

From the Service Line – August-September 2025

Growing tennis to inspire healthier people and communities everywhere

play tennis

The National Senior Games were held in Des Moines, Iowa, July 24 – August 4. Congratulations to the six players from the Southern New Mexico Region who participated in the Games: Jamie Borsodi, Jim Bentley, Ed Frank, Al Galves, Zonia Sandoval, and Dave Withers. The Games provided a great opportunity to compete with players from across the country. Don't pass up the opportunity to play in future Senior Olympic Games. Next year, 2026, will be the qualifying year to participate in the National Senior Games to be held in Tulsa, OK in 2027.

The summer junior tennis camps were very popular. Over 200 kids played tennis this summer in various junior tennis camps held throughout the region. Thank you to all the coaches and volunteers who made these camps possible! It is my hope that we will soon see these players participate in the SNM junior tournaments.

July proved to a success for Tournaments in our Region. The Cavern City L5 attracted 42 players primarily from New Mexico and Texas, and the NMSU Junior L5 and Junior Circuit tournaments had 137 players. Players came from California, Arizona, Illinois and even one player from Puerto Rico to compete in the tournament.

Tennis 123, Tennis 123+ and Cardio Tennis are being continue to be a huge hit. Thank you to Emily Wang, NMSU Women's Tennis Coach for currently offering these activities in Las Cruces. Trevor Rivera, Tennis Service Representative for SNM and GEPTA would be happy to work with your local tennis associations to get these programs started in your communities. The USTA Flex league will start its third league for the year on August 25th, sign-ups are underway.

"If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far go together." We'd love to have your activities posted on the Southern New Mexico Facebook page. Please share your stories and pictures with me at Jamie.borsodi@gmail.com or Bruce Begor at Brucebegor@gmail.com.

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Jamie Borsodi

Southern New Mexico Region Chair

Our 2025 initiatives include:

- **Regional Scramble** - May 10, Alamogordo
- **Family Tennis Festivals** – October 18
- **Tennis 123 – Free beginning tennis clinics** – On-going at NMSU
- **USTA Flex Leagues** – On-going
- **Community Events**

Southern New Mexico Region's goal is to promote and grow tennis through communication, partnering with existing Community Tennis Organizations and seeking out new partners, e.g., park & recreation departments, schools, tennis facilities and other organizations.

Our six focus areas are:

- Advocacy
- Communication
- Adult Recreational Play / Tournaments
- Adult League Tennis
- Junior Tournaments, Junior Team Tennis and Junior Development
- Community Outreach: schools, parks & rec departments, tennis facilities and other organizations