

TUCSON COMMUNITY TENNIS PROGRAM logo

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Same mission, bigger footprint

TCTP adds Pueblo Tennis Club program

Tucson Community Tennis Program continues to do what it does best: Bring tennis and kids together. But this year, we set our sights a bit higher and expanded our reach.

Tucson Community Tennis Program's core programming begins with its in-school sessions. That's not where it ends.

Throughout the school year, coaches and volunteers, led by executive director **Serena Quarelli**, introduce fifth-graders at a dozen or more select elementary schools to the game of tennis.

Several years ago, TCTP added an after-school program that begins immediately following the in-school sessions, to allow kids interested in the sport to continue to receive instruction.

And then there's TCTP's **Excel program**, held Wednesdays and Saturdays at

Himmel Park, for committed youth who have moved past the basics of the game.

But what happens in between after-school tennis and the Excel program? TCTP started the **Pueblo Tennis Club** as one way to fill the gap. Pueblo Tennis Club is open not only to former TCTP participants, but their siblings as well.

The goal? To get the whole family involved in tennis. The program is held Wednesdays after school and Saturdays at Pueblo High School and may expand in the future to additional high schools located near TCTP-participating elementary schools.



By the numbers

950

Kids participated in TCTP programs

3,600

Tennis balls were given to TCTP kids

1,000

Racquets were given to TCTP participants and their siblings

TCTP student attends NJTL camp

It was a year of firsts for Roberto Cota. The Wakefield Middle School eighth-grader traveled for the first time on an airplane and out of state. The occasion? The National Junior Tennis and Learning Leadership camp in Atlanta, Georgia. Each year the NJTL selects 40 student-athletes for its leadership camp.

TCTP recommended Roberto because of his warm and friendly personality, work ethic, love for tennis and the leadership qualities we see in him, said executive director Serena Quarelli.

Roberto was introduced to tennis

four years ago as a student at Hollinger Elementary School, one of TCTP in-school program locations. His two older sisters, Zulema and Frieda, also are TCTP alumni who went onto to play for Pueblo High School.

Roberto, an 'A' student who also runs cross country, plays piano and is on the chess team, has participated in TCTP's Excel program as well as NJTL's summer sessions. He attends the Smith-Perry Academy at the Reffkin Tennis Center and has started to play in USTA sanctioned tournaments.

Bringing kids to college

TCTP to expand annual UA event in 2011

Each year, TCTP invites kids, who have participated in both the in-school and after-school programs, to our annual UA day. And this year was no different.

Students were given a brief tour of the campus, watched the University of Arizona men's tennis team practice and later had a chance to play on the collegiate courts as well. TCTP volunteers and coaches led clinics with the students. Each participant received special UA Day T-shirts.

The UA event is so popular that we've decided to bring TCTP kids to the college campus twice in 2011. Two UA days will allow for each TCTP student to receive more attention from coaches and more easily interact with the collegiate-level players.



Mac Dunlap Invitational: Double the fun, double the support

Organizers expand TCTP fundraising event to two days, tennis clinic and round robin tourney added

The dedicated volunteers behind the Mac Dunlap Invitational went big in 2010. They took the men's pro am invitational and doubled the size of the event by adding a day for the rest of the Tucson tennis community.

The Mac Dunlap Invitational kicked off April 24 at the Ventana Canyon Golf & Racquet Club with a clinic and round robin tournament capped off with lunch and a raffle.

The following day, Tucson's top male teaching pros and amateurs squared off in a doubles tournament. Evan Feldhausen and Nick Caldwell were the invitational champs for the third consecutive year. Several players in the tournament donated their winnings, a gesture that expresses their generosity and commitment to TCTP.

Mac Dunlap attracted more sponsors and raised twice as many funds as previous years.



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Invitational participants included teaching pros from El Conquistador, La Paloma, Smith-Perry Tennis Academy, Tucson Country Club, Tucson Racquet & Fitness Club as well coaches and players from the University of Arizona and Pima Community College tennis teams.

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