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Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

On Saturday, June 10 from 9:00 - Noon. Margaret Fain, Nichole Mamprejew and her parents Danuta and Jerzy along with Ann Larson and myself all helped in the annual spring clean-up. We pulled weeds, spread 4 yards of bark, and planted some flowers. Next year we will have the annual event on a weekday when it appears that more members will be available to help out.

Normally during June, July and August, BETC closes at 8:00 PM on the weekends. Because our junior members want to continue the 8:00 PM workouts or private groups on Saturday and Sunday night, we have decided to stay open until 9:30 PM. Courts are available, come play when its cool.

For the past several years share member Jeanne Whitehurst has been writing the Interclub Activities columns for these newsletters. In the late 90's her husband Tom was on the Board of our club. Even though a good part of their retirement year is spent in California, Jeanne has been able to keep up to date on all the USTA leagues, the Cup activities and report the outcome of major tournaments. Recently Tom and Jeanne decided to sell their home in Maple Valley and stay in California year-round. We will miss them both and wish them a healthy and happy future and thank them both for their contributions to BETC.

This fall we would like to have a celebration marking BETC's 30th anniversary! We are looking for a member to volunteer chairing the event. The chairperson of the event will appoint subcommittees which may include: decorations, food preparation, memory lane, entertainment, and clean-up. Please give me a call to volunteer chairing this event - 253-872-5545 ext 22—Thanks!

Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Asst.

Technique on Returning High Shots

Returning high shots to your backhand or forehand can be very difficult. The reason most people have trouble on these shots is that they simply prepare incorrectly for a high ball. An incorrect preparation on a high ball will usually result in a high floating return.

I will first describe what an incorrect preparation on a highball looks like. As a high ball is approaching most players will raise their racket head to the height of the incoming ball. They will also open the face of the racket head so the strings are pointing up. This will cause a soft floating return with under spin.

The correct preparation on a high ball should look like this. As you see a high ball approaching instead of raising your racket head to the height of the ball, raise your hand to the height of the incoming ball. Make sure your racket face is closed and pointing toward the ground at a 45% angle. This will allow you to hit the ball back with authority and to impart topspin.

So the next time you are retrieving a high bouncing ball make sure you prepare correctly. Raise your hand or racket handle to the height of the incoming ball. Close your racket strings so that they are pointing toward the ground at a 45% angle. You will then notice that your returns will be stronger and will have topspin.

From the Board

The club is over the membership limit due increase in share members but we still have some junior and non-prime time memberships available. The club is looking at the feasibility of summer junior camps one week sessions 3 hours a day. If you are interested please let Allan know. The capital plan is being revise to show a ten year forecast to better anticipate funding requirements. As always the board is looking for feedback from the members.

Interclub Activities

By Jeanne Whitehurst

USTA

The regular USTA season ended in mid-June and the local playoffs were held near the end of the month. Roger Risch's, Mike Lockhart's and Jan Yu's team made it to the local playoffs; Jan's team made it to the finals and lost a very close match 2-3. Mike's team lost in the first series of local playoffs but will play again for a wild card entry to the regional playoffs. Here are the final results for 2006.

W-L	Division	Captain
6-6	2.5W	Euting
4-4	3.0W	Cruzat
2-6	3.0W	Tiernan
3-6	3.0M	Kalvig
4-6	3.5M	Sherman
3-5	3.5W	Presuhn
4-4	3.5W	Wilson
8-0	3.5W	Yu
2-7	4.0W	Fisher
6-6	4.0W	Whitehurst
1-7	4.0M	Kriekenbeck
6-2	4.0M	Risch
5-3	4.5W	Schraeder
5-2	4.5M	Lockhart

The Seattle City Championships were held in late June. A few of our members and staff either won or were finalists - Jesse Walter (teaching pro) defeated JJ Jackson (teaching pro) 7-5, 6-3 in the Men's Open Singles. This was from a bracket of 64 entries! In the Men's Open Doubles event, our Jesse Walter and JJ Jackson teamed up and defeated Steve Walters (lesson program independent contractor for BETC) and

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Juniors in the State Championships

Congratulations to all of our juniors who qualified for the WIAA High School State Tennis Championships:

Boys 4A Singles: Chris Rice and Daniel Lee participated.

Boys 4A Doubles: Zack Ahyat and Luyang Gai reached the final. Lawrence Lin participated.

Girls Doubles A: Kim Quach and Geneva Warren participated..

Boys 3A Singles: Bryan Thorp reached the semi-final. Chris Bailey participated.

Boys 3A Doubles: Congratulations to Frederick Walsh and Jason Moseby who won the event. Brian Jenkins and Wes Nomi reached the semi-final and Jason Lim and Fraser Chan participated.

Girls 3A Singles: Brittany Shieh and Jane Connelly participated.

Girls 3A Doubles: Jennifer Cheadle participated.

Below is a listing of our juniors who participated in the Memorial Day Tennis Tournament directed by Allan Overland and Jim Robison.

Boys 13 and under Singles: Chris Rumer reached the final. Shane Wilson, Justice Canley participated.

Nicolas Fischer, Vincent Vioria and Brandon Wilson participated.

Doubles: Congratulations to Chris Rumer and Andrew Nguyen who won the event. Nicolas Fischer, David Mardakov, Brandon Wilson and Shane Wilson participated.

Women's 2.5 Singles: Congratulations to Felicia Doubek who won the event.

Women's 3.0 Singles: Tiffany Vuong and Kelly Baker participated.

Women's 3.0 Doubles: Tiffany Vuong and Jessica Chung participated.

Women's 3.5 Singles: Candice Canley and Melissa Nguyen participated.

Women's 4.0 Singles: Candice Canley participated.

Men's 3.0 Singles: Eddie Lin, George Stegman, Nathan Kato and Ryan Onosko participated.

Men's 3.5 Singles: Michael Chau, Eddie Lin, Trevor Takami, Mark Ishimitsu and Collin Crozier participated.

Men's 3.5 Doubles Garrett Ballou and Hiroyuki Matsushita reached the final. Brook Holdaas participated.

Men's 4.0 Singles: Matthew Overland, Collin Crozier and Minh Hoang participated

Men's 4.0 Doubles: Trevor Takami, Mark Ishimitsu, Matthew Overland and Garrett Ballou participated.

Seattle Tennis Club Junior Challenger:

Girls 16 and under Singles: Congratulations to Kendall Bielinski who won the event.

Boys 16 Doubles: Congratulations to Trevor Takami and Mark Ishimitsu for winning the event.



Special Events and Junior Lesson Programs

Summer is heating up, and so is the club's schedule of lessons and events! Beginning in July, we have some great summer junior teams and classes for kids of all levels, such as the "Crushers" class (Intermediate, ages 8-12) on Wednesdays, 4-5 pm, "Slammers" (Intermediate, ages 12-18) will run on Wednesdays, 5-6 pm, A's Summer Team (Advanced Intermediate) will be held Mondays – Thursdays 11 am- 12:30 pm, Champs Summer Team (Advanced) runs Mondays - Thursdays 12:30-2 pm and Elite Jr. Team Weekday (USTA ranked champ players) runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30- 5 pm. For adults, we have two great camps, the Adult Summer Tennis Camp (3.5-4.0) and the rescheduled Jose Higuera camp. The Summer Tennis Camp will be held over the course of two days, Friday, August 4th, 6-8 pm and Saturday, August 5th, 2-4 pm, and will focus on competition and conditioning, while the special one day Jose Higuera Camp, will run on Saturday, July 15th, from 12:30- 3:30 pm, and give participants a unique and detailed insight into the coaching ideas of maybe the best coach in the world- and a great workout in the process! Sign- ups are already starting to fill up, so if you are interested, sign up now at the front desk to reserve yourself a spot.

Juniors - Beginner

Aug 5-26	Saturday	10-10:30AM	\$25 (Little Stars 4-6 yrs)
Aug 5-26	Saturday	11-12PM	\$41 (Super Stars 5-8 yrs)
Aug 5-26	Saturday	10 - 11 AM	\$41 (Young Guns 8-12 yrs)
Aug 7-28	Monday	3 - 4 PM	\$41 (Young Guns 8-12 yrs)
Aug 7-28	Monday	4 - 5 PM	\$41 (Big Shots 12-18 yrs)
Aug 6-27	Sunday	10 - 11 AM	\$41 (Big Shots 12-18 yrs)

Intermediate

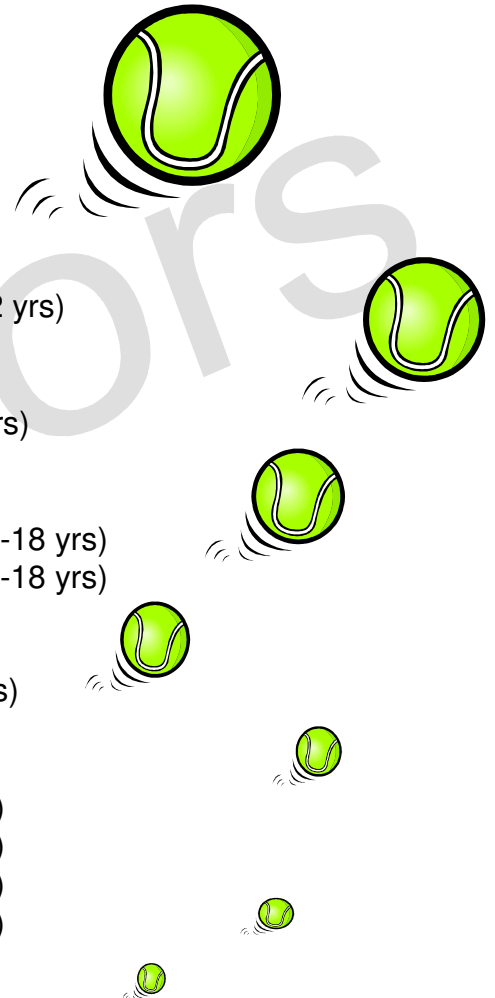
Aug 5-26	Saturday	9-10 AM	\$41 (Little Studs 5-8 yrs)
Aug 2-30	Wednesday	4 - 5 PM	\$48.50 (Crushers 8-12 yrs)
Aug 5-26	Saturday	9 - 10 AM	\$41 (Crushers 8-12 yrs)
Aug 5-26	Saturday	10 -11 AM	\$41 (Crushers 8-12 yrs)
Aug 2-30	Wednesday	5 - 6 PM	\$48.50 (Slammers 12-18 yrs)
Aug 4-25	Friday	6:30 - 8 PM	\$50 (Slammers 12-18 yrs)
Aug 5-26	Saturday	11 - 12 PM	\$41 (Slammers 12-18 yrs)
Aug 5-26	Saturday	12:30-1:30PM	\$41 (Slammers 12-18 yrs)
Aug 6-27	Sunday	11 - 12:30 PM	\$50 (Slammers 12-18 yrs)

Advanced

Aug 5-26	Saturday	11-12:30PM	\$50 (Studs 8-12yrs)
Aug 3-31	Thursday	4:00 -5:30 PM	\$61 (Jr. A 12-18 yrs)
Aug 4-25	Friday	5 - 6:30 PM	\$50 (Jr. A 12-18 yrs)
Aug 4-25	Friday	8 - 9:30 PM	\$50 (Jr. A 12-18 yrs)
Aug 7-28	Monday	7 - 8:30 PM	\$54 (Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs)
Aug 1-29	Tuesday	8 - 9:30 PM	\$67 (Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs)
Aug 3-31	Thursday	5 - 6:30 PM	\$67 (Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs)
Aug 5-26	Saturday	6:30 - 8 PM	\$54 (Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs)
Aug 1-29	Tuesday	8 - 9:30 PM	\$77 (Jr. Elite 12-18 yrs)

Summer Teams

Aug 1-31	Monday-Thursday	11-12:30PM	\$224 (Jr. A's 12-18 yrs)
Aug 1-31	Monday-Thursday	12:30-2PM	\$224 (Jr. Champs 12-18 yrs)
Aug 1-31	Tuesday & Thursday	3:30-5PM	\$125 (Elite Jr. 12-18yrs)
Aug 1-31	Tuesday-Thursday	2-3:30PM	\$215 (Elite 12-18 yrs)



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New Members & the B330 Program

Please help us welcome these new members: Wing Ho, Charles Collins, Deborah and Skip Kerekas, Rick and Cindy Bailey, (Shares). New junior affiliate members - Cecilia Hoang, Mark Olive, Katie and Ryan Meredith, K and K Dona, Eric Nebel, and Connie Ly and Annabella Kim who were added to their brothers junior affiliate memberships Our newest B330 member is Janet and Chris Rodebaugh. The B330 membership is for players who are able to participate before 3:30 PM weekly.

Remember, if you recruit a new member to BETC, the club will give you \$25.00 in court time!!!!

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Seattle City Championships

member David Miller 6-3, 7-6. In the women's 45 Singles - Kay Lorrain (our desk employee) defeated Sally Femin 6-1, 6-2. Great job staff and members - you make us proud!



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- ♣ Junior Membership are currently open!
- ♣ BETC's 30 anniversary - Volunteer needed.
- ♣ Fall leagues will begin play on Monday, July 31.
- ♣ Tom and Jeanne Whitehurst—moving to California permanently.
- ♣ Junior Class registration begins August 1 for Sept - Dec.
- ♣ High School State Championship results.