



### **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) \$65



### **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



### **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. In 2008, he won the 4.5 division of the Colorado State Open. He now plays at the open level. \$65



### **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**



### **Jonathon Evangelista**

Jonathan grew up in nearby Brighton, CO. He began playing tennis at a young age, competing in junior tournaments at 8 years old. Much of his junior development took place right here at Gates, learning from Sam Hitman, Niko Kabylafkas, Larry Loeb and Jeff Salzenstein. He played #1 singles for Brighton High School for four years, including a 5A state appearance, and went on to play 4 years of college tennis at MSU Denver. Jonathan has 8 years of teaching experience and is a great coach for players of any level! **\$60**



### **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**



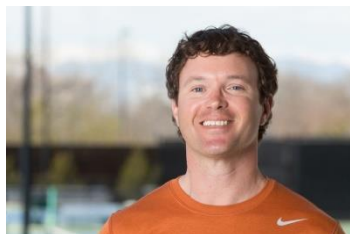
### **Erik West**

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. **\$70**



### **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). **\$55**



### **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**



### **Hector Valentin**

Hector is a Venezuelan born coach with a flair for the game. With a passion for soccer and tennis, he brings the importance of mental preparedness to the sport. His coaching style puts emphasis on the concepts of stroke fluidity, clean hitting, and footwork/movement. If you want to up your game, and brush up on your Spanish, Hector is the coach for you. **\$70**



### **Emma Blakeley**

Emma is a new Denver resident coming from Camden, Maine. Emma played at Bates College specializing in doubles. Emma also played #1 singles for her high school tennis team as well and played competitive junior tournaments growing up. Emma has been teaching for 7 years and specializes in teaching junior players and beginner adults. Emma is PTR certified for 10 & under tennis and loves introducing the game to adults and children. Emma has a fun and outgoing personality on the court and is sure to make you enjoy your time learning the game!**\$55**



### **Rick Slick**

Rick is a self-taught player who started playing at 15, and competing at 17. He began teaching at 21 years old and has been out on the court over 30 plus years. He is the winner of the Adoption Guild and Choc Charity Mixed Doubles Tournaments in Southern California in 1991 and 92 at a 5.5 level. Rick has worked with all levels, including world class professionals. He has a degree in Kinesiology from Cal State Fullerton, and is a USPTA Certified Elite Professional. Rick enjoys working with beginners to intermediate level players, while helping them get to the next level of their tennis-playing abilities **\$70**