA League National Championships drew the top 34 teams (17 men's and 17 women's) in each division from throughout the nation.

USTA League is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Since its inception in 1980, USTA League has grown from 13,000 participants in its first year, to over 750,000 players across the nation today, making it the world's largest recreational tennis league.

General News

Texans honored at USPTA Annual Meeting

SNOW HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY BY USPTA

Randy Snow was inducted in the USPTA Hall of Fame posthumously during the USPTA annual awards breakfast during its annual World Conference Sept. 27 - Oct. 2 at the La Quinta Resort and Club in La Quinta, Calif.

Snow, who was from Terrell, Texas, was a USPTA Pro 1 for 17 years, and joins only 10 others as a grand inductee in the USPTA Hall of Fame.

He became the first Paralympic athlete inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 2004. He was a silver medalist in the 1,500-meter wheelchair race held at the 1984 Summer Olympics. He won gold medals in both singles and doubles with Brad Parks at the 1992 Summer Paralympics in Barcelona. He was the only athlete to win medals at the Paralympic Games in three different sports – tennis, basketball, and track and field. He also won the U.S. Open Wheelchair singles titles 10 times and doubles six times.

Snow also excelled in the corporate world, devoting 20 years to a highly successful medical supply company and also worked as a recreational therapist. In 1999 he started his own company, called No XQs (No Excuses), and traveled extensively as a motivational speaker. He spoke of how he was paralyzed from the waist down at the age of 16, when he was crushed by a 1,000-pound bale of hay in a farming accident.

He was considered a pioneer and an innovator in the wheelchair industry and helped improve the designs for athletes and improve the lives of many disabled people. He devoted his time to giving back and sharing the game of tennis. He was doing what he truly loved during his last days as he volunteered at a wheelchair tennis camp in El Salvador.

“Randy was a great ambassador for tennis and his courage, fortitude and ability to strive for excellence was exemplary,” said USPTA CEO Tim Heckler. “He has been a role model for all tennis players and has had an incredible influence on players with disabilities, especially with his help to create the first course and certification exam for teaching wheelchair tennis.”



Ron Woods, USPTA Pro Of The Year



Ron Woods, of Corpus Christi, who has been involved in tennis for more than 45 years and has been a USPTA member for 44 years, received the United States Professional Tennis Association’s Alex Gordon Award for the Professional of the Year.

Woods was also honored for achieving Master Professional status and received the individual award for Tennis Across America.

The professional of the year is judged in seven areas, including: contributions to USPTA and USTA; as a teaching professional, player and coach; education, research and publications; organizational affiliations; and contributions to the community.

Woods has been very committed to the USPTA. He is the past president of the USPTA and serves on the USPTA Executive Committee. He is the past president of USPTA’s Texas Division and has served as chairman of various USPTA committees, including budget and

finance, tournament, and sports marketing. In addition, he has also been highly involved with the USTA Texas section and has served as chair of both the adult league and adult senior competition committee. At the USTA national level, he has served on the Davis Cup, adult league and innovations committees.

After playing collegiate tennis for four years at the University of Houston, he started as an assistant tennis professional in 1965 and then went on to become the director of tennis at the Corpus Christi Country Club from 1970 until 2001.

Woods has also made giving back to the community a priority. He has donated his time to raise funds for the Tennis Success Program, which is a nonprofit in Corpus Christi for underprivileged and at-risk youth. He also has hosted a Tennis Across America event for the last 20 years for his local community.

He is currently a HEAD/Penn Racquet Sports Advisory Staff Member. Previous accolades include receiving the Texas Proud Award in 1994 and the USPTA Texas Pro of the Year in 1987.

US OPEN RECAP

Texas was once again well represented in New York during the 2010 U.S. Open, which ran at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center from August 30 to September 13.

Four Texas juniors made the trek: Dane Webb, Shane Vinsant, Mitchell Krueger and Blair Shankle.

Shankle reached the final round of qualifying, falling 76 64 to Sabina Sharipova of Uzbekistan. She had previously defeated Tunisia's Nour Abbas, 62 64.

Shane Vinsant suffered the same fate, winning 64 62 over Luis Patino of Mexico before falling to Brazilian Karue Sell, 62 76.

Both Dane Webb and Mitchell Krueger were direct entries to the main draw. Webb dropped a tough three-set decision to Italy's Giammarco Micolani, 46 76 64 in the first round. Krueger lost 60 61 to the third-seeded Tiago Fernandes of Brazil.

Krueger and Webb teams in the doubles, winning their first round match, 64 64 over Libor Salaba of the Czech Republic and Chuhan Wang of China. They fell in the second round to the eventual champions, Duilio Beretta of Peru and Roberto Quiroz of Ecuador, 62 62.

Liesel Huber, who now resides in Cypress outside of Houston, reached the final of the U.S. Open Doubles Championship for the third year in a row, as she and her partner, Nadia Petrova, fell 26 64 76 to Vania King and Yaroslava Shvedova in the final.

Also representing Texas at the event were plenty of officials.

Among the official invited to work at the 2010 U.S. Open Championships were the following Texans: Lee Ann Bain, Susan Burns, Eliza Cotner, Ray Delcastillo, Carrie Hinueber, Beatrice Hummel, Alaine Hutson, GiseleGigi Johnson, Kevin Labor, Carol Linden, Ken McCain, Kathleen O'Connor, Gail Pennington, Roger Pennington, Sammie Poulsen, Suzanne Pranke, Seande Pulley, Jim Robinson, Margaret Smith, Richard Soukup and Susan Wertenberger.

Carrie Hinueber chaired the Wheelchair Quad Doubles Final, while Kathleen O'Connor was not only selected to work the Women's Final, she was the Crew Chief. Susan Burns chaired Junior Girl's Singles Championship and was selected to work the Men's Final. Gail Pennington was also selected to work the Men's Final.

Of course they couldn't run the tournament without Texans Dessie Samuels, Billie Lipp, and Roz Tuerk, who keep all of the officials moving smoothly through the hundreds of matches played.

Other Texans Honored at the USPTA World Conference

Emily Schaefer of Houston

is honored with the USPTA Industry Excellence Award for the United States. This was in honor of her work with public park tennis in Houston. She is our Vice President of Community Development.

Ken Sumrow of Plano

receives the Lessons for Life Award for his tennis-related fundraising efforts. Ken serves on our Awards Committee.

David Licker of Frisco

received the Touring Coach of the Year Award. Dave is currently the Chairman of our Texas Section Coaches Commission.

Guillaume Gauthier of Tyler

received the Men's 35 Player of the Year award. He also serves on the USPTA Texas Board.

Kathy Vick of Lubbock

received the Women's 45 Player of the Year Award. She recently won our Senior Spirit Award.

Randy Mattingley of Kingwood

received his Master Professional certification from the USPTA. Randy is a past member of our Management Committee and is a current member of the USPTA national Board.

Finally, it came as little surprise that the USPTA Texas Division received an unprecedented 7th Division of the Year Award. This was accepted by USPTA Texas President Jim Sciarro of Tyler and Texas Executive Director Christy Sobey of Fort Worth.

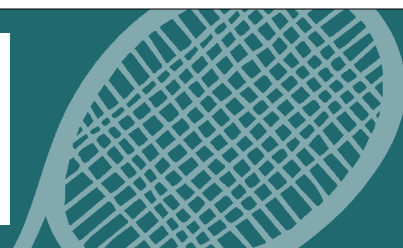








Love Match- Carolyn and Courtney Henderson



Mixed doubles has been known to be hard on a relationship. So some folks opt to play the event with someone they're not married to. But in Husband/Wife Doubles, it's "Players, Beware!"

The relationship you risk may be your marriage.

Courtney and Carolyn Henderson of Richardson have taken risk by the tail and emerged as the most successful husband/wife doubles team to take to the Texas and national courts in a long time. The past two years they have won two "Grand Slams" in the Husband/Wife 140 division. That is, they have won all the national championships--grass, hard and clay courts--six consecutive events in 2009 and 2010. (There is no indoor courts championship in that division.)

140 means the combined ages of husband and wife must equal 140. Courtney is 76 and Carolyn 75, so they could play Husband/Wife 150 if it existed, but it doesn't . . . yet.

And they've stayed married for 53 years! We asked Courtney the secret to their success both on and off the courts, and he said, "I just let Carolyn do her thing!"

As a former teaching pro (him) and someone who won the Texas high school state championship (her), they have had lots of tennis

experience separately as well as together. On their home bookshelves are the 12 gold balls won in the last two years, as well as many silver and a few bronze balls they've won individually.

But it's the years of playing together they feel gives them the edge over the competition. The national draws are usually 12-14 couples, many of whom they've played before.

Again, Courtney gives Carolyn most of the credit. "I don't move too badly," he says, "but Carolyn runs like a deer. Nobody moves like she does, especially at her age."

Carolyn plays the deuce court and uses the lob very effectively. Then all Courtney has to do after she "grinds them down" is to get the game point. Sounds easy, doesn't it? Mixed doubles, however is notoriously hard on the woman, so Courtney is glad to have a tough woman on his side of the net.

Courtney, at least, is looking forward to more national events in 2011. Carolyn, however, is less enthusiastic, but the events are held in such great places--Palm Beach, Pacific Palisades and Charlotte--and winning prizes like 80,000 miles on Hawaiian Airlines add to fun they have. So don't be surprised to read next year that the Hendersons have once again cornered the market on gold balls in the Husband/Wife Doubles event and are still happily married!



Junior
News



QST Tournament Series

QuickStart Tennis quickly has caught on among parents and tennis pros who are trying to entice younger players into the sport. In 2011, this new format will have its own 27-tournament series endorsed by the USTA.

Each tournament will be team based, co-ed, non-elimination play with two divisions: 8-and-under and 10-and-under. Also, the tournaments will be required to correctly follow all six specifications of the QuickStart format:

- Two separate age divisions – 8-and-under and 10-and-under.
- Smaller court size depending on age.
- Shorter nets for 8-and-under division.
- Special tennis balls are in play.
- Competitors use youth-sized racquets.
- Special scoring methods depending on age.

QuickStart Tennis is an ideal way to introduce young players to the sport. It is a fast and fun way to get them started and keep them playing.

Be sure to check out the Texas section website – texas.usta.com – for upcoming tournament dates and registration information.

QuickStart Tennis sign-ups planned for 2011

There are a number of Junior Team Tennis QuickStart Tennis sign-up days planned for 2011.

While many will be scheduled in existing Junior Team Tennis leagues, others will take place in non-traditional Junior Team Tennis markets such as elementary schools that have painted QuickStart Tennis lines on their blacktops.

Our goal is to provide additional resources to our Junior Team Tennis partners to reach beyond their traditional contacts and market and promote QuickStart Tennis and Junior Team Tennis to the masses of their local communities.

The events will be a festival-type atmosphere, with players able to win prizes and parents able to get information about the leagues and sign up.



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Junior Team Tennis incorporating QuickStart Tennis into league play

With spring of 2011 just around the corner, be on the lookout for QuickStart Tennis leagues in your area.

Many Junior Team Tennis leagues around the state are beginning to offer leagues with 8-and-under and 10-and-under divisions. In Midland, for example, the entire Junior Team Tennis league is 10-and-under and uses the QuickStart Tennis format. That league averages about 50 players per season.

There is talk of piloting some QuickStart Tennis Junior Team Tennis leagues in the spring while also reaching out to other non-traditional markets – such as the YMCAs and Boys and Girls Clubs – to possibly incorporate a JTT league into their current program line-ups.

So be on the lookout for leagues starting up in your area.

For more information about QuickStart Tennis contact Katy Rogers at krogers@texas.usta.com. If you have questions concerning Junior Team Tennis, contact Eric Clay at eclay@texas.usta.com.

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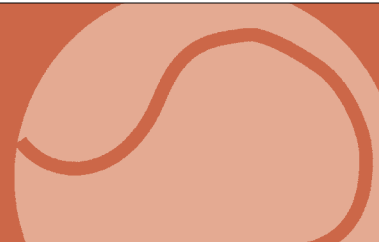
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How Do I Become A Tennis Official?



1. Be an active USTA member.
2. Have a correctable 20-20 vision. A doctor must corroborate this every two years. Certification for even years (i.e. 2010 processed in 2009) requires vision verification by an eye doctor.
3. Take and pass a provisional test.
4. Turn in your Data Card to your Section Chairman (Bruce Sampley, 1328 S. Lake St., Fort Worth, TX 76104) by October 5 of each year. If you do not have a blank Data Card, contact Tony Nimmons at the USTA in New York via e-mail at nimmons@usta.com.
5. Contact your area coordinator to learn about upcoming tournaments.

BASIC CERTIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Provisional Umpire (PV)

- Must pass provisional online exam

Sectional Umpire (SE)

- Must attend school and pass the Sectional Umpire test.
- Shall have officiated for a total of five of the following:
 - Line Umpire matches
 - Chair Umpire matches
 - Roving Umpire days

All new AND/OR re-certifying officials must register with the Coordinator at least one week prior to the date of the school. Please contact the Coordinator by email to RSVP. For a complete list of official schools and who to contact, please go to www.texas.usta.com and click on Officials >>> Certification Schools.



SCHOOL	DATE
College Station	Jan. 8-9
Dallas-Fort Worth National School	Jan. 15-16
McAllen	Jan. 15-16
San Antonio - Hill Country	Jan. 15-16
Houston National School	Jan. 22-23
San Angelo	Jan. 22-23
Waco	Jan. 22-23
Abilene	Jan. 29-30
Corpus	Jan. 29-30
Tyler	Jan. 29-30
Amarillo	Feb. 5-6
Austin	Feb. 5-6
Lubbock	Feb. 5-6
Midland/Abilene	Feb. 19-20
Wichita Falls	Feb. 26-27
San Antonio	March 12-13
*Plano	May 15
Dallas-Fort Worth	June 18-19
Austin	June 25-26
Laredo	TBA