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TSR UPDATE FOR

SACRAMENTO, EL DORADO, PLACER, AMADOR & ALPINE COUNTIES



Welcome to USTA NorCal!

Greetings tennis enthusiasts! This is Jennifer Castle, your local USTA NorCal Tennis Service Representative (TSR) serving Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Amador & Alpine Counties. This monthly update will be a way for you to find out about information on local events in the area and as way for you to let me know what is happening in your area, so don't be shy. If you have something that is coming up or if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at castle@norcal.usta.com or (916) 337-6017.

Free 1-Year USTA 10 and Under Jr. Membership!



Until December 31, 2012, kids 10 and under, that are new to the USTA, can receive a FREE Junior Membership - a \$20 value! Junior membership includes, *Bounce*, a newsletter for kids, plus access to play USTA Jr. Team Tennis and Tournaments.* Now it's easier than ever for kids to get in the game: new rules, kid-sized racquets, slower, lower bouncing balls, AND a free membership!

Offer expires December 31, 2012. Visit www.tryusta.com/juniorfree for complete details.

*FOR NEW 10 AND UNDER MEMBERS ONLY. No purchase necessary. Offer open only to U.S. residents and applies only to new 10 and Under 1-Year Junior membership (regular price: \$20). Individual must be aged 10 or under at time of enrollment to qualify. Other qualifications apply. *Fees may apply for tournament and league participation. Terms of membership

and benefits subject to change in the USTA's sole discretion. USTA Membership is not transferable. Offer expires 11:59 p.m. ET on 12/31/12. Visit www.tryusta.com/juniorfree or call 1-800-990-8782 for complete terms and conditions and enrollment instructions. Individuals (and their parent(s)/legal guardian(s)) must agree to adhere to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the USTA (available on www.usta.com). ©2012 United States Tennis Association Incorporated. All rights reserved.

Jr. Team Tennis

With FREE 10 and Under Tennis Memberships and lots of successful local Play Days - now is the time to think ahead for Spring Jr. Team Tennis. Offer your younger players an opportunity to play jr. team tennis using the QuickStart format. Kids LOVE being on a team so why not let them connect with each other out on the court. Jr. Team Tennis is designed for any level of play. Only two teams are needed to have a league but our aim is to sign up many more! This is an exciting opportunity so let's get our newest members playing team tennis! Let me know how I can help you grow your team by contacting me at castle@norcal.usta.com or (916) 337-6017.

Adult Leagues

Beginning with the 2013 season, national USTA League will be improving its structure to enhance your playing experience. In addition, USTA NorCal will continue to offer sectional leagues, insuring play opportunities and championship events for all ages. Read more about it [Here](#).

2012 Adult League: Our largest league season will open for team registration on January 30th and close on Feb. 26th. Players may register throughout the local league season.

2012 Super Senior 65 League: Season will open for play on February 20, 2012.

Combo Playoffs: Will finish in January.

Flex League: Registration will close on January 29th.

Novice Programs are currently happening throughout the section. Listings of adult play days and novice programs are located on the League News Page. http://www.norcal.usta.com/adult_players/adult_leagues/homenews/.



The USTA Serves Scholarship Application Process is Open!

USTA Serves is the National Charitable Foundation of the USTA and its mission is to support, monitor and promote programs that enhance the lives of underserved youth through the integration of tennis and education. Each year, **USTA Serves** awards several scholarships to deserving youngsters who have participated in United States Tennis Association (USTA) and/or other organized youth tennis programs. Each recipient of a **USTA Serves** scholarship is expected to enroll as a full-time undergraduate student as defined by his/her undergraduate institution, no later than the opening 2012 fall semester or term after notice of selection for the scholarship. Applicants receiving full grant and aid scholarships in the sport of tennis from their respective schools are not eligible for a **USTA Serves** scholarship. **The deadline for submission of scholarship applications to USTA NorCal is February 10, 2012.** To learn more, please visit: <http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/USTA-Serves/Information/66422-USTA-Tennis-Education-Foundation-College-Scholarships/>

USTA has resources to help you fix courts in your community!

Whether you're just starting out and dreaming of building a state-of-the-art multi-court tennis facility, you're interested in 36' and 60' tennis (QuickStart play format) for [10 and Under Tennis](#), or you just want to figure out how to repair the cracked courts at the local park down the street, you're in the right place – the USTA is here to help! USTA NorCal has a committee of Advocates trained to walk you through the process and offer technical assistance to guide you. Court renovation projects approved by the USTA National office can receive partial funding ranging from \$4,000 up to \$50,000 through a competitive grant process (conditions apply). To learn more, log onto <http://www.usta.com/About-USTA/TheBigServe/>. To contact your local Northern CA Section Advocate, please email advocacy@norcal.usta.com.



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

MONTHLY UPDATE

Workshops and Training

We want to ensure that you receive the best possible on-court training available. The skills you will learn at USTA Recreational On-Court Training Workshops will help you grow the sport, increase demand for your instruction and get you more involved. With these goals in mind, the Recreational Coach Workshop (RCW) and the Recreational QuickStart Tennis Workshop (QST) prepare coaches, instructors and parents to give players an exceptional tennis experience and keep them coming back. Attendance to a workshop is STRONGLY recommended if you or your facility is hosting a playday, junior team tennis league, after school program, or QuickStart program. The next QuickStart workshop(s) are scheduled for mid – December & January.



Quickstart Trainings

- ⇒ 2/12/12 - Sutter Lawn Tennis Club; Contact: Jason Johnson at (530) 300-4036 or jason2135@sbcglobal.net
- ⇒ 2/18/12 - Meadowbrook Tennis Club; Contact Christina Romeka at (831) 394-6629 or info@breakpoint10s.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:



SACRAMENTO AREA REGIONAL MEETING – February 1, 2012
 Hosted by Elk Grove PAL
 City Council Chambers
 8400 Laguna Palms Way
 Elk Grove, CA. 95757

The Girl Scouts are Turning 100 Event at Cal Expo

For *Girl Scouts 100th: Celebrating Green Forever*, the Cal Expo fairgrounds will be transformed into a Girl Scouts-themed universe, showcasing all of what Girl Scouting has to offer from the past, present and in the future. Like many popular theme parks, the 100 event is divided into “worlds” —only there are seven of them with something for every girl in every world.

Event details:
Date: April 28, 2012
Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Where: Cal Expo





Future 10 and Under Tennis Play Days

February 4th — Citrus Heights PAL Play Day at Mesa Verde High School from 10:00am-12:00pm; Cost is Free for PAL members. Contact castle@norcal.usta.com to sign up!

February 11th — Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Play Day at Sierra College, Rocklin CA, from 10am-12:00pm. This event is *open to all girls K-6* interested in learning more about Girl Scouts and participating in a tennis play day event. Contact castle@norcal.usta.com to sign up!

February 26th — Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Play Day at Ed Mitchell Park in Folsom, CA, from 10am-12:00pm. This event is *open to all girls K-6* interested in learning more about Girl Scouts and participating in a tennis play day event. Contact castle@norcal.usta.com to sign up!

Player Development Newsletter:

<http://www.norcal.usta.com/PDNews/>

- 10 and Under Tennis - Player Development Camps
http://www.norcal.usta.com/10_and_under_tennis_-_player_development_camps/
- Player Development Camps - 2012 Calendar
http://www.norcal.usta.com/player_development_camps_-_2012_calendar/
- EDC (Early Development Camp) Calendar 2012
http://www.norcal.usta.com/edc_camp_calendar_2012/
- RTC Camp Calendar - 2012
- http://www.norcal.usta.com/rtc_camp_calendar_-_2012/



Future Junior Tournaments

*Contact Tommy Tu for more information on Junior Tournaments: ttu@norcal.usta.com

Future Adult Tournaments

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