

**TENNIS HAPPENINGS IN GREAT FALLS**

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**PAST—2013.** Great Falls hosted the High School Class AA State tournament in May. The city lucked out with the weather and was able to patch the cracks on the CMR courts so they could be used as well as the Riverside courts. The Senior Olympics were held in June at the Riverside courts with 26 participants.

**FUTURE—2014.** The first summer tennis tournament in Great Falls will be the Senior Olympics in June. This will be the last summer Great Falls hosts this event. The winners of these events will qualify to go onto the 2015 Nationals in Minneapolis. If you are interested in this event please check out the Web site listed at the top of the page to find a link to the Senior Olympics site. This is a fun event and our tennis community should support this event even if you do not want to go onto the National Tournament.

Great Falls will be host city for the USTA Adult 55 and over Team Tennis tournament Sept 12-14. Winners will go on to play in the Sectionals in Denver Sept 26-28. The GFTA representatives fought hard to get this tournament to Great Falls. Now it is time for the Great Falls tennis community to step up and help make this tournament a success. What we need from our tennis community is commitment to participate both in volunteering to serve on a committee to put this tournament on and also from players to pull together all the teams that we can muster to show USTA-Montana that we do support tennis in Great Falls. If we can have a successful tournament it will mean additional tournaments in the future. **If interested in serving on a committee to host this tournament please contact Jim McCarvel at 454-1714.**



**Senior Olympic Participants**

**Newsletter Spotlight**

**Adult 55 and Over Team Tennis Tournament—Sept 12-14.** We need the tennis community to support this tournament. Contact Jim McCarvel if interested in helping.

**Other Tennis news:** The GFTA did not send out a formal request for donations to help defray our costs of the annual court maintenance agreement that we have with the city. However, we will gladly take any donations that anyone wants to contribute to this annual cause. Presently, we are good for 2014 but will need funds for 2015. Please contact Ben Rangel if you need a donation that is tax deductible.

**2014 TENNIS ACTIVITIES AT OUR TENNIS FACILITIES**

**Senior Olympics Tennis—June 19-21, 2014** the City Parks and Rec has the lead.

**Adult 55+ Team Tennis—Sept 12-14** GFTA will host this event.

**Spirit of Women, Benefis/GFTA—**Will host the “Mom and Me” tennis program on June 14, 2014.

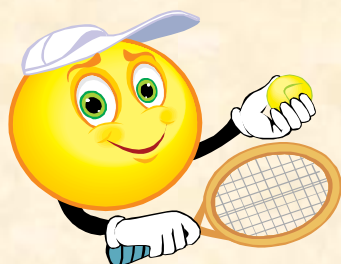
**Parks and Rec Tennis Program—**Will be June 16 and 30 for 2 weeks each. Bonnie Cham-A-Koon will also teach through a separate program with the parks and rec department.

**USTA-MT** has the tournament schedule for the year at their web site. <http://montanatenis.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2014-Tournament-Schedule-Final.pdf>



**Action on Riverside courts**

**Some Winners at 2013 Senior Olympics**



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