

SERVE 'EM UP



Welcome to our second 2018 newsletter. The last few newsletters can be obtained on our website. So much going on already! As always, please feel free to comment on the newsletter, the FTA or about tennis otherwise!

Fredericksburg Tennis Association
March/April 2018 Newsletter
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Julie Alvarez and family: Julie and Chuck Alvarez have been in Fredericksburg since 1994. They have always enjoyed playing tennis, and in fact, were set up as mixed doubles partners on their first date when they were living in Washington, DC! They have three children, Andrew (21), Henry (18) and Olivia (14), all of whom have grown up playing competitive tennis and enjoying the sport as a family. They also enjoy downhill skiing, hiking, golf, Cornell hockey games, playing music (piano, violin, cello and the trumpet), Toastmasters, reading (favorite book this year is *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan) and a good game of Chinese Checkers (and other board games). When not playing golf or tennis, Chuck owns and operates Cameron-Brooks, Inc. a local company that helps junior military officers transition to the business world. Julie is in her 7th year of teaching 5th grade math at Ambleside School of Fredericksburg and volunteers with several local organizations including the Nimitz Foundation, Boot Ranch Scholarship Fund Fun Run (November), St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (Vestry member) and she spends a lot of time on the court inspiring young people to play and love the game of tennis!

Heritage School (family): Heritage School provides a distinctive classical, Christ-centered education that prepares students for servant leadership and lives that glorify God. The Heritage High School team is coached by Ali Sheriff with assistant coach Melody Brown and other parents and volunteers.

Jack Pounds: Jack moved back to Fredericksburg from Nashville where he attended Belmont University, met his wife Alison, and worked for several years. Jack is building his practice as a financial advisor with Edward Jones, and is excited to be back in his hometown, surrounded by great old and new friends and family.

Chad Faucheux (family): Chad and his family moved to Fredericksburg 4 years ago. He and his wife are raising three children here, ages 8, 10 and 14. He grew up playing tennis with his father and FTA member Jerry, but has yet to take out the old man! Chad is working on his game and one of his goals is to finally beat Jerry!

Next Tennis Gathering: **TACO TENNIS**
Sunday, May 20, 2018. Social
Doubles starts at 6 pm. Youth drills and play
concurrent with Social Adult play. Dinner
thereafter. Host: Pablo Mireles. Mark your
calendars - rain or shine event! We'll have a
brief update on FTA happenings right before
dinner.



Next up, Braxton Roemer hosts the 3rd annual
Catfish Fry Tennis, Sunday June 3rd.



GENERATION GAP TOURNAMENT

The Generation Gap tennis tournament drew 23 doubles team to Lady Bird Municipal Park April 9 and 10. Participants ranged in age from 12 to 91! Saturday's men's and women's doubles were played on a cold blustery Saturday. Fredericksburg High School player Levi Wilkins teamed with long time Fredericksburg area tennis player Mac McDonald to win the men's doubles while the Fredericksburg mother daughter (and FTA member) team of Lori and Amy Dittmar took the women's doubles title. With Sunday's much more tennis-conducive weather, Levi Wilkins teamed with Kerrville's Debbie Mills to take the very competitive Mixed Doubles Division A crown over the Fredericksburg runners up team of Julie Alvarez and Noah DeLeon. Kerrville's Melody Brown and her 91 year old partner, Ed Williamson, took the Mixed Doubles Division B title over runners up Terry Bonn and Layla Mashni of Fredericksburg

After a very slow registration start and a few last minute cancellations, with the help of certain FTA members and Coach King, we were able to have similar numbers from 2017 and better than 2016! Each participant received a Generation Gap T-shirt.





GEN GAP Champions: Men's: Levi Wilkins/Mac McDonald, Mixed B Ed Williamson/Melody Brown, Women's Amy/Lori Dittmar, Mixed A Debbie Mills/Levi Wilkins



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Congrats!

Amy Dittmar (left) recently “champed up” by accumulating sufficient Challenger points to advance to the USTA Texas Champions level.

Centennial Bank Challenger News:

We are so GRATEFUL for our **Challenger sponsors** ceding into our area youth tennis!

Diamond Title Sponsor:

Centennial Bank

Platinum Sponsor:

Texas Oncology

Silver Sponsors:

HCM Immediate Care Clinic

Culligan Water

Bronze Sponsors:

Fredericksburg Physical
Therapy

Other Sponsors:

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Burger

Volunteers: Please be prepared to work the tournament! We'll need court monitors, tournament desk assistants, court maintenance (including rolling courts in the event of rain), runners and others. The **tournament committee is meeting April 28** to assess volunteer and other needs.

We are planning for 250+ challenger entries! We may be using several locations Saturday (Fredericksburg, Kerrville, Ingram, Mason) 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 two days. We are planning on bringing all Sunday matches to Fredericksburg High School and Lady Bird.





INTERESTED IN SUMMER TEAM TENNIS? THE FREDERICKSBURG TENNIS ASSOCIATION IS NOW REGISTERING KIDS FOR THE HILL COUNTRY JUNIOR TENNIS LEAGUE (CO-ED). MATCH PLAY THURSDAY NIGHTS (JUNE 14 TO JULY 26 SEASON). OPTIONAL PRACTICE SUNDAY NIGHTS. MATCHES AT LADY BIRD JOHNSON PARK. COST \$35 FOR THE SEASON PLUS TENNIS LINK REGISTRATION FEE AT SIGN UP. BALLS, T-SHIRT AND TEAM AWARDS PROVIDED. TO PARTICIPATE YOU MUST HAVE A USTA ACCOUNT BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A USTA MEMBER (CREATE AN ACCOUNT AT SIGN IF NECESSARY). LEAGUE IS OPEN TO ALL ATHELETES IN THE HILL COUNTRY AREA. PARENTS MAY ACT AS TEAM CAPTAINS AND/OR MATCH MONITORS. COORDINATORS MAY MOVE TEAMS AND DIVISIONS AROUND BASED ON PARTICIPANTS #S.

REGISTER: <https://tennislink.usta.com/TeamTennis/Main/Home.aspx>

You MUST USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TEAM NUMBERS TO SIGN UP:

12 & UNDER BEGINNER 8096352815

12 & UNDER INTERMEDIATE 8096352818

14 & UNDER BEGINNER 8096252816

14 & UNDER INTERMEDIATE 8096352817

14 & UNDER ADVANCED 8096352814

JTT COORDINATORS: KEN BROWN / SEELYE HARRISON

The idea is so expand the league to include other Hill Country junior teams! Pass the word, please! We are in our first year and we'll be flexible in how we run the league.

**3rd Annual USTA Texas Hill Country
Summer Youth Tennis Camp (July 23-26, 2018)**



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Ages 8-18 welcome
Mon-Thurs/9am-4pm
Choose Days/Sessions
Free Camp T-shirt

Cost is \$375 for the full camp. The number of days/sessions attended, and therefore the cost, can be variable - see registration for more information. Please publicize this camp to potential attendees. Register or seek more information at:

<https://form.jotform.com/texastennis/tenniscamp>

DR Pepper/ Tennis Outlet Junior Open

Fredericksburg High School
Tennis Courts, Fredericksburg,
TX

JULY 27-29, 2018

33rd ANNUAL

The 33rd annual Dr. Pepper/Tennis Outlet Junior Tennis Tournament follows the end of the Hill County camp!
REGISTER NOW!

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



Wellness Center
Youth Fitness

Yes we do! We now have a tennis week as part of the 2018 Wellness Center's Fit Kids summer camp program. Our camp week is **July 9th to July 13th**. For those of you who know parents with kiddos from ages 5 to 12 who want to have some tennis fun during that week, encourage them to sign up with the Wellness Center. Space is limited and these camps fill up quickly. We'll post information on the website as well, as soon as the Wellness Center publishes its camp and sign up information.

BILLIES MAKE REGIONAL SPLASH – SEND THREE DOUBLES TEAMS TO STATE UIL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Thursday, May 17th - Friday, May 18th - 2018

George P. Mitchell Tennis Center and the Omar Smith Intramural Tennis Center, Texas A&M University

Representing Fredericksburg: Regional Boys Doubles Runners Up, **Noah DeLeon and Blake Boubel**. Regional Mixed Doubles Champions, **Broque Constantine and Claire Maxcey** and Runners Up **Levi Wilkins and Caitlyn Halford!** Congratulations to these awesome high school tennis athletes!

4A Boys Doubles

Quarterfinals
May 17
10:30 am

Semifinals
May 17
3:30 pm

Finals
May 18
10:00 am

4A Mixed Doubles

Quarterfinals
May 17
1:00 pm

Semifinals
May 17
5:00 pm

Finals
May 18
12:00 pm

Corporate Sponsors:

In addition to our specific Challenger Sponsors, we are so grateful to our other corporate/business sponsors, who recognize FTA's commitment to and support for tennis and youth. Our corporate sponsors understand and appreciate how FTA is making an impact and support our expanding Hill Country tennis footprint! We want to specifically recognize **First United Bank**, who gave generously as a corporate sponsor of youth tennis, including our Junior Team Tennis initiative. When you encounter these businesses or business owners, please be sure to thank them for their support and recommend their services to others in town!

First United (Brad Hardin)



Edward Jones (Jack Pounds)



Fredericksburg Medical Equipment (Nick Harris)



Mustard Design (Eric Mustard)



Culligan Water (Kevin Kunz)



Robert Bourquein



BUILDINGS UPDATE...

New Equipment Building DONE! The building is in full use!



Clubhouse Building



Pardon our Dust but LOOKING GOOD!
Repair and remodel in process! We have reconfigured the kitchen area, added hot water capabilities, added new cabinets and sink and added new tables and chairs. Still to come: various finish work, ceiling and rood repairs, various electric work, floor painting and a few other items.

Respectively submitted,

Seelye Harrison
FTA President