



AATA
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AMARILLO AREA TENNIS ASSOC. SPRING TENNIS NEWS

Adult Doubles Tennis Night

Friday, April 29 from 7 – 9 p.m.

AATA will host doubles play for beginners as well as experienced players. Players with tennis experience are encouraged to bring spouses, friends or family members without experience and all players will be matched with others of similar skills. Light refreshments will be provided, so come out and join the in the fun.

Win A Trip to the US OPEN!

Purchase \$10 tickets for the once in a lifetime chance to sit in the USTA President’s Box, courtside in Arthur Ashe stadium, for the Friday, September 2 (day) session at the US Open, NYC. Two courtside seats along with access to the entire Billie Jean King venue, and a \$1,000 travel stipend are included!! Proceeds from ticket sales directly benefit AATA’s many programs.

Purchase tickets from any AATA [board member](#) or contact AATA Executive Director Donna Sellers at 806-236-7827 or donna@amarilloareatennis.org

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Scholarships Awarded!!

AATA is awarding 11 college scholarships totaling \$5,500 to area high school graduates.

Congratulations to:

Palo Duro High: Thomas Tran

Tascosa High: Ellen Crabtree, Riley Harkins and James Everett

Amarillo High: Alli Manchee and Kyra Mobley

Canyon High: Scott Cornelius and Ceciley Mason

Randall High: Audrey Spradlin

Hereford High: William Schueler

Tulia High: Carlos Subealdea

2016 marks the third year for the AATA to offer its scholarships to deserving students who have been active in tennis. To date, AATA has awarded more than \$10,000 in scholarships to local deserving students.



The Scholarships are made possible through the generous donations of AATA's banner sponsors who support AATA's programs. Be certain to reciprocate by using these businesses which support AATA:

Alex O'Brien Foundation
Amarillo Convention & Visitors Center
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Indian Oven
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Hub City Tennis Tournament – April 23-24, Lubbock, TX. Non-qualified, Champs, and Super Champs Levels. **Registration due by 4/14.** To register click here <http://tennislink.usta.com/Tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=183165>

AATA hosts the upcoming **USTA Champ level tournament Saturday and Sunday, May 7-8.** This tournament is for USTA Junior championship level qualified players. **Registration due April 26.** To register go to: <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=172341>

Upcoming Junior Tournaments

USTA 10's Participation Credit Tournament – May 7-8, Orange Ball & Green Ball. **Registration due by 4/26.** To register click here: <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=172336>

USTA Challenger tournament for junior ages 12 – 18, May 14th. This shortened format consists of two of three sets, with the scoring starting a 2 all – no ad. For the third set a 10 point tiebreaker is played. The draw size is limited to 16 players and there

is no seeding. All play must be completed in one day. The one-day challenger offers juniors the opportunity to compete in a more structured format, but ensures play concludes in one day. **Registration due by May 4th.** For more information & to register go to: <http://tennislink.usta.com/tournaments/TournamentHome/Tournament.aspx?T=186281>



ADULT LEAGUES

40 & OVER USTA LEAGUE
REGISTERING

The 40+ league play will be held May 16 – July 8 and registration continues through April 29. Get a group of friends together and form a league. It's fun and great exercise.

League players must be over 18 years old and a current USTA members. A minimum of eight players are needed to form a team. Matches will be set up according to match players of similar skill levels. Click [here](#) for more info.

Contact AATA's league coordinator [Jennifer Wright](#) for information on forming a team!

PATS - Panhandle
Area Tournament
Series

The Panhandle Area Tournament Series consists of 15 Tournaments offering singles, doubles and mixed doubles beginning June 10 and continuing through the end of July. Both singles and doubles competition will be held Divisions for 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under and 18 and under. Mixed Doubles will be held for 14 and under and 18 and under. **Registration begins May 23rd.**

This tournament series offers competition for juniors to continue their play throughout the summer, and each weekend tournament is sponsored by local high schools which use the tournament as a fund raiser for their tennis programs. For more information visit AATA's website at [here](#)

Alex O'Brien
Tennis Foundation
Fund Raiser

The Alex O'Brien Tennis Foundation hosts an exhibition Sunday, April 24, at Amarillo Country Club. **Former tennis pro Jim Courier and Alex will face off with top ranked national juniors in a doubles match that promises much excitement.** The two nationally ranked juniors will compete in singles. Courtside seating is still available for \$25 per ticket with proceeds benefitting the Alex O'Brien Foundation dedicated to further the growth of tennis in Amarillo and the surrounding area. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [website](#)

Junior Team
Tennis

For ages 10 – 18, is organized and provided by the AATA and competition is currently in full swing. JTT brings juniors together, as teams, for singles, doubles and mixed doubles competition each Sunday afternoon. Think about recruiting friends and forming a team for the next series of Junior Team tennis. **Fall JTT registration starts Aug. 8th – Sept 4th.**

All levels of competition are available and JTT is a perfect way to play with YOUR friends, on YOUR team and allows you to keep "in the swing." For information contact JTT Coordinator, Donna Sellers at 806-236-7827 or donna@amarilloareatennis.org

AATA - Kids Inc. -
Alex O'Brien
Tennis Foundation

AATA has partnered with Kids Inc. and the Alex O'Brien Tennis Foundation to host play days each Saturday during April at Amarillo National Tennis Center.

Approximately 300 kids are participating in the 9 – 12:30 a.m. drills introducing new players to the game of tennis. Many of AATA's upcoming activities such as 10-Under quick start, the one-day Challenger tournament and JTT will provide additional venues for these kids to further develop their interest in the game. AATA has provided staffing support, volunteers and equipment for these play days; stop by the tennis center and see the excitement and activities and LOTS of kids learning more about the game of a lifetime.

