



2023

Year End Newsletter

Hello MCTA Members,

Thank you for your membership and participation in our Summer 2023 Tennis Events. We had a busy summer and wanted to share with you some of the highlights and opportunities MCTA experienced and a financial overview of how your dues are being spent.

MCTA had several board members who moved away or became inactive for personal reasons. We'd like to thank Desi Reilly and Dana Snyder for providing us continuity on the board. We'd also like to thank our new board members Leigh Bailey, Patty Braganza, Karen Casey and Mary Jo Lambert who helped keep MCTA going last year.

MCTA Accomplishments for 2023

While we had a late start to organized MCTA activities due to Board transitions, we held two sets of tennis clinics which were well attended.

- Adolph Huddleston Clinic – Director of Tennis at Dragon Ridge Country Club. Desi Reilly arranged for Adolph to fly in and stay with friends as he offered several clinics and private lessons to MCTA between August 3-5th. Adolph's professionalism and demeanor was highly regarded by all attendees. Much thanks Desi!



- Curt Mack held four workshops in mid-August. All proceeds were donated to MCTA. Much thanks to Curt for sharing his passion for tennis.



- New Tennis Backboard – the city paid for the materials and MCTA paid Barr Quarton for building a new and improved backboard. Several board members volunteered to paint it. We especially loved the net on top which will help deter balls from flying into the back parking lot. Nice job Barr!



- Drop-In tennis had regular attendance at different levels.
- Mid-September Mary Jo Lambert arranged a casual round robin mixer. Thanks to Mary Jo for pulling that together.

MCTA Opportunities for 2024

- We would like to set up a calendar this Spring with MCTA events starting in June which may include more round robin social mixers, a tournament and set clinic dates.
- We need to continue to grow our membership base and tap into our members for assistance in running mixers and tournaments where possible.
- Drop-In Tennis – while we had good attendance at drop-in tennis, there is a natural tension between creating an inclusive drop in experience where everyone rotates and plays with different level players verses more experienced players playing solely with like players. Everyone wants fun and challenging tennis. Below are some ideas we have kicked around:
 - Beginner Clinics – we need to consider offering beginner clinics twice a month similar to Aspen Village pickle ball to help build skill sets for our novice members and give them an opportunity to meet others.

- Assigning courts by player level. First hour will be with similar playing level. Second hour will be co-mingling the levels to ensure everyone has an inclusive experience.

We welcome your ideas on how to improve various aspects of MCTA. Please know that our members are our lifeblood, and we need your best ideas on how to grow membership, as well as offer more events and potentially fundraise for future renovations that will be needed for Courts 3 and 4. Don't forget to visit our website at McCallTennis.org for updates this spring on membership and 2024 events.

President's Note....

Wishing all of you a winter season full of great holidays and a healthy and active 2024. Thank you for looking over this 2023 MCTA Newsletter and hope you will join us for social tennis and clinics next year in McCall. Please don't hesitate to drop me or any of the board members a note if you have any feedback for us or suggestions for the future. We are looking for opportunities to have more professional clinics, so if anyone has connections there, please contact us.

I want to thank our MCTA Board members from the bottom of my heart for their time and efforts this last year. Every one of them engaged in our club, took the lead on projects, and was instrumental in our accomplishments. Thank you all so much!!

MCTA President
Leigh Bailey



Warm Regards and Happy Holidays from all of your MCTA Board Members:

Leigh Bailey - President

Dana Snyder – Vice President

Karen Casey - Secretary

Patty Braganza – Treasurer

Desi Reilly – Activities Coordinator

Mary Jo Lambert – Member at Large

Barr Quarton – Member at Large/Court Maintenance

