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## "Mo in the Mountains" Training Camp and the "Little Mo" Internationals presented by



United States Air Force Academy  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
July 1-3: Training Camp    July 3-8: Tournament

*for Boys & Girls 8-12 from the USA and worldwide*

Dallas, TX - The Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation is proud to present the "Mo in the Mountains" Training Camp (July 1-3) and the "Little Mo" Internationals (July 3-8) at the prestigious U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The camp and tournament are open to boys and girls ages 8-12 from the USA and worldwide. Players can participate in the camp only or the tournament only or both. Singles and doubles will be held for all divisions and matches will be played on full court with the traditional yellow ball.

**Registration deadline: Friday, June 23**

**To register: [www.mcbtennis.org](http://www.mcbtennis.org) and click on Tournaments.  
Scroll to the mountain icon.**

Chuck Kriese will be the headline speaker/guest coach at the camp. With over 40 years of coaching experience, he has the most wins in history of the Atlantic Coast Conference while coach at Clemson, has mentored many champions and written many books on coaching.

Anne Smith (10-time Grand Slam champion) will attend the tournament and give an on-court clinic to the players on July 3. She will be available for "complimentary" consultations on mental toughness during the tournament.

There will be other guest speakers on match strategy, fitness, injury prevention, racquet and stringing info, nutrition, etc. Drills will be conducted by certified pros and the guest speakers will be certified in their field of expertise. There will be special access to high tech, state of the art visual and physical training equipment at the U.S. Air Force Academy sports science lab. Mike Erwin will be the camp and tournament director.

Kim Gidley, U.S. Air Force Women's Tennis Coach, said, "we are excited to have the Mo in the Mountains Training Camp and the Little Mo Internationals at the U.S. Air Force Academy and we look forward to watching these outstanding young tennis players compete against others of the same age. These players are the future stars of tennis."

The goal of the "Little Mo" Internationals is for players to develop new friendships with other players, provide outstanding competition, learn good sportsmanship and most of all, have fun. The winner of each age division will be crowned "Little Mo" International Champion.

Many players including Andy Roddick, Ryan Harrison, Taylor Townsend, Denis Kudla, Donald Young, Ana Konjuh, Belinda Bencic and Borna Coric have come through the "Little Mo" program in its forty year history. Roddick said, "the Little Mo was my first big win!"

The "Little Mo" tournaments are named in honor of Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly, who was the first woman to win the Grand Slam in 1953. She is still the only American woman and the youngest to accomplish this magnificent feat.

This year, we are celebrating the 60th anniversary of Maureen's Grand Slam win in 1953 with the ultimate challenge for young players to win The "Little Mo" Grand Slam. If a player can win all three "Little Mo" Internationals, they will win the "Little Mo" Grand Slam and the tallest trophy ever given in junior tennis (6 ft.).

**1st leg: "Little Mo" Internationals in Colorado Springs, CO (July 1-8)**

**2nd leg: "Little Mo" Internationals in Forest Hills, NY (August 18-24)**

**3rd leg: "Little Mo" Internationals in Palm Beach Gardens, FL (December 6-11)**

*Registration is online for all three tournaments: [www.mcbtennis.org](http://www.mcbtennis.org)*

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## **Guest Speakers & Coaches**

### **Training Camp: July 1 -3**

Chuck Kriese: College Park, Maryland. Over 40 years of coaching experience. Senior Director of Competition and Coaching at Junior Tennis Champions Center in Maryland. Technical Director for Southeast Asia. Coached many Grand Slam junior champions. Head Coach and Director of Tennis at Clemson for 33 years and had the most wins in history of Atlantic Coast Conference. Coached many ATP and WTA tour players, authored five books on coaching, and an accomplished teacher, lecturer, and member of the National College Tennis Hall of Fame.

Les Bonsu: Modesto, California. 5-time Junior Olympian in track & field, 3-time State Champion in football and BSC champion at West Virginia and strength & conditioning coach.

Craig Brotman: Plantation, Florida. Master racquet stringer for Federer, Djokovic, Bryan Brothers, Agassi, Sharapova, and Seles. Stringer for the U.S. Open, ATP tournaments and college teams.

Mandi Elder: Colorado Springs, Colorado. Associate Professor in Health Sciences at University of Colorado - Colorado Springs and certified athletic trainer.

Kristina Comer: Colorado Springs, Colorado. Working towards her Masters degree in Sports Nutrition at University of Colorado - Colorado Springs. Undergraduate degree in dietetics.

Gabi Tomaselli: Colorado Springs, Colorado. Graduate student in strength and conditioning at the University of Colorado - Colorado Springs.

Mike Erwin: Stockton, California. Director of ErWin Tennis Academy and Nike Tennis Camp, PTR and USTA Sports Science certified, Vice Chair USTA NorCal coaches commission, and coached many sectional, national and world ranked players.

Steve Clark, Ph.D.: Colbert, Washington. Consultant for collegiate tennis teams, players and coaches on topics as mental toughness, pre-match preparation, practice work ethic, and motivation. University of California - Irvine men's tennis coach (1992-2006). Director of Tennis at Spokane Racquet Club. Co-director of U.S.Sports/Adidas/Nike Camps. Ph.D from Biola University.

### **Tournament: Opening Ceremony- July 3**

General Orwyn Sampson, Ph.D.: Colorado Springs, Colorado. Retired Brigadier General in the U.S. Air Force and Professor Emeritus of Biology (33 year military career). Guest lecturer at NASA. Masters degree from UCLA. Ph.D from University of Oregon and graduated from six military schools.

Anne Smith, Ph.D.: Dallas, Texas. 10-time Grand Slam doubles champion, former #1 in doubles. #12 in Singles. U.S. Olympic Committee Science Award for sports psychology and mental training. Consultant for Harvard University's women's tennis team. Ph.D from University of Texas - Austin.

Karol Wise: Delray Beach, Florida. National Certified USTA Referee and an ITF Certified Referee (white badge). Referee of 12 ITF Junior Circuit Events; 15 USTA National Championships; 4 "Little Mo" International tournaments and many others.