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Bucks County Tennis Association to Offer Adaptive Tennis Program at Core Creek

Bucks County, PA – March 26, 2010 – Beginning next month and continuing through October, the Bucks County Tennis Association (BCTA), along with OPAF and The First Clinics, will be offering ongoing adaptive tennis programs for amputees and those with physical challenges. The 5-week programs, 90 minutes each week, will take adaptive tennis to the next level by offering an ongoing opportunity for this population to enjoy tennis, learn and improve skills, and meet new people. The adaptive tennis program will be led by First Volley Instructor Maggie Coe and assisted by BCTA coaches.

“We are so excited for this next step with adaptive tennis” said Robin Burton, OPAF Executive Director. “We have been offering First Volley Adaptive Tennis Clinics here in Bucks County since 2005, but not on a regular schedule where folks could work on their skills and drills on a weekly basis. We are thrilled that Bucks County Tennis Association has taken the lead as the first in the nation to offer adaptive tennis instruction on a regular basis for our population.”

“OPAF is a natural partner for the BCTA,” BCTA President Barbara Long noted, “because the mission of the community tennis association is to offer all Bucks County residents a vehicle for a healthy lifestyle. BCTA programs implement the games approach to teaching tennis, which means participants are able to quickly start playing the sport. Our coaches emphasize the fun, fitness, and friends of tennis, and we are eager to extend this opportunity to adaptive players.”

Participants can register for any of the four 5-week programs that the BCTA will offer beginning April 21. The adaptive tennis program will be held on Wednesday evenings, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at Core Creek Park in Langhorne. Loaner racquets are available for participants and class size is limited. To register, log onto www.buckscounty.usta.com or call 215-322-7020.

For more information on OPAF and all of the First Clinics, including First Volley (tennis), First Swing (golf), First Swim, First Dive Intro to Scuba and McKeever’s First Ride (therapeutic horsemanship), please visit the OPAF website at www.opfund.org or call 319-235-4318.

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