

Brown's Farm Wins ALTA City Finals!

The ALTA C4 Mixed Double team from Brown's Farm walked away with top prize in the Summer Mixed Doubles season. It was a really fun season that started out with 24 players from both the men's and women's team wanting to continue to practice – so we formed a team. Eduardo and Gretchen Gutierrez were captains to the large roster, scheduling players for every match, even in heavy vacation season (not an easy task). Most of our players enjoyed the Tuesday night practices as much as playing in the matches. Without stress, we all just played for fun and exercise, despite the hot temperatures on the courts. We also got to know our neighbors better.

Somewhere around mid-season, we started seeing a pattern – we had more points in the win column than our opponents and so did Laurel Park, the team we were to play last in the season! This led to an exciting final match of the season – resulting in Brown's Farm winning the division.

The next week we began playoffs – and quickly won our two matches. Next stop – City Finals at DeKalb Tennis Center. Many of us had never experienced City Finals, but we did have some experienced players who filled us in on expectations. We planned our decorated table (a city finals tradition) and everyone pitched in with great food and enthusiastic attitudes. With an approved ALTA lineup, our team was ready to meet our opponent, Kingsley – a team whose winning percentage matched ours. Game day, the stands and courts were filled with our players and fans. Hours later, we had our victory and coveted ALTA plates.

A big thank you goes out to our captains, Eduardo and Gretchen, who kept us informed, excited and moving all summer long. Congrats goes out to all the players on our team – but a special cheer to our City Final teams: Line 1 – Eduardo and Jamie, Line 2 – David and Cathy, Line 3 – Jim and Lyna, Line 4 – Charlton and Gretchen, and Line 5 – Colton and Kathleen.

Please see the slideshow on the Tennis Page for our team picture (to be published in NetNews Magazine). Players (front row) – Ginny Rendini, Erin Smith, Kathleen Houseman, Gretchen Gutierrez, Eduardo Gutierrez, Donna Flugstad, Cathy Rutan, Jamie Brown, Barbara Linebarger, (back row) – Ryan Fahsel, Charlton Gutierrez, Colton Houseman, Kenny Houseman, Mark Cranford, David Brown, Lyna Boggess, Mark Linebarger, David Rendini, (not in picture) – Jim Wilson, Maryanne Blackwell, Karen Stott, Donna Constable, Sue Dammeyer, and Debra Dunn

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