



Newsletter

“TENNIS: A LIFETIME SPORT”

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

. Welcome to 2011!

Congratulations to GPCTA for turning 20! Are you ready to celebrate? We promise to do so all year.

We have a long list of events and activities as well as tournaments. Also there is an enthusiastic Board who wants you, our current members and all future members to be a part of the events. This Newsletter will provide you with a quick look at what is on the calendar, and how you are a part of the Association activities. We ask you to encourage your friends to be members, after all, it isn't expensive, and the Association is responsible for keeping your courts in good condition. Yes, we appreciate those who squeegee, blow and wash the courts, along with those who put up nets and see that activities and tournaments run smoothly.

This is the schedule of **events for 2011**: Count the number that you can participate in:
February 19 - **Winter Celebration** of 20th year of the Association Tap Rock Restaurant
March 13 - **Youth Day** sponsored by USTA, for all youth in town Gilbert Creek Courts
May 15 - **Block Party** - the beginning of our summer season Gilbert Creek Courts

Tournaments will be similar to last year, but better! Doesn't that sound familiar?
Summer Classic on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5! Always an enjoyable tournament; it is like the beginning a new season, with a chance to find out where your game is after the long winter, and see those who “chase the sun” back home.

A **Team Challenge** on Saturday and Sunday, July 23 and 24. This tournament will come to town during the “Back to the Fifties”. How nice it will be for those who are coming from other cities. Oh yes, and for all of us who enjoy the vintage cars, the parade and other activities happenings during the weekend. It will be a team event; GP should have a couple of teams in this event. Teams consist of one single's player and two doubles players, with maximum of 6 people. Scoring is based on match won/lost records. We hope to have at least 6 to 8 teams for the event many from other cities.

Junior Tennis Ballers Shot Callers on Friday to Sunday, August 12 - 14. One of the few junior tournaments in Oregon that have been successful over time. Our youth continue to be successful in other USTA events due to their work in our Junior Program. Thanks Jeff! This is a USTA Sanctioned event and allows competitors to use their results to keep or gain a USTA ranking.

The Caveman Classic - Caveman Classic will once again be on the Labor Day weekend, Saturday to Monday, September 3 to 5. This is the second oldest tournament in Southern Oregon. The 2010 tournament had 87 entries we plan for more in 2011. For the first time, this tournament will be a USTA Sanctioned event.

Co-ed and Women's Progressive Doubles will continue the first week in April. Keep those dates and times open - Monday, Wednesday evenings and Tuesday mornings. Check the website for additional information.

Please let your Board know of your interests, what you would like to experience for the coming season. We certainly could use your help and assistance as a Board member and especially as participants in Association activities. I enjoy talking with you and hearing your ideas. We always need your suggestions and recommendations. Try to share your personal ideas with others.

Help us celebrate the 20th Anniversary.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president.

Ruth Berkey

Continue to enjoy this "Sport for A Lifetime"



General Information

Meet Your 2010 GPCTA Board

Ruth Berkey	-	President
Louis Parks	-	1st Vice President
TBA	-	2 nd Vice President
Cleta Gallo	-	Secretary
Janice Burns		Treasurer

Contact your Board and Members at 541-479-0326

Members

Diana Hoatson	Samantha Mendoza
Jan Kirk	Jeff Nash
Laurie Hammill	

If you would be interested in serving on the GPCTA Board please contact one of the current members and indicate your interest. We have fun and enjoy being a part of making Tennis in Grants Pass outstanding!

Instruction, Lessons, & Clinics

Affordable private and group lessons are available from our **USNTA Certified Instructor**: Jeff Nash (541) 660-4877.

Beginning-Intermediate Tennis Class – Tuesdays until end of February, 1:30 to 3:00 pm, at Gilbert Creek under auspices of GPCTA with instructor Jeff Nash.

It will cover tennis stroke basics and also include strategy for singles and doubles play. Questions concerning the class should be directed to (541) 479-0326. Cost will be \$65 per person, which includes membership in the Community Tennis Association. A maximum of 15 students will be allowed in order to provide quality instruction.

Advanced Tennis Class – Thursdays until end of February, 1:30 to 3:00 pm, at Portola Park under auspices of GPCTA with instructor Jeff Nash.

It will cover advanced tennis stroke information and also include strategy for singles and doubles play. Questions concerning the class should be directed to (541) 479-0326. Cost will be \$65 per person, which includes membership in the Community Tennis Association. A maximum of 15 students will be allowed in order to provide quality instruction.

Junior Tennis Team

Invite only, year round, competition tennis, Wednesday until end of February, 2:45 to 6:00 pm at Gilbert Creek. Call Jeff Nash for further information.

Renew Membership - 2011

Have you renewed your 2011 GPCTA Membership? Dues run on a calendar-year basis, and help pay for our tennis programs and the court-cleaning equipment. The membership form is available at our GPCTA website: www.GrantsPassTennis.net and at the Gilbert Creek Clubhouse. Fees are: \$35 Family, \$20 Single, and \$10 Junior.

Local Progressive Doubles

All progressive doubles will start around the first week in April 2011.

Coed - Monday & Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Meet at Gilbert Creek Courts. Call Jeff Nash at 660-4877 for more information. . The monthly clinics offered by Jeff Nash cost \$5 for non-members and are free to members. **PLEASE BRING 4 QUARTERS (for the lights) AND A CAN OF TENNIS BALLS.**

Women's Progressive Doubles, **Tuesday** 9:00 to 10:30 am AM. Come and enjoy meeting other women tennis players in our community. Open to members and non-members. A monthly clinic will be offered by Jeff Nash for \$5 for non-members and free for members. Contact Ruth Berkey: 541-479-0326.

GPCTA 2011 Winter/Spring Events

20 Year Celebration: Sat, Feb 19, 5:30 pm Tap Rock Restaurant, Evergreen Room
USTA Youth in America Program: Sun, Mar 13, 1:00 to ...3:30 pm, Gilbert Creek Courts
GPCTA Block Party: Sun, May 15, 1:00 to 4:00 pm ...kicking off start of summer season.

GPCTA 2011 Summer Tournaments

Summer Classic: Sat, Sun, June 4 & 5
Team Challenge: Sat, Sun, July 23, 24 in conjunction with ...Back to the 50's.
Junior Classic: Fri to Sun, Aug 12 to 14
Caveman Classic: Sat to Mon, Sept 3 to 5

Christmas Party 2010

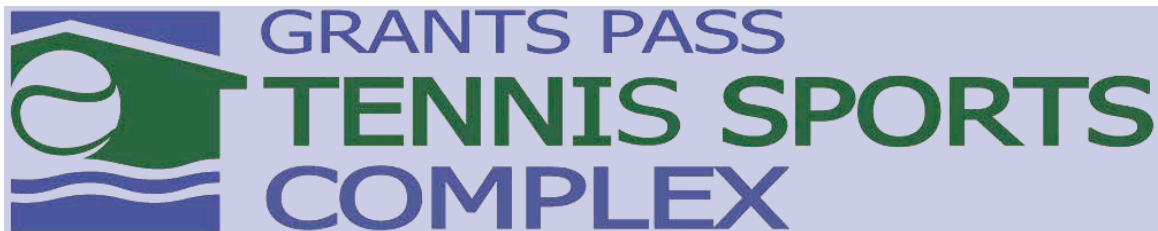
The annual Christmas party was held at the Wild River Brewery Annex on 9 December 2010. A joyous time was had by all. Entertainment was provided by members of the Grants Pass High School Jazz group, many of whom were involved in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York. There were a couple of raffles with homemade prizes as well as tennis rackets provided by Adidas. Recognition was given to all of the volunteers who have given of their time throughout the 2010 year. The catering was so successful during the Caveman Classic that the Back Road Grill (from Merlin) will be providing catering services during all of the upcoming tournaments.

Below are some of the pictures of the many attendees:





Grants Pass Tennis Sports Complex - GP TSC



- 1) The approval as a new IRS 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation is completed. The Board of Directors is comprised of leaders of the communities as well as GPCTA representatives. This non-profit organization will oversee the TSC construction and will continue their oversight for the Complex. A website along with a new logo is being created for the new non-profit organization.
- 2) Focus is now on completing a detailed multi-year plan for the development of the complex. This includes a schedule for targeting all funding sources whether private or government, local, state or national. The first working version will be available by the end of February.