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Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

Thank you for providing feedback from the survey that was distributed last month! As a result of the data collected, the board may make recommendations that would be implemented in January.

It's the holiday time! If you don't know what to get for your tennis playing family member or friend, how about one of our gift certificates? Our gift certificate will be good for anything in the pro shop, lessons, leagues, or those wonderful court cards. Make your shopping easier at the BETC!

We are accepting food donations in the mezzanine area of the club. All non perishable donations will go to the Kent food bank for distribution during the holidays.

On page 5 of this newsletter we have resubmitted a letter from the Board of Directors regarding the necessity of a dues increase. This letter originally came out last month but just in case you missed it, we thought it should be reprinted.

On behalf of all the staff, we want to wish you a safe and happy holiday season. Enjoy!

Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

The Spin Serve

Rod Laver (nicknamed the "Rocket") can be considered one of the greatest tennis players of all time. He is the only male tennis player to win two Grand Slams (Australian, French, Wimbledon and US open titles all in one calendar year). He was once quoted as saying, "You are only as good as your second serve. This demonstrates how important your second serve is. What makes a good second serve is spin. I would like to give you some simple tips that will enable you to increase the amount of spin on your second serve.

The first tip involves the first half of your serve. During the early phase of your serve you

will be drawing both of your arms up together. As you are drawing your racket hand up, your knuckles on your racket hand should be pointing up toward the sky. This will force the strings of your racket to impact the ball at approximately a 45 degree angle. This will impart a slice spin on the ball. It is also important to use the continental grip for all serves especially the spin serve. If your palm is facing up as you raise your racket instead of your knuckles there is a good chance your strings will impact the ball straight on. This will create almost no spin.

Another tip that will help you create topspin on your serve is the contact point. To be able to create topspin on your serve you will need to contact the ball with your racket arm slightly bent instead of fully extended. You will need a slightly lower toss to accomplish this or you can let your toss drop a few inches. You will get a little more topspin if you let your toss drop a few inches. Contacting the ball at a slightly lower point will allow you to brush up on the ball as you serve. Your toss should be directly over your head. Imagine

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From the Board

If you know anyone that would like to join BETC, now is the time to have them get on the waiting list. It is currently a VERY short list. The associate membership limit of 320 has been attained. Last year a revenue business model was established and the club performance data that has been gathered shows that we are where we should be. Have you noticed the new locks on the side doors? The fire inspector required lock changes to a single knob and lock system. Change out cost approx. \$1300. Recently, two of the surveillance cameras were replaced to add more security and record illegal activity in our parking lots. The county has signed off on the final permit concluding our roof replacement project. Don't forget about all the things your club has to offer. Lessons, leagues, ball machine rental, court rentals, the many types of teams, club socials, tennis camps, tournaments, exercise equipment, racquet ball, wallyball, and also establishing some great friends and life long friendships.

Bill Bartlett Tip continued...

the tennis ball as a clock. You would first contact the ball at 10am on the clock and then brush up and to the right finishing at 2:00pm. Your arm should be fully extended as the ball leaves your racket.

Remember you are only as good as your second serve. So make sure to put spin on your second serve. Start with a continental grip, use the knuckles up technique and brush up on your serve from left to right (10am - 2:00pm) If you do all that you will have a "Rocket" second serve.

Interclub Activities

Provided by Staff Member Margaret Fain

USTA Senior League

Most of our senior leagues finished play in October. Two of our teams, however, did well enough to advance to the regional playoffs in November. Mary Lynn Archer's 3.5 team went 7-0 in the regular season, but lost in the playoffs. Still, a great season!

Congratulations to Roger Risch's 4.0 senior team for their great performance at the regional playoffs. They won their division and now advance to the sectionals in June in Sunriver. Congrats to Roger, John Maldon, Norman Kanzaki, Stuart Thompson, Mark Furu-masu, Ted Hollar, David Thompson, Keith Elliott, Gail Meier, Marc Fournier, Paul Sadlier, Marcus Ballou, and Richard Bankhead. Sunriver, here they come!

CUP Tennis

The Cup season is going well, especially for our Emerald and Challenge teams. They are in the top quarter of their groups. On Emerald Cup, Melinda Bus is 4-0 and Betty Hicker is off to a 5-0 start. On Challenge Cup, Ann Mehl is continuing her undefeated record after 6 matches, and Ramona Schraeder is still undefeated after 5 matches. Our Classic and Rainier teams are in the top half of their groups. Gloria Long on Rainier is 4-0. Competition in the Kingco leagues continues to be tough! Good snacks and conversation after the matches continues, which adds to the fun of the Cup season.

Mixed USTA League

This year BETC has only one mixed USTA, which is a 9.0 team captained by Sheryl Brown. Keep in mind this fun league next year, since BETC would love more mixed teams!

Junior News

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

Several schools have completed their league tournaments to determine who will make districts. Nathan Anderson who plays for Cascade Christian High School won the Nisqually league 1A tournament and was named the Nisqually league MVP and MVP of his high school tennis team. Nathan travels all the way from Puyallup to participate in our junior tennis program. In the Boys 4A SPSL Max Manthou of Kentwood finished first and Matt Overland of Kentridge finished third. Boeing had thirteen juniors qualifying for districts: Garrett Ballou 4th, Taylor Welch 6th, Tucker Siegert 8th, Paul Yi and Vineeth Omkaram 2nd doubles, Josh Jeter and Travis Hanley 3rd doubles, Brandon Muraki 7th, and Donald Hall and Vincent Lin 8th. Way to go players!

Several of our juniors qualified to play in Endorsement tournaments which determine who will represent the State of Washington in national competition. Zack Elliott and Jamie Thorp traveled all the way to Medford Oregon to compete. Zack won the Boys 14 singles consolation and Jamie Thorp won the Boys 14 doubles. Max Manthou won the boys 18 doubles Endorsement tournament in Spokane. Great job guys! Paul Yi, Matthew Overland and Nicholas Kamisar qualified for the Boys 16 Endorsement held at the Seattle Tennis Club. Angela Chen and Amie Vo qualified for the Girls 16 Endorsement held in Whitman.

We had a good turn out of players at the Bally fall Champs II with 12 players participating: Nicole Mamprejew (reached the finals of girls 14), Kimberly Quach, Travis Hanley, Mitchell Thorp, Josh Jeter, Tucker Siegert, Steven Miyauchi, Thomas Lowes, Vincent Viloría, Cole Jeter, Jamie Thorp and Zach Elliott.

Please let me know if I missed your results or let me know how you did.

Are you interested in playing on a USTA team?

As a result of the recent survey, some members have requested information about the many interclub teams we have at the club. If you are interested in joining a USTA team or interclub (Cup) ladies team, please contact DeeDee Fisher at extension 24 at the club. We will maintain a list of those looking for teams and forward them to the captains. Boeing has many adult USTA Teams. There are senior and open adult teams with singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Member Networking at BETC

As you know, our membership isn't comprised of Boeing Employees alone. We have Associates and B330's with their own businesses, and retired folks all who offer skills in a variety of crafts and trades. What I would like to do is provide a networking opportunity within our membership to support each other. As desired, you could access this list of fellow talented members and hire them or at least get a quote. With the economy as tough as it is, it would be nice if we support each other when possible. If you would like to participate, submit your business, trade or skill along with contact information including phone and email. I'll consolidate the information and make it available to all.

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Winter League Sign-ups

The sign-up sheets for the winter session will be posted on Monday, November 17th. The sheets will remain up until early December. For all leagues which are held before 3:30 PM, sign-ups will be available after 8:00 AM; for leagues that are after 3:30 PM, sign-ups (either by phone or in person) are available after 2:00 PM. We will remind you again as it gets closer.

If you are new to the club and would like more information about leagues, please contact Dee Dee Fisher who will be able to help you. Her phone number is 253-872-5545 ext 24.

Lesson Programs

Submitted by Allan Overland,
Head Professional

Members, on behalf of the entire BETC staff, I'd like to wish each and every one of you a very happy holiday! To help celebrate the season, we have some great annual special events for juniors as well as adults. On Monday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 23rd, we are again running our fun-filled Holiday Junior Tennis Camps for players of virtually all ages and levels. "Champs" (advanced, ages 12-18 years) level runs 10am-12pm each day, "A's" (intermediate, ages 10-16 years) level runs 12-2pm each day and "Rookies" (beginner, ages

6-11 years) runs 3:30-5pm each day. Join the pro staff team for some awesome holiday themed tennis games, with fun prizes and holiday beverages and goodies thrown in for good measure!

And for adult members, here's an invitation to join the pros for some great tennis and holiday cheer at our Midday Holiday potluck social, held Wednesday, December 17th from 12:30-2pm. C'mon out-with a tasty finger food- and see if you can win the special prize of a free half hour private lesson with me (head pro Allan Overland).

And members of all ages- from one to ninety two- and levels, don't forget our annual BETC Holiday Tennis Tournament will be held from December 18-23 and 26-30. Besides the great competition, and great snacks and beverages, each player will receive a cool tournament t-shirt. This is one of the most popular and largest tournaments of the year in the Pacific Northwest- played right here at your own club. Remember, the deadline will be Monday, December 8th. You can sign up at the front desk or online (go to pnw.usta.com, or look for the link on our website, betconline.net).

Sign up early at the front desk for these events. See you out on the courts!

BETC League Information

Submitted by Dee Dee Fisher, Member Services

Happy Holidays! Thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey. Overall, the comments were very positive and some good ideas were mentioned. This information will be shared with the league coordinators.

The sign up sheets for the Winter leagues are currently posted in the mezzanine and will remain up until the 14th of December. As a reminder, **2008-YEAR END** ratings will be used for placement in any skill specific league. These rating will be available at the USTA website (<http://tennislink.usta.com/leagues/reports/NTRP/FindRating.asp>) after December 1st. Please contact the club if you do not have a USTA or club rating and would like to play in a league. We can help you schedule a time to meet with one of the pros.

If you have any questions about you leagues or would like to get more involved, please contact me at 253-872-5545 ext 24.



Adults -

Jan 4 - 25	Sunday	4 - 5 PM	\$43.30	Beginner 1.0-2.0
Jan 5- 26	Monday	12:30-1:30	\$54.10	Advanced Beginner 2.0-2.5
Jan 4 - 25	Sunday	3 - 4 PM	\$43.30	Advanced Beginner 2.0-2.5
Jan 5 - 26	Monday	11-12:30 PM	\$77.10	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
Jan 5 - 26	Monday	6-7 PM	\$43.30	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
Jan 6 - 27	Tuesday	9:30-11AM	\$77.10	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
January	Wednesdays	11 - 12 PM	\$12.60/day	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
Jan 4 - 25	Sunday	1- 2 PM	\$43.30	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
January	Mondays	9:30 - 11AM	\$18/day	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
Jan 5 - 26	Monday	5 - 6 PM	\$43.30	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
Jan 6 - 27	Tuesday	7 - 8 PM	\$43.30	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
January	Thursdays	9:30-11AM	\$18/day	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
January	Fridays	11 - 12PM	\$12.60/day	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
Jan 3 - 31	Saturday	8 - 9 AM	\$53.00	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
Jan 4 - 25	Sunday	4:30 - 6PM	\$77.10	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
Jan 6-27	Tuesday	12-1PM	\$54.10	Advanced 3.5 & up
January	Wednesdays	11-12:30PM	\$18 /day	Advanced 3.5 & up
January	Saturdays	1-2:30PM	\$18/day	Advanced 3.5 & up

Juniors - Beginner

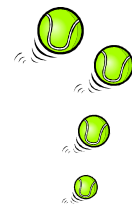
Jan 3-31	Saturday	10-11 AM	\$53.00	Level 1	4-6 yrs
Jan 3-31	Saturday	11-12 AM	\$53.00	Level 1	5-8 yrs
Jan 3-31	Saturday	11-12 AM	\$53.00	Level 1	8-12 yrs
Jan 4-25	Sunday	10-11 AM	\$43.30	Level 1	12-18 yrs

Intermediate

Jan 3-31	Saturday	12-1 PM	\$53.00	Level 2	6-9 yrs
Jan 3-31	Saturday	9-10 AM	\$53.00	Level 2	8-12 yrs
Jan 2-30	riday	6:30-8 PM	\$75.50	Level 2	12-18 yrs
Jan 3-31	Saturday	10-11 AM	\$53.00	Level 2	12-18 yrs
Jan 4-25	Sunday	10-11:30 PM	\$61.60	Level 2	12-18 yrs

Advanced

Jan 5-26	Mon/Wed	5-6:30 PM	\$113.40	Level 3	8-12 yrs
Jan 3-31	Saturday	12-1:30PM	\$75.50	Level 3	8-12 yrs
Jan 3-31	Saturday	6:30-8PM	\$156.00	Level 3	10-14 yrs
Jan 2-30	Mon 3:30-5 PM/Fri	5-6:30 PM	\$124.80	Level 3	12-18 yrs
Jan 8-29	Thursday	3:30-5:00 PM	\$61.60	Level 3	12-18 yrs
Jan 2-30	Friday	8-9:30 PM	\$75.50	Level 3	12-18 yrs
Jan 4-25	Sunday	11:30-1PM	\$61.60	Level 3	12-18 yrs
Jan 4- 25	Sunday	3-4:30PM	\$77.10	Level 4	10-14 yrs
Jan 5- 26	Monday	7-8:30 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Jan 6-27	Tuesday	3:30-5:00PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Jan 6-27	Tuesday	8-9:30 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Jan 2-30	Wed/Fri	3:30-5 PM	\$156.00	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Jan 7-28	Wednesday	6:30-8 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Jan 8-29	Thursday	8-9:30PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Jan 3-31	Saturday	3:30-5 PM	\$94.40	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Jan 3-31	Saturday	6:30-8 PM	\$125.90	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Jan 4-25	Sunday	8-9:30 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Jan 6-29	Tues 8-9:30 PM Thurs	5-6:30PM	\$189.00	Level 5	12-18 yrs
Jan 5-19	Fridays	6:30-8PM	\$18.00/day	Level 5 workout	12-18 yrs
Jan 6-29	Tues/Thurs	3:30-5PM	\$189.00	Level 6	12-18 yrs



Wallyball! - It's here!...Come Play!



Wallyball!...What's that? Wallyball is volleyball played on a racquetball court where the side walls are a part of the court! Sounds like fun doesn't it! Yes!... It is

played with 2 to 4 players. For us, our racquetball court 1 is the designated court and the net will stay up except for twice a week when the racquetball leagues use both courts. If this takes off, and we hope it does, we'll start organizing leagues but for now, members may get involved in this fun new opportunity one of two ways:

1. Come during our Open Wallyball times, which are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday at Noon or Tuesday or Thursday evening at 7PM.
2. Organize your own group and book a court any time.
3. Court fees are \$8.00 for your own reservation or \$2.00 per player for the open court times.



October 17, 2008

This letter from the Board of Directors is being provided again, in the event you missed it last month.....

Dear Fellow Members,

As we are all aware, the cost of living and doing business has increased substantially since membership dues were last increased 5 years ago in 2004. Some of the major increases in recurring costs include employee salaries and especially health benefits, electricity, gas and insurance. Additionally, as the facility ages, maintenance costs continue to increase, with those that are foreseeable being tracked in the 10 year Capital Improvement/Major Maintenance plan.

Club income comes primarily from court fees, dues, and to a much lesser extent, the lesson program. Club members have been outspokenly against the future use of targeted assessments to cover unusually large expenses, indicating the desire to establish a capital expense fund to cover such expenses (e.g. the roof replacement over courts 7 through 9). This capital expense fund would be financed through timely increases in the court fees and dues, as well as the capital fund enrollment fee from all new members and the carry over from the existing fund.

Fees are typically reviewed on a yearly basis around the budgeting process with all efforts to keep the expenses reduced, which allows us to keep the fees and dues as low as possible, and we are currently the lowest in the area. In order to cover both the increases in recurring costs and building the capital expense fund the Board of Directors has approved the following changes.

Increase all new memberships dues rates to - \$30.00 monthly (\$90.00 quarterly) plus tax for Share members, \$135.00 a quarter for Associates, and Junior Affiliate dues to \$120.00 (1 junior), \$165.00 (2 juniors), or \$215.00 (3 or more) all semi annually plus tax. The board approved that Group Series Associate (GSA) membership fees be increased to \$45 3-4 lessons, \$65 5-6 lessons, \$90 for 7 or more lessons and the tennis guest fee to \$15.00.

For all current members, the board made the dues increases effective January 1, 2009. The board did not change the racquetball rates or the B330 dues rate. The Board re-affirmed that the senior dues discount (for those over 70 years) would remain at a 20% reduction.

Effective January 1, 2009 the Board approved of increasing the USTA and Cup fees to \$12 for each guest player, late fees to \$5.00, and the 1 hour private lesson rate to \$48. Changing the private lesson rate will affect the private group rates in accordance with the existing formula.

The Board understands that these adjustments will not be popular in the current economic environment but are necessary for the Club to maintain the tennis environment that attracted our members to the Club. We should all take heart in the fact that even with these increases the Boeing Employee's Tennis Club will continue to be the best indoor tennis value in the area. A summary of rates from other local clubs is posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance to the club.

For the Board,

Ed Baker, President

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- Letter from The Board (reprinted)
- The Spin Serve by Bill Bartlett
- Winter Sign-up Sheets are posted
- Member Networking - Supporting Each Other

Have a Merry Christmas and a great new year!

Bill Bartlett

Wishing you a happy holiday season.

Joanne

Happy Holidays to all!

Allan Overland

Happy Holidays.

Chris

Have a beautiful holiday season everyone!

JJ

Best wishes in the New Year!

Margaret

Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Jingle Bell, Rock!

Have a "Rockin" Holiday season.

Dave and Gretchen

Happy Holidays!

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the new year ~ Jim

*Joy & Peace to you during the holiday season.
Kay*

*Have a wonderful Holiday season!
Julie*

*Best Wishes,
Ingrid :)*

*Have a very Merry Christmas!
Coach Jesse*

*Health and happiness throughout the season and
the New Year!!*

:) Janet