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New Year, New People!

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INSIDE OR OUTSIDE?



It's Spring in Colorado!



SERVING TENNIS WOMEN

ServingTennisWomen.com

WOMEN'S CAPTAINS COFFEE

Ask questions and gain insights about captaining and league leadership.

Date: Sunday, March 6, 2022

Time: 3:30-5:00 pm ☕ 🌿 🍵

Place: Red Silo Coffee Roasters
6590 Holman St, Arvada

RSVP: Please email Jeanette at palizzi4@comcast.net

Presented by: *Serving Tennis Women*

SAVE THE DATE
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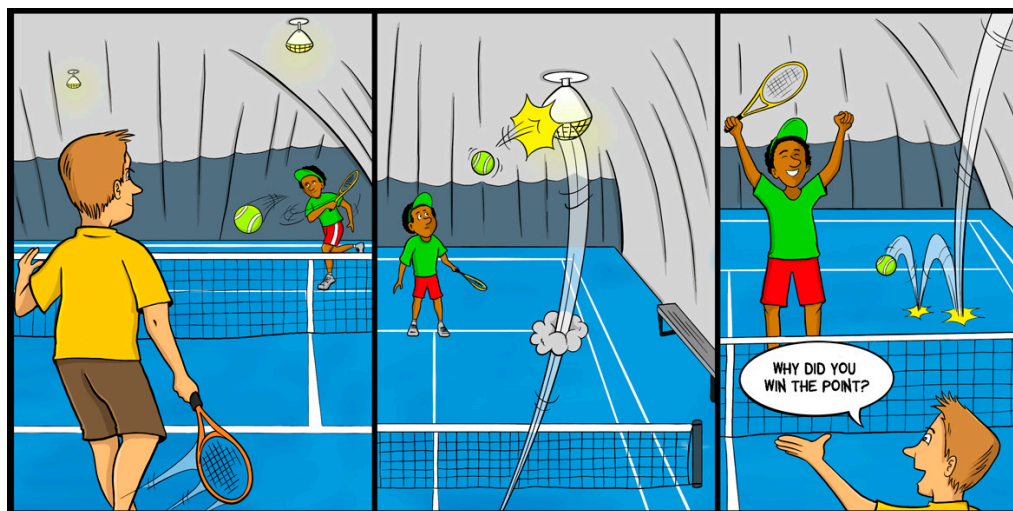
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DO YOU KNOW THE CODE?

Have you ever had a dispute with a fellow player over a call on the court that you couldn't settle? Maybe you're just curious about how some scenarios, from the common to the ridiculous, are resolved.



LIGHT INTERFERENCE • COURT ETIQUETTE

Q: I hit a really high lob that hit the ceiling light and came down to bounce on my opponent's side of the court. My opponent stopped playing and said he won the point, but I think since it landed in his court, it should've been played. Who is correct?

A: Unfortunately, this isn't a nothing but net circa 1990s Michael Jordan commercial where everything is in-play. When playing indoor tennis, permanent fixtures such as lights and ceiling fans are not fair game. Once a ball hits one, the ball is 'out' and the person who hit the ball loses the point. Save those trick shots off the water cooler to the ceiling fan for the warm-up. (ITF Rule 2)

For the "[Friend at Court](#)" handbook and more information on the rules of tennis, visit the [rules and regulations homepage](#).

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Kathleen Harvey
NJTC President

RALLY 4 COURTS

How can you help?

Hello NJTC! I am sure you are all tired of the snow and cold and are ready to have some sunny days to melt the courts and be able to play outside. Trio season starts in less than four weeks, so let's hope that happens.

Speaking of courts, it was brought to my attention that a representative of the pickleballers spoke at an Arvada City Council meeting to make the case that pickleball lines should be painted at **Alice Sweet courts at 80th and Simms** once they are resurfaced this year.

Past NJTC president, Jen Stiebeling, has spoken to Brent (Manager) at Apex, and he has been in correspondence with the City of Arvada, requesting that this not be allowed so that tennis players will be able to play league matches there.*

There is a 24-court pickleball facility two blocks away from Alice Sweet, and another one in the district with 11 courts. As

you may know, it is increasingly becoming a struggle to schedule all of the evening league matches on the courts we have access to. Four more courts would make a huge difference.*

I am asking that you take a minute and write a short email to the city council. Their next meetings are **March 7th** and **March 14th**. Emails with comments need to be sent to City Clerk Kristen Rush at kristen@arvada.org no later than **5 pm on the Monday the meeting takes place**. Ms. Rush will pass along the comments to all members of City Council and the Mayor. These comments will become part of the permanent record.

If you would rather go to the meeting and speak, public comment is scheduled both near the beginning and at the end of each business meeting. Comments are limited to three minutes per person early in the meeting and five minutes per person at the end of the meeting. No action is taken by Council, however, Council may ask City staff for additional information.

To participate by web or phone, contact City Clerk Kristen Rush at kristen@arvada.org by no later than 5 p.m. on

the Monday the meeting takes place. Upon receiving the request, Ms. Rush will provide registration instructions and the rules and the procedures for participating by web or phone. Participants will be limited to 3 minutes for any public comments that are unrelated to an agenda item.

Please consider voicing your opinion. I think we can win this battle if we have power in numbers!



An example of tennis courts striped for picklball

* COURT STRIPING EXPLAINER*

In a public statement to tennis centers earlier this year, the USTA said that the only lines acceptable on a tennis court are those for smaller tennis courts. "No additional lines (permanent or temporary) may be on a court to be used for USTA-sanctioned play," it warned.

Kathleen Harvey

HELLO THERE!

I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Mary Alberts, and I have been recently voted in as the Vice President of our amazing tennis association, NJTC.

I picked up tennis in 2006 to get some exercise and gain an opportunity to increase my social circle. Since that initial toe dip into the great game of tennis I can say that both goals have been met with crazy returns. I have been playing out of NJTC since 2011 at both 3.0 and 3.5 levels. I have been married for 32 years to my husband, Mark Alberts.

Professionally I am a risk manager for a renewable energy company where we develop, construct and asset manage wind, solar and battery storage projects. I very much look forward to bringing my experience in the worlds of tennis and business to serve our club members on the NJTC board.

The annual NJTC meeting was held on January 29, 2022. The meeting consisted of a review of all the fun activity that occurred during the 2021 year. A new board was presented, voted on and approved. You can visit the website njtctennis.com and go to contacts for information on your new board members.

It is the board's intent to continue with the same fun events that have been a success and lots of fun in the past years, which includes the **Keystone** mountain getaway (8/26-8/28/2022), **Breakfast at Wimbledon** (7/9/22), and **Palooza** (9/22-9/25/2022). These events, among others, help to raise funds to support various tennis groups and Apex Tennis Center improvements.

We do want to thank our 2021 board members for their past service and laying the groundwork for a successful 2022!!

Mary Alberts



Mary Alberts
NJTC Vice President

We are happy to report that the kick-off event for [Serving Tennis Women](#), founded by **Orit Ostrowiak & Christy Loehr**, was a smashing success. On Thursday, February 10th nearly 40 women gathered at the **Apex Community Recreation Center** to participate in this inaugural event, which was sponsored by **NJTC, USTA and Mad Greens**. As a brand new, non-profit organization committed to advancing women in tennis, STW's vision is to guide and nurture adult-learner women



Serving Tennis Women event Feb 10



Ginger Phillips & Kim Greason

tennis players mentally to create friendships, enhance health, to experience "healthy" competition, and to have fun!

The event featured tennis pros **Ginger Phillips** and **Kim Greason** who shared some of their secrets regarding the mental side of women's tennis. The topics of team building and advancement within the sport were also addressed.



Orit Ostrowiak & Christy Loehr STW founders

We are looking forward to their next event, a **Women's Captains Coffee** being held on Sunday, March 6th, 3:30-5:00 pm @ Red Silo Coffee Roasters in Arvada. To RSVP or for more information, email Jeanette @ palizzi4@comcast.net.

Also, Save the Date for May 15 @ 6:00 pm, location TBD.



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YOU SHOULD KNOW

Tennis Season 2022 has officially kicked off! NJTC was the **2nd largest club** in the Denver area for 2021 and we are continuing to grow and have every possibility to be the largest club for 2022! As a result we will again have staggered matches for some leagues and as always we play out of MULTIPLE locations. The ATC (Apex Tennis Center) is our home facility but we also utilize seven other locations to play matches. Always double check 48 hours prior to matches the location and amenities available.

Teams are forming for the upcoming season and we anticipate a record breaking season for 2022! If you are looking for a team please visit the "Looking for a Team" page: <https://njtctennis.com/looking-for-a-team/> or reach out to one of our very helpful **Club Reps*** to assist you.

NJTC Club dues MUST be paid prior to playing any league match. Please visit <https://njtctennis.com/membership/> to pay the 2022 membership fee that fits your needs.

USTA memberships must be renewed prior to playing any league match. <https://www.usta.com/en/home.html>

UPDATES FOR 2022

Flight playoffs will continue this year prior to advancement to districts.

Adult 65+ and ITA Mixed will have advancement to districts this year.

Expansion/Clarification of indoor courts to complete matches:

- Courts must be available within 30 minutes of stoppage of play
- One or both teams must agree to pay additional fees that may be incurred
- Home team has the first right to acquire courts

UPCOMING DEADLINES

03/04/22 | USTA Mixed 18+ Minimum Roster

03/11/22 | USTA Adult 18+ Minimum Roster

04/01/22 | USTA Adult 55+ Minimum Roster

04/01/22 | CTA Women's Daytime Doubles

NEED A TEAM?
Follow this link to our website:
[Looking for a team!](https://njtctennis.com/looking-for-a-team/)

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TENNIS IN TOWN

Girls' High School Tennis is about to start up again on Monday February 28th and promises to be an exciting spring season. In addition to my favorite local teams at Arvada West (Coach Crystal Messer) and Ralston Valley (Coach Kim Greason), Coach Woody Oliver says that D Evelyn's 2021 State Champs are poised to repeat with almost all their players returning from last year's team. Next time you're at the ATC check with the coaches for more information.

Speaking of BIG DOGS, the April 23rd Tennis Social is starting to fill up. We will have 16 ladies and 16 guys for a total of 32 players all 4.0 and better on the indoor courts. We'll be grilling hotdogs and brats come snow or shine with cold beer and wine for the winners. Bring a dish to share if you like. Spectators are welcome. This should be good!

The February social had a bunch of new people looking for teams and who found some kindred spirits. John and Amanda, both from different parts of Canada, met on our court and hit it off so well that they are now known as the "Maple Fury" 🍁.

We also got an old dog, Chuck, back on the courts and he didn't suck. As a matter of fact, Chuck was pretty good and will be returning for St. Patty's Day Tennis on March 19th. This one is sold out but there

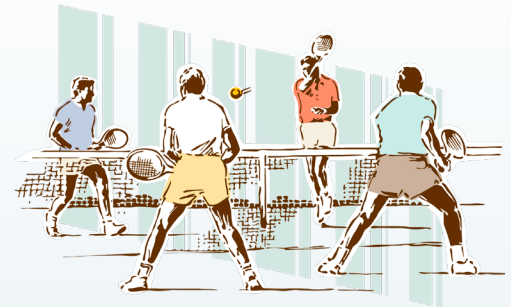


Rick and Carl welcome some new young talent, Macy and Mark to the ATC and tell them about TANS aka Tennis Addicts and Nuts.

the weather will certainly be nice and warm for the **Summer Kick-off Social** which is scheduled for **Saturday June 18th** from 4-8pm. Keep an eye on the NJTC website and this magazine for future dates and details. CU on the courts!



Kevin Thistle
Social Coordinator



Come be social!

Kevin Thistle 🍀
your Social Guy

Email: socials@njtctennis.com
Call or Text: 303-803-8120 • 24/7

is a waiting list. Text Kevin @ 303-803-8120 if you're feeling lucky 🍀.

Starting in May, we hope to be moving outside on the 8 lighted courts and covered patio with the grill and space heaters, just in case it's still a bit chilly. Come June, the

Tennis Addicts and Nuts (TANS) has moved to Saturday mornings for the cooler months, from 9:30-11:30 am at ATC. Keep an eye out for emails from Julie for weekly sign-ups. Email juliegall@sprintmail.com to join the TANS mailing list.



Sat, Mar 19
Waitlist available



Sat, Apr 23
BIG DOG (4.0+ only)

ADULT TENNIS DRILLS

Players must be at the USTA rating of the drill they are attending or have prior approval from a pro working that specific drill.

Please self rate via USTA tennis link or pro recommendations.

24-hour drill cancellation policy in effect until further notice.

Res. \$25 (non-res. \$30)

Monday, Ladies 4.5/5.0 Drill: 9-10:30 am
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Monday, Ladies 3.5+ Drill: 10:30 am-12 pm
Monday, Coed 2.5/3.0 Drill: 7-8:30 pm
Monday, Coed 3.5/4.0 Drill: 7-8:30 pm
Wednesday, Coed 2.5/3.0 Drill: 6:30-8 pm
Wednesday, Ladies 3.0/3.5 Drill: 9-10:30 am
Wednesday, Coed 4.5/5.0 Drill: 6:30-8 pm
Friday, Coed 3.0/3.5 Drill: 9-10:30 am
Friday, Coed 4.0/4.5 Drill: 10:30 am-12 pm
Saturday, Coed 2.5/3.0 Drill: 8:30-10 am
Saturday, Coed 3.5/4.0 Drill: 10-11:30 am
Saturday, Coed 4.0/4.5 Drill: 11:30 am-1 pm
Sunday, Coed 4.5+/5.0 Drill: 9-11 am

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[Click here to register for drills!](#)