

Dear Members:

We're almost through the Summer season now, no more early morning tennis camps, the LPTA will be moving back to their normal 4pm-6pm time slot, and there are just a few lessons going on in the morning hours.

This is a good time to start thinking about BLOCK TIME for the Fall, Winter, and Spring Seasons. If you had a time last year, you are invited to sign up for that court again. Try to do so by Sept 1st. Payment will be due the week of Oct 15th, or the first night you play. The Women's Team will have their League/Fundraiser in the Fall, and the Men's Team will have their annual League during the Winter, both on Monday nights.

Remember, these two events are a vital part of the success of our two NCAA Tennis Teams. Your support is appreciated very much, and Coaches Dils and Jasper thank you very much. Next month's newsletter will include their schedules for the Fall Season.

-Bob Scott



Pardon our mess

If you were in the right (or wrong) part of town last Friday evening, you may have experienced what some people are calling "Hurricane Green Chili". Well, the LTC was in just the right place to get hit. We had one tree near the front entrance that lost quite a few large branches and lots of leaves! On the other side of the clubhouse, we lost our big olive tree. It was uprooted and has caused quite the mess. We are working on getting it cleaned up but it is not a quick process.

With this accident also comes a reminder that the parking area right next to the courts is not meant for members, pros, employees, or even players. We ask that everyone please park in the main parking lot, North of the club.

Superdrill Days and Times

Superdrill days and times are the following: Bob Scott gives drills on Mondays and Fridays 11:30AM-1:00PM for 2.5/3.0 level players; Matt Neeld offers drills on Mondays 6:00PM-7:30PM and Tuesdays 9:00AM-10:30AM for 3.5/4.0 level players; and Matt Given offers a drill for 4.0/4.5 level players on Wednesdays 6:00PM-7:30PM. We have added these evening drills in hopes to accommodate those who would prefer to play after work. If you have a time in mind when you think that you and a group of people would want to have a new drill, please let us know at the club and we will try to work something out. As well, we want to remind our members, and non-members, that when they sign-up for drills, they should sign-up for the ones that best match their current NTRP rating.

School is starting!

Classes will begin at UNM on Monday, August 19th and that means a couple things around First, it means that the courts will be very busy due to our Men's and Women's Lobo Tennis Teams practicing for their Fall seasons. Second, it means that we will be seeing some faces we recognize seasoned players return to their home here Albuquerque and that we will be seeing some new faces as well.

As a member of the LTC, you have the unique opportunity to meet the players and share these courts with them. We hope that you will take the time to watch them play or practice, and cheer them on when it comes time to compete.

The Men's team will be practicing on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 2PM-4PM and on Tuesdays The Thursdays 11:30AM-1:30PM. Women's team will be practicing on Mondays, Wednesdays, **Fridays** and 8:30AM-11:30AM and Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30pm-4:00pm.

With the courts being busy, we want to remind you that, as members, you can reserve courts up to one full week in advance.

3rd Annual Loren Dils Labor Day Tennis Classic

The Loren Dils Labor Day Tennis Classic has become a tradition here at the Lobo Tennis Club and we hope that it has become a tradition for you, too. This year the tournament will begin on Friday, August 30th and will conclude on Monday, September 2nd. This tournament is a fundraiser for former Lobo Men's Tennis Assistant Coach and LTC Director Loren Dils. It is our way of showing support for him through his battle with ALS. Loren has contributed so much to Lobo Tennis and this tournament is the least we can do to honor his work here.

This is a USTA sanctioned event where we will have age divisions and NTRP divisions along with Men's and Women's Open events with participation from the Lobo Men's and Women's players. Last year Lobo player, Misa Bezdikova won the Women's Open division and the men called it a tie between players Mads Hegelund and Sammy Iftikhar. They will have the opportunity to defend those wins this year.

Not only is this a great tournament to participate in, but it is also a great opportunity to check out the Lobo players and your first chance to see the new players before their Fall season begins. Last year we had around 250 players and we would love to have just as much participation this year from the wonderful tennis community here in Northern New Mexico.

To find the tournament on USTA's tennislink, use the ID # 750014313. Hope to see you out here!

