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## J Sez

Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

Later this month will be the very popular Holiday Classic Tennis Tournament. The entry deadline next Thursday, Dec. 8 and matches for all the NTRP events start on Sunday, Dec 18. For those that plan to participate, have fun and good luck!

So that you can do some of your holiday shopping at BETC, logo clothing will soon be available. Ladies will have 3 items to choose from including 2 jacket styles and a V-neck T-shirt hoodie. The men may choose from 2 outerwear styles - a pullover hooded sweatshirt or a full zip hoodie. There are great colors and all have the club's logo embroidered on them. We only spent about 60% of the budget so look for more items in mid December.

The Doubles Club Championship is drawing near. The last weekend in January will be the .5 events and juniors and the first weekend in February will be .0 events. This year, each participant will receive a towel instead of a t-shirt. The food is always fabulous, the competition great and everyone is guaranteed two matches. Save the dates - you won't want to miss it.

The winter league season will begin on Tuesday, January 3 except for the senior men's doubles which will start on Monday, January 2.

## Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

Be Quicker at the Net by Volleying Like a Fencer

The volley can be one of the most difficult shots in tennis because it requires quick reflexes. Learning the proper techniques of the volley can make hitting the volley seem easy.

I would like to explain two important techniques of the volley that will help you feel quicker at the net, which will make volleying easier. The two fundamentals of the volley that will help you feel quicker at the net are the continental grip and a short backswing.

The continental grip will allow you to keep one grip for both the forehand and backhand volley. This will eliminate any extra time needed to change your grip. You can find the continental grip by making a V shape with your index finger and thumb. Place the racket head perpendicular to the ground. Place the V

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## From the Board

The 35th Anniversary Celebration was a wonderful evening at BETC. There was a great turnout and the food and entertainment was outstanding. A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who made it possible. Congratulations to all the BETC membership who attended. There are some great pictures of the evening on the BETC web site.

The Winter lesson program sign-ups are off to a strong start. As many of you have requested there is an emphasis on the Junior program this Winter and the schedule has been realigned to accommodate the Junior lessons.

We do understand that this may have some impact on groups that have been playing in some of these time slots. Our purpose is to try and make earlier times available for our school age Junior players. We do appreciate your understanding and will work with the impacted groups to find a replacement time slot.

Also the Quick Start program will begin in January. This is an opportunity to get your young kids (4-10) involved in a new tennis program. The demonstrations at the 35th Anniversary certainly showed that this program has all the potential to be a huge success for tennis. We were able to acquire a USTA grant to help acquire the equipment for the Quick Start program.

The ongoing criminal investigation should be completed next month. As we previously reported to you, when the investigation is complete and all the facts are known the Board will conduct a BETC Town Hall meeting to inform the BETC membership of the results.

**Interclub Activities**  
Submitted by Margaret Fain

**Senior Tennis News**

Of the four senior teams competing last month in the local playoffs, unfortunately none were able to advance to sectionals. Competition was tough and there were plenty of hard-fought and very close matches. Maybe next year!

Congrats to Pat Bode's 6.0 super seniors team. They qualified for the USTA sectional playoffs in Sunriver, Oregon in June, 2012. That is a weekend they can look forward to all winter.

**USTA Mixed Leagues**

This USTA session runs through the middle of February. Results at this early stage are listed below:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>W/L</u>
6.0	Brian Colby	1-2
6.0	Steve Kono	1-1
7.0	Debbie Herron	1-1
7.0	Steve Kono	0-1
8.0	John Enthoven	1-0
9.0	Ron Hodge	1-1

**Cup Tennis**

Emerald Cup is still holding on to its first place position thanks in part to the strong play of Linda Blegen, Karen Williams, Debbie Lacayo, Ping Schmidt, and Kumiko Kamplaine. Keep it up, ladies! Classic Cup has some catching up to do. Rainier Cup is maintaining its second place position of 27 teams competing. Katie Haley, Nancy Lockett and Helen Beckley are all off to a good start for the season. Challenge Cup is in the middle of the pack. Shannie Presuhn and new Challenge teammate Cindy Seims are 3-0 in play together. Cindy recently moved up to Challenge after a very strong Rainier Cup season last year. Kingco Cup is currently ranked in the middle of teams competing.

**BETC Activity Corner**  
Submitted by Tracy Lockhart

November went out with a storm and December has arrived. Make sure to schedule time for the fun holiday social that Pro Allan Overland has planned for Saturday, December 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. BETC is asking everyone to provide a non-perishable food item for our food bank. The food bank is located on our mezza-

nine near the tournament desk and is currently accepting items.

The last day for league sign-up is Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. You are required to have a current USTA or Club rating if you are signing up for a "Skill Level Specific" league. A lack of rating will jeopardize your chances of getting on the roster. If the league you signed up for is an "All Skill Level" league, then no rating is required.

Looking into the future, our Club Doubles Championship will be held January 27-29<sup>th</sup> and February and February 3-5, 2012. Entry forms will be available after the first of the year.

BETC's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party was held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and close to 300 members attended. Check out the fabulous slide show that Julie Ikeda put together for BETC's Facebook page. There is a direct link from our homepage to Facebook. We wish to thank Vijay's Sadagapon's friend, Vivek Mohan, for taking all the wonderful photos.

Additionally, the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee deserves special recognition for the personal time they dedicated to the planning and execution of the party. The committee members were: Jim Hornsby, Samantha James, Steve Kono, Kim Werre, Ellen Reeves and Vijay Sadagapon. Thank you to all the members who volunteered at the party. Club Manager, Janet Best was also instrumental in helping with this event.

Since our party was Hawaiian themed, the charter members in attendance were honored with leis. Dave DeMulling was recognized for his 35 years of employment with BETC along with his great racquet stringing and pro shop services. Priscilla Lee guessed the amount of balls in the Hula girl and won a 7-day stay in an oceanfront Nuevo Vallarta Condominium. Ken Bakke was the winner of the "Ugly Hawaiian Shirt Contest."

Long time member, Michel Robert, was paid special tribute for his generosity to BETC. Michel has supplied many of our tournaments with delicious croissant sandwiches and pastries over the years.

Thank you to our members who donated door prizes, games and decorations: Action Entertainment, Hilda Calvert, Al and Cathy Clark, Elaine and Tony Cassarino, DeMulling Pro Shop, Steve and Julie Ikeda, Vijay Sadagapon, Ramona Schraeder, Tony and Cathy Shaheen and USTA.

Many thanks to Richard Calvert for setting up and providing the sound system. Everyone LOVED

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**Lesson Programs & Pro Activities**

Submitted by Allan Overland, Head Professional

On behalf of the entire BETC staff, I'd like to wish everyone a very happy holiday! We have some truly great ways for all members to celebrate the season

in grand style. For juniors, we are very pleased to announce our 16<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Tennis Camps, held Wednesday- Friday, December 21-23. For each camp, the pro staff will put on some fantastic seasonal games and drills that will really sharpen your game. Besides the intensive tennis, there will be lots of prizes and treats- and some fun surprises. There is a camp offered for all levels and ages: the Champs (advanced, ages 12-18 years) camp runs 10-12pm daily, the A's (advanced intermediate, ages 12-18 years) camp runs 12-2pm daily and the Rookies (beginner/advanced beginner, ages 6-14 years) camp runs 2-3:30pm daily. Space is limited to only 18 players per camp.

On Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9pm, all members ages 8 years and up are warmly invited to our Annual Holiday Tennis Party. The cost is only \$8.00 per person. Just bring a holiday treat to share, and your best game as you are put through some really fun and fast paced games by the pros. And if possible, please bring a non- perishable food for us to donate to the local food bank. Complimentary club member ratings are available at request.

**JUNIORS**

**Level 1- Beginner**

A	Sat	10 - 11 am	4-6 yrs
B	Sat	11 - 12 pm	5-8 yrs
C	Sat	11:30 - 12:30 pm	8-12 yrs
D	Sun	9 - 10 am	12-18 yrs

**Level 2 - Intermediate**

E	Sat	12 - 1 pm	6-9 yrs
F	Sat	9 - 10 am	8-12 yrs
G	Fri	6:30 - 8 pm	12-18 yrs
H	Sat	12:30 - 1:30 pm	12-18 yrs
I	Sat	10 - 11:30 am	12-18 yrs

**Level 3 - Advanced Intermediate**

J	M/W	5 - 6:30 pm	8-12 yrs
K	Sat	10:00 - 11:30 am	8-12 yrs
L	Sun	11:30 - 1:00 pm	8-12 yrs
M	S/S	6-7:30/3-4:30 pm	10-14 yrs
N	S/S	7:30-9/3-4:30 pm	10-14 yrs
O	M/F	3:30-5/5-6:30 pm	12-18 yrs
OO	Thu	3:30 - 5 pm	12-18 yrs
P	Fri	8 - 9:30 pm	12-18 yrs

**Level 4 - Advanced**

Q	Mon	7 - 8:30 pm	12-18 yrs
R	Tues	3:30 - 5 pm	12-18 yrs
S	W/F	3:30 - 5 pm	12-18 yrs
T	Wed	6:30 - 8 pm	12-18 yrs
U	Thurs	6:30 - 8:00 pm	12-18 yrs
V	Sat	3:30 - 5 pm	12-18 yrs
W	Sat	6:30 - 8 pm	12-18 yrs
X	Sun	8 - 9:30 pm	12-18 yrs

**Level 5 - Elite**

Y	T / Th	5-6:30 pm	12-18 yrs
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**Level 6 - Elite**

T/Th 3:30 - 5:00 pm 12-18 yrs

**ADULTS**

**Beginner 1.0 - 2.0**

Sunday 5 - 6:00 pm

**Advanced Beginner 2.0 - 2.5**

Sunday 3:30 - 5 pm

**Intermediate 2.5 - 3.0**

Monday 12:30 - 2 pm

Monday 6 - 7 pm

Sunday 1 - 2:30 pm

**Advanced Intermediate 3.0 - 3.5**

Monday 11 - 12:30 pm

Monday 5 - 6 pm

Tuesday 12:30 - 2 pm

Tuesday 7 - 8 pm

Wednesday 12:30 - 2 pm

Saturday 8 - 9 am

Sunday 6 - 7:30 pm

**Advanced 3.5 & Up**

**Wimbledon Workout**

Saturday 1 - 2:30 pm

**Wallyball/Pickleball**

Help us make good use of the racquet-ball court space. On Wednesdays at 11:00 is a drop-in wallyball group. It's just \$2.00 for a couple of hours of great exercise. Pickleball lines and nets have been added to the racquet-ball court with paddles and balls available. If you cannot get a tennis court, check into booking a pickleball court it's great fun!

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... shape of your hand over the racket handle and grab on to the handle. Your hand will then be in the continental grip.

Having a short backswing is essential in allowing you to have enough time to successfully execute a volley. A good way to help you have a short backswing on the volley is to imagine that you are a fencer and your racket is a sword. A fencer always keeps his sword in front of his body. If a fencer takes his sword back too far he will leave himself open and will be stabbed by his opponent. Like a fencer, a tennis player should always keep his racket in front of his body on the volley.

So to improve your volleys use the continental grip. Imagine that you are in a fencing match so you will keep your racket in front of your body. You will be surprised how much time you have on your volleys. And your volley will then seem like one of the easiest shots to hit in tennis.

### Junior News

Submitted by Bill Bartlett

Several of our juniors participated in endorsement champs tournaments. Only the top sixteen players for each division are allowed to enter these tournaments. These tournaments also count for national rankings and the top two finishers in each division qualify for the next upcoming national tournament. So it is a great accomplishment to qualify for these endorsement tournaments. Congratulations to these juniors who qualified: Jordan Smith who won three matches at the Boys' 18 singles endorsement in Beaverton Oregon, Angela Chen who won two matches at the Girls' 18 singles in Eugene Or, Jaiya Virk won two matches at the Girls' 12 singles in Olympia and Garrett Merz qualified for the Olympia boys' 12 singles.

Sprinker Junior Challenger: Congratulations to Colton Weeldreyer who finished second in the boys 12 singles. Prannay Pradeep won the consolation. Micah Tracy participated. Erika Ito tied for second in the girl's 10 singles.

### League & Dues Billings

Submitted by Membership Accounts,  
Debbie Herron

December is a wonderful, but busy, time of year. League signups are in progress and on December 15<sup>th</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter dues billing goes out. To prevent any confusion, I wanted to clarify the difference in how payments are handled between leagues and dues. There is no initial billing involved with leagues. It is the participant's responsibility to pay league fees within two weeks of the league start date. If you are fortunate enough to be traveling during this period, please make arrangements to pay your fees ahead of time. There is a grace period, and hopefully sufficient time to cross check payments with participants. Once a league late billing notice is generated, there is a \$5.00 late charge incurred. For every subsequent two week period without payment, another notice is created and another \$5.00 late fee is added. Failure to pay league fees and any late charges will affect eligibility in future leagues.

Dues have an initial bill with a 15 day due date. Again, there is a grace period following the due date after which a late charge is added.

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the sounds of OloKani (Fran Lehr's band) and the moves of Hula Makana (Hilda Calvert.)

Pros Bill Bartlett and Allan Overland ran tennis games and drills throughout the night. Pro Jim Robison introduced 10 & Under Tennis to the membership and the participants had a blast.

Thank you to our corporate sponsors: All Covered Painting and Mortgage Mortgage Masters.

The party most certainly wouldn't have been as lively and fun without the cooperation and creativity of our generous, fun-loving members, guests and staff.