



Spring 2024 MCTA Newsletter



Hello Tennis Fans,

First, a big thank you! We appreciate your support and membership in the McCall Community Tennis Association. It's because of members like you that we've been able to expand our reach in the community and have exciting plans for this summer. Our annual dues have remained the same at \$30 per year for a single and \$40 for a family membership. Please renew your membership on our website! <https://mccalltennis.org/membership.html>

- **McCall High School** - Starting on May 15th, several Board Members are partnering with McCall High School in offering four tennis clinics to our 9th grade students as part of their physical fitness curriculum. We are excited to build on this partnership.
- **Welcome to Tennis** - On June 15th from 10 - 11:30 a.m. several Board members will be offering a beginner's clinic free of charge to new or returning players. The goal will be to teach and review the basic shots (ground strokes, serve, volleys) and connect beginner tennis players with each other. Based on attendance and feedback, we may offer further Welcome to Tennis Clinics on July 10th and another in August. If any MCTA members would like to assist us running these clinics, please contact **Karen Casey** at kaccasa@gmail.com 208-340-7401 or **Leigh Bailey** at leighbailey63@gmail.com 208-315-0454.
- **Tennis Basics Skill Camp**- On June 22nd from 10-12, **Mary Jo Lambert** arranged for several experienced tennis coaches from Sandpoint to offer a tennis camp with each court dedicated to a fundamental skill (i.e., ground strokes, volleys, serves). One court may be set aside for beginner players. This camp will be open to all levels. We will be charging \$10 for MCTA members and \$20 for non-members. Looking for

assistance on this event. If you can help contact **Mary Jo** at gmjo6@hotmail.com or 208-290-4646.

- **Drop In Tennis** - we are going to offer drop-in tennis based on levels starting on May 28. There will be two sessions:
 - Levels 3.0 and above drop-in tennis will play Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11 am
 - Beginner levels 2/2.5 will play Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-11 a.m. We will encourage attendees at our beginner clinics to connect with each other and attend these drop-in tennis times to burnish their skills.
 - Non-members will be welcomed to drop-in tennis and we hope to encourage them to become MCTA members.
- **Adolph Huddleston Clinics** - We are working on arrangements for USTA Coach Adolph Huddleston to return in late July/early August to teach clinics and private lessons over three days. He is interested in returning to work with us. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Social Mixer** - Save the date - August 24th. MCTA will sponsor a membership tennis mixer with a potluck luncheon to follow.
- **South Tennis Courts** - this summer we will be working on estimates to reconstruct and refinish the two south courts. We hope to put together a fundraising campaign which will need support from all of you. Let us know if you would like to help with fundraising.
- **MCTA Membership** - Your MCTA dues help us with minor court maintenance, travel and expenses for some of our out-of-town USTA coaches, and supplies for running our clinics and mixers. Please take the time to renew your MCTA membership today. See attached membership form.
- **New Board Member Eileen Start** – Appreciation to Eileen for stepping up and participating on our board as a member at large. Eileen has already proven herself as a huge help to MCTA, both with a financial donation and her time to attend meetings and help with clinics. Thank you Eileen!
- **Valley County Pickleball Association's request for pickleball lines on McCall High School Tennis Courts** - Recently Diane Sanders from the Pickleball association asked McCall Donnelly High School to paint pickleball lines on one of the south courts. Given our strong working

relationship with the McCall Recreation Department on the maintenance and use of these tennis courts, MCTA submitted a letter to the school and the McCall Recreation Department with a response. We respectfully suggested that the request for pickleball lines be declined given the numerous public and semi-private pickleball courts available throughout McCall and Valley County. We also feel that there would be a conflict during the peak summer months on the HS courts if pickleball users were to start using the courts. If you would like a copy of the letter, contact **Leigh Bailey**.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on the courts this summer! Your MCTA Board of Directors:

Leigh Bailey - President

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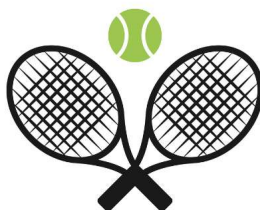
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