

## News Release

### Standing Tall Tennis Summer Tour 2005

Standing Tall Tennis conducted free tennis clinics for hundreds of Native Americans at twenty-two different western sites during May, June, and July, 2005.

“We conducted six training clinics where we taught elders to teach tennis in order to insure continuation of the program,” said David Dantzer, President of Standing Tall Tennis who just completed his tenth summer of outreach clinics.

Dantzer drove over 8,000 miles while conducting clinics within six sections of the United States Tennis Association. He taught on grass, dirt, wood, parking lots, but seldom on tennis courts.

“The most rewarding experience to me was to see the smiles of the children as they enjoyed tennis for perhaps the first time,” Dantzer said.

“We were warmly received at several new sites, in particular, the Boys and Girls Clubs at the Crow Agency in Montana and at the Nez Perce in Lapwai, Idaho. Because of the interest and enthusiasm at those locations, the game of tennis will certainly grow through our NJTL Chapter,” Dantzer added.

Once again Standing Tall Tennis conducted a tennis clinic at the United National Indian Tribal Youth convention held in San Diego, California, July 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition, S.T.T. had a presence at the Native Vision Sports and Life Skills Camp in Bernalillo, New Mexico, on July 17<sup>th</sup> and will be a presenter at the camp in 2006 to be held in Oklahoma. Traditionally, S.T.T. conducts clinics at the North American Indian Tennis Championships over the Memorial Day weekend. This year the Championships were held in Sunnyvale, California.

The Standing Tall Tennis Summer Tour 2005 was made possible through a grant from the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. Wilson Sporting Goods, Inc., is a major sponsor, annually donating many tennis items and equipment. Other sponsors included grants from the following sections of the United States Tennis Association: Northern, Intermountain, and Southwest Sections. Standing Tall Tennis is endorsed by the Native American Sports Council and by the North American Indian Tennis Association.

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