January 2025
ATA Newsletter

PLAYDAYS:
The "Winter Solstice Playday" was held in December with three courts of players attending to celebrate the shortest day of the year. Thanks to the Richardson's for hosting, and thanks to Art Fiero for his demonstration of red ball tennis—a form of tennis that uses red dot low compression balls and a reduced court size. **A New Year's Playday** was hosted by the Genta's the first Saturday in Jan. with two courts of players attending to celebrate the New Year.
We are looking for playday hosts. Remember, members who host can turn in receipts and be reimbursed for costs incurred, up to $25.

Dues are due! A New Year is here!! Membership dues remain at $15 per person. Deadline for payment of dues is Jan. 31, 2025. These can be mailed to Greg Richardson at 1411 Rockwood, Alamogordo NM. 88310. They can also be given to any board member or dropped in the drop box at the southern side of the main shed. After 1/31/25 a **$5 late fee** will be levied. We hope you will remain a member or consider rejoining ATA. Besides the activities we offer, ATA (especially Greg) works hard at ensuring the courts are maintained and reporting problems. Greg will be conducting a **work day on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 9:00.** He will be working on replacing wind-screens, net cozies, and installing some new court numbers on each court. If you can help out, just show up. Greg will have all supplies and tools needed.

1 2 3 Tennis: This **6-week adult beginning tennis program** will be held on **Saturdays**, beginning **Jan. 25th**, from 10:00-11:30 at the pavilion courts. ST will be our lead instructor with several players assisting. Courts 7 and 8 will be reserved for this event which will run from Jan. 25 to March 7. **Registration is open now** and flyers are being distributed. A copy is below so please pass it on to any interested adult beginners. If you have old rackets growing dusty in your closet, consider donating them to this program as some players may need a racket. Please remember that these sessions are ***not*** designed for experienced players; sessions will be geared for beginners. Thanks to Bruce Begor for helping us get this program started.

ATA board met Jan 5 and decided the 2025 board member positions as follows:
President--John Genta, Vice President—Janet Santackas, Secretary—Evelyn Genta, Treasurer—Greg Richardson, Member at Large—Candace Cormie. Thanks to outgoing member—Carl Jones

AHS spring tennis program starts up on Jan. 13th. Practices run M-F 4:30-6:00 and the team uses courts 1-6

Cathy Waggoner has offered to once again organize ATA birthday dinners. The first will be on **Tuesday, Jan. 21st at 5:00,** at the Tularosa truck stop café. (BTW they serve delicious huevos rancheros). Hope to see you there!

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Jan 12th: ATA work day –9:00. **Jan 13:** HS practices begin 4:30

Jan. 25th: 1 2 3 Tennis begins-- 10:00-11:30 Pavilion courts

Jan. 31st: Deadline for ATA dues payment ($15 pp)

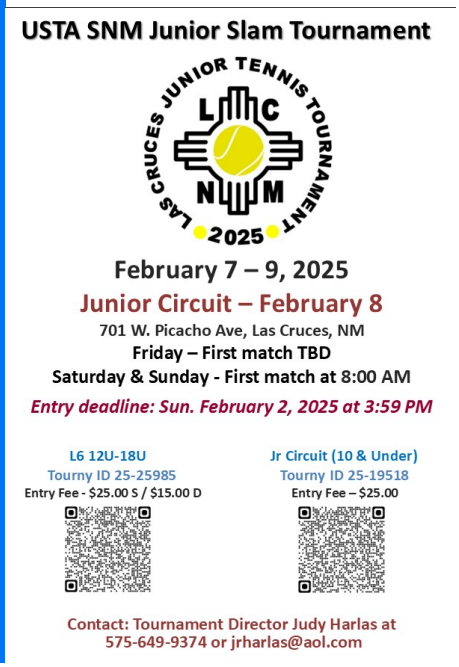
Feb. 7-9: Jr. tournament- Las Cruces





Shots from Winter Solstice Playday





Submitted by Evelyn Genta, ATA secretary