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Letter From The President

Happy New Year!

The annual meeting will be January 29, 2011 at 5:00 pm at Meadow Creek Tennis Club. At this meeting, we will be electing the 2011 Board of Directors, approving the 2011 NJTC Operating Budget and voting on the proposed 2011 dues increase. Inside this newsletter, you will find the 2011 Slate of Officers for the 2011 Board, the Detailed 2011 Budget and the Dues Increase Proposals for your review.

At the annual meeting, we will also be giving away 5 free memberships drawn from members who attend the meeting and arrive no later than 5:15 pm. Following the meeting, NJTC will host the January Tennis Social and Potluck. I encourage all members to attend the annual meeting, the social, or both. Sign up information for both the annual meeting and the social can be found inside this letter.

Also included in this newsletter are NJTC statistics from the 2010 season. In 2010, NJTC experienced a 5% growth in membership and gained 5 additional league teams. Approx. 64% of our membership plays on two or more teams and 2.8% of our membership does not play in leagues at all.

As the 2011 kicks off, the NJTC Board will be planning numerous activities throughout the season. Upcoming events include indoor tennis socials at Meadow Creek on March 5 and April 16 and Free "Drop-In Tennis" Saturday mornings in March and April.

Here's to a great year of tennis!

Julie Gall, President

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Annual Board Meeting

Date: Saturday, January 29th

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Meadow Creek

All NJTC Members are Welcome!

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Candidates for 2011 NJTC Board

This year, we have several members who have indicated an interest in serving on the board. The following are the candidates for the elected positions:

President:	Julie Gall	Representatives:	Diana Bliss
Vice President:	Kelley Sober	(3 – 5 positions)	Pat Cevera
Treasurer:	Sandra Lucero-Jacquez*		Doris Brock-Nguyen
Secretary:	Becky Grace		Crystal Campbell-Messer
			Brian Messer

*Requires members to vote to waive the term limit as set forth in the by-laws.

If anybody else would like to throw his or her “hat into the ring,” please contact Julie Gall at (303) 688-2733 or juliegall@sprintmail.com to get on the ballot. Interested candidates may also be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting.

We are also looking for someone to be the newsletter editor for the club. NJTC publishes 9 newsletters each year. The newsletter editor is responsible for collecting articles from the board and club members, designing the newsletter layout, and managing the advertising. If you would be interested in coordinating the newsletter, please contact Julie Gall at (303) 688-2733 or juliegall@sprintmail.com.

NJTC membership dues for the NJTC board, league coordinators, newsletter editor and webmaster are waived during their terms.

Looking for More Tennis?

This year the Colorado Tennis Association is offering two new leagues: a Trio League for Women, and the Silver Seniors League. These leagues run just like the other leagues (CTA and USTA), with team numbers assigned to organized clubs and distributed by League Coordinators.

The Trio League, which was new for men last year, starts earlier in the year than any other league, and offers a fun “warm-up” for USTA leagues. Teams play *at level* – so this is open any level from 2.5 to 4.5. There are two singles and one doubles matches, so the minimum numbers of players needed for a team is 4 to play, and 6 to get a team number. Women’s Trio teams will play at 1:00 on Saturdays, with the season going from April 2 to April 30. Men’s Trio teams will play at 3:00 on Saturdays, with the same season.

The Silver Seniors League is brand new, and open to men and women. This league is for players 70 years and older. A match will have three doubles matches, so the minimum number of players needed for a team is 6 to play, and 8 to get a team number. Since it is all doubles, the levels are 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0 (where the combined rating of the two players does not exceed the level of that league. Thus a 3.0 could play with 4.0 on a 7.0 team, but not on a 6.0 team).

This league will play on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m., with the season going from April 21 to June 2.

Bev Avis is captaining a team, and looking for players for a 7.0 Silver Senior team beverlyavis@comcast.net!

APEX Park and Rec News

Hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. Activities at the tennis center have slowed down to a snail's pace, so I'll use this time to answer a couple of frequently asked questions.

What do you do in the off-season?

The off-season is used to recharge from 5 months of typical 12-hour day, 7-day a week, work weeks. I keep busy going through program evaluations, writing grant accountability reports, applying for grants, talking with vendors, planning for the upcoming season, updating procedural manuals, renewing certifications, attending trainings, updating hiring information, networking, making program comparisons, and fulfilling my duties on the 3 committees I either chair or sit on. So, even though tennis is quiet this time of year, there is still a lot to be done!

Michele Crouse
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Why are the courts cracking already?

The courts at the Arvada Tennis Center are approaching 40 years of service. The life expectancy of asphalt tennis courts is about 25 years. Good initial construction and preventive maintenance are the reason the courts remain in good shape. As you have noticed, the courts sit up on a raised plateau. This is because a portion of the property is located in a flood plain. The plateau consists of 2-3 foot road base, and 3-4 inches of asphalt, over which court-resurfacing material is applied. Due to wonderful Colorado bentonite soil and our notorious freeze/thaw cycles, cracks occur. The cracks you see on court go well below the road base into the earth below, and work their way up as the ground shifts. Every year, thousands of dollars are spent repairing the cracks as deep as the asphalt base. Oh, did I mention that since asphalt is a petroleum product a certain amount of off-gassing occurs, which actually causes the bonding agent to dissipate, in essence shrinking the court mass and causing crumbling? Yes, I read court constructions manuals in the off-season, as well!

So, the work you see taking place annually at the Arvada Tennis Center is a very expensive band-aid solution. To correctly repair the courts, they would have to be removed and replaced with cement courts, otherwise known as post-tension courts. Suffice to say that a grid of cables is formed that attaches to framework. Concrete is poured and the resurfacing material is placed on top. Small cracks will appear in post tension concrete, but the cables prevent large cracks and heaving from taking place. If we go that route, it would make sense to reconfigure the court layout and replace court lighting, as well. So, you are looking at about \$55,000 per court. Multiple that by 8 courts, round up for the heck of it for unforeseen issues. \$500,000 would be a fair number. That's a lot of court time to sell. Crack repair cannot be guaranteed since there is no way to predict how much movement may occur – our cracks are a pre-existing condition. You may think I'm joking, but actually, I'm not.

Apex Park and Recreation District has a memorial program in place where users have donated money in their wills, to the district for specific purposes. That is how the community center received their new kitchen, how McCormick Hall was refurbished, and the Randall room at Apex were built. At the tennis center funds could be earmarked for replacement of a court or 2, building additional courts, for new lighting, to start an educational/tennis program in the schools, and so on. Keep the Arvada Tennis Center in mind, when thinking about the legacy you care to leave for others. By the way, keep supporting the Colorado lottery and if you happen to see Bill Gates, Larry Ellison, or Warren Buffet; be sure to give them my number!

Happy new year and give generously of your time, talents, and money to those less fortunate. See you on the courts.

2011 NJTC Dues Increase

At the annual meeting on January 29th, members will be asked to approve a dues increase for 2011. Dues are collected to fund the operations of the club. The largest budget item is court expenses which represent 80-85% of our annual budget. The last dues increase was 2005 when members approved an increase from \$30 to \$40 per member.

NJTC pays an hourly fee for all courts including the Arvada Tennis Center, the high schools, and the city park courts. In 2010, court rental fees paid to APEX Parks and Recreation totaled \$13,248.

From 2005 to 2010, NJTC has experienced a consistent increase in court expenses as a result of increases in court rental fees and growth in league team participation. In 2005, court rental fees at the ATC were \$4/hr without lights and \$6/hr for lights. Satellite court fees were \$2/hr. This year, court fees at the ATC were \$5 without lights and \$8/hr for lights. Satellite fees doubled from \$2/hr to \$4/hr. In 2005, NJTC fielded 79 league teams. In 2010, we fielded 93 league teams.

This year, with the increase in court rental fees and the growth of 5 additional league teams, NJTC experienced an approx. 36% increase in court expenses from 2009. Court expenses in 2005 were \$8,153. As mentioned previously, court fees in 2010 were \$13,248. The difference represents an approx. 62% increase since 2005.

In 2011, the ATC court rental fee structure will change to \$8/hr peak and \$6/hr off-peak. Satellite court fees will remain at \$4/hr. This change in fee structure will result in an approx. 17% increase in court expenses from 2010, not accounting for league team growth.

Due to the latest increase in court rental fees and expected growth in team participation, the NJTC Board has determined that a dues increase is required to support our 2011 operating budget. At the annual meeting, the membership will be asked to vote for one of two proposed dues increases: (1) \$60 per member or (2) \$65 per member. The \$60 proposal will cover estimated court costs for 2011; however, if court expense continue to rise at the rate they have over the past few years another increase may be required in 2012. The \$65 proposal will cover 2011 court expenses, enable the club to build reserves, and avoid a potential dues increase in 2012.

If you have questions regarding the dues increase, please contact Julie Gall at (303) 688-2733 or juliegall@sprintmail.com. We will also address questions at the annual meeting before the ballot is distributed.

Although no one wants to see dues increase, the increase is essential to keep NJTC solvent and operating as expenses increase each year. Even after the dues increase in 2011, NJTC will still be one of the best deals in town for playing league tennis.

2010 NJTC Statistics

Total Members: 387
 Total Teams: 93 (breakdown below)

League	# of Teams
USTA Spring Mixed	10
USTA Adult Men's	9
USTA Adult Women's	14
USTA Super Senior Men's	3
USTA Super Senior Women's	4
CTA Daytime Doubles Women's	6
CTA Summer Daytime Women's	6
USTA Senior Men's	6
USTA Senior Women's	7
CTA Twilight Men's	4
CTA Twilight Women's	12
ITA Fall Mixed	12
Total	93

Total member participation in all leagues: 892
 Average league per member: 2.30
 Number Leagues a Member Played (breakdown below)

League Count	Player Count	%
0	12	3.1%
1	128	33.0%
2	106	27.4%
3	63	16.3%
4	44	11.4%
5	22	5.7%
6	9	2.3%
7	3	0.8%
Total	387	100.0%

2011 NJTC PROPOSED BUDGET

NJTC Budget Assumptions:

- 1 369 paying club members in 2010
- 2 12 NJTC Board member's dues waived in 2010
- 3 5 free memberships awarded in 2010
- 4 2011 dues are TBD per club member (was \$40 in 2010)
- 5 Court costs will increase by 20% in 2011 (25% increase in 2010)
- 6 NJTC fiscal year is 1/1 to 12/31
- 7 NJTC account reserves on Jan 2011 is \$4,000 (2010 reserves was \$6,300)
- 8 NJTC socials are break-even; a fee will be charged to participants
- 9 NJTC Championship tournament is break-even; a per event fee will be
- 10 Captains Appreciation social will be funded by NJTC

INCOME:

Member Dues (369 members)	\$20,000.00
Interest Earned - Savings Acct	\$ 25.00
"Free" social at Meadowcreek (5 courts)	\$ 800.00
Advertising	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$20,925.00</u>

EXPENSE:

Court Fees (20% increase in 2011)	\$17,500.00	
League Coordinator salary	\$ 1,500.00	
Newsletter	\$ 400.00	
Captains Appreciation Dinner	\$ 400.00	
Liability and Accident Insurance	\$ 165.00	
Miscellaneous (Stamps,Supplies, etc)	\$ 300.00	
Donations/Gifts	\$ 200.00	
Post Office Box	\$ 100.00	
Incorporation Fee	\$ 25.00	
USTA Dues (paid thru 2011)	\$ 40.00	NA
Website Fee	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$20,630.00</u>	

Year to Year Summary

	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	2009 comparison	2010 Budget	2010 Actual	2010 comparison	2011 Budget
Bank Balance (Reserves)	\$7,800.00	\$6,300.00	(\$1,500.00)	\$6,300.00	\$4,000.00	(\$2,300.00)	4,000.00
NJTC Members (paid)	350	366	16	360	369	9	370
INCOME:							
Member Dues	\$13,600.00	\$13,740.00	\$140.00	\$14,400.00	\$14,870.00	\$470.00	20,000.00
Interest-Savings Acct	\$130.00	\$70.00	(\$60.00)	\$100.00	\$17.00	(\$83.00)	25.00
Free Meadowcreek Social	\$700.00	\$784.00	\$84.00	\$800.00	\$770.00	(\$30.00)	800.00
Advertising	\$100.00	\$35.00	(\$65.00)	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	100.00
Total INCOME	\$14,530.00	\$14,629.00	\$99.00	\$15,400.00	\$15,757.00	\$357.00	20,925.00
EXPENSES:							
Court Fees	\$11,000.00	\$9,770.00	\$1,230.00	\$12,500.00	\$13,248.00	(\$748.00)	17,500.00
League Coordinator Salary	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	1,500.00
Newsletter	\$700.00	\$494.00	\$206.00	\$600.00	\$335.00	\$265.00	400.00
Captain Appreciation Social	\$300.00	\$1,069.50	(\$769.50)	\$300.00	\$900.00	(\$600.00)	400.00
Liability & Accident Insurance	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$0.00	165.00
Misc (Stamps, Supplies, etc)	\$200.00	\$80.50	\$119.50	\$100.00	\$66.00	\$34.00	300.00
Donations/Gifts	\$200.00	\$222.69	(\$22.69)	\$200.00	\$250.00	(\$50.00)	200.00
PO Box	\$100.00	\$96.00	\$4.00	\$100.00	\$96.00	\$4.00	100.00
Incorporation Fee	\$25.00	\$50.00	(\$25.00)	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	25.00
USTA Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
Website Fee	\$40.00	\$32.35	\$7.65	\$40.00	\$32.33	\$7.67	40.00
Total EXPENSES	\$14,230.00	\$13,480.04	\$749.96	\$15,530.00	\$16,602.33	(\$1,072.33)	20,630.00
NET INCOME(LOSS)	\$300.00	\$1,148.96	\$848.96	(\$130.00)	(\$845.33)	(\$715.33)	295.00
LEAGUES:							
Womens Leagues	NA	44	NA	44	49	5	49
Mens Leagues	NA	24	NA	24	22	(2)	22
Mixed Leagues	NA	19	NA	19	22	3	22
Total Leagues	NA	87	NA	87	93	6	93
Break-Even Club Events:				2010 Income	2010 Expense	2010 Income(Loss)	
President's Social	NA	NA	NA	\$360.00	\$150.00	\$210.00	NA
Meadowcreek Socials (5)	NA	NA	NA	\$4,300.00	\$4,700.00	(\$400.00)	NA
Club Championship	NA	NA	NA	\$1,375.00	\$2,300.00	(\$925.00)	NA

NJTC January Doubles Social and Annual Meeting Sign-up Form

When: Saturday, January 29th; 5:45 pm - 10 pm
Where: Meadow Creek Tennis and Fitness, 6305 W. 6th Ave
Registration Deadline: Jan 25th, 2011
Fee: \$20.00 per person

Name: _____ Tennis NTRP level _____

Name: _____ Tennis NTRP level _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address _____

Upcoming Socials

- ◆ Saturday, January 29 (Annual Meeting)
- ◆ Saturday, March 5
- ◆ Saturday, April 16

- BYOB : bring your own beverages
- Potluck: bring a favorite side dish, dessert or hor d'oeuvres to share.
- NJTC will provide paper goods, utensils and tennis balls.
- Doubles

Make Checks payable to: NJTC
Mail to: NJTC
P.O. Box 239
Arvada, CO 80001-0239

Last minute contact:
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OR 303-420-8437

Proposed Changes and Waiver to the NJTC Constitution and By-Laws

At the Annual Meeting, members will be asked to vote on one waiver to the NJTC Constitution and By-Laws. The waiver will not be incorporated into the document and applies to 2011 only.

Article III - Section 2: (Item A) Newly elected officers will assume their respective duties at the next Executive Board meeting. Individuals may not hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

Proposed Waiver: For 2011 only, the limit of two consecutive terms for the Treasurer position will be waived.

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League Coordinator Message

Warren Lawson and Leslie Hauschildt are co-League Coordinating for NJTC again in 2011. You may already know this, but our contact information is:

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The 2011 CTA meetings for League Coordinators are happening right now, and lots more information will be coming out in the next month. But here is some of the biggie information available right now!

REGISTRATION for all leagues and teams is *open* MARCH 1, 2011.

*** So, Captains, as soon as you have the minimum numbers of players committed to your team, feel free to contact Leslie or Warren for team numbers. Remember that NJTC requires that a captain **MUST** have at least the minimum number of players *plus two* in order to get a team number. Please contact us if you have any questions about this. ***

THIS YEAR, ALL league matches will be the best of three sets, with the third set being a 10-point TIEBREAKER, *unless EVERY player opts for a full third set*. The only exceptions to this are Super Seniors and Silver Seniors, where the third set is a 10-point tie-break no matter what.

The "early" leagues, and their deadlines for registration are as follows:

TRIO: registration deadline is March 18 (season starts April 2)

SILVER SENIOR: registration deadline is March 18 (season starts April 21)

USTA MIXED: registration deadline is March 18 (season starts April 17_

USTA Adult: registration deadline is March 25 (season starts May 2)

There is MORE new information, but the above is the most time-sensitive. Look for the next NJTC newsletter to learn the rest!

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NJTC Treasurer

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Have you moved?

Have you changed email addresses?

Do you have a new phone number?

If so, please contact Sandra Jacquez to update your contact information in the NJTC Membership files:

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