



# REPORT

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## J Sez

Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

**NEW** - We have made additions to the racquetball courts so members may now play pickleball. The net is very easy to set up and and court fees are \$2.50 for singles or \$1.25 for doubles. If you don't have your own paddle, they may be rented for 50 cents. Pickleball court cards are also available. Call the front desk to schedule a court time. Enjoy!

This fall we plan to offer a few yoga, pilates or yogolaties (a combination of them both) classes for you to consider. Please look for more information when as fall approaches.

We installed a divider curtain between court 4 and 5. This now offers you the opportunity to schedule a ball machine on one of those courts besides courts 6-9.

Our juniors did very well in state with the Thorp brothers (Mitchell and Jamie) winning the 3A doubles and Nathan Anderson winning the 1A doubles. Look for the full report in the junior results section.

During the re-roofing of courts 7-9, the contractors will be working Monday through Thursday and 10 hours a day. Monday through Thursday, the lesson program will be held on courts 4-6 but Friday, Saturday and Sunday, lessons will return to courts 7-9. Some smaller leagues were still able to play during the re-roofing but some byes might have been necessary. Be sure to check your league schedule and make sure when you play. Thank you for your patience throughout the replacement - once completed, courts 7-9 should be warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.

I'd like to give member Ken Sharp another shout out for his contribution to BETC in printing the latest membership directory. Ken has done this at a significant cost savings to the club and we certainly appreciate it! To support Ken's business he can be found on Central Avenue in Kent. Ken's business is:

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## Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

### The Two Handed Backhand Volley

Over the last 20 years the game of tennis has changed a lot. Improved racket technology and training advancements have increased the power level in tennis. With the necessity of power in today's tennis the two handed backhand volley has become more popular. I would like to give you some helpful tips on how to hit the two handed backhand volley.

The grip for the two handed volley is very important. Your dominant hand should be in a continental grip and at the bottom of your racket. The grip on your non-dominant hand can vary. When hitting a two-handed backhand volley near your own baseline your non-dominant hand should be in a forehand grip. You should use topspin on these volleys You can also afford to use a bigger swing. As you get closer to the net I would recommend sliding your non-dominant hand toward a continental grip. Hit most of these volleys with under spin with a shorter more compact swing or block.

By using two hands on the backhand volley you should have more power and a better ability to hit sharp angles. On shots where you are stretched wide you should let go with your non-dominant hand. This will give you the ability to cover more shorts.

So if you want to get more power and angle on your backhand volley try using a two handed backhand volley. You will be surprised how easy it will be to learn a two-handed backhand volley.

## From the Board

The roofing project is here. Please be patient as we complete this major project during July.

BETC is now on Facebook to create more awareness that BETC is "Open to the Public". This will also be a great tool to communicate with our membership for special events.

Beginning in July, BETC is making available pickleball in the racquetball court area. We have purchased paddles and balls to help you experience this popular game. Wallyball - Racquetball - Pickleball - Three great games to enjoy at BETC.

## Interclub Activities

Submitted by Margaret Fain

### USTA Adult Leagues

The Adult USTA season recently ended and one BETC team even made to the playoffs. Thanks USTA captains for all that you do! Some season highlights follow:

Kumiko Kamplaine's 3.0 team ended the season with an impressive 9-3 record. Carolyn Cruzat's 3.5 team had a successful season, ending with a 6-3 record. With a strong finish, Diane Euting's team (7-2), just missed a bid for the playoffs. There is always next year!

A strong finish of 5-0 in each of their last two matches helped secure a spot for Tracy Lockhart's Ball-Breakers in the 4.0 team playoffs! The local playoffs were held recently at Central Park in Kirkland where Boeing's one and only Women's 4.0 USTA Team ended an impressive 8-1 season. Sachiko Ishihara-Spray played an extremely tough opponent at #1 Singles with a resounding two set win. Shana Curran at #2 Singles played for an unbelievable 3 hours and 45 minutes! Shana won the first set 7-6 in a match that started outdoors and then was moved inside at 6-6 in the first set tiebreak due to darkness. She demonstrated such focus throughout the match. She lost the second set 5-7 and the third set tiebreak. Shana was cramping horribly in the second set and still put up a fight right to the end. She left her heart and soul on the court and the entire team was so proud of her efforts.

Trish Graham and Janet Stallman lost a third set tiebreak at #1 Doubles after battling from behind to win the second set. Jan Ferrera and Janell Olsen lost a close match 4-6, 4-6 at #2 Doubles and Bonnie Paasche and Tracy Lockhart played #3 Doubles and also lost 4-6, 4-6. It was an exciting, fun season for a first year team. Congratulations also to additional team members Stacia Marshall, Ramona Schraeder, Cara Moore, Cindy Nomura, Sue Miele, Ann Mehl, Mary Archer, and Shannie Presuhn. Their regular season play and support helped the team earn their spot in the playoffs.

### USTA Senior Leagues

Last weekend, Di Brown's 3.0 senior team competed in the NW Section Championships in Sunriver, Oregon. Bedia's Olsen's 3.0 team also participated at the Championships in the Super Duper Senior (70+) event.

The Senior Sectionals were held in Sunriver, OR

June 23-26. The weather was perfect for tennis with blue skies and mid 70's. BETC had 3 teams qualify for senior sectionals this year - Sally Wright's 4.5 women's senior team, Di Brown/Kumiko Kamplaine's 3.0 women's senior team, and Bedia Olsen's 3.0 Super Duper Senior (70+) team. Bedia's team played, but did not advance to the next level.

Di and Kumiko's senior ladies made it to the finals with a standout performance by Kumiko as she won all 4 of her matches with different partners 3 of those times. Pam Yorozu and Di Brown also played 4 times and won 3 out of 4 of their matches. Jane Worden, Rita Holder, Cathy Hollar, Julie Ikeda, Izumi Sullivan and Carrie Simons also played and had some standout performances. Rita won her match 6-1, 6-1 and Izumi fought back from a second set score of 1-5 to win it 7-5. Jane Worden also had a strong showing winning one out of 3 matches with a great final score. Cathy Hollar did not get a win but every match was close and she definitely played like the winner she is.

The 3.0 finals were a heartbreak as court 2 lost, court 3 won and court 1 ended up losing by only 3 points in a 3rd set tie-break. Carrie Simons and Julie Ikeda at court 1 should be proud of themselves, however, as they found out later they were playing 2 women who had moved up to 3.5 and still almost beat them! Good going, ladies! Everyone had such fun and are looking forward to next year - GRRRRRRR!!! The women's 4.5 team also participated in the sectionals. They took first place out of four teams in the regular season to earn their way to playoffs. This was their second time going to Sunriver (last year was their first) and this time they won it advancing to the Nationals October 14-16 in Rancho Mirage, CA. They will be playing at the Mission Hills Country Club. To advance to the Nationals they had wins over N. Oregon (2-1), S. Oregon (2-1), Yakima (3-0) and Bend S (2-1). Their team was captained by Sally Wright and Brenda Williams was the Co-Captain. BETC team members included: Karen Gibbs, Lisa Politeo, Laurie Furumasu, Ramona Schrader, and Ann Mehl. Other players on their team were: Brenda Williams, Cheryl Hainje, Susan Regan, Cathy Ramsey, Jane Zielske, and Liane Earl. The banner at the front desk demonstrates their accomplishment and hopefully we'll have a National Champions banner to hang also!

## BETC Activity Corner

Submitted by Tracy Lockhart

The summer league session is now underway. We appreciate all league and block members' cooperation and understanding for the court and/or time changes during the roof replacement in July.

One of our most popular leagues is not running this summer due to the roof replacement and various weekend special events. Therefore, we will be hosting a **6.0 – 8.0 Mixed Doubles Potluck on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** You may sign up on-line or at the front desk. Please sign up with a mixed partner. If your normal mixed partner is unavailable or you are experiencing trouble finding a partner please contact me at 253-872-5545 ext. 24 or at [tracy@betconline.net](mailto:tracy@betconline.net).

The cost for this event is \$5.00, which includes court time, beverages, and tableware. Potluck requests are as follows: A-J Appetizer; K-S: Entrée; T-Z: Dessert.

Do not miss this mid-summer event for fun, competitive tennis and a chance to reconnect with your partners and friends.

## Junior Results

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

Congratulations to 12 of our Boeing Employees Tennis club juniors for placing at the Washington State High School tennis championships. Mitchell and Jamie Thorp won the 3A doubles championships and Nathan Anderson won the 1B/2B/1A combined doubles. Way to go players! Placing at the Washington State High School Tennis championships: Jordan Smith: 3A singles 2nd Joe Kwiatkowski: 2A singles 2nd Tess Manthou/Eliana Spero: 4A doubles 2nd Spencer Herron: 4A doubles 2nd Adrian Villanueva/Sam Bayna 2a doubles 2nd Angela Chen: 4A singles 3rd Maddie Turek: 4A doubles 3rd Amie Vo: 4A singles 8th.

The Boeing Employees Memorial Day Tennis tournament went well with 18 of our juniors participating. Garrett Merz won the boys 13 singles and Gigi Payzer won the girls 13 singles. Ryan Meredith and Garrett Merz won the boys 13 doubles. Liezel Villanueva and Misa Takami won the girls 13 doubles. Vincent Vioria reached the final of the men's 4.0 singles and. Sho Kato and Miranda Edwards won the 8.0 mixed doubles. Ken Kato and Haley Zeylmaker reached the final. These juniors participated: Nathan Schulz, Devon Colby, Marcus Lee, Francis Vioria, Cooper Brethauer Emma Brethauer, Sam Verbon, Jaiya Virk and Katie Lacayo.

## Member of the Month

Provided by Marissa Aragones



What a fun couple! You can see and feel their love and dedication for each other. Art and Gloria have been married for 17 years. They met when Gloria was a graduate student at the University of Shanghai and Art was a volunteer English teacher in China. When they first met they had no idea that they would be together as a couple. They met at a tennis court at the university. Gloria has always loved sports but was drawn to tennis. She even participated at various tennis tournaments. Tennis at that time was not popular in China and facilities are very limited. But she continued her passion for tennis by hitting the wall most of the time. Then Art came and played at the tennis courts where she played. They became friends and Art started teaching Gloria how to play. Art was her first real coach and then they fell in love . . . . Together they have a son - Charles is 11 years old and will be a 6<sup>th</sup> grader this coming fall at St. Bernadette Parish School in Burien. Charles inherited their passion for tennis and he's been playing since he was 4 years old.

Art is one of the early members of the Boeing Employees Tennis Club. He started playing tennis in California as a kid and still plays tennis to this day. He was a retired educator. He began as a teacher and for the last 25 years of his career, he was a school principal at many elementary schools at the Renton School District. As a retiree, his life is full and very busy. He manages their rental properties and takes Charles to all his school and sports activities. Art has two grown children and 4 grandkids. He says his grandkids are much older than Charles.

Gloria is an independent financial advisor with World Financial Group. As a child, she was a gifted student and was given many opportunities in China to study at the best schools. She thought she always wanted to be in the medical field but when she came here in the United States she discovered her interest and passion in finances. She went to school and got her MBA degree at the Seattle University, and is now a very accomplished financial advisor. She is also a very accomplished tennis player.

The Long family loves traveling. They visit China at least once a year. From 1993 to 1998, Art took a dozen groups of people to tour China. Last year they spent six weeks on the road traveling to Southern Canada all the way to the Atlantic Ocean. Both Art and Gloria volunteer at their church and at Charles' school. Gloria is also very involved at Charles' Math Club at his school. Charles' excels at school because of his parents involvement and dedication to their child.

Art, Gloria and Charles enjoy their association with our tennis club. The club has been a very important part of their lives.

## Lesson Programs & Pro Activities

Submitted by Allan Overland, Head Professional

Members- summer tennis at BETC is in full swing! There is still some room in our expanded BETC Summer Junior Teams, for juniors of virtually all levels, ages 8- 18 years. The Rookies Team (level 1) meets Monday- Thursday, 3:30-5pm,

the A's Team (levels 2 & 3) meets Tuesday- Friday, 10:30-12:30pm and the Champ Team (level 4) meets Tuesday- Friday, 12-2pm. As ever, juniors get to train extensively with BETC's top rated USPTA certified staff, compete weekly in dual match play in the Auburn Valley Tennis League and receive a cool team t-shirt.

And to give juniors even more great match play seasoning, we will again offer two match play workshops, coached by former junior US Open doubles champion, and former US junior #1 in singles, JJ Jackson. The Level 3 workshop is held Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30-2pm, and the Level 4 workshop is held Tuesday and Thursday, 2-3:30pm. For this year, a more tournament- like environment will be maintained, as a weekly standings list will be kept, with some nice tennis prizes awarded to the top 4 players at the end of each monthly session. Besides these great teams and workshops, we have a comprehensive program with something to offer everyone, so make sure to pick up a summer lesson brochure at the club front desk next time you are in the club!

On Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm, we are pleased to present our first annual Summer Tennis Party Pro Social. All members ages 10 years and up are invited for a night of great drills with the pros, prizes and a special one point tournament! The cost is only \$7.00 per person, and a food item to share, as this is also a potluck social event (we'll provide the drinks).

Don't forget to sign up for these events ASAP- they will fill up! Just call the club at 253 872 5545 (ext. 1), or just sign up in person at the front desk the next time you are at the club. Hope to see you there!

### 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
E1	Sat	9 - 10 am	8-12 yrs
H	Fri	6:30 - 8 pm	12-18 yrs
I	Sat	10 - 11 am	12-18 yrs
J1	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
N	Fri	5 - 6:30	12 - 18 yrs
O	Thurs	2 - 3:30	12-18 yrs
P	Fri	8 - 9:30 pm	12-18 yrs
L	Sat	11:30 - 1 pm	12-18 yrs
P1	Tue/Thu	12:30 - 2 pm	12 - 18 yrs

#### **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
U	Wed	6:30 - 8 pm	12-18 yrs
V	Thurs	8 - 9:30 pm	12-18 yrs
W	Sat	3:30 - 5 pm	12-18 yrs
X	Sat	6:30 - 8 pm	12-18 yrs
Y	Sun	4 - 5:30 pm	12-18 yrs

#### **Level 5 - Elite**

Z	Tues / Thurs	8-9:30/5-6:30 pm	12-18
Rookie Team	Mon - Thu	3:30 - 5 pm	
A 's	Tue - Fri	10:30 - 12:30 pm	
Champs	Tue - Fri	12:00 - 2 pm	

Elite Tue - Thu 2 - 3:30 pm

### ADULTS

#### **Beginner (1.0 - 2.0)**

Sunday 5 - 6:00 pm

#### **Advanced Beginner (2.0 - 2.5)**

Monday 12:30 - 2 pm

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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