



### **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 a 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) **\$100**



### **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**

Originally from New Jersey, Brian moved to Colorado in 2017 and began working at Gates soon thereafter. He graduated from the University of Scranton in 2014 where he played singles and doubles; earning First Team All-Conference honors. In addition to working at Gates, Brian coaches at the University of Colorado & South High School. Brian enjoys working with players across all ages & abilities; focusing on proper footwork and court positioning. His favorite shots are the top-spin forehand and serve. When not on the court, Brian enjoys skiing, traveling, and climbing the Colorado 14ers. **\$65**



### **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**



### **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**



### **Lew Kiner**

Hailing from Upstate New York, Lew has traveled the world! Energy, Enthusiasm, and Elevate are the words used to describe this high energy pro. 10 and under stroke production are strong teaching methods that are a specialty of Lew. Something people might not know about Lew is that he worked in the music business with some of the world's top acts and has been on the court giving instruction to members of Pearl Jam. **\$65**



### **Rod Dunnett**

Rod Dunnett is a certified USPTA Elite Professional. Previously he was the Director of Tennis for a Private Tennis Club in New York, Director of Tennis At Shadow Hills Tennis Club in Palm Springs, CA and Lead Instructor for Topnotch Resort & Spa. His highest national ranking was 34. Rod incorporates the teaching methods pioneered by Nick Bolliterra, Tom Gullickson (David Cup Captain) and Wayne Bryan (coach and Father of the Bryan brothers). Quote from a Student: *"I learned this weekend, first hand, what "magic" can happen when the body is used more 'naturally' and how one can be coached into this 'ease of motion'"* – C.B. <http://roddunnett.usptapro.com> **\$90**



### **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**



### **Mark Thalsofer**

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**



### **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**



### **Kenneth Kilgore**

Kenneth recently moved here from Cincinnati, Ohio to pursue his masters degree in business administration. He's played tennis from middle school through college and is still actively playing today. His specialties include tennis strategy and footwork, along with teaching a wide variety of shots. If you are looking for a kind, goal oriented tennis instructor, Kenneth is your guy. His hobbies include playing soccer, listening to Anderson Paak, and trying out new local delis. **\$60**



### **Stephan Gonzalez**

Stephan came to Gates Tennis Center from Puerto Rico and although he has lived here for less than a year, he has already fallen in love with the city of Denver! Stephan has an extensive tennis playing background, competing as a junior in the highest level events: Kalamazoo National Championship in Michigan, El Nacional Campeonato de Tenis de Puerto Rico (the biggest USTA event in Puerto Rico), and Junior Davis Cup. Stephan is working to transition into the field of chiropractic healthcare, but loves to balance that with tennis. As a coach, Stephan specializes in fundamentals, proper technique, footwork, and strategy. He loves biking, hiking, and staying active! **\$75**



### **Phillip Sparer**

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, Phillip began playing competitive tennis at an early age. Phillip began his coaching career in the summer of 2006; under the tutelage of Colorado Tennis Hall of Fame inductee Irwin Hoffman, Phillip taught juniors and adults throughout Centennial, Greenwood Village, Cherry Hills Village, Berkeley Highlands, and Evergreen Tennis Center. Phillip spent the next decade exploring the wide variety of exciting opportunities his life in Colorado had to offer, including performing as a lead singer in a professional cover band. He is currently a USPTA Certified Professional Instructor, working with players of all ages and abilities. **\$65**



### **Ryan Weaver**

Ryan is an East Coast transplant from NJ/PA and has been playing tennis for over 25 years. He played number 1 singles and doubles for his H.S. team his sophomore thru senior year. He started teaching tennis in 2010 for First Play Sports in New Jersey before moving to Colorado that August. Ryan taught privately for a few years before getting USPTA certified in 2014. He has worked for Rocky Mountain Tennis Academy, TGA Tennis, and now he brings his experience and expertise to Gates Tennis Center. Ryan also has a degree in Secondary Education and uses that knowledge to not only show students how to do something but why they are doing it as well. Lastly, he believes tennis should be fun and tries his best to make you laugh. **\$65**



### **Rick Escobedo**

Rick is a junior pro specialist. Originally from Roswell, New Mexico, he played high school tennis and many years in league tennis. He understands the importance of teaching kids the fundamentals of the game, along with general core beliefs of being an athlete, which transfers to other sports. His focus on technique, while making class fun and exciting, challenges the kids with activities that help them feel successful. Rick has many years experience teaching and coaching children, as a part time ski instructor of 14 years at Keystone. He also enjoys cycling, fishing and playing music. **\$70**



### **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**



### **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. Weather 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**



### **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**



### **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! **\$70**