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Earlier this month the club celebrated its 30th anniversary with a party that was a lot of fun. Club member and Chairperson Priscilla Lee has a complete story about it below.

Speaking of parties, the club is offering rental of the facility in non peak times. An information packet is available at the front desk or please call me and I'll explain how it works. 253-872-5545 ext 22.

Winter league sign-ups begin Monday, November 13 at 2:00 PM for leagues held after 3:30 or at 8:00 AM for any league held prior to 3:30 PM. Group lesson sign-ups start on December 1 for beginner level juniors and all adults, December 2 for intermediate level juniors and December 3 for any advanced level juniors.

Report submitted by Janet Best, Manager

30th Anniversary

Report submitted by
Chairperson Priscilla Lee

It was an evening filled with memories, reacquainting with old friends, establishing new friendships, having fun with activities, enjoying a variety of food, capturing a moment with the juniors who provided a glimpse of the next generation, and winning prizes! What a night it was.

With months of behind the scenes preparation taking place for this anniversary celebration, teamwork by fellow members was amazing. Within the core planning committee each of these individuals contributed not only with their unique talents, but also with much of their own personal time. Together, we have complimented one another and worked as a team. Janet, Fran, Carol, Jesse and Shannie, a special thank you for this experience and sharing a bit of yourselves with me.

Other individuals came forward and stepped up for special projects. The Kato family designed and created posters; Jim

Tennis Tip

How to Direct Your Shots

One of the common questions I get asked as a tennis professional is, "Why do my shots almost always go straight back to my opponent?" Lack of control is a very basic problem for many club players. The ability to hit down the line or crosscourt is of paramount importance in your ability to win tennis matches.

The key to hitting a successful down the line ground stroke or volley is the shoulder turn. The more you can turn your shoulder during your shot preparation the easier it will be for you to hit your shot down the line. Try to point your shoulder blade towards the net on your backswing. For example if you are hitting a forehand ground stroke and you are right handed make sure your left shoulder blade is facing the net.

To hit a successful crosscourt shot it is important to contact the ball early and out in front of your body. Start uncoiling your shoulders a little earlier on your crosscourt shots. An open stance will make hitting the crosscourt shot a little easier.

You can also anticipate where your opponent is going to hit their shots by observing how far they are turning their shoulders and the position of their stance. If you see your opponent turning their shoulder a lot with a closed stance look for the down the line shot. If your opponent is uncoiling their shoulders early and has an open stance, look for a crosscourt shot.

I hope these tips will help you never to have to ask the question of "Why do my shots almost always go straight back to my opponent?" Submitted by, Bill Bartlett.

From the Board

The ballots for the board member elections will be in the mail by 11/10 with ballots due back by 12/10. The Board has made the following changes effective 11/1: A non-refundable enrollment fee of \$100 will be charged to new memberships. Any membership category changes will have a fee of \$25. The reinstatement fee will be \$100 for members starting sabbaticals after 11/1/06. The B330 membership will now include racquetball reservations at anytime. The Board is reviewing the capital expenditure plan which includes major expenditures for infrastructure in the next few years. This should be complete by the end of the year.

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McKinlay drilled holes in numerous tennis balls for the tables so that they would be compatible with the flooring; the front desk staff provided their assistance. There were various other members who heard about the planning phase and stepped in to lend a hand.

Carol and her decorating committee of Shirley Patterson, Miho Pell, Nancy Naylor, Phyllis Eakins, Phyllis Birge and Jim McKinlay not only set up the tables and food, but turned our tennis courts into a carnival atmosphere. For those who attended this event, you may have had the pleasure of having some of these people check you in as you received your "gifts" – a pair of socks from Avanti Sports, who donated 120 pairs to the first 120 members; a fortune cookie – Jenny Chung donated a box of cookies of which 10 special cookies contained the fortune of "win door prize"; and a BETC 30th Anniversary commemorative towel along with other items for the carnival festivities.

Coach Jesse and junior members opened the event with a brief exhibition for all to enjoy. Board president, Laurie Furumasu, presented welcoming announcements. The red carpet was rolled out as the Bakke family was introduced as the Royal Family. The family has contributed to various activities and played many different roles within the club throughout the years. Janet Best crowned King Ken, Queen Denise and Princess Ingrid for the evening. As BETC is celebrating its 30th anniversary, Dave DeMulling was honored for his 30th year of service to the club. Also being honored for years of service were Janet Best for 26, both Allan Overland and Rich Cornwell for 17 years and Kay Lorrain for 14 years of service.

Before the carnival festivities began, we had the pleasure of having our own Sonny and Cher presentation given by Gerene Holt (Cher) and friend Carol Hanson (Sonny).

After having the opportunity to sample a variety of food, members were invited to participate in the games. People of all ages, kids, and adults were roaming freely throughout the club. There were paper airplanes flying off the mezzanine, balloons, ring toss, aiming at targets with the pro's for prizes, and much more. Those who wanted a little break from all the excitement were able to view some of the activities during the past 30 years with a slideshow put together by my husband, Kevin Lee. This slideshow is now available for viewing at the computer next to the front desk. There was something for everyone somewhere in the club.

To end the evening, prizes were drawn by a few of the charter members. Over 90 prizes were handed out for the evening. The list of contributors is currently posted on the board located on the far end of the mezzanine. As we are out and about, let's not forget the generous businesses and people who donated items and services towards our celebration.

As I receive feedback from fellow members, it sounds like everyone who attended had a great time. Many thanks go out to all those who participated in this anniversary celebration. Much appreciation to the members who arrived prior to the scheduled event, assisted with the set-ups and running of the various activity booths, and took it upon themselves to assist with the clean-up duties. It was so amazing seeing the various members take part in one form or another. Thanks for a part of history.

Singles Club Championship Results

The Club Singles Tournament was completed over two weekends last month. Congratulations to the following winners:

Men's 2.5 - Anthony Rupert defeated Justin Rodtanapanyakul 6-1, 6-1. Consolation tournament won by Chris Rumer.

Men's 3.0 - Rick Bailey defeated Todd Koyamatsu 6-2, 6-4. Consolation tournament

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Jeter.

M e n ' s
3.5 - Tony
Lo de-
f e a t e d
S t u a r t
Thompson
6-1, 6-4.

Consola-
tion tournament won by Richard Hill.

Men's 4.0 - Ted Hollar defeated Michael Ahn 6-7(3), 6-4, 6-4. Consolation tournament won by Russ Larson.

Men's 4.5 - Michael Nguyen defeated Lawrence Chan 6-3, 6-4. Consolation tournament won by Anthony Dimitrov.

Men's 5.0 - Jon Campbell defeated Andy Trinh 6-4, 7-5. Consolation tournament won by Anthony Dimitrov.

Women's 3.0 - Breanna Esber defeated Celia Forrest 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. Consolation tournament won by Jesse Chute.

Women's 3.5 - Sachiko Ishihara Spray defeated Gloria Long 6-0, 6-3. Consolation tournament won by Kim Taylor.

Women's 4.0 - Melissa Nguyen defeated Kim Quach 6-4, 6-2. Consolation tournament won by Bonnie Paasche.

Boy's 13 and under - Cole Jeter won in a round robin.

Girl's 13 and under - Kara Ikeda won in a round robin.



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Lesson Programs

To help you celebrate Thanksgiving the BETC way, we've got some great special events for you to sink your teeth into! For 3.0-4.0 level players 18 years and up, Allan will draw upon his extensive personal training with one of the best coaches in the world, Jose Higuera, to extensive use at the Advanced Footwork Training Camp, held on Friday, November 10th, 6-8pm, and Saturday, November 11th, 2-4pm. Over these two days, players will have a great opportunity to improve their footwork by participating in intensive drill and game situations that require various footwork skills. To ensure an excellent workout, the camp will be limited to just six members!

Speaking of an excellent workout, on Saturday, November 18th, from 6:30-9pm, we will be holding the special pre Thanksgiving Workout Social to help you burn lots of calories before the big holiday feast! Join the pros for lots of fast moving games and drills that will maximize your workout- and level of fun. Don't forget to bring a tasty - and healthy - finger food or beverage to this potluck social event. Please remember to sign up ASAP to make sure you have a spot for these and other events and lessons. Submitted by Allan Overland

Juniors - Beginner

Dec 2-23	Saturday	10-10:30AM	\$25	Little Stars 4-7 yrs
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Dec 2-23	Saturday	11-12PM	\$41	Super Stars 4-8 yrs
Dec 2-23	Saturday	10 - 11 AM	\$41	Young Guns 8-12 yrs
Dec 3-17	Sunday	10 - 11 AM	\$33	Big Shots 12-18 yrs

Intermediate

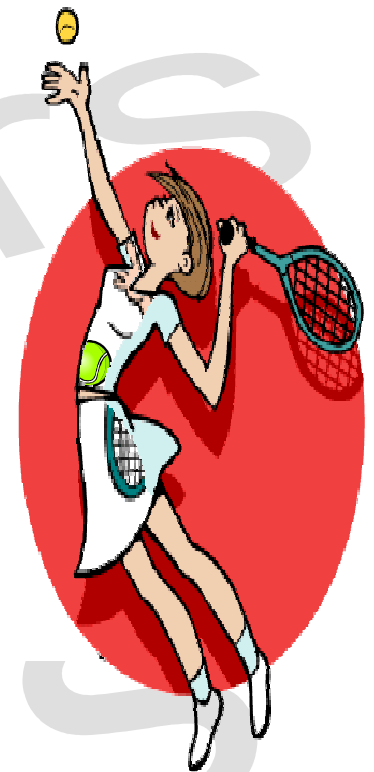
Dec 2-23	Saturday	12-1 PM	\$41	Little Studs 5-8 yrs
Dec 4-20	Mon/Wed	5-6:30PM	\$73	Jr Challenger Team
Dec 2-23	Saturday	9 - 10 AM	\$41	Crushers 8-12 yrs
Dec 2-23	Saturday	11 -12 PM	\$41	Crushers 8-12 yrs
Dec 1-22	Friday	6:30 - 8 PM	\$50	Slammers 12-18 yrs
Dec 2-23	Saturday	10 - 11 AM	\$41	Slammers 12-18 yrs
Dec 2-23	Saturday	11-12PM	\$41	Slammers 12-18 yrs
Dec 3-17	Sunday	11 - 12:30 PM	\$38	Slammers 12-18 yrs

Advanced

Dec 2-23	Saturday	12-1:30PM	\$50	Studs 8-12 yrs
Dec 1-22	Mon 3:30-5PM	Fri 5-6:30PM	\$85	Jr. A Team
Dec 7-14	Thursday	4:30 -5:30 PM	\$27	Jr. A 12-18 yrs
Dec 1-22	Friday	8 - 9:30 PM	\$50	Jr. A 12-18 yrs
Dec 4-18	Monday	7 - 8:30 PM	\$42	Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs
Dec 5-19	Tuesday	8 - 9:30 PM	\$42	Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs
Dec 1-15	Wed/Fri	3:30 - 5 PM	\$67	Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs
Dec 2-23	Saturday	6:30 - 8 PM	\$63	Jr. Champ 12-18 yrs
Dec 5-21	Tues/Thurs	3:30-5PM	\$90	Jr. Elite 12-18 yrs
Dec 5-19	Tuesday 8 - 9:30 PM	Thurs 5-6:30PM	\$77	Jr. Elite 12-18 yrs

Adults - See the skill level in the far right column

Dec 3 - 17	Sunday	3:30 - 4:30 PM	\$33	Beginner
Dec 3 - 17	Sunday	2:30 - 3:30 PM	\$33	Advanced Beginner
Dec 4 - 18	Monday	9:30 - 11:00 AM	\$38	Intermediate
Dec 4 - 18	Monday	6:00 - 7:00 PM	\$33	Intermediate
Dec 6 - 13	Wednesday	12:30 - 2:00 PM	\$27	Intermediate
Dec 3 - 17	Sunday	3:30 - 4:30 PM	\$33	Intermediate
Dec 4 - 18	Monday	11:00 - 12:30 PM	\$38	Advanced Intermediate
Dec 4 - 18	Monday	5:00 - 6:00 PM	\$33	Advanced Intermediate
Dec 5 - 19	Tuesday	7:00 - 8:00 PM	\$33	Advanced Intermediate
Dec 2 - 23	Saturday	8:00 - 9:00 AM	\$41	Advanced Intermediate





30th Anniversary Celebration

Left to right and top to bottom: The food tables on court 4, Carol Hanson (Sonny) and Gerene Holt (Cher), and Ken and Denise Bakke the honored family (Ingrid not shown).

Junior Results

2006 Singles Club Championship

Girls 13 and under: Congratulations to Kara Ikeda who won the event. Amber Eastham, Kyana Esber and Maggie Henderson participated. Boys 13 and under: Congratulations to Cole Jeter who won the event. Justice Canley and Wyatt Demulling participated. Women's 3.0: Congratulations to Breanna Esber who won the event. Tiffany Vuong participated. Women's 3.5: Nicole Himeda participated. Women's 4.0: Congratulations to Melissa Nguyen who won the event. Kim Quach reached the final. Men's 2.5: Congratulations to Anthony Rupert who won the event. Justin Rodjanapanyakul reached the final. Chris Rumer won the consolation event. Hari Kumar, Blaine Peterson and Jason Rodjanapanyakul participated. Men's 3.0: Ryan Onosko reached the semifinal and Josh Jeter won the consolation event. Joey Corigliano, Paul Yi, Vishaal Diwan, Hari Kumar, and Carter Lim participated. Men's 3.5: Trevor Takami and Tucker Siegert reached the semifinal. Donald Hall reached the final of the consolation. Gordon Durkoop, Joey Corigliano, Paul Larsgaard and Colton Belmondo participated. Men's 4.0: Anthony Dimitrov and Matthew Overland reached the semifinal. Mark Ishimitsu, Tucker Siegert, Trevor Takami, Colin Crozier, Daniel Cotton and Donald Hall participated. Men's 4.5: Congratulations to Anthony Dimitrov who won the consolation event. Men's 5.0: Congratulations to Anthony Dimitrov who won the consolation event.

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. Currently we are offering leagues on Monday night (intermediate), Tuesday night (beginning) and Thursday night (intermediate).



B330 League

On Wednesdays at 12:30 we are hoping to start a league for our B330 members. It will also be open to other memberships and if you would like to participate, please call Rich at 253-872-5545 ext 24. Thanks!