



## **Meike Babel**

Meike is a former world-class tennis player, reaching a career high of #27 in singles and #45 in doubles in 1995 on the WTA tour. She played in 19 Grand Slams and represented her native country, Germany, in Fed Cup competition. After retiring from the pro tour, Meike was the assistant coach for women's tennis at Tulane University and Vanderbilt University. She is also working as mental skills coach with the women's tennis teams at Vanderbilt and Emory University as well as individual athletes from different sports. Meike enjoys working with players of all ages and levels. - [www.meikebabel.com](http://www.meikebabel.com) **\$90**



## **Andy Booth**

Former Director of Tennis at The Snowmass Club in Aspen, Colorado, Andy is a USPTA Elite Professional, twice elected as President of the USPTA Intermountain Division. He's had great success in taking league players to the next level through strategic court positioning and stroke production. In addition to being a hitting partner for Johan Kriek (two-time Australian Open Champion), Andy was also on-court with Cici Bellis and Nicole Gibbs, two young up and coming American WTA Professionals. **\$90**



## **Carey Brading**

A former national junior champion, Carey represented his native country of New Zealand in international play before attending and earning a B.A. in Business Management from Colorado State University-Pueblo, where twice he was awarded All-American status and selected to represent the NAIA national team. Coach Carey is a Colorado State Open singles and mixed doubles champion and former #1 ranked player in Colorado. Carey's Kiwi humor, boundless energy, and extensive knowledge guarantees a great lesson. When not teaching tennis you might find Carey on the dance floor doing the Cha-cha or West Coast Swing. - [careybrading.com](http://careybrading.com) **\$70**



## **Dan Dicke**

Coming to Colorado as a former Tennis Facility manager, Dan brings an overall knowledge of the tennis industry. He has quickly earned a reputation at Gates for his quick wit and legendary lessons. With twenty years of tennis experience, Dan has been called the Tennis Doctor, capable of remedying even the worst habits. Put your faith in Mr. Quick Tips and never look back. **\$80**



## **Brian Williams**

Brian is a new resident of Denver after moving cross-country from Madison, New Jersey. Brian began playing tennis when he was 6 years old at the Noe Pond Club where he most recently served as the Assistant General Manager and taught tennis lessons. He graduated from the University of Scranton in 2014 where he played singles and doubles; earning first team All-Conference honors. Brian enjoys working with players of all ages and skill levels, focusing on strategy and tactics, especially in doubles. When not on the tennis court, Brian enjoys skiing, hiking, and training for triathlons. **\$60**



### **Victoria Polite**

Victoria Polite is from Moscow, Russia. As a life long tennis player she achieved a tennis scholarship for University of Kansas. After completing an Accounting degree, she went on to pursue a Master's degree in Sport Administration at Northwestern State University in Louisiana. While studying Victoria coached the Women's tennis team that won the conference tournament and got a chance to go to NCAA tournament. As a new member of Gates Tennis Center, Victoria is excited to teach her competitive tennis experience and ideas to students. **\$60**



### **Jacob Ohrman**

Jacob is a USPTA certified professional teaching pro. He has been teaching for 10 years and loves working with both juniors and adults of all ages. Jacob is from the state of Washington where he was a top junior in the USTA pacific north west division. As a junior Jacob trained at John Newcomb's Tennis Academy rigorously training 8 hours a day alongside the best juniors in the country. Whether you are a true beginner looking to learn the fundamentals or a seasoned veteran looking to hit that heavy forehand, Jacob is your guy. **\$75**



### **Ben Bryant**

A Denver native, Ben brings more than half a decade of tennis teaching experience to Gates. A knack for bio-mechanics and a stand-out personality makes Ben a great choice for persons of any age or skill level. Whether you're looking to add consistency to your shots, bump up your NTRP level, or add 15 mph to your serve, Ben can help. When Ben isn't absolutely crushing teaching tennis he can be found headlining comedy shows in Denver, or touring the country doing stand-up. **\$60**



### **KB Makgale**

Born in Botswana, Africa, KB's favorite sports, besides tennis, are soccer and football. KB's serve, topspin, and footwork are a few specialties, among many. KB played tennis at Metro State College of Denver. **\$70**



### **Ricardo Castromalaga**

For the last twenty five years Ricardo has been teaching tennis around the world in Canada, the Caribbean, South America and the United States. Ricardo, skilled in both hard courts and red clay, is from Peru. He can teach you an all-court game in English or Spanish and is comfortable teaching a beginner to even the highest ranked juniors. Ranked as high as #5 in Peru as a junior, Ricardo, most recently from California, can bring your game to the next level! **\$65**



### **Clarence Milton**

A friendly Colorado native! Clarence attended college on both tennis and basketball scholarships. Clarence focuses on technique while developing a good sense of footwork. His favorite players are Yannick Noah and Ivan Lendl. He has a very vibrant and outgoing personality. Clarence has been playing tennis for over 20 years. His *passion* is teaching kids the “proper way” to play. **\$55**



### **Erik West**

Erik is a highly motivated tennis professional with over 30 years of teaching and playing experience. He played collegiately at Middle Tennessee State University, and Hampton University, where he earned All-American honors at both. Erik is certified by both USPTA and the USTA. He has had the opportunity to coach at the collegiate level as well as play tennis at the professional level. He has traveled the country teaching players of all ages and skill levels. Erik’s favorite tennis players are John McEnroe and Roger Federer. When Erik is not on the court you can find him spending time with his wife, or cheering on the Kansas Jayhawks. **\$70**



### **Tim Akhmedov**

Tim was born, and raised in Moscow, Russia until his family moved to Kansas City when he was 12. He’s been involved in tennis for over 20 years, and as a player, he was a top ranked USTA junior player. He earned a scholarship to play D1 tennis at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. As a coach, he has extensive experience with high performance junior players, adult USTA league teams, while emphasizing the importance of strategy, and tactics. He is very passionate about approaching each player with a personalized game plan the best fits their style in order to maximize potential. **\$75**



### **Jay Schwarzauer**

Jay started playing tennis at the age of 14 for his high school in Alabama and played in college as well. He is USPTA certified and has taught tennis in five different states, to players of all ages. Jay has all the tools to get your game jump started with southern personality and fun. If he’s not playing tennis you will find him skiing, hiking with his dog, or golfing with his wife. **\$60**



### **Michal Kaczorowski**

As top junior in Poland, he was recruited to come to the US for college. While attending school in North Carolina, he won the 1999 North Carolina State Open Championships in doubles. Michal will teach you the Federer forehand and a serve that will scare your opponents off the court. Strategy and tactics are always on his mind, so if you want to improve and have fun, book a lesson with him. **\$65**



### **Michael Towne**

Originally hailing from Richmond, Va., Michael was crowned Virginia State "All Prep." in high school. He also played college tennis his freshman year at Hampden Sydney College. While out on court, Michael likes to focus on strategic configurations, thinking outside the box, and considering all angles of the court. He has a calming demeanor and a knack for targeting (and then correcting) the weaknesses in a player's game. Michael also has a mediocre mid-range basketball jump shot and sub-par kickball skills (just don't tell him that). **\$65**



### **Mark Thalhofer**

A certified USPTA P2 Professional, Mark has taught and coached tennis in the metro area for thirty years, with all kinds of players at all kinds of facilities. Since 1986, he has coached the East High Angels boys, one of the largest and most successful programs in Colorado. He's worked with players from four to seventy-four, from beginners to nationally ranked juniors, and uses video analysis, bad jokes, contemporary sports science and arcane philosophy with his on-court instruction. **\$60**



### **Betsy Kiser**

Betsy has been teaching and coaching tennis for 15 years. She is the founder of High Impact Tennis in Gainesville, Georgia where she and her coaching team grew tennis, developed players, programs, and events, while instilling an appreciation and zeal in the community for this lifelong sport. After 12 years with HIT, Betsy moved to Austin, Texas to share her passion, and seek some more wisdom with an opportunity to coach at Courtyard Tennis Club. She is a dedicated coach and teacher, immensely working to help each student reach full potential and enjoy the beautiful experience of this lifetime sport. She works with all ages and is excited to be a part of Gates Tennis Center **\$60**



### **Chris Anderson**

Chris has 8+ years of coaching experience. He, and his family recently moved to Denver from El Paso, Texas where he worked as the Head Pro of the Coronado Country Club. There he coached along side two former ATP pros Vedran Vidovic and Ross Walker. He previously coached, and worked at the John Newcombe Tennis ranch in New Braunfels, Texas. He's always had a great passion for coaching and playing tennis. He enjoys coaching all ages, emphasizing proper functional stroke technique, and reaching match goals. He does his best to remain current with the newest and most efficient coaching techniques. He also continues to play competitively in 5.0 usta leagues, and he's a former usta 9.0 level mixed doubles champion (2016). Most of all, he loves to be around his wife, little boy (2.5 yrs old), and their dog. **\$70**



### **Amy Peters**

Amy is a former middle school physical education teacher and head co-ed high school tennis coach from Cecil County, Maryland, earning Coach of the Year in 2006. She also served 8 years as Region VII Tournament Director for MPSSAA State Tennis Committee. She has 20 years of tennis instruction/coaching experience. Her favorite students are beginners of all ages, and coaching high school students. **\$65**



### **Kevin Lemke**

Kevin is one of the longest tenured pros here at Gates Tennis Center, specializing in pee wees. His infectious enthusiasm for the game makes him one of the best junior pros at Gates. Fun is always the number one priority when you're on the court with Kevin. **\$60**



### **Jeff Webb**

Jeff grew up playing tennis in Houston and went on to play at Baylor University. He taught tennis in Boulder for 10+ years and then became a high school science teacher. He also lived in Tokyo for 2 years while teaching tennis and English. He's now back in Colorado and back to his favorite game of tennis. With 20+ years of tennis teaching experience, he has worked with players from 2 to 92 and from beginner to open level/D1. He has worked with several past 5A State Champions and D1 players. He loves being on the court when he's not he's spending time with his wife and new son, hiking in the high country, or playing chess. **\$65**



### **Sarah O'Neil**

Sarah comes to the Gates Tennis Center with 8 years of coaching experience and 20+ years of playing experience. She has coached youth and adult clinics as well as private lessons for beginner through advanced players in the Boston, MA area. Before going back to school, Sarah was a 4th grade teacher and loves working with groups of kids. Sarah was the Massachusetts High School State Individual Champion in 2009. She competed four years as a Division 1 tennis player at Cornell University. In her junior and senior seasons, she played at the first singles position. She was a two-time team MVP and a three-time All Ivy League selection while at Cornell. She reached a career high ranking of #45 in the country in NCAA doubles play. **\$60**