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Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

There are two generally accepted ways to follow through on your forehand groundstroke. There is the traditional follow through where your elbow finishes above your shoulder and pointing toward your opponent. And there is the modern follow through where your elbow finishes below your shoulder with a lot of shoulder rotation. Roger Federer's forehand is a good example of the modern forehand finish. Since only about 90 people were able to make it to the Board meeting on 21 January due to weather/power/trees/etc, I thought I would share the Summary of the message to make sure you have the correct information:

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From the Board

Summary of the BETC Board Town Hall meeting on 1/21/12.

Ms Hanada will be arraigned Monday, 1/30/12, in King County Superior Court, currently charged with 2 counts of First degree felony Theft. We have documented \$610,000 of theft from BETC over the 6 year statutory period of 2005-2011. The Board and the police have validated that there is no one else involved and that no employee's pay was affected. We expect a reasonably speedy trial and restitution is part of the penalty sought by the King County Prosecutor. Other options, such as a civil suit, are being kept open depending on the outcome of the criminal trial.

BETC is in sound financial shape, with cash in the bank and 2011 looks to end at a profit, but we'll be using 2012 as our barometer year. A conservative budget has been put in place and we'll see how we're doing against it after the first quarter, which is the first time we expect to look at unadulterated numbers. We have combed

through every financial record since Ms Hanada was hired in 2002 and have delivered 8 inches of documentation to the Police and are confident we have found all of the areas of theft. We are instituting many new processes to review the Club's transactions and make sure they are double checked to assure that this cannot happen again.

The Board has done some strategic planning and is implementing a new organization structure and position. Because we are a \$1M/year business and owe it to the membership to run it like one, we are hiring a new Club Director and reorganizing the Club under that single, accountable position. The Head Pro, Administrative Staff and Accounting Services will report to the Club Director and that position will be responsible for all of the Programs and Activities at the Club. The current Club manager has been asked to stay on until the Director is hired and then remain for some short period until the transition is complete, after which, there is not enough work for 2 positions, so the Club Manager position will be surplus. We have engaged 2 recruiting services and have interviewed some candidates. We expect to decide by mid-February and intend to fill that position by late-February. We will hold another Town Hall in February 18 as events unfold and then again in late April after the 1st Quarter financials are in. We understand that change is difficult, but better financial management and accountability of the Club and the member's money is necessary to assure a strong future and potential growth for our Club.

Since the 21st, Ms. Hanada has been arraigned and pled "Not Guilty" and a speedy trial is being scheduled and we have begun the planning for a Civil case.

If you have any specific questions or concerns you can always reach me @
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The BETC Board of Directors
Ed Baker, President

Interclub Activities

Submitted by Margaret Fain

USTA Mixed Leagues

The mixed league season will wrap up in a couple of weeks. The records so far are:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>W/L</u>
6.0	Brian Colby	2-4
6.0	Steve Kono	2-5
7.0	Debbie Herron	3-4
7.0	Steve Kono	2-4
8.0	John Enthoven	2-3
9.0	Ron Hodge	4-2

SW Super Seniors

A couple of teams are now playing out of BETC for the southwest division of Super Seniors. The following two teams are in the beginning of their seasons:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>W/L</u>
7.0 M	Yee-Chang	2-1
8.0 W	Sumioka-Hord	0-1

CUP Tennis

The Cup season is entering the last third of the season. About 15 matches played and another 8 more to go in this long season. Emerald Cup is hanging on to its lead by a narrow margin. The combined records of Linda Blegen, Karen Williams, Betty Hicker and Debbie Lacayo are 41 wins and 2 losses, with a couple of ties as well. Finish strong, ladies! Classic Cup is still towards the bottom of their division after a bit of a rough start. But, the tennis play is still fun! In the Rainier division, BETC is holding 3rd place. Pretty good considering there are over 20 teams. Challenge Cup is about in the middle of their division. On that team, Cindy Seims remains undefeated, with 7 wins and 3 ties. Knowing Cindy, I think those 3 ties are probably still bothering her, but your season record looks pretty good to the rest of us. Kingco Cup is in the middle of their division.

BETC Activity Corner

Submitted by Tracy Lockhart

Spring League Sign-ups will begin the week of February 20th. Mark your calendars accordingly as spots in BETC's in-house leagues are in high demand. The winter league session ends the week of March 26th and spring leagues begin Sunday, April 1st. For leagues that are played before 3:30, you may call starting at 8:00 a.m. and leagues that are played after 3:30, you may phone beginning at 2:00 p.m.

We have a great Junior Champs League for players that are level 4 or higher. If you are interested, be sure to place your name on the sign-up sheet that will be available at the front desk on Sunday, February 26th.

The first weekend of the BETC Doubles Championship was quite a success and February 3-5 is round two. If you are not playing in the tournament, come join the spectators. The first weekend results are posted on the tournament board along with photos of the champions/finalists. Stay tuned for full tournament results.

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Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

Given the long article by the board, my column is ending up in an unusual location.

These have been very difficult times. For the staff and members who have supported me, I am very grateful.

On the 10 year Capital Improvement and Major Maintenance schedule for 2012 was the purchased of 2 new ball machines. The machines arrived earlier this month and will be available for rental, Tuesday February 7. When checking in for a ball machine, they will be distributed on a first come first served basis. As always, please be careful with the remote controls of the machines.

Lesson Programs & Pro Activities

Submitted by Allan Overland, Head Professional

One of our best and most fun events of the year is coming on Saturday, February 25th, from 6:30-9pm:

Prince Demo Night! Join the pros and Prince Rep. Erik Lange for some great tennis games, a chance to win lots of great Prince prizes, and the opportunity to try out the very latest awesome rackets from Prince for 2012, featuring their patented EXO3 technology! New for this year are the "Warrior" Performance frames, that have tremendous power, the "Thunder" series feature the largest sweet spots in tennis, the redesigned "Rebel" frames that offer great comfort and control, and the traditional "Tour" line is back- better than ever. All members ages 10 years and up are cordially invited, and the cost is only \$8.00 per person. Please bring a tasty dish to this potluck event- we'll provide the beverages.

Adult players (2.5-3.0) looking to dramatically improve their footwork skills will have a great opportunity to train in our two day Adult Footwork Camp, held from 6-8pm on Friday, February 10th and 2-4pm on Saturday, February 11th. Participants will be exposed to the latest, most advanced footwork techniques in the game, including how to hit from the three modern hitting stances. Only 6 players will be taken to provide an excellent, smaller scaled experience.

As ever, sign up for these events now by calling the club at 253 872 5545 (ext. 1), or stopping by the front desk in person!

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
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ADULTS

Beginner 1.0 - 2.0

Sunday	5 - 6:00 pm
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Advanced Beginner 2.0 - 2.5

Sunday	3:30 - 5 pm
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Intermediate 2.5 - 3.0

Monday	12:30 - 2 pm
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Monday	6 - 7 pm
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Sunday	1 - 2:30 pm
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Advanced Intermediate 3.0 - 3.5

Monday	11 - 12:30 pm
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Monday	5 - 6 pm
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Tuesday	12:30 - 2 pm
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Tuesday	7 - 8 pm
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Wednesday	12:30 - 2 pm
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Saturday	8 - 9 am
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Sunday	6 - 7:30 pm
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Advanced 3.5 & Up

Wimbledon Workout

Saturday	1 - 2:30 pm
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A handy check point for your forehand groundstroke is to make sure your knuckles are pointing towards your ear on the follow through. If you are right handed your right knuckles should finish pointing towards your left ear on your forehand groundstroke. This will ensure that you did not over snap your wrist on your forehand. It will also help you contact the ball out in front of your body. Having your right palm finish pointing towards your left ear shows you that you had an incorrect wrist snap. For a two handed backhand your left knuckles should be pointing towards your right ear on your follow through.



So to make sure you are hitting your groundstrokes correctly, check to see if your knuckles are pointing towards your ear on your follow through. You will then notice that your groundstrokes are hit firmly and out in front of your body.

Wallyball & Pickleball



Help us make good use of the racquetball 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 racquetball court with paddles and balls available. If you cannot get a tennis court, check into booking a pickleball court, it's great fun!

Junior News

Submitted by Bill Bartlett

The Boeing Employees Tennis Club Holiday Classic was a huge success with over 35 of our juniors participating. Congratulations to Misa Takami who won the girls 13 and under singles and Colton Weeldryer who won the boys 13 and under singles. In an all BETC final Jenny Adams defeated Emma Brethauer in the women's 3.5 singles. Wyatt DeMulling reached the final of the men's 4.5 singles. Kara Ikeda reached the final of the women's 4.0 singles. Way to go juniors! Also participating in the BETC Holiday Classic were these juniors: Tyler Castillo, Mark Reeves, Brandon Lowry, Zach Martin, Bruno Hernandez-Sotres, Cameron Martin, Griffin Wood, Vincent Viloría, Emily Gass, Sarah White, Madalyn Turek, Maggie Henderson, Ryan Meredith, Alex Gutierrez, Daniel Vujic, Kenny Ridenour, Devin Colby, Joey Reideman, Francis Viloría, Marcus Lee, Jaiya Virk, Katie Lacayo, Jamie Thorp, Alan Kwiatkowski, David Mardakov, Mitchell Thorp, Joe Kwiatkowski, and Alex Noyes.

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