

# The Bitterroot Tennis Association

## Mission Statement

“To provide a variety of fun, educational, and competitive, tennis opportunities to youth and adult players of the Bitterroot Valley and beyond.”

## Motto

*“Growing the Game in the Bitterroot!”*

The Bitterroot Tennis Association (BTA) welcomes all players regardless of age or skill level. It strives to provide a lifetime of tennis to the Bitterroot Valley community, and support its members’ love of the game by providing many opportunities to play locally. The BTA encourages and supports good sportsmanship, healthy lifestyle choices, and networking with other players.

When the BTA was formed in 2008, its primary function was to host the Bitterroot Open Tennis Tournament. That remained its primary goal for five years. In 2014 the tournament was cancelled, and the BTA board disassembled due to a lack of community involvement and several losses within its beloved tennis family. In 2015 the BTA board reassembled with new co-chairs, and chose to honor their beloved friends by changing the name of the Bitterroot Open Tournament to the Bitterroot Memorial Open Tournament. Currently, the Bitterroot Memorial Open Tournament is annually hosted by the BTA. This tournament will always have a special place in the hearts of the Bitterroot Valley tennis community.

One of the BTA’s goals is to ensure that the Bitterroot Memorial Open Tennis Tournament continues to draw a variety of players (locally and from around the U.S.), and grows stronger with each passing year. In addition to the summer tournaments, the BTA works to include growing the game of tennis at all levels via National Junior and Tennis Learning (NJTL) Jr. activities, league play, summer programs, tennis socials, Jr. Team Tennis, family social nights, and other avenues that will revive this great sport in the Bitterroot. In order for this vision to become a reality, enthusiastic and involved board members and volunteers must work together as a team with this common goal in mind.

The BTA has a board of directors, which consists of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and several other board members/committee members. BTA volunteers are an essential part of our team and are highly valued and encouraged to participate as much as possible. It is the BTA’s vision to have every tennis player in our valley become BTA members, and to have a productive, enthusiastic board. The annual BTA membership fee is \$10 per person with a maximum of \$25 per family. Tennis scholarships are available to qualifying individuals requiring financial assistance in order to participate in BTA events.

There are several ways to become a part of the BTA team; check out our membership/committee form to see the various ways in which you can support the BTA. To join us, fill out the attached form and mail to the BTA, or call the contact number on our website for volunteer information.

Please consider supporting the BTA by becoming a board member or volunteer.

Thank you, and we look forward to having you join the BTA team!

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