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Finishing up my fifth year on the CVTA's board of directors and my second as president, I look back on the CVTA's evolution, and I get the same feeling you get when you smash a put-away sitter at the net.

It's one of those smashes where it bounces high enough that you get to admire it for a few seconds, but at the kind of angle where you know your opponent can't catch up to it.

What I'm saying is, the job as president of the CVTA was just kind of teed up for me, and even though it didn't require any great amount of skill to hit a winner, it sure felt satisfying to keep it out of the net.

I benefited from a combination of fortuitous events, not the least of which was the way my predecessor, Eric Witte, set the stage. I've never seen anybody in a volunteer job attend to details the way he did, with the aplomb that he did. It was a privilege to work with him; and Eric, if you're out there, and if you ever need help on a worthy cause, please call me.

Thanks for the easy ones

Additionally, we had numerous other volunteers throughout the years who sacrificed their time and donated their talents to make the CVTA what it is today. I'm sorry I can't list them all. You can go to the CVTA's "history" page on its website for all the names of the directors and coordinators over the years. And one name in particular will probably stand out: Paige Hayes, your league coordinator.

Technically, Paige is not a volunteer; but considering the extra effort she puts into her job, she might as well be. You are probably aware that the emphasis on league competition really drives the existence of the CVTA; and Paige is the person who holds it all together.

Other volunteers who constantly amazed me with their energy and their willingness to do even more than anyone expected: Katie Howe, Ian Kogan, John Kennedy, Paulette Witte, Judy Hooper and Carey Beneke. There are many others (including Jeff Thomas, the guy who puts this newsletter together); but those six stand out in my mind, and I was lucky to be associated with them.

Among all those names, nobody tops Dan Johnson in terms of making things happen ... getting things done. He reminds me a lot

of Eric Witte. Assuming the CVTA membership accepts the recommendation of the board of directors in the upcoming elections, Dan is going to be a spectacular CVTA president when I step aside at the end of December; and while I feel pretty good about smashing that ball at the net, I feel especially good about leaving the CVTA in such capable hands.

Perhaps the most fortuitous influence in my time on the board was the increase in the public's emphasis on tennis across the country. When I first became involved with the board doing the CVTA's publicity in 2005, we were losing membership, and there was some concern about how things might look in a few years. There was a sense of urgency to make people love the game as much as we did. As it turned out, we didn't have to make anybody do anything. They already loved it. We just had to make them aware it was available.

It's a great group of people who comprise both the CVTA board and membership. I've enjoyed my tenure both on the board and as president, and I look forward to seeing everyone on the courts. All sitters are welcome!

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Indoor playing opportunities available

The CVTA has arranged for indoor tennis opportunities this winter at Ranch Country Club in Westminster, but Sunday evenings have already been filled, and CVTA members should hurry if they want to sign up for Monday and Friday- night packages. The cost for eight nights is \$480, payable the Ranch Country Club.

The Monday and Friday night 8-Packs run from 9-10:30 p.m., with one court available on each night. The packages for Mondays and Fridays can begin at any date. The breakdown on the cost of the courts comes down to \$15 per player for doubles play and \$30 for singles.

To reserve a court, please contact CVTA Board Member Thai La at 720-480-7478. Bookings will be made for the first group to deliver a check to La, as well as the names and phone numbers of all the

players and one designated representative. Please write "CVTA / RCC tennis rental" on your check.

BTA captures another County Cup

The 8th annual Boulder County Cup was blessed with good weather, good food and spirited play Sept. 17 at the CU South tennis courts. There were nearly 100 players this year, with no known injuries. In a closely contested match, the Boulder Tennis Association (BTA) prevailed for the second year in a row. The Longmont Tennis Association (LTA) was a close second, with the CVTA coming up just a little short. Thanks to our sponsors and Babolat (for providing demo rackets). Thanks to Tom Galey (BTA/Operation Director), Randall Clarke (BTA/Committee Chair) and CVTA board member Lisa Varga for their hard work. Thanks to all the participants! Hopefully everyone had fun!

-- Dan Johnson, CVTA board member

Tennis shots

Who's been pickin' up our parks?

From left: Toni Cowern, Sara Jensen, Mary O'Brien and Marion Fisher helped pick up Centennial Park in Louisville this summer as part the Adopt-a-Park Program with the city of Louisville. Fisher's husband and two children also helped with picking up the trash in the park. Board Member Lisa Varga said participation from various CVTA members throughout the year made the program a success. Participants also facilitated minor repairs, such as windscreen maintenance, at Centennial, Pirates Park and the courts at the Louisville Recreation Center. Volunteers from **David Hwang's** 3.5 Men's team also helped put up windscreens at Monarch High.



Senior men's team hits 'em hard at districts

Ted Hine's division-winning 2011 CVTA men's 3.0 senior team poses at Districts on Sept. 9. From left, on the top row, **Joseph Gyetvai**, Captain **Ted Hine**, and **Bob Green**; middle row, **Paul South** and **Shesh Ayala**; in the front **Garrett Fisher**. Not pictured is team member **John Childs**. The team was undefeated in regular season play (6-0) and went 2-1 at Districts (finishing third) for a total team win/loss record of 8-1.



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