

## GFTA NEWSLETTER

### GFTA ALIVE AND WELL

The Great Falls tennis community had another excellent year in 2012. We hosted the High School Class AA divisional meet. For that tournament, the Riverside Courts and the Meadowlark Country Club Courts (inside and outside) were utilized. The Senior Olympics were held in June at the CMR courts with about 36 participants and there were approximately 20 that qualified to go onto the nationals this summer in Cleveland, Ohio. In July the State Senior Team Tennis tournament was held at CMR courts.

The Great Falls Tennis web site is up and running, it can be found at <http://greatfallstennis.com>. Please check this site for all your tennis news and links to other tennis sites of interest.

GFTA met the tennis court maintenance program obligation of \$4000 due to your response and generosity to our fundraising campaign. The GFTA in conjunction with the High Schools and City are looking at ways to recondition the CMR courts. The resurfacing done 3 years ago has not lasted and the cracks in the courts now make them unusable for tournaments. Because of this, the GFTA is looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to examine ways to raise funds for this endeavor. If interested in helping please contact Ben Rangel or Jim McCarvel.

Under the guidance of the Parks & Rec Department, the City's 2012 summer tennis program was deemed a success. Three of our local tennis players were the summer coaches for this program: Charlie Murphy, Eli Meyer and Conner Danielson. Approximately 50 players participated.

**Other State Tennis news:** The Montana Tennis Association (MTA) has a new staff: Jessie Peach is the Executive Director, Nikki Froines is the District League Coordinator, and Lauren Oslen is the School Coordinator. Also the MTA will be changing it's name to USTA Montana in the beginning of 2013.

### 2013 TENNIS ACTIVITIES AT THE NEW FACILITIES

**High School Tennis**—Class AA State Tournament is May 16-17, 2013.

**Senior Olympics Tennis**—June 20-22, 2013 the Parks and Rec has the lead on this.

**Spirit of Women, Benefis/GFTA**—Will host the "Mom and Me" tennis program on June 15, 2013.

**Parks and Rec Tennis Program**—Will start June 10, 2013. There will be 2 four week sessions finishing July 3.

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Mom and Me Event, 2012

### Newsletter Spotlight

**Senior Olympics Tennis** will take place in Great Falls in June. This is a fun event and it would be great to have more tennis players participate.



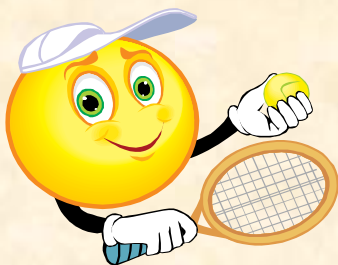
Riverside Courts

Play tennis...for the health of it!

Some of the Winners at Senior Olympics

Jim McCarvel & John Alexander

Mary Aspinwall and Darcy Crum



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