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2012 Awards Ceremony

**Thursday
September 27th
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Westerville, OH**

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Greater Columbus Tennis Association

**2012
Awards Ceremony
7:00 P.M.**

Opening Remarks - Phil Diaz, GCTA President

Presentation of GCTA Annual Awards

Lifetime Achievement - **Christine Davis**

Special Recognition - **Fran McCabe**

Promotion of Tennis - **Denica Bruce**

Promotion of Tennis - **Gordon McNamee**

Umpire of the Year - **Bud Petersen**

Columbus Recreation & Parks - **Torrie Goudy**

Media - **Paul Batterson**

Female Player of the Year - **My Linh Li**

Male Player of the Year - **Matt Wareti**

Recognition of Men's League Winners

Recognition of Women's League Winners

Closing Remarks

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GCTA Award Lifetime Achievement

Christine Davis



This year's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Christine Davis, graduated from Columbus School for Girls in Bexley as a leader on her high school team and a ranked USTA junior player. She attended Springfield College and played as a member of the college team. So began a lifelong commitment to the game of tennis that continues to today.

Although most years, Chris is only in her home city of Columbus during the summer months, she continues to make significant contributions to Columbus tennis, working as a teaching professional at numerous area country clubs, most recently at the New Albany Tennis Club. In addition, Chris has participated, planned, solicited and supported the Babe Tennis Classic for over 26 years. Chris also contributes her advice, spirit, and participation to other Columbus area charities, including the Circle of Friends "Run for the Rainbow" and the CCC/ACC Rally for the Cure.

In 2009, The USTA/ITA Campus Recreation Award selected Chris as the ITA coach who had done an outstanding job implementing the USTA's Tennis On Campus program or similar recreational tennis programs on campus in an effort to grow tennis participation within the campus community.

Chris says "I see tennis as a platform for life lessons. The game has allowed me to meet all kinds of individuals and to develop lasting friendships. The game transcends hierarchy and individual differences and offers a level playing field to all. Tennis has been a great way for me to have fun and stay fit at the same time. I have never lost my fervor for the game!.."

The Greater Columbus Tennis Association is honored to have such an outstanding, lifelong tennis advocate in our community.

Congratulations, Chris!



Visit http://www.smithpioneers.com/news/2012/9/14/WTEN_0914124516.aspx to see a video preview of the 2012 Smith Pioneer Women's Tennis team.

GCTA Award Special Recognition

Fran McCabe



Fran McCabe's contribution to our local and district tennis communities comes in many forms. Fran is THE desk person at Columbus' Olympic Tennis Club. During the day, when one walks in the door, Fran is there to greet you. She does not miss a chance to make you feel welcome. She knows nearly all of Olympics' thousand members and if she doesn't know you personally, it is only a matter of moments before she makes you feel like she has known you forever.

Fran herself started playing in the early 1970s and achieved a 4.0 USTA rating before her health retired her from playing. But she never lost the desire or the love for the game. Before her retirement from active play, Fran spent many hours on the court with friends, family, and team mates competing and playing.

Now days, whenever an Olympic team goes to Districts, Fran is there rooting on all the players. In addition, Fran has been involved throughout the years organizing and running many area Junior tournament and enjoys watching these younger players work their way up the ladder of tennis success.

Throughout her over 35 years of involvement in the Greater Columbus tennis community, Fran has given generously of her time and efforts to make the tennis experience better for others.

Congratulations, Fran!

**Couldn't run the place
without her!**



GCTA Award Promotion of Tennis

Denica Bruce



Denica Bruce, this year's recipient of the GCTA Special Recognition Award, has been involved with the Columbus Recreation & Parks Department tennis programs for over 15 years. For the past 12 years, Denica has been in charge of the youth tennis programs for the department. During this time, Denica has overseen the growth of the program, not only in participation numbers, but also in the scope of the programs being offered. She oversees the six-week summer program that includes lessons and NJTL League play at three different park sites. This program has over 1,500 kids each year, with many going on to play on their middle and high school teams!

Denica also coordinates two summer camps each year, with over 45 kids each week learning the basic fundamentals of tennis while having a blast! Denica has been instrumental in getting the Quick Start program started for CRPD. Denica was the point person for the Start/Re-Start program in 2011 and did an outstanding job. Columbus was a test market for this program and, after it was all done, CRPD was the envy of the entire USTA Midwest section, as there over 150 people total registered for the two sessions!

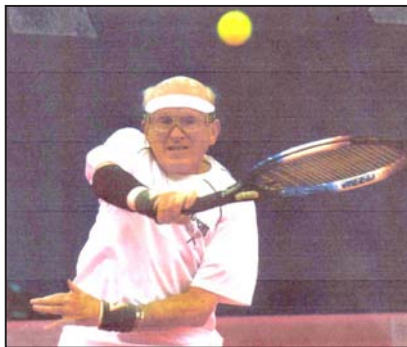
One of the best parts of the job for Denica is taking CRPD program participants to the ATP Cincinnati Tournament each year. Denica works hard to make this come to fruition, picking the most deserving kids each year to take down for a day to see the best in the world compete! This part of her job makes all the planning and scheduling well worthwhile when she is able to see the smiles on the kids faces when they see a Roger Federer or Rafael Nadal in person!

The city of Columbus owes a great deal to Denica Bruce for giving so much of herself to the Greater Columbus tennis community.

Congratulations Denica!

GCTA Award Promotion of Tennis

Gordon McNamee



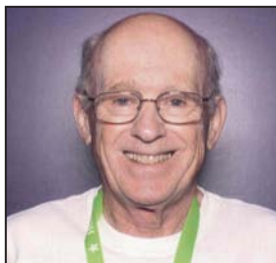
This year's recipient of the Special Recognition Award, Gordon McNamee, has exhibited exceptional sportsmanship, humility, and true professionalism throughout his over 40 years of playing tennis in Columbus. Gordon is always promoting the sport and bringing new players into the tennis arena.

Over the last four years Gordon has worked hard to rebuild a team at Wickertree. The team has continued to grow to the point of being split into two teams' this season. He singlehanded recruited over 25 players.

Team members comment on what a special pleasure it is to be on his team and be part of his tennis world. They cite Gordon's will to win, but qualify that desire by observing that sportsmanship always comes first to him. Gordon will work tirelessly with team members to make sure they are improving and having fun.

Gordon is a strong advocate of the Senior Olympics and has played in six different cities across America in these national games. The GCTA is proud to recognize one of Columbus' most honorable tennis captains and player.

Congratulations Gordon!



GCTA Award Columbus Recreation & Parks



Torrie Goudy



The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department has selected Torrie Goudy as it's 2012 Award Nominee. This is Torrie's second year as CRPD tennis instructor. Her passion for the sport is reflected in her teaching style. Torrie works with players ages 4 - 16 in teaching basic tennis to the more advanced levels.

Many parents and players have returned to CRPD's summer programs because of Torrie's professionalism and enthusiasm for the program, as well as her teaching style and abilities.

Players under Torrie's instruction have show remarkable improvement from day one to summer's end.

Torrie started playing tennis when she was nine at her local YMCA. By the next year she was playing competitive USTA matches and has been playing ever since. Her Lexington, Ohio high school tennis team won the state championship two years in a row. Torrie played varsity tennis at Ashland University for four years, and was awarded first team all GLIAC conference three years in a row.

According to Torrie, "tennis teaches a person discipline and honesty, as well as control when you are battling out a tough match. It is a great way to travel and meet people. And to top things off it's fun!"

Denica Bruce, Torrie's CRPD supervisor, "Torrie Goudy reflects the philosophies and goals of the recreation department's tennis program. Kids come to her for "tennis lessons,' but they leave with a love for the game!"

Congratulations, Torrie!

GCTA Media Award

ThisWeek

COMMUNITY NEWS

Paul Batterson

Paul Batterson has been covering Central Ohio Tennis for over 25 years, and was recognized with the GCTA Media Award in 2001 and again in 2005. In addition to high school tennis, he has also covered the GCTA Ohio Valley Cup, Junior Team Tennis, The Bernard Masters, and many other tennis features. His knowledge of the game is evident through the quality of his writing. His continued dedication to the sport is something that should certainly be acknowledged by this award. Paul has commented that tennis was one of the few sports he truly enjoyed covering because it shows the true character of the participants!

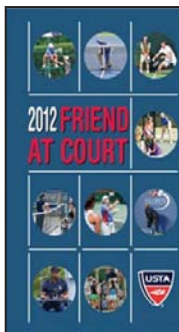
The GCTA thanks Paul for his exceptional service to the Columbus tennis community!

GCTA Award Umpire of the Year

Bud Petersen

This year's recipient, Bud Petersen, is an official of the highest caliber, according to Art Haus, USTA Certified Umpire. Bud has been a certified umpire since 1988 and is currently officiating at local USTA and ITA matches.

When asked how tennis has enriched his life, Bud responded that he enjoys being able to help players compete fairly while playing intense matches. Bud feels that serving as an umpire at junior tournaments is "payback" for all those who worked during the time his sons were playing.



GCTA Award Male Player of the Year

Matt Wareti



The 2012 GCTA Male Player of the Year is Matt Wareti. Matt accrued an amazing resume during his career at Bexley High School. Matt was a four-year letter winner, playing first singles during his senior, junior and sophomore years. Matt was elected team captain as a junior and senior, and was an Ohio high school state tournament semifinalist his senior year.

Other awards include being named all-conference three times, conference Player of the Year as a junior, Ohio Division II team finalist, sectional doubles champion, two-time district doubles qualifier, district singles qualifier as a sophomore, state doubles qualifier freshman year.

Matt takes a winning attitude and tradition with him to Toledo as he begins his career as a Rocket!

Congratulations, Matt!



GCTA Award Margo Mansfield Award Female Player of the Year

My Linh Li

This year's recipient of the Margo Mansfield Award is My Linh Li. My Linh's record and on court attitude make her an excellent recipient for the GCTA Award for Female Player of the Year.

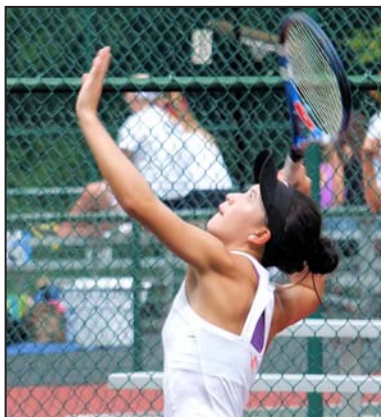


My Linh began playing tennis when she was eight years old and quickly progressed up the tennis ladder in central Ohio winning numerous Midwest and Ohio High School Division II honors both in singles and doubles. In 2009, My Linh won the State Doubles Championship with her sister, Kim My LI. One of her coaches describes her as follows: "She never gives up. She's self-motivated and internally motivated. She competes against herself. There's never a day when she's not giving it her all."

According to My Linh, "Tennis has been a sport I truly enjoy since the moment I picked up a racket. (The sport) allows me to be competitive and I love the atmosphere of being on a tennis court. I have connected with so many great people through tennis, and it has been a sport that my whole family grew up playing together."

My Linh is a returning senior at St Francis DeSales High School and is proud to be a part of Buddy Up Tennis here in Columbus.

Congratulations, My Linh!



Ohio Valley Cup Champions

Parkersburg, West Virginia

June 16 & 17, 2012



Central Ohio Boys' Roster: Nate Wallace, Upper Arlington, Brandon Griffin, Upper Arlington, Jeffrey Melvin, Upper Arlington, and C.J. Cash, New Albany

Central Ohio Girls' Roster: My Linh Li, DeSales, Sarah Stein, Dublin Jerome, Cristina DiLorenzo, New Albany, Rachael Morales, Bishop Hartley, and Emma Stein, Dulbin Jerome.

The team was coached by Worthington Kilbourne boys coach Steve Metzmaier, and Jerome boys and girls coach Tyler Stephen

GCTA 2012 AREA JUNIOR QUALIFIERS

May 2 - June 3, 2012

Boy's 10 Singles

*Joel Jose
Trevor Ball*

Girl's 10 Singles

*Madeline Atway
Ella Hazelbaker*

Boy's 12 Singles

*Robert Cash
Jack Dabek*

Girl's 12 Singles

*Victoria Chang
Kathleen Jones*

Boy's 14 Singles

*Jacob Wareti
Eric Hunter*

Girl's 14 Singles

*Alexandra Sanford
Ashley Tan*

Boy's 16 Singles

*Jeffrey Melvin
Stephen Miller*

Girl's 16 Singles

*Francesca Dileozeno
Emma Stein*

Boy's 18 Singles

*Stu Little
Matt Wareti*



Jeffrey Melvin



Alexandra Sanford



MEN'S LEAGUE AGE DIVISION RESULTS

Gold Division 45+

Champions ~ Northam Park 1

Terry Finneran & Lenny Comeran, Captains

Runner Up ~ Worthington Hills Country Club

Bob Birzer & Jim Capito, Captains



Northam Park 1 ~ Gold Champions

Silver Division 55+

Champions ~ Northam Park Silver Eagles

Bob Mazzola & Dennis Stasiak, Captains

Runner Up ~ Champions Tennis Club

Mark Anderson & Daid King, Captains

Platinum Division 62+

Champions ~ Champions Tennis Club

JD Schultz & Mark Anderson, Captains

Runner Up ~ Mound Builders Country Club

Jay Gruenebaum, Captain

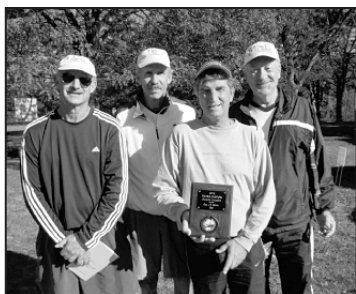
Diamond Division 70+

Champions ~ Champions Tennis Club

John Campbell & Gordon McNamee, Captains

Runner Up ~ Otterbein Tennis Club

Dan Axline & Bob Detwiler, Captains



MEN'S LEAGUE SKILL DIVISION RESULTS

3.0 Division

Champions ~Northam Park B

Bob Koenig & Rich Snodgrass, Captains

Runner Up ~ Northam Park A

Doug Emert, Captain



3.5 Division

Champions ~ New Albany Tennis Center

Greg Gillman & Dave LaRue, Captains

Runner Up ~ Northam Park A

Pat Matthes & Ed Schmidt, Captains

Finalist ~ Lakes Country Club

Jay Parsons & Andy Sinclair, Captains



4.0 Division

Champions ~ Westerville Tennis Club

Keith Ramsey & Mike Rau, Captains

Runner Up ~ Northam Park A

Dennis Stasiak & Bob Massola, Captains

Finalist ~ Northam Park C

Rob Hildreth & Will Mohny, Captains



Open Division

Champions ~ Westerville Tennis Club A

Mike Rau & Shawn Padro, Captains

Runner Up ~ Westerville Central B

Scott Cavanagh & Mike Rau, Captains

GCTA MEN'S 2012 INVITATIONAL RESULTS

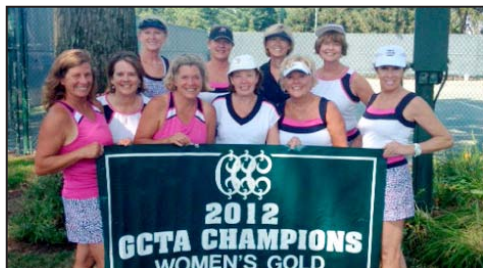
3.0: Koenig-Burris def. Snodgrass-Marsh 4-6, 6-2 10-8

3.5: Kallu-Chellapan def. Schroeder-Oestrich 6-3, 6-2

4.0: LeMaster-Bibo def. Birzer-Riddle 7-5, 6-2

Diamond: Campbell-Mason def. Nocks & McNamee 6-2, 6-2.





2.5 Division ~ Lakes Country Club



3.0 Division ~ Medallion Country Club



3.5 Division ~ New Albany Country Club



4.0 Division ~ Cardinal Antrim Park



4.5 Division ~ Country Club @ Muirfield



4.5 Division ~ Scarborough Tennis Club

WOMEN'S DAYTIME LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Gold Division

Champions ~ Columbus Country Club

Sharon Meyer & Barb Koch, Captains

Runner Up ~ Scioto Country Club

Collen Duffy & Vicki Shanahan, Captains

Runner Up ~ Elysium Tennis

Rita Johansen, Captain

2.5 Division

Champions ~ Lakes Country Club

Joanne Davis, Captain

Runner Up ~ New Albany Country Club

Gina Stelluti & Tracy Patrick, Captains

3.0 Division

Champions ~ Medallion Country Club

Staci Sobieray, Captain

Runner Up ~Elysium Tennis Club

Patty Axelrod & Toni Burkholder, Captains

Finalist ~New Albany Country Club

Lori Weiner, Captain

3.5 Division

Champions ~ New Albany Country Club

Jan Silver & Leslie Timmons, Captains

Runner Up ~ Scioto Country Club 1

Julie Gruss & Katrina Ruscilli, Captains

Finalist ~ Westerville Lazelle Tennis

Paula Laird & Chris Waid, Captains

4.0 Division

Champions ~ Cardinal Antrim Park Tennis

Sally Thorburn, Captain

Runner Up ~Swim & Racquet Club

Sue Loveland, Captain

4.5 Division

Champions ~ Country Club @ Muirfield

Kitty Allen & MJ Doran, Captains

Champions ~ Scarborough Tennis Club

Pam Patterson, Captain

Runner Up ~ Worthington Hills Country Club

Joni Mitchell & Eva Nourse, Captains



WOMEN'S CAREER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Career 3.0 Division

Champions ~ Players Club 1

Jennifer Murphy, Captain

Runner Up ~ Pickerington Central HS

Dori Repuyan, Captain

Career 3.5 Division

Champions ~ Wickertree Tennis Club 1

Kathy Martin & Laurel Elmore, Captains

Runners Up ~ Players Club

Judy Barbao & Alyson Tanenbaum, Captains

New Albany Country Club

Cherie Nelson, Captain

Career 4.0 Division

Champions ~ Pickerington Central High School

Kelli Rings & Brittany Rings, Captains

Runner Up ~ Players Club Tennis

Lisa Reisz, Captain



Career 4.0 ~ Pickerington Central High School



Career 3.0 ~ Players Club 1

USTA Junior Team Tennis National Championships

Congratulations to the 18 Advanced #1- Racquet Club of Columbus from Ohio Valley who finished in third place.



2012 ITA Arthur Ashe Leadership & Sportsmanship Award

*Williams College senior **Will Petrie**, a former GCTA Male Player of the Year, was named the recipient of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's national Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award.*

The Arthur Ashe Award recognizes outstanding individuals in all divisions at the regional and national level. In August the national winners are honored during a special ceremony hosted by the USTA during Arthur Ashe Kids' Day inside Ashe Stadium.



USTA ADULT SUMMER LEAGUE WINNERS - SUMMER 2012

2.5 Women	Bexley High School	Wendy Almasanu, Captain
3.0 Women	Racquet Club 1	Brenda Phillips, Captain
3.5 Women	Hastings MS	Sibyl Straughter, Captain
4.0 Women	Racquet Club	Karen Barney, Captain
4.0 Men	Scarborough East	Chad Mead, Captain
4.5 Men	Reynoldsburg HS	Randy Kruger/Jason Rousch, Captains
3.5 Sr Women	Upper Arlington HS	Chris Gerst/Lynne Aronson, Captains
4.0 Sr Women	Upper Arlington HS 2	Julie Caton/Meg Perez, Captains
	Otterbein College*	Beth LeCorgne
4.5 Sr Women	Olentangy Orange HS	Kathy Kinnard, Captain
4.5 Sr Men	Upper Arlington HS	Michael Murphy, Captain
8.0 Super Sr Women	Upper Arlington HS	Nancy Lucas, Captain
7.0 Mixed Doubles	Jefferson CC	Kathy Parsons, Captain
8.0 Mixed Doubles	Players Club	Heath Elliott, Captain
6.5 W Combo Doubles	Racquet Club	Carolyn Shaffer, Captain
7.5 W Combo Doubles	Wickertree Tennis Club	Kathy Martin/Laurel Elmore, Captains

*Runner up team invited to District Championships



UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION

GCTA GRANT AWARDS

The Greater Columbus Tennis Association is committed to promoting tennis at the local level. To that end, the GCTA offers grants to help organizations and/or individuals initiate or expand tennis programs and activities. Grants may be used to start instructional programs or leagues for players of all ages, abilities, and populations. In addition, grants may be used for tennis equipment, tennis advertising, and other tennis projects. This year the grant committee awarded over \$24,000 to area tennis program.

Listed below are the organizations that received GCTA grants this year.

*Buddy Up Tennis
Delaware Tennis in the Schools
Champions High School Clinic & Camp
Big Walnut Youth Tennis
Columbus Recreation & Parks
Tennis Leaders 2B Sports Camp
Canal Winchester Recreation Tennis
Ace with Love
Westerville Special Olympics
Whitehall Implementation of Tennis Program*



Wolfe Park's Ace With Love participants.





10 and Under Tennis is a revolutionary change in the way kids learn and play tennis,. Tennis is following the formula that the majority of youth sports have used for years - tailoring kid's tennis equipment and courts to a child's size and age so that they develop skills and have fun right from the start. 10 and Under Tennis is structured for kids to learn tennis, and rally, and play quickly in a way that is both enjoyable and rewarding.

In 2011, the Greater Columbus Tennis Association was awarded a \$50,000 grant to promote 10 and Under Tennis to the Columbus metropolitan area. The GCTA 10 and Under Tennis Local Performers (Terri Jones, Ashley Leveto, Erin Ortman, Tyler Stephens) have been spreading the word to local public and private school systems, After School programs, and youth team tennis market. All around Central Ohio you will see hundreds of young players taking up the game of tennis.

Tennis provides opportunities that are unique. Children of all sizes and shapes can learn to play the game successfully and develop at their own pace. With the addition of 10 and Under Tennis, our sport will create the GCTA will benefit from a grass roots program that will flourish for years to come.





Thanks Erin!

GCTA President 2009 - 2012

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