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Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

New membership directories were printed and are available in the office area. A special thank you goes to the printing company owned by member Ken Sharp - Minuteman Press in Kent and to other members who purchased ad space to offset the remaining costs.

If you missed the sign-up window but would still like to participate as a substitute in the spring leagues, please call Dee Dee and she will forward the message to the appropriate coordinator(s). Be sure to tell Dee Dee your Club or USTA rating and what type of leagues you are interested in. Dee Dee's extension is 24.

Congratulations to our Classic Cup Team! After the very long season, the BETC team persevered and won! With this accomplishment our team is eligible to challenge up to the next level.

The sign-ups for the spring session of the junior lesson program were distributed via an email and are also available at the website.

If you know of a special event this spring, how about celebrating it at BETC? Tennis courts, the racquetball area, special clinics by the pros - you name it...Sound like fun already? More information is available on the web or you can just give me a call and I'll do whatever I can to make the event a success!

Report submitted by, Janet Best, Manager

Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

Winning Strategies

There are three basic strategies that help you win a tennis match. The first strategy is utilizing your strengths. The second strategy is exploiting your opponent's weaknesses. The third strategy is making sure you stay in a rhythm while keeping your opponent from getting into a rhythm.

All of these strategies can be applied in the warm-up. Hopefully you will have a chance to acquire information about your opponent's

weaknesses from previous matches or by watching your opponent. Make sure you are fully warmed up before getting out on the court with your opponent.

Once the warm-up starts, it is a good time to evaluate your opponent's strengths and weaknesses especially if you never played your opponent before. The best way for you to make sure that you get into a good rhythm is to start constantly moving your feet in a calm and relaxed state of mind during the warm-up. This may take a little more energy but it will calm you down and warm up your strengths. This may also get your opponent out of rhythm.

Once the match starts you need to determine if your strengths are good enough to win. If not, you may need to play a different style against your opponent. I remember watching the finals of Wimbledon between Arthur Ashe and Jimmy Connors. Both players were tennis Hall of Fame power players. Arthur Ashe had one of the best power games of all time, but Jimmy Connors was even better at it. So Ashe decided to use the strategy of exploiting his opponent's weakness and rhythm. He went into the match and hit soft underspin shots to Connors' forehand. This was a weakness of Connors and it threw Connors' rhythm off. Ashe won that match in an unexpected way in an upset one-sided victory (6-1, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4).

So the next time you play a match, size up your opponent's strengths and weaknesses. Get yourself into rhythm by moving your feet in the warm-up. And hit the shots your opponent has trouble with to keep him out of rhythm. This will give you a good strategic game plan.

From the Board

We would like to introduce our new board member Mike Franco who will be replacing Paul Kartinen. Also, we have formed a new Activities Committee headed by Shannie Presuhn and Bob Ingersoll which will be meeting shortly. More news to follow.

Interclub Activities

Provided by Staff Member Margaret Fain

Junior News

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

Cup News

Congratulations to our Classic Cup team, which had a strong finish and ended the season in first place! In the last three matches, they did not lose a single court. Great job and congrats to captains Nancy Lockett and Dina Benedetti and to players Vicki Andrews, Regina Bear, Christie Brakke, Gail Jenkins, Nita Kraght, Amy Kwan, Kerry Lautman, Jean McCoy, Cindy Seims, and Patti Travers.



USTA News

The USTA season is going strong and the results so far are listed below.

<u>Captain</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>W-L</u>
Myrna Alquiza	2.5 W	1-1
Kathy Hughes	3.0 W	0-2
Karen Williams	3.0 W	0-2
Diane Euting	3.0 W	2-0
Carolyn Cruzat	3.5 W	2-1
Jan Yu	4.0 W	1-1
Ramona Schraeder	4.5 W	0-1
Vinayak Rao	3.0 M	1-2
Jim Thorp	3.5 M	2-1
Bill Sherman	3.5 M	1-1
Roger Risch	4.0 M	2-2
Mike Lockhart	4.5 M	2-1

Chris Takami has started off with a 2-0 singles record on Diane Euting's team. Lawson Mansfield of Jim Thorp's 3.5 team, already has 2 wins in singles and one in doubles to his credit. On Roger Risch's team, Kent Smith has started off with a 3-0 record.

USTA Matches at BETC

Check out the activities board at BETC for a list of upcoming USTA matches at the club.

Racquetball Leagues and Contacts!



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), and Thursday night (intermediate).

During the winter, many of our BETC juniors continued to fare well in high level champs tournaments. Several of our juniors traveled to Oregon to compete in these tournaments. At the Salem Tennis and Swim club 14's Endorsement, Angela Chen won the singles and doubles without losing a set. Jamie Thorp won the doubles. The Cascade Champs held in Gresham, Oregon had Dragos Puscalau winning the Boys 16 singles final in a decisive 6-2, 6-1 match. At the Vancouver Tennis Center Champs, Jamie Thorp won the boys 14 singles and doubles without losing a set. Angela Chen won the girls 16 singles.

At the Tacoma Lawn Boys 12 Endorsement, Alan Kwiatkowski won three straight matches to win the west draw. Here are the juniors that participated in one or more of these tournaments: Joe Kwiatkowski, Thomas Lowes, Steven Miyauchi, Carter Lim, Jordan Smith, Henry Smith, Mitchell Thorp, Andrew La Cava, and Amie Vo.

There were some very close and exciting matches at the Sprinker Tennis Center Challenger Grand Prix III tournament. Wyatt DeMulling won two three-set matches in a row to win the Boys 14 singles. In the semi-final he won 2-6, 6-3 and (10-8) in the third set tiebreaker. In the closest match of the tournament, Liezel Villanueva defeated Lauren Thornquist 6-4, 4-6 and (12-10) in the third set tiebreaker. These players participated: Griffin Welsh, Alex Noyes, and Ryan Proffitt.

Wallyball Wednesdays

Every Wednesday at 11:30 and/or 12:30, members are meeting to play wallyball. Wallyball is a variation of volleyball played on the racquetball courts where the side walls are in play. If you have questions, call Janet at 253-872-5545 ext 22. It's been a whole lot of fun - come join us if you can!



Lesson Programs

Submitted by Allan Overland, Head Professional

Members, the month of April brings us two of the most popular special events that we hold each year: Wilson Demo Night, and the Spring Break Junior camps. Wilson

Demo Night makes its much anticipated annual return on Saturday, April 25th, from 6:30-9pm. Wilson rep Kevin Young will join the pros for a night of great tennis and LOTS of cool Wilson prizes. The latest new Wilson frames will be made available for members to try, and Kevin, pro shop owner Dave DeMulling (who will make all participants a special one night discount offer on Wilson products) and the pros can answer any questions you may have about any of the fantastic new racquets. This social is open to all members aged 10 years and up. The cost is only \$7.00 per person; and don't forget to bring a tasty finger food- we'll provide the beverages!

And for juniors from beginner to advanced levels, we have a great way for you to sharpen up your game- and have a blast doing it when you attend our Spring Break Junior Camps, Tuesday- Friday, April 7-10. Champs (advanced) runs daily 11-12:30pm, A's (intermediate) runs daily 12:30-2pm and Rookies (beginner) runs daily 2-3:30pm. The pro staff will push players by putting them through super charged games and drills. Daily prizes will be given out to the hardest working players, as well as lots of Gatorade for everybody!

Remember to sign up for these and other great classes and workouts at the front desk ASAP. We'll see you out there on the courts!

Lesson Programs

Juniors - Beginner

May 2-30(skip 5/23)	Saturday	10-11 AM	\$43.30	Level 1	4-6 yrs
May 2-30(skip 5/23)	Saturday	11-12 AM	\$43.30	Level 1	5-8 yrs
May 2-30(skip 5/23)	Saturday	11-12 AM	\$43.30	Level 1	8-12 yrs
May 5-26(skip 5/24)	Sunday	9-10 AM	\$34.10	Level 1	12-18 yrs

Intermediate

May 2-30(skip 5/23)	Saturday	12-1 PM	\$43.30	Level 2	6-9 yrs
May 2-30(skip 5/23)	Saturday	9-10 AM	\$43.30	Level 2	8-12 yrs
May 1-29	Friday	6:30-8 PM	\$75.50	Level 2	12-18 yrs
May 2-30(skip 5/23)	Saturday	10-11 AM	\$43.30	Level 2	12-18 yrs
May 3-30(skip 5/24)	Sunday	10-11:30 PM	\$61.60	Level 2	12-18 yrs

Advanced

May 4-27(skip 5/25)	Mon/Wed	5-6:30 PM	\$124.80	Level 3	8-12 yrs
May 2-30(skip 5/23)	Saturday	12-1:30PM	\$61.60	Level 3	8-12 yrs
May 2-31(skip 5/23&24)	Sat/Sun	6:30-8PM/1:30-3pm	\$141.80	Level 3	10-14 yrs
May 1-29(skip 5/25)	Mon 3:30-5 PM/Fri 5-6:30 PM		\$113.40	Level 3	12-18 yrs
May 7-28	Thursday	3:30-5:00 PM	\$61.60	Level 3	12-18 yrs
May 1-29	Friday	8-9:30 PM	\$75.50	Level 3	12-18 yrs
May 3-31(skip 5/24)	Sunday	11.30-1PM	\$61.60	Level 3	12-18 yrs
May 3- 31(skip 5/24)	Sunday	3-4:30PM	\$77.10	Level 4	10-14 yrs
May 4- 18	Monday	7-8:30 PM	\$60.70	Level 4	12-18 yrs
May 5-26	Tuesday	3:30-5:00PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
May 5-26	Tuesday	8-9:30 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
May 1-29	Wed/Fri	3:30-5 PM	\$156.00	Level 4	12-18 yrs
May 6-27	Wednesday	6:30-8 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
May 7-28	Thursday	8-9:30PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
May 2-30(skip 5/23)	Saturday	3:30-5 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
May 2-30(skip 5/23)	Saturday	6:30-8 PM	\$102.70	Level 4	12-18 yrs
May 3-31(skip 5/24)	Sunday	8-9:30 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
May 5-28	Tues 8-9:30 PM Thurs 5-6:30PM		\$189.00	Level 5	12-18 yrs
May	Fridays	6:30-8PM	\$18.00/day	Level 5 workout	12-18 yrs
May 5-28	Tues/Thurs	3:30-5PM	\$189.00	Level 6	12-18 yrs

Adult Lesson Programs:

May 3 - 31 (skip 5/24)	Sunday	4:30 - 5:30 PM	\$43.30	Beginner 1.0-2.0
May 3 - 31 (skip 5/24)	Sunday	3:30 - 4:30 PM	\$43.30	Advanced Beginner 2.0-2.5
May 4- 18	Monday	12:30-1:30	\$42.60	Advanced Beginner 2.0-2.5
May 4 - 18	Monday	11-12:30 PM	\$60.70	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
May 4 - 18	Monday	6-7 PM	\$34.10	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
May 5 - 26	Tuesday	11-12:30AM	\$77.10	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
May 5-26	Tuesday	12:30-1:30	\$54.10	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
May - wkly	Wednesdays	11 - 12 PM	\$12.60/day	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
May 3 - 31 (skip 5/24)	Sunday	1- 2:30 PM	\$61.60	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
May - wkly	Mondays	9:30 - 11AM	\$18/day	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
May 4- 18	Monday	5 - 6 PM	\$34.10	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
May 5 - 26	Tuesday	7 - 8 PM	\$43.30	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
May - wkly	Wednesdays	11-12:30PM	\$18 /day	Advanced Intermediate 3.0 -3.5
May - wkly	Thursdays	9:30-11AM	\$18 /day	Advanced Intermediate 3.5 -3.5
May 2 - 30	Saturday	8 - 9 AM	\$43.30	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
May - wkly	Saturdays	1-2:30PM	\$18/day	Advanced 3.5 & up
May 3 - 31 (skip 5/24)	Sunday	5:30 - 7PM	\$77.10	Advanced 3.5 & up

Membership Programs

The Associate membership is currently open! The B330, Junior Affiliate and of course, the Boeing share memberships are also open. If you ask someone to join and they do, we will give you \$25.00 of court time so be sure to cash in.

Club Hours and Prime Time - v- Non Prime Time

The clubs hours are 8:00 AM until 9:30 PM everyday of the week except Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights when the club stays open until 11:00 PM. Prime time is Monday - Thursday 5:00 PM - 9:30 PM. When it comes to booking courts in prime time, share members may have one reservation more than a week in advance but not further than 4 weeks out. For non prime time, which are all other operational hours, share members and associate members may have as many reservations as they desire 7 days in advance. B330 members may book 5 days ahead and Junior Affiliates 3 days ahead. For members to have the greatest chance possible at securing the reservation they want, we recommend that you call as far in advance as your privileges allow right at 8:00 AM.

BETC League Information

Submitted by Dee Dee Fisher, Member Services

The Ladies Flights started the week of March 9th and run through May 13th. This is a progressive format allowing the top players in each flight to move up the next session. The flights run Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. Please contact Barb Lehr at (253) 939-9682 or Nancy McMonigle at (253) 631 4800 for more information.

Spring leagues begin the week of March 30th and run through June 14th. Once again, we had a tremendous amount of members signing up. The coordinators work hard to get as many members playing as possible. Remember to add your name to the sub lists if you are looking for more opportunities to play. As a courtesy to your league coordinator and other league members, please, please, please be on-time and follow your specific league rules when needing a sub.

After a very popular start, we have seen a drop off in interest for the Friday Night Mixers since the start of the USTA Adult Tennis league. We will try them again in the fall. In the meantime, keep in mind the 6:30 pm time slot on Fridays for your USTA team practices.

