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Hello All,

As we start the new year for our outdoor leagues, tournaments, socials, etc. I would like to extend an invitation to all to participate in these fun filled activities. The board, made up of volunteers, puts both time and energy into assuring that WPTC has events offered during the summer season.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me or any board member at www.washparktennisclub.com. I look forward to seeing you at our socials.

-- Gordon Rulon, President

First Summer Social Saturday, May 21st at Wash Park!

Colorado Rockies Theme

Dress Attire: Colorado Rockies - Purple , Black & White

The Colorado Rockies are playing the Pittsburgh's Pirates. Let's cheer them on with a Colorado Rockies theme! **All the food and drinks are provided, you just need to sign up and show up!**

Where: Wash Park main courts at Downing and Louisiana

When: Saturday May 21st, 8:45 sign in. Play from 9:00 - 3:00 pm

Includes: courts, balls, light food and drinks (beer, wine, soda, sports drinks & water)

Cost: \$16.00 for WPTC members and \$21.00 for non-members

Sign up is limited to the first 40 people to sign up and pay via Paypal, so register early to be assured a spot on the courts! Email Sharon Molloy via the below link to save a spot on the waiting list (cash due on arrival at event).

Save the following dates for our future Saturday socials: June 18, July 16 -- each have a theme. Go to our website for details!

[Sign up now!](#)

-- Sharon Molloy, Summer Socials Director

Sign Up NOW for Clyde Rogers Memorial Day Tournament!

It is time to sign up for the Clyde Rogers Memorial Day tournament! This tourney is for 4.0, 4.5, 5.0 players. The link to the tournament page

is [http://tennislink.usta.com/Tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?](http://tennislink.usta.com/Tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=179673#&&s=1)

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Join us for great competition in Denver's most beautiful park. There will be great t-shirts for all

players and awards for finalists and champions in each event. This year we will play out the third set in Semi and final matches. Earlier matches will use a 10-point tie break in place of a third set.

-- [Melissa Harris](#), Tournaments Director

Mark Your Calendars...Upcoming Socials

June 18th Wimbledon/with Poker Tennis

Dress Attire: All White

July 16th WPTC Summer Olympics

Dress Attire: USA - Red, White & Blue

August 13th Lakewood/Washington Park Tennis Club Social Tournament

Location: Gates:Lakewood Courts.150 S. Kipling.Lakewood

-- [Sharon Molloy](#), Summer Socials Director

Leagues Update

Leagues, leagues, leagues...and more leagues...it's that time of year to get on the courts for fun or competitive tennis with your friends and teammates. Spring has brought us beautiful as well as inclement weather...this is Colorado! Trio and USTA Mixed 18 & Over leagues are in full swing, USTA Adult 18 & Over season starts on April 25th, Wash Park registered 25 teams for this league... needless to say, our courts will be very busy.

We are currently registering **USTA Adult 40 & Over**, **CTA Adult 18-39**, and **CTA Women's 2.5 League**. Team registration deadlines will be here before we know it, so get your team organized and your team league fee paid to secure your courts.

It seems like a few days before the team registration deadline, I find myself in panic mode helping organize teams for captains/players who've waited until the last hour to commit to captaining or playing on a team...plan ahead and get your team together, the **registration deadline is on Friday, May 6th**.

CTA ADULT 40 & OVER

- Team League Fee: \$200.00 www.washparktennisclub.com/wptc-league-registration
- TennisLink registration fee: \$25.00 www.usta.com
- Minimum roster deadline: May 6th (8 players must be registered by this date) - much earlier this year than in 2015
- League dates: June 13-July 28 @ 6:00PM
- Match schedules available on TennisLink: June 3

CTA ADULT 18-39

- Team League Fee: \$150.00 www.washparktennisclub.com/wptc-league-registration
- TennisLink registration fee: \$25.00 www.usta.com
- Minimum roster deadline: May 6 (3 players must be registered by this date)
- League dates: June 13-July 28 @ 6:00PM
- Match schedules available on TennisLink: June 3

CTA WOMEN'S 2.5 LEAGUE

- Team League Fee: \$170.00 www.washparktennisclub.com/wptc-league-registration
- TennisLink registration fee: \$25.00 www.usta.com
- Minimum roster deadline: May 6 (5 players must be registered by this date)
- League dates: June 15-July 27 @ 6:00PM
- Match schedules available on TennisLink: June 3

For league descriptions and calendars please visit
<http://washparktennisclub.com/leagues/>.

Need a team or players for your team? Contact me at leagues@washparktennisclub.com. I keep a list of players who contact me in search of a team. I try my best to help players find a team but we also **NEED CAPTAINS!** Everyone wants to be on a team but unfortunately teams cannot exist without a captain...we all need to participate in a team in more than one capacity... consider being a leader.

It's not so difficult being a captain. All it takes is being organized and getting other players on your team involved in sharing responsibilities. I am more than willing to assist you with information pertaining to Captain Responsibilities. Wash Park rewards their new team captains with free participation in a social during their first year as captain. After captaining the first year, a complimentary WP membership is awarded to all returning captains. It is a small token of appreciation and recognition for all the work and time contributed.

Here are some helpful guidelines to captain a WP team.

- Pay WPTC team league fee and collect team league fee from players on team roster
- Verify WPTC membership of all players on the team roster by contacting Patricia Robertson leagues@washparktennisclub.com
- Distribute team number to players on the team once WPTC membership has been verified by Patricia Robertson
- Distribute team roster with contact information to team members
- Schedule team practices
- Decide who plays each match
- Assign balls, food and beverage responsibilities for home matches
- Contact opposing team captain in advance of match (at least 24 hours in advance)
- Exchange written lineups simultaneously with opposing team captain

For everyone's convenience we have posted at Wash Park's website all the information you may need to play in a league, captain a team, or keep up with the current rule changes. Please visit our link www.washparktennisclub.com/usta-leagues/ to view:

- League descriptions.
- Team requirements.
- 2016 USTA Colorado League Calendar-Denver Metro.
- 2016 Denver League Schedule of Days and Times-Denver Metro.
- New and Upcoming Changes for League Tennis - Colorado Changes for 2016
- 2016 Colorado League Regulations (Operating Procedures-rule changes in 2016) - Team captains should carry a copy of this document in their tennis bag.
- The Code - Team captains should carry a copy of this document in their tennis bag.
- USTA Friend at Court Handbook.
- 2016 USTA National League Regulations.

At the Board's discretion, teams advancing to Sectionals and Nationals will be eligible for a cash reward to help pay for travel /lodging expenses. Good luck to you and your team this tennis season. Be competitive, have fun, and above all be a good sport!

-- [Patricia Robertson](#), Leagues Director

Photos Are Always Welcome

We are always looking for photos of our members to highlight our socials, trips, tournaments and events. We use them on our website, in our annual printed newsletter and on our Facebook page.

If you have digital photos, please email them to [Melissa Siemion](#), Website & Newsletter Director.



Financials Are Open to Our Membership

Our financials are always open to our membership. If you are interested in seeing them, contact our *Treasurer, [Kristen Hanson](#)*.

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