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# Bloomington Women's Tennis League

## From Our President

Your President  
*Ann Riplinger*

**HOT.** That is probably the best word to describe the 2012 season. It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> hottest July on record, and we had 28 days during the season that were above 90 degrees (the average number of 90 degree days during a Minnesota summer is 15)! Hopefully, in spite of the heat (and for the Advanced doubles league, multiple rain-outs!), the competition was good, and there was lots of fun on the courts.

We had a fantastic turnout at our **Fall Mixer**, with 23 players in attendance! The weather was absolutely beautiful, the tennis playing was lively and fun, and the potluck afterwards was fantastic! Awards were given out, and we held a discussion as to what can be done to improve the league next year (comments are still welcome).

There are openings on the board for next year. It is not a big time commitment, and it is an exciting time to be on the board right now, as we are working to make our league better for next year (see the New for 2013 article on page 2)!. Please contact a current board member or come to the mixer if you are interested in being on the board.

I hope you all will be back next year. Do not forget to spread the word to your friends.

Sincerely,

## Doubles Champs

It was a close race in the advanced league, and it came down to the last week of the season to determine the winner! Winners for this season are:

Wednesday night **Advanced:** Team 8 – PT Power (Melissa Gross and Kathleen Ireland), with a record of 9-2.

Thursday night **Intermediate:** Team 14 – LA Mall (Anne List and Laura Meyer), with a record of 11-0.

Thursday night **Beginners** - Team 6 – Mork/Tormondsen (Amy Mork and Lisa Tormondsen), with a record of 10-1.

Our thanks goes out to all who participated in our doubles league this year! We hope you had a great time playing, and we are looking forward to seeing all of you back on the courts next year!!!!

## Top Ranked Singles

Congratulations to the following players for ending the year on top!

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ann Hawkins  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kathleen Ireland  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ann Riplinger

The player with the most matches this year is Rozlynn Schack with 14 matches. Way to go!

## New for 2013

In an effort to cut costs, streamline efficiency in scorekeeping, and give players up-to-date online scores and standings, the Board is looking at the possiblility of using online software to run our singles ladder next year (instead of hiring Bloomington Park & Rec). There are several online ladder websites available, but the most cost-effective (and user friendly) website we've found so far is:

[www.globaltennisnetwork.com](http://www.globaltennisnetwork.com)

If we decide to switch to an online system, the cost to join the singles ladder could decrease considerably (depending on which system we use), and there would be additional benefits to having an online system (such as instantaneous ranking updates, an online challenge system, privacy settings, match statistics, etc).

We are also looking at possibly using an online system to run our doubles leagues, as well. The cost of the doubles league, unfortunately, would not see the same decrease in fees, as almost 100% of the registration fees is used to pay for reserved court time and tennis balls each week (and it's highly unlikely Park & Rec will lower their prices next year!).

We will definitely keep you all up to speed on any changes, and don't be surprised if we continue to ask players for their input (we will be making our final decision on the above, and any other important issues, in the off-season).

**Note:** If you are interested in learning more about the Global Tennis Network option, we have created "demo" leagues, using this year's match data for both the singles ladder and the doubles leagues. Contact us via our hotmail email if you would like to learn how to log on to view our demo leagues (which are privacy protected).

Regards,

*Beth Shedd*  
*Treasurer*

## We're on Facebook

Join the Bloomington Women's Tennis League group on Facebook.. It is a great place to make connections with other tennis players! It's an open forum, so feel free to post your thoughts, questions, comments, experiences, photos and videos. Share your passion for tennis and for our club!

## Ideas Welcome

Your feedback and suggestions are always welcome. If you have ideas for next year on how to make our club more fun, how to increase membership, or how to improve communication, please share your thoughts. Talk to one of the board members, post your comments on Facebook or send us an email!

# 2012 Board Members

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