



# TCT What's it all about?

The USTA season may be over, but local tennis competition is just now heating up, thanks to TCT - Tennis Competitors of Tulsa. Since its beginning in 1993, under the leadership of Eileen Hannaford, TCT continues to provide a recreational, yet competitive Fall league for players and opportunities to combine unequal NTRP levels for team competition.

Running from August through October, TCT features adult matches on weeknights and weekend play for mixed and senior level matches. The season closes with a banquet celebration held during the second week of November.

The league's popularity has kept the all-volunteer organization hopping to meet the growing demands from players. In the early years, TCT's use of public park courts often made it necessary for a few players to show up well in advance to engage the courts and ensure availability for scheduled match time. The league initially coordinated only women's doubles; mixed doubles was added in '94 and men joined the league in 2002. Three years later, seniors were added to the association and over the years, TCT has sponsored several tournaments.



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Initially, volunteers spent hours mailing registration forms, match schedules, score sheets, and results of play. Beginning in 2007, TCT began keeping minutes of meetings and sending out informational updates via email. In 2009, paperwork was further reduced when player registration was made available via the Internet, thanks to Liliana Crossley. Currently, TCT has over 1,200 members, uses nine different facilities, and coordinates 132 matches.

There is more to TCT than court play, however. The organization has donated thousands of dollars to local efforts for youth tennis, contributed to LaFortune Park improvements, recognized many outstanding players and assisted area clubs.

Through the years many people have contributed countless hours to keep TCT bouncing along. Nineteen volunteers have four-plus years of service: Kim Bates, Pat Bloomfield, Martin Brody, Polly Curtis, Pam Elliott, Blanca and Jose Falcon, Jill Glenn, Betty Gresham, Nan Harris, Sandy Hurlbutt, Penny Joseph, Pat Meek, Debbie Mocnik, Gloria Mullenix, Geri Phelan, Caryl Rieckman, Laurie Swarer, and Betty Jo Wohl. ●



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