

GFTA NEWSLETTER

GFTA ALIVE AND WELL

The Great Falls Tennis Association is alive and well. After many years of inactivity the Association is making a resurgence. Who is the Association you may ask? It is all of you that have received this newsletter. Due to a Montana Tennis Association grant, first year memberships are free. After that, if you are a paid member of the USTA you will be a member of GFTA at no additional costs.

Play tennis...for the health of it!

FUN TIME!!!! (Membership Meeting)

The GFTA is planning an all members get together on May 27, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. It is planned to be at Pam Hanson-Alfred's tennis barn, 2601 26th Street So. We plan on having a surprise demonstration by a local expert. Hopefully this will get us all enthused to pick up our rackets as soon as possible. There will also be a short presentation by Ben Rangel (GFTA President) on the GFTA and its activities to date. Future membership meetings will be designed to be fun and informative with special tennis events, demonstrations and presentations. On June 12 from 11:00 to 3:00 there will be a tennis event sponsored by Spirit of Women, called Mom's and Me, at the CMR courts. There will be tennis games for age groups, tents with different venues, etc. More on this will be presented at our Membership meeting and help may be solicited for this event.

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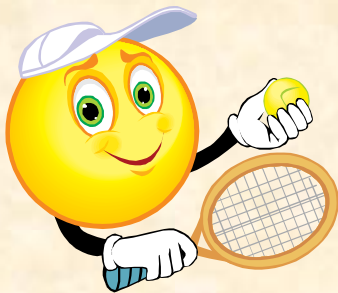
***It is Time to get out and
whack the ball.***

Newsletter Spotlight

May 27, at 6:00p.m. an Association get together and you all are invited.

We have already secured \$300,000 for resurfacing the CMR courts and for reconstructing the current 4 Hurd Courts.

GFTA Board members and its Happenings.



Time to tune up for the up and coming tennis season. Soon it will be time to begin Wednesday night Wackers.

The GFTA board members had their first meeting on Dec 22, 2009. The board members are: President—Ben Rangel, 1st Vice President—Michael Mason, 2nd Vice President—Jim McCarvel, Treasurer—Doug Morton, Secretary—Don Godtel. The board discussed the By Laws, the Articles of Incorporation, and filing for non-profit status. Membership was defined as any current USTA member will be a member of the GFTA. We will be defining an Associate or recreational membership at a later date. Different committees and chairs were also discussed and a list was made. The key item that the board is and will be working on is the partnerships needed to raise funds for the betterment of tennis courts in Great Falls. GFTA has four primary GOALS: 1) **Advocate youth and adult recreation & physical fitness/wellness activities**, 2) **Promote the growth of tennis in Great Falls**, 3) **Establish public/private partnerships/reinvestment in tennis facilities**, 4) **Support local economic development via high school tennis tournaments and USTA leagues**. Our second meeting was held on May 3, 2010. Items of interest were the securing of \$300,000 (half from the City and half from the School District) which will go to the resurfacing of the CMR courts and reconstruction of the Hurd Courts by the river. Bids have been received for the resurfacing and a contract will be awarded soon for July-Aug work. Work is being done on the design for reconstruction and the building of an additional 4 courts at the Hurd Court site. The High Schools have secured the bid for the State Tennis tournament for Class AA and A for the spring of 2011. So we have to be ready to assist in sponsoring that great event. There will be more discussion on this later.