



## Bulletin from Mayor Elaine Scruggs

It seems like everywhere I go lately I am hearing high praise for our Paseo Racquet Center and the Prudhomme family that manages the facility and provides tennis instruction. Over the years, the center and the Prudhomme family have won numerous awards from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and the United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA).

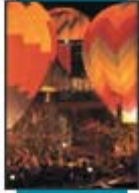
To say that tennis is a tradition for the Prudhomme family is an understatement. Mr. Allen Prudhomme and his three sons are not only synonymous with the Paseo Racquet Center, but they are very well-known in the tennis world throughout Arizona and beyond. Allen's oldest son Ed is the Director of Tennis at the center. Greg is the Head Pro and Brian is the Director of School Programs.

The Prudhomme family was named the Tennis Family of the Year in 2006 by the USTA. This award was largely based on the amount of community service efforts that the Prudhomme family has provided in the city of Glendale. Ed Prudhomme has been named Facility Manager of the Year for the entire nation. Greg Prudhomme has served as the tennis coach for men and women at Glendale Community College and has been awarded Coach of the Year and Player of the Year awards several times for the Southwest section, including all of Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas. The Prudhomme family has just found out that the center is also being awarded with a Community Service Award, based on all of their work with area schools.

The Paseo Racquet Center offers many services. There are 19 tennis courts, which can be reserved in 90 minute increments for a very small fee. There is group instruction available for different skill levels and individual instruction for those who are very committed to improving their tennis game. There are approximately 24 tournaments each year. There are several interclub teams that compete against others throughout the valley. The High School State Championships and the Community College Championships are an annual event at Paseo.

The abilities of this family can only be matched by their contributions to the community. The family is consistently giving their time through volunteer and charitable efforts. The Prudhomme family has a non-profit organization called the Glendale Youth Tennis Foundation. They strive to provide free tennis clinics to youth from underprivileged families. They also allow area high school teams to use their facilities on a regular basis.

The Prudhomme family's abilities, contributions and knowledge make



Paseo the best tennis center in the state. We are so lucky to have this committed family willing to devote their time and their abilities. I encourage anyone who is interested in tennis or who would like to give it a try to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity that we have right here in Glendale.

*Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or [mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com](mailto:mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com), if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.*

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