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TENNIS ASSOCIATION**
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Fredericksburg Tennis Association
January/February 2019 Newsletter
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At last....new newsletter. Your FTA President took a long fall and winter newsletter break. But since 2019 has so much going on, it is time to fully press on. As always, please feel free to comment on the newsletter, the FTA or about tennis otherwise!

**BRAT & KRAUT TENNIS
GATHERING:
Sunday, March 10, 2019
Social Doubles 5:30 pm
Dinner: around 7:00 pm
We'll have an update on
FTA "happenings" right
before dinner. Come join
us for social time!
Free to Members.
\$5 for guests**

JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS: PLEASE CONTACT SEELYE HARRISON OR JULIE ALVAREZ FOR MORE INFORMATION.
JUNIORS AND PARENTS: PLEASE COME TO THE MARCH 8TH EVENT IN KERRVILLE! FORM YOUR TEAMS OF 4-5
SIMILARLY SKILLED AND AGE PLAYERS. COST IS \$39 PER PLAYER.

**Player Round Up Event: March 8th @ 5:00 p.m. @ Kerrville HEB
Tennis Center (gifts for all participating attendees)
Player Registration Deadline: March 17th
Age Cutoff Date: May 31st
Spring Sectionals Dates: Midland, Tx May 18 & 19**

**Official Dates of Play: March 31, April 14, April 28, Rain out Make-
Up Date May 5 (Dates can be changed by ALC)**

**INCREASING OUR
MEMBERSHIP
AND OUR TENNIS
RELATED
COMMUNITY
FOOTPRINT!**



BE AN FTA MEMBER AND TENNIS COMMUNITY SUPPORTER!

You may remit a check to FTA, 432 Lady Bird Drive, Fredericksburg, Texas 78624 or log onto the website and register and pay via paypal. Family \$50, individuals \$35 per year. Being an FTA member supports Fredericksburg area tennis and the fantastic effect we have had on community. FTA is not only about tennis players who enjoy member tennis activities, but it is also about our significant influence on supporting and improving tennis youth and related programs, facilities and amenities! Please support our tennis youth! Invite others to join! If you don't want to join, please consider a tax-deductible donation through our website at:

<https://www.fredericksburgtennis.org/donate>

What we done in the last 3 years should speak volumes to members and potential members who want to support tennis and youth in our community. The FTA has...

- constructed an additional tennis storage building and renovated the existing tennis building at Ladybird Park
- hosted a first ever USTA youth challenger tournament (265 participants), with another event scheduled for June 2019. Also hosted 4 challenger tournament sites in Fredericksburg for other challenger events in the Hill Country area.
- annually held tennis clinics for kids as part of the Fredericksburg Law Enforcement Kids Summer Days Out
- hosted two Wellness Center Fit Kids summer tennis camp sessions with another full week camp scheduled for July 2019
- held the Dr. Pepper Jr. Tennis Classic (going on 34th annual)
- held Sunday night junior tennis clinics followed by Junior Team Tennis in 2018. Several junior team tennis events are planned for 2019.
- gave 7 graduating FHS tennis team members approximately \$6500 college scholarships
- sponsored three annual USTA summer camps conducted by USTA teaching professionals
- gave needs-based financial aid to 4 kids to attend summer tennis camps
- led the 2016 Lady Bird tennis court resurfacing project and installed new windscreens on all courts. Obtained bleachers for the airport side of those courts
- successfully converted itself to a 501(C) (3) tax-exempt organization
- publicized the need for additional tennis court space

Corporate Sponsors / Donations

We will be contacting our 2018 corporate and Challenger sponsors to hopefully get a “re-up” for 2019. Anyone with suggestions for NEW corporate sponsors or if a member would like to contact with our current sponsors, please contact Seelye! Also please consider donating to the FTA (501C3 tax exempt organization).

HILL COUNTRY CHALLENGER JUNE 8 & 9, 2019

We are again planning for 250+ USTA Texas challenger entries! Last year’s total was 265 participants. Our official 2019 tournament name is **Centennial Bank Hill Country Challenger**. We may be using several locations Saturday (Fredericksburg and Kerrville and possibly Mason or Ingram) depending on the number and nature of entries. The 10 & under tournament takes place on Saturday (green and orange ball) while the rest of the tournament events are over the two days. We are planning on bringing all Sunday matches to Fredericksburg High School and Lady Bird. In addition to Centennial, Texas Oncology and Culligan Water are committed 2019 sponsors!



CentennialBANK



*Fredericksburg Tennis
Association March/April 2018*

Congrats! –
Division 4A State
tennis team
Champions:
**Fredericksburg
High School Tennis
Team** (players,
coaches, parents)

FBG Sports Park News:

The City of Fredericksburg's 2019 General Obligation Parks Bond Proposition (\$6.1 million) is on the ballot for Election Day, **May 4, 2019**. This proposal includes 4 new lighted tennis courts, in addition to baseball and soccer fields. Based on official publications from the City of Fredericksburg, the property tax impact on a hypothetical \$300,000 home is \$50.10 per year (no impact on senior citizens who have applied for exemptions). For additional information contact Andrea Schmidt, Parks & Recreation Director, phone 830-990-2018.



The Annual Meeting: The FTA annual meeting occurred on January, 2019. We took a retrospective look on a very successful 2018, reviewed our financial results and looked forward to what we would like 2019 to look like.

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The 2019 Board of Directors will be Seelye Harrison, Jerry Fauchaux, Grover Hawkins, David Harris, Randall King, Ken Brown, Betsy Pfannstiel and Cass Moore. Should other members desire to be on the Board, please contact Seelye.

The Fredericksburg Tennis Association invites you to participate in the:

Generation Gap

2019 Tennis Doubles Tournament



April 27,28 2019



WOMEN'S, MEN'S AND MIXED – EACH PARTICIPANT MUST BE +/- 20 YEARS THAN THEIR PARTNER (THUS THE “**GENERATION GAP!**”)

SIGN UP ON LINE AT <https://www.fredericksburgtennis.org/tournaments> OR COMPLETE MANUAL REGISTRATION(from website) AND SEND TO 432 LADY BIRD DRIVE, FREDERICKSBURG TEXAS 78724

ENTRY FEES: \$15 per person per event

T-SHIRT FOR EACH PARTICIPANT

MIXED DOUBLES NORMALLY PLAYED ON SUNDAY. MENS AND WOMENS NORMALLY PLAYED ON SATURDAY (DEPENDS ON NUMBER OF ENTRIES)

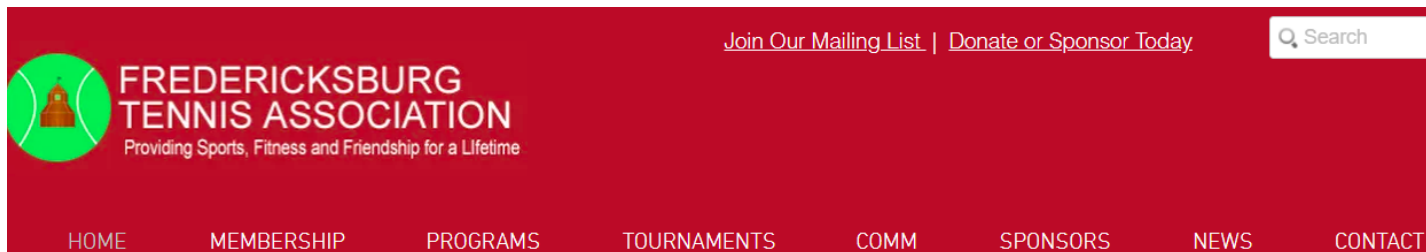
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The Board is drafting a capital campaign to “step up” and modernize aging area tennis courts and to add critical amenities to the proposed Fredericksburg Sports Park tennis facilities. The capital campaign will include sports park amenities and improvements, upgrades to lighting at Lady Bird and adding lights to the lower High School courts. Also under consideration are covered courts (Lady Bird or Sports Park) and demolishing and replacing Lady Bird courts 1 and 2. More to come...

FTA WEBSITE: PLEASE LOG ONTO OUR WEBSITE, BROWSE AROUND AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO VISIT! WE HAVE FTA, TOURNAMENT AND COMMUNITY INFO AND VARIOUS SIGN UPS, DONATIONS AND “CONTACT US” FUNCTIONS WORKING!

<https://www.fredericksburgtennis.org>



And last, please sign up for the Generation GAP tournament. Tell a friend! This is a fun event and hopefully we can get some players!

Sincerely,

Seelye Harrison

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