

## **Annual Reconditioning for River Valley Ranch Clay Courts**

Reconditioning includes five segments: cleaning, leveling, top dressing, rolling, and laying lines.

**Cleaning** — Remove all leaves and debris and lightly scrape the court to remove oversized particles. This is the most tedious part of preparing our courts each spring. The courts must be dry enough to walk on them without digging into the subsurface below the clay, and all debris must be removed down to the tiniest leaves, twigs, and seed pods.

**Leveling** — Scrape down high areas (such as where the lines were) and patch low areas.

**Top Dressing** — Add new clay at up to two tons per court.

**Rolling** — Compaction of the courts is a time-consuming process that we hope to speed up now that we have two rollers (and a backup if one goes down).

**Laying Lines** — Install new line tapes. Re-using tapes are acceptable if the texture has not been worn off.