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Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

Late last year, we changed our mailing address from the post office box in downtown Kent to our physical address. Our physical address use to be the same as Aerospace Center behind us but for a couple of reasons we changed it. The primary reason was so that when we called for emergency services (911 calls) the responders would come straight to the club saving valuable time. Anyway, please update your records including any bill pay accounts to show the following for BETC: 6727 South 199th Place

Kent, WA 98032

Our 18th Annual Doubles Club Championship is in the books and there was certainly some great tennis played. As an example of that, on the last day of the tournament, 5 of the first 6 matches split sets. The theme carried over pretty much throughout the tournament. So thank you to those who played we hope you enjoyed it! Also, thank Julie Ikeda for providing printing and sharing her candid photos of the two week tournament. These photos are posted on the "What's Happening Board" in the mezzanine.

If you would like to enter BETC via the west side of the building or from behind the racquetball area, you will need a key (this requires a \$5.00 deposit). For your safety and security purposes these doors remain locked from the outside at all times but, you may receive a key at the front desk and park in the lots that allow easy access during operating hours.

Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

The Art Of Anticipation

One aspect of the game of tennis that is often lacking is the art of anticipation. Many players have a good understanding of technique but they find themselves struggling to win tennis matches.

An easy way to improve your game is to get better at anticipation. I like to compare anticipation to a

chess game. Good chess players plan out one or two moves in advance. A good tennis player should be planning one shot in advance. A good tennis player should be planning one shot in advance. For example, if you hit a strong deep shot to your opponents sideline you should anticipate a weak shot. You should already be moving inside the baseline one or two feet expecting a weak return. Plan on hitting another strong shot to the other corner and approach to the net.

Part of being good at anticipating is having the ability to read your opponent's body language. For example, if you hit an offensive shot your opponent will usually have to stretch to reach that shot. This causes your opponent to bend his upper body to reach the ball. Which creates poor balance and eliminates the ability to generate power from the legs. The bending of the upper torso is one of the signs that your opponent is on the defensive. As soon as you see your opponent bend his upper torso or get off balance you should anticipate a weak shot and move in a few feet. On the other hand if you see your opponent stepping into the ball with balance expect an offensive shot.

By reading your opponent's body language and being aware of the types of shots that are being played you will improve your anticipation skills. Once you master the "art of anticipation" you will become a better player.

From the Board

Please join us in welcoming our two newest board members, Kathy Weibel and Lisa Battaglia Enthoven. The board held their annual elections for the 2010 year and the results are in: Jim Hornsby - President, Shannie Presuhn - Vice President, Lisa Battaglia Enthoven - Treasurer and the Directors/Secretaries will be Bob Ingersoll, Chuck Hilsinger, Mike Franco and Kathy Weibel. These people bring knowledge and expertise in several areas that the club will be able to utilize. Your club will be well represented by these folks. Our goal for our membership is to have a well run club with excellent value for its members. We want to again thank Linda Knapp and Ed Baker for four years of outstanding service.

Interclub Activities

Submitted by Tracy Lockhart

Mixed USTA

2010 is here and the mixed season is approaching completion. Sheryl Brown's 9.0 team is having a successful season. They have won four matches and have only lost one. The 9.0 team has two more matches to play so their hopes of making it to the play-offs run high.

The other BETC mixed teams have been giving it their all and unfortunately have lost many third set tiebreaks. Marissa Aragones' 6.0 team has three matches left to play. Dan Benoit's 7.0 team also has three matches left. John Enthoven's 8.0 team has 4 matches left to play. Ramon Locsin's 8.0 team also has four matches remaining. All teams will finish their regular season by the end of February.

On January 9th Dan Benoit's team made the long trek to Bellingham. It was an exciting match indeed. Tony and Cathy Sheehan won their match in a third set tiebreak. Liz White and partner Steve Ikeda lost an extremely close three set match against what Dan Benoit aptly described as a "human backboard topspin specialist." Dan and Kalany Benoit went down fighting in two close sets against a man who had the hardest serve either one of them had ever encountered in their tennis careers.

Cup News

Emerald Cup is still holding a strong second place position. Classic Cup is in a tight race with the Pro Club for winning the entire season. Challenge Cup is at the high end of the middle of the pack. Rainier Cup is holding their own in front of six other teams.

Check out the BETC bulletin board for additional updates and noteworthy news.

Indian Wells BNP Paribas Open

As most everyone knows, in March annually is the professional tennis tournament at Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells (next to Palm Dessert), California. Several top name pros attend and spectators are able to get real close to the pros in viewing practice sessions as well as seeing the matches. Several of our members annually go to this tournament and this article is intended to help facilitate BETC connections while down there. So, if you are planning on attending the tournament and would like to hook up with other club members, please send me a note expressing your interest... Continued on page 4 >>>

Doubles Club Champions

Liz Buck, Member Services

The 18th Annual BETC Doubles Club Championship proved to have many exciting matches. Fun to watch! Thank you to those BETC members that participated and gave the spectators hours of great tennis. I also want to thank those that volunteered their time; Dee Dee Fisher, Denise and Ingrid Bakke, Linda Knapp, Sue Meile and a special thank you to Kathy Kartinen for keeping the food table in good order. To the staff, thank you for your help and support. Thank you again BETC members for making this a great tournament, great times with new and old friends.

Men's Doubles Events

3.0 Kerry Curran and Carlos LaCayo won the round robin.

3.5 Aadil Diwan and James Dugan defeated Steve Ikeda and Lawson Mansfield 3-6, 6-3, 6-0 and Jimson and David Tran won the consolation.

4.0 Cole and Bob Jeter over Benjamin Huang and Adrian Villanueva 6-2, 6-3 and Vincent and Alex Lin won the consolation.

4.5 Emile Allard and Baraka Brown defeated Matt Rorvik and Charles Trayford and the consolation has not been completed.

Women's Doubles Events

3.0 Medea McGraw and Cathy Shaheen defeated Betty Hicker and Karen Williams 7-5, 6-0 and Nichole Usher and Kimmy Williams won the consolation.

3.5 Breanna and Kyana Esber over Kara Ikeda and Alyssa Nagai 0-6, 6-2, 6-4 and Diane Euting and Margaret Fain won the consolation.

4.0 Shannie Presuhn and Cindy Seims defeated Shanna Curran and Sharon Paige 6-2, 6-4 and Breanna Esber and Alyssa Nagai won the consolation.

Boy's 13 & under

Greg Furumasu & Alex Wang over Garrett Merz and Alexander Guterrez 6-1, 7-5 and Matt Lee and Jaedon McGraw.

Mixed Doubles Events

6.0 Lauren Thornquist and Vincent Vilorio over Kevin Lee and Cathy Hollar 6-3, 7-6 (4) and Miranda Edwards and Zane Nelson won the consolation.

7.0 Miranda Edwards and Boris Oks defeated Steve and Kara Ikeda 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3 and Colton Belmondo and Maggie Henderson won the consolation.

8.0 Barbara and Daniel Cotton won the round robin.

9.0 Josh Hershfield and Liz Gorey won the round robin.

Adult Lesson Programs:

Sunday	4:30 - 5:30 pm	Beginner 1.0-2.0
Monday	12:30 - 1:30 pm	Advanced Beginner 2.0-2.5
Sunday	3:30 - 4:30 pm	Advanced Beginner 2.0-2.5
Monday	11- 12:30 pm	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
Monday	6 - 7 pm	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
Sunday	1 - 2:30 pm	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
Monday	5 - 6 pm	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
Tuesday	12:30-1:30 pm	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
Tuesday	7 - 8 pm	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
Wednesday	12:30-2 pm	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
Saturday	8 - 9 am	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
Saturday	1 - 2:30 pm	Advanced 3.5 & up Wimbledon Workout



Racquetball!

If you have an interest in racquetball but do not know where to get started, please phone Larry Kucera at 206-662-7452. Currently there is an intermediate level league on Monday night and a challenge court group on Thursday night.

For more information, please call Larry. WOW - What a great sport!



<<< Indian Wells - Cont. from page 2...I'd ask that you provide your skill level, the dates you are going to be there and contact information (email and cell). I will create a spreadsheet with the info so that you may contact each other to go out for a meal, set up a match or simply watch some of the great tennis together. For those that would like more information about this tournament, a link is provided: <http://www.bnpparibasopen.org/1/home/>

Wallyball Wednesdays and 2 on 2 Tuesdays



Every Tuesday and Wednesday at 11:30 several members are meeting to play wallyball. Wallyball is a variation of volleyball played on the racquetball courts where the side walls are in play. Since our group has grown we purchased another net so that the workout will not be compromised. Wednesday are on a drop-in basis, but Tuesdays are intended to match up 2 players per court. If you wish to join in the fun. Please call or email me with any questions. Thanks - Janet at 253-872-5545 ext 22 or janet@betconline.net.

**Membership is open!
Be sure to let us know
if you refer someone
because we'll set you up
with \$25 of free court time!**



Suggestions or do you have an idea?... What's a great tip for a forehand slice or doesn't that leaky faucet need fixing?... Just a couple of silly examples of suggestions that we could or should hear....Please send

an email to Janet or Allan at the links provided (janet@betconline.net - allan@betconline.net) or go to the website and fill out the form. <http://www.betconline.net/contactus.php>

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