

# THE BULLETIN

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## GREY ROCK TENNIS CLUB TENNIS TIPS

In the previous issues, I answered questions about beginning to play tennis, how to select tennis equipment and clothing, how to begin playing with friends and family, and how to start children competing in small CATA tournaments. In this issue, I will offer you some advice on how to start playing USTA Adult sanctioned tournaments.

*Q: When watching tennis on television, the commentators keep referring the players as “ranked” and “seeded players” What does that mean?*

*A: The USTA offers many tournaments for players of all abilities. As they play each match, they accumulate points according to the rounds won in a match. After each tournament, the USTA posts the up to date ranked. When players enter*

*another tournament on their respective division, the tournament referee will use these rankings to do the draws and seed them according to their positions. The computer, when doing the draws, will protect the “seeded” players they do not play against each other in the early rounds and hopefully will meet each other on the late rounds.*

*Q: How do I know which tournament to enter?*

*A: The Capital Area Tennis Association (CATA) and the USTA offers many leagues and tournaments for adults 19 through 90 and above years old, in Austin, State and Nationwide. There are two types of tournament and leagues: National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP) and Age Tournaments and Leagues. The*

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## Tyler Shaw Earns Boy Scouts of America’s Highest Rank of Eagle Scout



*Submitted by Darin Kirschner  
Troop 280, Dripping Springs*

Tyler Shaw attained his Eagle Rank in Boy Scouts Troop 280 of Dripping Springs, TX on June 15th, 2012.

We are very proud of Tyler and his accomplishments as a leader in enlisting and directing the refurbishment of an antique Chuck Wagon for the Dripping Springs Pound House.

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## Tennis Tips - (Continued from Cover Page)

NTRP tournament events offer: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5 and 5.0 Divisions. The Age Tournaments offer: Open (19 and above), 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, and 90 and over divisions. Also, they offer Age Leagues: 19-39, 40-53, 55-64 and 65 and above.

*Q: How do I get an NTRP rating?*

A: Sanctioned leagues and tournaments require a USTA Membership. They offer Single and Family Memberships at reasonable prices. When registering, they will ask a player to "rate" themselves. Depending on the playing experience and tournament play record, they will assign a player with a "rating" ranging from 2.5 through 5.0. I suggest getting advice from your teaching pro prior to making the final selection.

*Q: How do I move up/down from the original rating?*

A: Once a player has a rating, every time he/she plays in a league match or a tournament, they will earn points if they win, or lose points if they lose. Every six months, the USTA will publish the new ratings according to their win/loss record. At the end of each league season, the top teams qualify to participate in State Tournaments, and if they are winners in the State event, they qualify to play in National Tournaments.

*Q: What about age level tournaments?*

A: The USTA and CATA also offer age level tournaments. These rankings and ratings also are taking into consideration after each calendar year depending on their win/loss record. Players receive points for State Tournaments, and Category I and II for each win. Top players on each category will be invited to participate in National and International Tournaments in their appropriate age level.

For schedules, fees and types of tournaments available, you can visit the USTA.com website. Grey Rock Tennis Club hosted one of these Adult NTRP Tournaments in the month of July. Over 100 participants entered the various events offered

You also may have noticed that we have changed our name from "Circle C Tennis Club" to "Grey Rock Tennis Club". New name, but same service and programs.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO FAMILY TENNIS TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS FROM GREY ROCK TENNIS CLUB

### *On to Naples, Florida!!*

The Grey Rock Tennis Club hosted the "2012 Family Tennis Tournament." This will become an annual event. Winners that have earned a berth to participate in the National Tournament being held at the Waldorf Astoria Resort in Naples, Florida on September 6-9, 2012 are:

*(Right) Shelly and Brennan Foreman, Winners of the Mother/Daughter Family Event*

*(Below) Christian and Kathy Smith, Runners Up; and Michele Haggerty and Jackson Cobb, Winners of the Mother/Son Family Event*



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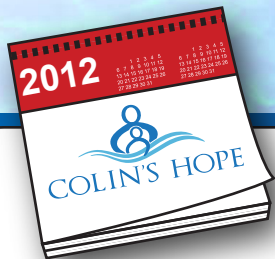
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# Back To School Checklist

Ensuring a  
Healthy Return  
to the Classroom  
Begins at Home

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As a parent, there's no doubt that back-to-school season requires a lot of effort to get your kids all set for the challenges of the classroom. But it's also an important time to consider your child's health, says Daniel Howard, M.D., a pediatrician with The Austin Diagnostic Clinic (ADC).

"From making sure all of the proper vaccinations have been administered on schedule, to getting their kids back on 'school year' sleep schedules, health is obviously a huge consideration for parents with school-age children," Dr. Howard says.

- **Vaccinations 101.** Children should receive a variety of vaccinations and booster shots to prevent them from getting many serious and highly contagious diseases.
- **Hearing and vision tests.** Consider getting your child's hearing and vision tested before they begin school to prevent learning challenges in the classroom.
- **Health information.** Parents should be prepared to provide schools with a list of emergency contact information that includes telephone numbers for parents, close family, pediatrician, and dentist.
- **Diet and sleep.** Healthy eating is a critical part of a child's physical and mental development and can help curb the risk of childhood obesity. Sleep is also essential—kids should get between eight to 11 hours per day, depending on their age.

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## PARALYMPICS PLAYER TRAINING AT GREY ROCK TENNIS CLUB

Dustin Strelsky is shown here with Francisca Mardones from Chile during a training session with Director of Tennis, Fernando Velasco. Francisca is presently ranked #25 in Singles and Doubles in the International Wheelchair Championships in the Open Division and will be representing Chile in the 2012 Paralympics' Championships being held in London in the month of August. Francisca will be training at Grey Rock Tennis Club August 4 through 15 prior to traveling to London to compete against players from all over the world.



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