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Membership dues invoices for the 2nd quarter were sent late last month. Members will notice that their dues are slightly higher than before because the department of revenue is now making us pay sales tax on dues. Last year in an audit of BETC, they made us aware that they had changed the way they look at us and as a result, about 35% of your dues are now being taxed - sorry!

If you missed the spring league sign-ups, please contact the coordinator and ask to be added to their sub list.

Report submitted by, Janet Best Manager

Tennis Tip

The Two P's of the Forehand Volley

For most players it is easier to generate more power on the forehand volley than on the backhand volley. The problem with the forehand volley is that it is easy to swing too much. This often results in a volley that is inconsistent and lacks control.

To correct a backswing that is too large on a forehand volley you need to use a proper **pivot**. To execute the proper pivot you need to make sure that you have a wide stance and that the weight of your body is on the balls of your feet, not on your heels. This will enable you to quickly pivot your body sideways when hitting a forehand volley. If you are on your heels during your volley you will not have time to pivot and position yourself sideways.

It is very important to hold on to the racket with both hands as you pivot. This will prevent you from taking a huge backswing on your forehand volley. I recommend that you keep holding on to the racket with both hands until you are ready to make your forward swing with your forehand volley.

To prevent too much follow through on your

forehand volley you need to use your non-dominant hand. I recommend that your non-dominant hand finish **parallel** to your racket on the forehand volley. This will prevent you from over swinging on your follow through. You will also be able to recover faster because your non-dominant hand will be closer to your next ready position.

As you can see I highlighted two important words, pivot and parallel. While you are playing, remember to hold on to your racket with two hands while pivoting. Finish your forehand volley with your non-dominant hand parallel to your racket. If you can accomplish these two tasks then you will have mastered the two P's of the forehand volley (pivot and parallel).

Submitted by Bill Bartlett Head Asst. Teaching Professional

From the Board

The result of the survey was 74% in favor of dropping the use of Credit Cards. The board received many good ideas on alternatives such as debit cards, charging fees for card use, giving discounts on cash, check transactions and minimum amount card transactions. None of these options can be implemented at this time for cost or legal reasons. The board and management team will continue to review all options and if the card costs and rules change where we are able to directly charge the card user the transaction fee, or the fees no longer make it cost prohibitive to the Club - the club might reinstate Credit Cards usage. Credit Cards will no longer be accepted starting 4/1. Thanks for all the inputs.

The board approved a limit of 200 junior affiliate memberships, lesson space is the reason for the limit. There are currently 198 junior memberships. A new membership the B330 was approved which allows these members usage of courts weekdays before 3:30, league sign up is not permitted but they can sub. The membership fee is \$25 a month.

Interclub Activities

By Jeanne Whitehurst

USTA

The spring USTA season is under-way! We have listed the early results and the April home matches. Please come out and cheer on our BETC teams!

<u>W-L</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Captain</u>	
2-1	2.5W	Euting	
1-1	3.0W	Cruzat	
2-2	3.0W	Tiernan	
0-3	3.0M	Kalvig	
3-1	3.5M	Shermal	
0-0	3.5W	Presuhn	
1-0	3.5W	Wilson	
1-0	3.5W	Yu	
0-0	4.0W	Fisher	
0-1	4.0W	Whitehurst	
1-2	4.0M	Kriekenbeck	
0-0	4.0M	Risch	
1-1	4.5W	Schraeder	
2-0	4.5M	Smith	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Captain</u>
4/1	2:00pm	4.0W	Whitehurst
4/1	3:30pm	3.5W	Yu
4/1	5:00pm	2.5W	Cruzat
4/1	6:30pm	3.5M	Sherman
4/1	8:00pm	4.5M	Smith
4/2	12:30pm	3.0W	Tiernan
4/8	2:00pm	4.5W	Schraeder
4/8	3:30pm	2.5W	Euting
4/8	5:00pm	3.5M	Sherman
4/8	6:30pm	4.0W	Whitehurst
4/9	12:30pm	4.0M	Kriekenbeck
4/15	2:00pm	4.0W	Whitehurst
4/15	3:30pm	3.5W	Yu
4/15	5:00pm	4.0M	Risch
4/15	6:30pm	4.0M	Kriekenbeck
4/15	8:00pm	3.0M	Kalvig
4/22	2:00pm	2.5W	Cruzat
4/22	3:30pm	2.5W	Euting
4/22	5:00pm	3.0M	Kalvig
4/23	12:30pm	4.5M	Smith
4/29	2:00pm	2.5W	Cruzat
4/29	3:30pm	2.5W	Euting

Cup Tennis

The cup season has ended and our

KingCo team finished in first place – congratulations, ladies!! Our Rainier Cup team finished in the top third, our Challenge Cup, Classic Cup, and Emerald Cup teams finished near the middle of the pack. Our club had one of its best overall years and is already looking forward to next year.

Tournaments

Spring tournaments continue! If you play in a tournament and would like your results published in the newsletter, please email me at twjw999@yahoo.com

Pro Shop

Even though the club has discontinued using credit or debit cards, Dave DeMulling's Pro Shop is a separate business and he will continue accepting them.

League Schedules

Leagues began their spring session on Monday, March 27 and will run through Sunday, June 25. Sign-ups for the summer session will begin on Monday, May 22.

Court Availability

You will notice laying on the tables in the mezzanine and near the front desk, sheets titled Court Availability. This sheet will list the number of courts available for a week out. It is updated on Tuesday and Friday. Club Member Bob Hess gave us this idea a couple of years ago and we had abandoned it for a while but have started it again.

Racquetball

Racquetball provides such a great workout opportunity and can be accomplished in just an hour! If you have an interest in racquetball but do not know where to get started, please phone Larry Kucera at 206-655-1630.



Jr Tourney News

Sprinker Jr. Rookie Tournament:

Boys 12 and under: Congratulations to Connor Hebert who reached the final of the consolation. Bally Tennis Spring Jr. A Tournament:

Boys 12 and under: Jamie Thorp, Shane Wilson and Brandon Wilson participated.

Boys 14 and under: Mitchell Thorp and Donald Hall participated.

Boys 16 and under Doubles: Nathan Kato and Parker Sjolander participated.

Girls 12 and under: Nicole Mamprejew participated.

Western Oregon Jr. Champ:

Girls 14 and under: Tess Manthou participated.

Boys 14 and under: Congratulations to Max Manthou who won the event.

Boys 16 and under: Congratulations to Trevor Thompson who reached the final of the consolation.

Lesson Programs and Special Events

For junior and adult members of all ages and levels, April will be a month of great tennis! For juniors, our annual Spring Break Tennis Camps will be held Tuesday- Friday, April 11-14. "A's" (Intermediate) runs daily 11am- 12:30pm, "Rookies" (Beginner) runs daily 12:30-2pm, and "Champs" (Advanced) runs daily 3-5pm. Regardless of level, participants will be exposed to lots of challenging, fast-paced games and drills with some match play (and tips from the pros) as well. And for adults (ages 18 & up), we will be hosting the Doubles Strategy Night potluck social on Saturday, April 29th, from 6:30-9pm. The pros will share with players some of their best doubles tips during this event- when they are not busy sampling the typically very good fare! As ever, don't forget to sign up ASAP to make sure you have a spot for these and other events and lessons!

Juniors - Beginner

May 6-20	Saturday	10 - 11 AM	\$37	(Little Stars 4-6 yrs)
May 6-20	Saturday	11 - 12 PM	\$33	(Super Stars 5-8 yrs)
May 6-20	Saturday	10 - 11 AM	\$33	(Young Guns 8-12 yrs)
May 7-21	Sunday	10 - 11 AM	\$33	(Big Shots 12-18 yrs)

Intermediate

May 6-20	Saturday	9 -10 AM	\$33	(Little Studs 5-8 yrs)
May 6-20	Saturday	9 - 10 AM	\$33	(Crushers 8-12 yrs)
May 6-20	Saturday	10 -11 AM	\$33	(Crushers 8-12 yrs)
May 4-25	Thursday	3:30 -4:30 PM	\$41	(Slammers 12-18 yrs)
May 5-26	Friday	6:30 - 8 PM	\$50	(Slammers 12-18 yrs)
May 6-20	Saturday	11 - 12 PM	\$33	(Slammers 12-18 yrs)
May 6-20	Saturday	12:30-1:30PM	\$33	(Slammers 12-18 yrs)
May 7-21	Sunday	11 - 12:30 PM	\$38	(Slammers 12-18 yrs)

Advanced

May 6-20	Saturday	11 - 12:30 PM	\$38	(Studs 8-12 yrs)
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Teams

May 1-31 skip 5/29	Mon/Wed	5-6:30 PM	\$105	(Jr. Challenger 7-12 yrs)
May 4-25	Thursday	4:30 -5:30 PM	\$41	(Jr. A 12-18 yrs)
May 5-26	Friday	8 - 9:30 PM	\$50	(Jr. A 12-18 yrs)
May 1-26	Mon/Fri	3:30/5:00 PM	\$95	(Jr. A 12-18 yrs)
May 3-24	Monday	7 - 8:30 PM	\$54	(Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs)
May 2-30	Tuesday	3:30 -5:00 PM	\$67	(Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs)
May 2-30	Tuesday	8 - 9:30 PM	\$67	(Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs)
May 3-31	Wed/Fri	3:30 - 5 PM	\$114	(Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs)
May 4-25	Thursday	5 - 6:30 PM	\$54	(Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs)
May 6-20	Saturday	6:30 - 8 PM	\$42	(Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs)
May 2-30	Tue/Thurs	3:30 - 5 PM	\$90	(Jr. Elite 12-18 yrs)
May 2-30	Tuesday	8 - 9:30 PM	\$63	(Jr. Elite 12-18 yrs)



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New Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new members: Mike Bangul-Tan.... (Share), Robert and Vivien Clements (B330), Jim Wagstaff (B330), Pedro and Terry Perez (Share), Bill Taylor (B330), David and Kim Abrass (B330), Kim Boyden (B330), Josh Wallace (B330), Larry Luke (B330), Gerona Garcia (Share), Fred and Vicki Andrews (B330), Medea and Manuel McGraw (B330), Marianne and Charles Butt (B330), Jeff and Amy McNew (Share), Remo Galvano (B330), Steven and Molly Monks (Share).



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