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## LTPA Mission Statement

The LTPA is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting all aspects of tennis to the entire community.

## Special 50th CVITT Edition

### AN OPEN INVITATION FROM THE LTPA

Welcome to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Central Virginia Invitational Tennis Tournament. The Lynchburg Tennis Patrons Association (LTPA) is proud to continue the long standing tradition of providing excellent tennis to the area. The funding gained from the CVITT enables our organization to provide youth programs throughout Region 2000.

Working with both elementary and middle schools throughout the area, the LTPA is introducing the life-long sport of tennis to children. Physical activity during after-school programs is critical to the health of this generation and we are pleased at the over whelming response from the schools, parents and children participating.

This is all possible due to many generous sponsors and we would like to especially thank Wells Fargo Advisors, The News & Advance and Oakwood Country Club for their continued support.

We invite everyone to the CVITT. You will see high caliber tennis in a great atmosphere.

-Amy MacFarland

President, Lynchburg Tennis Patrons Association



### Tennis Continues in School PE Programs

In 2008, the Lynchburg Tennis Patrons Association (LTPA), with the help of Virginia Tennis and the USTA, provided several schools (who had successfully completed our free six-week after school program) with tennis equipment. This allowed these schools to continue providing tennis through their PE curriculum. We recently checked back with these schools to see how things were going.

Leesville Road Elementary School PE teacher, Tracey Olivas, held a tennis unit this spring with 105 third graders. Using the curriculum guide she received with her equipment, she started by introducing the students to the racket and how to properly hold it. Kids progressed quickly into instruction on both the forehand and backhand. Some children shared with her that initially they thought tennis was going to be boring but soon learned it was AWE-SOME! Some even said they were going to get their mom and dad to play tennis with them at the park over the summer.



Forest Elementary PE Teacher, Anne Vincent, created a school wide tennis unit. 447 students (k-5) played tennis 2 days a week for 4 weeks in PE class. Anne's goal is to get students off the couch, to put down the electronics and introduce them to a fun, healthy sport that could be played over the summer and for a lifetime.

Jennifer Fielder, Monelison Middle School PE teacher, sponsored a 13 day spring unit for 160-6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. A tournament was scheduled on the last day of instruction but due to 30 mph wind gusts it was cancelled. Fielder said the girls were so disappointed but reported they enjoyed learning to play and some have hopes of trying out for the high school team in the fall. Jennifer told us "I think I am going to adjust my PE schedule next school year and teach tennis in the fall so I can be sure to finish the program."

To learn how your school can receive a FREE after-school tennis program and equipment, visit our web site at [www.lynchburgtennis.org](http://www.lynchburgtennis.org) and click on the, "Calling all schools" link.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2010 CVITT Spon- sors

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### Challenged Sports Exchange

Each year in August the Lynchburg Tennis Patrons Association (LTPA) partners with the Challenged Sports Exchange (CSE) offering eight tennis sessions to individuals with disabilities of all ages. The sessions are held at the Grace Church gymnasium on Timberlake Road.

The participants are taught everything from a forehand, backhand, how to serve, and the most popular with all groups the Overhead Smash!

The sessions end with a celebratory pizza party where trophies and award certificates are presented to all participants.

If you have a special individual in your life that you feel would love to learn the game of tennis in a fun, high-energy, safe, adaptive environment please visit our website at [www.lynchburgtennis.org](http://www.lynchburgtennis.org) or the Challenged Sports Exchange website at [www.challengedsportsexchange.com](http://www.challengedsportsexchange.com) for more information.

### Scholarships Recognizing Young Players

In July 2007, the Lynchburg Tennis Patrons Association (LTPA) created the Dick Sargeson Scholarship Fund to honor his memory and dedication to the game of tennis. He was a fixture on the courts of the Poplar Forest Tennis/Swim Club. His teaching and devotion to the game spanned nearly 17 years, and instilled the love of the game (and ability to take a ball out of the air anywhere on the court!) to players of all ages throughout the Lynchburg area.

This scholarship of \$500 is awarded annually to two high school seniors who have been, in some way, inspired by the game of tennis. The LTPA is proud to announce this year's scholarship recipients **Elizabeth "Liza" Mackey** and **Zachary Tyree**.

**Liza** will be graduating from Liberty High School in Bedford County and attending the University of Georgia in the fall. Last summer Liza was an assistant to the tennis pro at the Sports Racket. Helping to coach camps, clinics and even some requested private lessons. Liza was the number one player on her HS tennis team all four years. "The experience of holding the top spot on my team has taught me the importance of playing honestly and with integrity because I knew my teammates were always watching me." She went on to write, "I learned that people do not always remember if you win or lose a match, but they will remember if you played fair and with a positive attitude." Liza is a great competitor on the tennis court, but more importantly she has great character and a maturity beyond her years.



**Zachary** will be graduating from Brookville High School in Campbell County and plans to attend Liberty University this fall, as a member of the honors program. Zach wrote in his essay that he has learned many lessons from playing tennis. "Being a contributing part of a successful team, I have gained psychological strength from the camaraderie and acceptance I felt and become more physically fit from playing tennis for hours." He goes on to say, "the lessons of leadership, teamwork, service, and self-confidence; the friendships that have developed over time; and the countless memories that have been made will stay with me and impact my life and the decisions I make as long as I live." Zach's tennis coach wrote in her recommendation that Zach was chosen as the team Captain for the 2010 season because he has proven his ability to lead and set a good example for his peers.

The LTPA would like to wish these two individuals a very prosperous, successful future filled with wonderful memories and hopefully a bunch of tennis!

### Intersession Tennis

For three days in April the 3rd graders at Bass Elementary were treated to intersession tennis.

Students attended academic classes in the morning and tennis in the afternoon for two hours. The children rotated through stations to receive instruction in forehand, backhand, volleying, and serving. They also played games learning how to play singles and doubles.



The session concluded by dividing the children into four teams which competed against each other in girls singles, boys singles, girls doubles, boys doubles and even mixed doubles! The participants enjoyed playing against one another and each demonstrated good sportsmanship, teamwork and supported all by cheering loudly!

### Campus Kids Day

On a beautiful sunny day this April a group of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from William Bass Elementary were able to see where their after school lessons could lead them if they continue to practice and work hard in school.

The LTPA and Liberty University (LU) teamed up for the USTA's First Annual Campus Kids Day tennis event. The children were able to watch, while snacking on popcorn, fruit and cookies, the



women's singles competition. LU faced a tough opponent in Radford University that day and although LU was not victorious the children saw a hard fought tennis match. After the match the kids took to the courts for a question and answer session and photos. Afterwards some children were heard saying how they couldn't wait to play tennis in college some day. It was an unforgettable experience for both students, players, and coaches.

### New LTPA Board Elected

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*Vice President— Beth Taylor*

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