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Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

Happy New Year!...I hope this turn of the calendar finds you happy and healthy for the next 365 days to come!

At BETC, we will start the winter season on Sunday January 2 with the lesson programs starting then. On January 3rd the leagues and block times will begin.

We are very excited to announce that the new year will bring an online reservation system for you to use. The staff began with this system late last month and are taking the first month to get used to it before opening it up to you. This system will allow you to book and cancel your own reservations online. For those familiar with the pro packet, it will also mirror it to some extent in letting you know when a teaching pro would have a "regular open lesson time". If you like the time slot, you can call the front desk to schedule it. For those that do not use computers, we will continue to make your reservations.

In the summer of this year we will have the roof over courts 7—9 replaced! When this was done over 1-6 we found the space warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. We are hopeful that 7-9 will respond similarly. Looking further ahead to 2013, the restrooms are going to be completely renovated. For this job, if there is a contractor that you would feel worth of bidding the job, please contact me with their number.

On page 5 of this newsletter is a membership application form. Please read the supporting article and do as it requests.

Thank you for your support of BETC and I hope you have a great year!

Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

Make Gravity your Friend for a Better Serve

Having a fluid service motion is paramount for an effective serve. Many club players work too hard on their serves instead of relaxing and using good technique. As a result of this, many players injure their shoulders and elbows on their serves. A good way to make your serve fluid is to use gravity to your advantage.

There are two phases of the service motion where you can use gravity to increase fluidity on your serve. You can use gravity during the initial phase of your serve. As you set up in the ready position for your serve, relax. Make sure the ball is touching the racket in the ready position. Let your racket hand go completely relaxed and let gravity drop your racket down.

As the racket is being pulled down by gravity let it swing towards the ground. As the racket gains momentum pull the racket up to the mid-point of the service motion.

The midpoint of the service motion is sometimes called the trophy position as it resembles a trophy. Gravity can be used again at this point to make your serve more fluid and to gain momentum. As the ball is released during the trophy position simply let gravity drop your racket to the back scratch position of your serve. As the racket is being pulled down by gravity it will gain momentum. With a relaxed grip accelerate the racket as fast as you can. Your racket should almost feel like a whip as it accelerates to contact the ball.

By using gravity at the beginning and midpoint phases of your serve you should have a fluid serve. Make sure you have a relaxed grip and arm during the serve. You will find your serve gaining power with less effort. Your arm will like the tension reduction too. So make gravity your friend for a better serve.

From the Board

The Boeing Employees Tennis Club bylaws require that "Directors or their spouses must be active Share members employed by or retired from the Boeing Company, and reside in the State of Washington." This is consistent with Boeing's concern that Boeing sponsored clubs are primarily for Boeing employees. The BETC Board encourages all members whether Share or Associate to contact the Board with any concerns or suggestions for improvement.

Jim Hornsby and I want to thank you, the membership, for allowing us to represent you for the last 4 years. We also want to let you know that you will be well represented with those members who were newly elected. The newly elected board members for the next two years are: Ed Baker, Linda Knapp and Bob Ingersoll.

As we enter 2011, be safe, be healthy and enjoy this great game of tennis. We have all enjoyed the various perks of this game: friendships, fitness (even when our bodies say, "no"), a competitive spirit, and this great club in which to play. Please make 2011 a "grand slam" year for you and yours! Shannie Presuhn

Interclub Activities

Submitted by Margaret Fain

USTA Mixed Leagues

The USTA mixed leagues are about halfway through their season. Jesse Chute is keeping busy as captain of both a 6.0 and a 7.0 team. After losing their first match, Debbie Herron's team won their next four matches and are sitting in a good position at the halfway point of the league. Katie Haley and Lawson Mansfield are 3-0 in their matches together on Debbie's team. Lisa and John Enthoven's 8.0 team is off to a decent start with a 2-2 record.

Cup News

Emerald Cup is currently 4th of 25 teams going into the second half of the season. On Emerald, Cathy Shaheen and Debbie Lacayo are 5-0 in their matches together. Classic Cup is in 7th of 22 teams. Rainier Cup is currently 5th of 24 teams. Katie Haley, who is new to the team this year, has started off with 7 wins and no losses. Way to play! Cindy Seims started the season with one loss, but has followed that with 9 consecutive wins. Challenge Cup is towards the bottom of their group. Kingco has moved up in the rankings recently after winning 4 of their last 5 matches. Contributing to this winning streak are Ingrid Bakke, who with different partners has won 3 of her last 4 matches and Laurie Furumasu, who has won 4 of her last 5 doubles matches. To catch some of the Kingco matches at BETC, stop by the club on Fridays at 12:30 on the following dates: January 14, January 28, and February 11.

Have any interesting tidbits about your team's matches or players? Let Margaret know at fainswest@live.com

Re-Application Process

Boeing Recreation Requirement to BETC

As mentioned in an email last month, BETC is governed by the Boeing Recreation bylaws and they are requiring that we update our liability forms for each membership on file. Inserted in the quarterly billing statement or emailed to Boeing employees on payroll deduction was a new membership application form. We asked for each member to fill out the membership application form and send it to us.

It could be sent in various ways:

US Mail - 6727 South 199th place
Kent, WA 98032

Email - janet@betconline.net

Faxed - 253-872-9297. For those members who are on payroll deduction, we will send a separate email with a word file to update your records with us. On page 5 of this newsletter, is the application that each membership must fill out. Thank you for doing this by January 5th.

BETC Activity Corner

Submitted by Tracy Lockhart

BETC wrapped up 2010 with a great junior social on the 11th of December. Pro Jesse Walter did a fantastic job organizing the juniors with varied drills and pairing up Secret Santas. Pros Ingrid Bakke and Kyle Cruzat did a great job assisting Jesse and made the night an all-out success. The juniors learned new drills and useful tips while thoroughly enjoying themselves, as did the parents who watched. This junior social was such a smashing success that we plan to hold several of these per year.

January brings the beginning of the winter league session. League play begins the week of January 3rd and runs through the week of March 21st. Mark your calendars for spring league sign-ups, which are from 2/21 through 3/13. Remember, you **must** have a current USTA/club rating in order to play in a skill level specific league. If you do not have a current rating and plan to sign-up for a spring leagues it would be a good idea to start the process now.

It is nearing the time for members to come show their expertise on the court with their doubles partner. The 19th Annual Club Doubles Tournament will be held the weekend of January 28 – 30 for the men's and women's 2.5, 3.5 and 4.5, mixed 6.0, 8.0 10.0 and 13 and under. February 4-6 will be the 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0 categories and the mixed 5.0, 7.0 and 9.0 categories

This is a great way to reconnect with former doubles partners, current partners or to test-drive a new one. A player may enter in up to two events per weekend. Entrants will receive a commemorative BETC item and the Champion of each event will have their name engraved on the BETC Champions Plaque, which is displayed in the mezzanine. The deadline for the club doubles is Thursday, January 20th for the first weekend and Thursday January 27 for the second weekend. Entry forms for this tournament will be available at the front desk on January 3, 2011.

If you have any questions and/or ideas regarding BETC activities, please send me an e-mail at tracy@betconline.net or I may be reached at extension 24. See you on the courts!

Lesson Programs & Pro Activities

Submitted by Allan Overland, Head Professional

Members, on behalf of the entire staff, I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! While we have some great group lessons, workouts and tournaments coming your way, this month's featured special event is Babolat Demo Night- something that many of you have asked for! On Saturday, January 22nd, from 6:30-9pm, members will get to try out the latest frames from this popular company in some fun and challenging drills and games with the pros. The cost is only \$8.00 per person. All club members of the ages 10 years and up are warmly invited. Please bring a tasty dish to this potluck social event- we'll cover the drinks. Keep in mind that those of you needing a club member rating can get one while you are at the social! For these and other great events or lessons, sign up ASAP at the front desk- or just call in at (253) 872-5545 (ext. 1). See you out on the courts!

Juniors

Level 1- Beginner

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

Level 3 - Advanced Intermediate

J	Mon/Wed	5 - 6:30 pm	8-12 yrs
K	Sat	12 - 1:30 pm	8-12 yrs
O	Mon 3:30-5/Fri	5 - 6:30 pm	12-18 yrs
OO	Thurs	3:30 - 5 pm	12-18 yrs
P	Fri	8 - 9:30 pm	12-18 yrs
M	Sat	6:30 - 8 pm	10-14 yrs
	Sun	1:30 - 3:00 pm	
N	Sat	7:30 - 9:00 pm	10-14 yrs
	Sun	11:30 - 1 pm	

Level 4 - Advanced

Q	Mon	7 - 8:30 pm	12-18 yrs
R	Tues	8 - 9:30 pm	12-18 yrs
S	Wed/Fri	3:30 - 5 pm	12-18 yrs
T	Wed	6:30 - 8 pm	12-18 yrs
U	Thurs	8 - 9:30 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	Tues / Thurs	8-9:30/5-6:30 pm	12-18
Z	Tues/Thurs	3:30-5 pm	12-18 yrs

ADULTS

Beginner (1.0 - 2.0)

Sunday 5 - 6:00 pm

Advanced Beginner (2.0 - 2.5)

Monday 12:30 - 2 pm

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Sunday 3:30 - 5 pm

Intermediate (2.5 - 3.0)

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



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BETC Hours: Mon/Wed 8:00 AM - 9:30 PM, Tue 6:30 AM - 11:00 PM, Thu/Fri 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM, Sat./Sun 8:00 AM - 9:30 PM

Junior Results

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

Jordan Smith and Henry Smith traveled to Irvine California to participate in a USTA national tennis tournament. Jordan won five matches and defeated the number 3 seed. Henry won a match. Way to go guys!

Garrett Merz upset the number one seed in a three set final at the Bally's Thanksgiving 10 singles event. Garrett lost the first set 6-1 and then kept his focus and came back to win in the third set. In the boy's 18 singles Thomas Loves reached the final. These juniors participated: Wyatt DeMulling, Griffin Welsh, Paul Lennick, Adrian Villanueva, Griffin Wood, Benjamin Huang, and Liezel Villanueva.

In December at the Bally's Olympia tournament Jamie Thorp reached the final. These players participated: Francis Vioria, David Mardakov, Mitchell Thorp, Griffin Wood and Thomas Lowes.

2nd Annual Senior Tournament

Member Results

BETC members had a great showing in the final brackets of the 2nd Annual Senior Tournament because with the exception of just 2 events (Mixed 6.0 and Women's 3.0), they are in all the others! WOW - Congratulations BETC's seniors and Jan Finn who won 2 events!

Over 50's

Mixed 8.0 - Cindy Rodriguez/Stuart Thompson
 Mixed 7.0 - Fred and Jan Finn
 Mixed 6.0 - Preston Humphreys/Noelle Kimball
 Women's 4.5 - Bonnie Paasche/Shannie Presuhn
 Women's 3.5 - Jan Finn/Debbie Lacayo
 Women's 3.0 - Jaye Siqueiros/Kim Martin
 Men's 4.0 - Marc Fournier/Joel Leisy
 Men's 3.5 - Zane Blegan/Jim Dugan
 Men's 3.0 - David Merz/Kevin Lee

Over 60's

Women's 7.0 - Martha O'Grady/Karen Brady-Smith
 Men's 7.0 - Fred Bowser/Danny Edwards

Holiday Classic Tournament

Allan Overland and Jim Robison
 Holiday Classic Co-Directors

From December 18-30, the club hosted the 30th annual edition of the BETC Holiday Classic tennis tournament, for levels of play from 2.5 through Open. We again attracted well over 300 players, marking the event as one of the very biggest in the Pacific Northwest. In the running of this tournament, we would like to say a big thank you to our entire club staff, and extra tournament desk help, which included Tracy Lockhart, Kyle Cruzat, Brian Vo, Ren Ferrer, and Dave Renken for their invaluable efforts- and patience! We also want to extend a heart felt thank you to our fantastic group of sponsors, who contributed so generously towards the tournament in the form of hospitality, prize money and gift certificates for the players: They are:

LBA Catering Co. (owned by BETC member Michel Robert)

Southcenter Chiropractic (owned by BETC member Dr. Karm Virk)

Fascination's (owned by BETC member Bill Hones)

Paolo's Italian Restaurant (owned by BETC member Paul Raftis)

Sturtevant's

Penn Tennis Balls

Propel Insurance

Hilton Garden Inn Seattle/Renton

Finally, thanks to all of our members and board of directors for helping make BETC such a great place, and engendering an atmosphere that the players really enjoy.

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. What a great sport!



WALLYBALL

Join us on Thursdays at 11:30 AM for a spirited game of Wallyball that is much like Volleyball. The cost is only \$2.00 for a great workout - Beginners to former volleyball players are welcome!

Membership Type: ____ Share (Boeing) ____ Associate (Public) ____ Jr. Affiliate ____ Other

Applicant

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Gender _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Best Contact Phone (Circle one: H or C) _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail (*Non-Boeing email addresses preferred*) _____

I would like to be able to make court reservations and book group lessons online.

I would like to receive the following information through email:

- Lessons and Socials
- Tournaments
- Leagues and other Club Activities
- Pro Shop Information
- Other Announcements
- All of the Above

Spouse/Domestic Partner of Adult Member listed above

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Gender _____

Best Contact Phone (Circle one: H or C) _____ Work Phone _____

Email (*Non-Boeing email addresses preferred*) _____

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Dependents of Adult Member listed above

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Gender ____ Age ____

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As a result of member input the club may restructure its memberships to include a single membership. Within your current membership, who participates? Please place a check in the area provided for all that apply.

Adult ____ Adult ____ Child ____ Child ____ Child ____ Child ____

With my signature, I agree to abide by the rules of the club now and hereafter adopted. I understand that membership dues, rates and court fees are subject to change. The capital fund in any portion is not refundable. Any applicant who cancels their membership and then re-applies at a later date will again be responsible for the capital fund fee. My signature on this document indicates that all statements are true and I agree to contact the club with any changes in the eligibility of my spouse, domestic partner or dependents.

Waiver: In consideration for the right to participate in this Club activity, I hereby release the club, including its directors, officers, instructors and members, and the Boeing Company, including its directors, officers, and employees, from any and all liability, claims, and causes of action arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in this club activity. I personally assume all risks in connection with this activity, and further agree to indemnify the club and its directors, officers, members and instructors, and the Boeing Company and its directors officers, and employees from all liability, claims and causes of action which I may have arising from my participation in said club activity. The terms of this agreement will also serve as a release and indemnity agreement for my heirs, personal representative(s) and for all members of my family.

I further state that I am eighteen (18) years of age or older and legally competent to sign this release and that I understand these terms are contractual and not a mere recital, and that I have signed this document as my own free act.

I understand that this Agreement waives important legal rights, and I acknowledge that I have fully informed myself of the contents of this Agreement by reading it before signing it.

Applicant's Signature

Date

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