

GFTA NEWSLETTER

GFTA ALIVE AND WELL

The Great Falls tennis community had a very active year in 2011. We hosted the State High School Class AA and A meets. Class AA was unable to play on the newly surfaced CMR courts due to rain. However, there were good comments about the facility and its improvements. The Class A tournament was able to play on the courts even though it was cool and windy. The Senior Olympics were held at the CMR courts with about 20 participants and everyone seemed to have a good time. We need more participation this year because winners qualify to go to the national event in August in Cleveland Ohio. The Great Falls Tennis Association was able to complete all the paper work necessary to qualify as a Non-profit organization and GFTA is listed in the GF area non-profit directory for any one interested in making a charitable gift through their will, annuity, trust, life insurance policy, etc for the betterment of tennis in Great Falls. A request for donations was sent out in December to our membership. A donor appreciation ceremony was held May 5th to thank all contributors to the CMR court resurfacing/landscaping and the Riverside court improvements. We would like to thank Doug Ormseth of Shortgrass Web Development for designing and developing the Great Falls Tennis web site, it can be found at <http://greatfallstennis.com>. It is on line but needs to be populated with data. Doug (with review from GFTA members) also designed the logo that is at the top of the web page. GFTA and City P&R purchased and installed windscreens at CMR courts and stronger posts were installed to better support the new screens. GFTA met the tennis court maintenance program obligation of \$4000 and due to people's response and generosity to this year's fundraising campaign, we are well on our way of meeting this year's obligation. Under the guidance of the Parks & Rec Department and direct involvement by Jim McCarvel and Michael Mason (GFTA members), the City's summer tennis program was greatly expanded. There were nearly 110 junior and adult players who participated in both the previously established and additional sessions. Last but not least the members of the GFTA have agreed to serve for another two years and continue to build Tennis in Great Falls.

2012 TENNIS ACTIVITIES AT THE NEW FACILITIES

High School Tennis—Class AA North Divisional is May 11-12, and State Class A is May 24-26, 2012.

USTA Team Tennis—Seniors Team Tennis August 3-5, 2012.

Senior Olympics Tennis—June 7-9, 2012 the Parks and Rec has the lead on this.

Spirit of Women, Benefis/GFTA—Will host the "Mom and Me" tennis program on June 16.

Parks and Rec Tennis Program—will start June 11, 2012, there will be 2 four week sessions finishing July 3.

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

Newsletter Spotlight

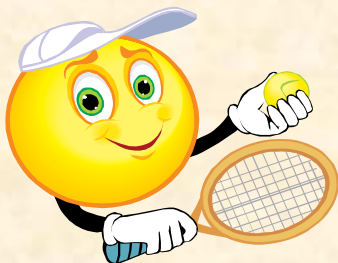
Senior Olympics Tennis will take place in Great Falls in June. This year's winners will qualify to go onto Cleveland, Ohio to compete in the Nationals. So let's have a good Tennis showing in Great Falls!!

GFTA plans a membership meeting this spring, details to follow.



Riverside Courts

Play tennis...for the health of it!



The new GFTA logo that was designed by GFTA members and Doug Ormseth.



Winston Cham-A-Koon (May 6, 1944 - September 28, 2011). Our tennis community was stunned and saddened by the unexpected death of local tennis professional Winston Cham-A-Koon. He died of heart failure at the age of 67. Winston led a well-respected, highly successful tennis program at the Meadowlark Country Club that helped produce a number of young tennis stars at the high school and collegiate levels. He will be greatly missed.

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