



# Court REPORT



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Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

Three times a week the desk staff updates the court availability that is posted at the club's website - www.betonline.net. There is also a printed court availability sheet posted on the Activity Board board in the mezzanine.

The 17th Annual Doubles Club Championship ended earlier this month. As a result of the two week event, the club has crowned 30 members as Doubles Club Champions! Each member will be memorialized on the perpetual plaque which hangs in the mezzanine. More information about this wonderful tournament is available elsewhere within this publication.

Sign-ups for the spring junior lesson programs are being offered near court 7. This session, when the results become available, we will provide the members on the email distribution list an email link to access that information. The goal is to make the information easier for you to review.

Effective April 1, we will no longer mail out the newsletter via the US mail. It will remain available at the front desk and via an email link through the email distribution list. If you wish to provide us your email for this and other correspondence we distribute throughout the month, please let the front desk staff know. Thank you!

Report submitted by, Janet Best, Manager

## Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

### Close Range Dipper

The distance between baseline to baseline is 78 feet. When you hit a groundstroke to your opponent's baseline you have over 78 feet of court to work with. But when a ball lands short inside your own service line the amount of court you can work with shrinks. You would have approximately 30 percent less court to keep the ball in play."

The best way to keep the ball in play with a shorter court is to use topspin. I often see players make the mistake of trying to hit these short shots with under spin. The problem with underspin is that it makes the ball rise up, which makes hitting the ball in a shorter court more difficult. The only option you have when using underspin on short shots is to take some power off your shots. Topspin is the preferred spin to use on these short shots because you can hit with power and angle and still keep the ball in the court.

As you attempt a topspin drive from the short court area you will need to implement more topspin than your regular baseline topspin drive. The easiest way to add extra topspin to your groundstroke is to rotate your grip about a half inch. For example if you are right handed hold your normal forehand grip. Rotate your forehand grip about a half inch to the right. This should put you in the semi-western or western grip. Using this grip to hit your forehand groundstroke will create an extra amount of topspin. Make sure you use a looping low to high topspin stroke. I call this

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## From the Board

The following were re-elected to serve on the board for the year 2009 in the following positions: Ed Baker-President, Shannie Presuhn-Vice President and Linda Knapp-Treasurer. Chuck Hilsinger, Jim Hornsby, Paul Kartinen and newly elected board member Bob Ingersoll will rotate as Secretary. The board and the membership would like to thank Jim Robison for all of the work he did during the Holiday Tournament. Jim made hundreds of phone calls and worked extra hours to keep the tournament from being cancelled due to our snowy weather in December. He took on the challenge with Mother Nature and prevailed. Thanks, Jim!

*Bill Bartlett tip continued from page 1*  
the "Close Range Dipper". This grip will be approximately the same grip Rafael Nadal uses. You will then get a better understanding of how great players like Nadal who use the semi-western or western grip get topspin. If you are right handed and have a one handed backhand grip rotate your grip about a half inch to the left. This will put you in the semi-western backhand grip.

So the next time you get a short groundstroke rotate your grip over about a half inch and use the "Close Range Dipper" You will be surprised how much, topspin, power and angle you will be able to create on short groundstrokes.

### Interclub Activities

Provided by Staff Member Margaret Fain

### CUP Tennis

As the Cup season comes to an end, most of the BETC teams are ranked about in the middle of their divisions. The Classic Team, however, is in 2nd place with just a couple of matches to go. Cindy Seims has been a great help on that team with a record of 13-0. Way to go! Other commendable records are Chris Takami of Emerald with a 5-1-1 record, Patti Travers of Classic with a 5-0-1 record, and Gloria Long of Rainier with a winning record of 8-1-1.

### Adult USTA

The adult season is just getting started. Of the teams which have started play, Vinayak Rao's 3.0 team is off to a 1-0 start. Jim Thorp's 3.5 team is 0-1. Roger Risch's 4.0 team is 1-1, Mike Lockhart's 4.5 team is 1-0, and Myrna Alquiza's 2.5 team is 1-0. Myrna is off to a good start, with a win in the first USTA singles match she has ever played. Congrats, Myrna!

### Matches at BETC in March:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Captain</u>
Saturday, 3/7	12:30 pm	4.0 W	Yu
Saturday, 3/7	8:00 pm	3.5 M	Thorp
Sunday, 3/8	12:30 pm	4.5 W	Schraeder
Sunday, 3/8	2:00 pm	3.5 M	Sherman
Sunday, 3/8	8:00 pm	2.5 W	Alquiza
Saturday, 3/14	12:30 pm	4.0 W	Yu
Saturday, 3/14	8:00 pm	3.5 W	Cruzat
Sunday, 3/15	12:30 pm	3.0 W	Euting
Sunday, 3/15	2:00 pm	4.5 M	Lockhart
Sunday, 3/15	8:00 pm	4.0 M	Risch

## Junior News

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

The Boeing Employees Tennis Club Doubles Tournament was a great success. Over 50 juniors participated. The 16 and under division had 35 junior entrants with the remaining juniors entered in the adult divisions. Unfortunately there were not enough juniors entered in the 12 and under events so we had to combine them with the 16 and under. So the challenge for the next tournament is to get enough 12 and under participants to have these events. Take advantage of this great opportunity to try out all your skills in a fun competitive tournament. The next tournament at the BETC is the Memorial Day Classic in May. Let's see if we can get 60 or more juniors participating at the Memorial Day Classic!

Vineeth Omkaram and Paul Yi won the boys 16 and under event. Maggie Henderson and Kara Ikeda won a close three set match over Kyana Esber and Maddy Turek in the girl's 16 doubles final. James Dugan and Kara Ikeda won the junior 16 mixed doubles.

Natalie Goode and Haley Zeylmaker won the women's 2.5 doubles and Breanna Esber and Alyssa Nagai won the women's 3.5. Dean Kamplaine won the Mixed 6.0 with his mom Kumiko Kamplaine. Josh Jeter and Julie Williams won the 8.0 mixed doubles in a long three set match.

Here are the juniors that participated: Adrian Tabaquin, Alex Yi, Molly Henderson, Cara Usher, Nicole Skinner, Eliana Spero, Vicki Tran, Anthony Dimitrov, Michael Fain, Derick Trayford, Samuel Andres, Benjamin Huang, Adrian Villanueva, Samuel Bayna, Vincent Vilorio, Aadil Diwan, Jeremiah Bayna, Matthew Lee, Roy Jens, Mack Snider, Tim Moeb, Rahul Raina, Ian Hammer, Zane Nelson, Naris Anukornchaikul, Randy Huynh, David Tran, Nathan Anderson, Thomas Lowes, Felicitas Fischer, Vivian Glzman, Gigi Payzer, Liezel Villanueva, Lauren Thornquist, Tracy Tran, Nichola Usher, Kimberly Williams, Misa Takami, Griffin Welsh, Wyatt Demulling and Brian Thornquist.



## 17th Annual Doubles Club Championship

Submitted by Dee Dee Fisher, Member Services



Thank you to all the participants in the 2009 Doubles Club Championship...it was the largest turn-out ever! What a great atmosphere with all the spectators watching the players battle for the championship. It was definitely fun and exciting tennis. I'd also like to thank the volunteers; Ren Ferrer, Debbie Herron, Emile Allard, Jennifer McIntosh, Marissa Aragonas and Val Ahyat. Val won the drawing for the \$20 court card. Oh...and special thanks to all of you who let me know when the pizza or bagels were burning. The 2009 Club Champions, runner-ups and consolation winners are listed below.

### Men's Events

**Boy's 16** - Vineeth Omkaram & Paul Yi def Nathan Anderson & Thomas Lowes 6-2;6-3. Sam Bayna and Vincent Viloría won the consolation.

**3.0** - Kevin Lee & David Merz def Rich Mursch & Don Fujishige 7-5;7-5 and Darrell Storvick & Tim Wheeler won the consolation.

**3.5** - Stuart Thompson & Chris Ball def Huadong Gai & Oscar Matesanz 6-1;6-4 Zane Blegen and Lawson Mansfield won the consolation

**4.0** - Ted Hollar & Stuart Thompson def Roger Risch & Mark Fournier 7-5;6-3 John Maldon & Oscar Matesanz won the consolation

**4.5** - Mike Lockhart and Andy Trinh def Robert Goebel & Keith Wilkins 6-4;6-3 Benny Viloría and Norman Kanzaki won the consolation

### Women's Events

**Girl's 16** - Maggie Henderson & Kara Ikeda def Maddy Turek & Kyana Esber 4-6;7-5;6-3 Nichola Usher & Kimberly Williams won the consolation

**2.5** - atalie Goode and Haley Zeylmaker won in a round robin

**3.0** - Kalany Benoit & Janet Rodenbaugh def Jesse Chute & Celia Forrest 6-4;4-6;6-1 Nicole Skinner & Eliana Spero won the consolation

**3.5** - Alyssa Nagai & Breanna Esber def Christine Brakke & Kay Duncanson 6-2;6-4 Junsen Ohno and Shauna Curran won the consolation

**4.0** - Tracy Lockhart & Cindy Turner def Dee Dee Fisher & Debbie Herron 7-6;7-6 Mary Rorvik & Janet Stallman won the consolation

### Mixed Events

**Kid's 16** - Kara Ikeda & James Dugan def Lauren Thornquist & Vincent Viloría 7-5;6-2 Gigi Payzer & Wyatt DeMulling won the consolation

**6.0** - Kumiko & Dean Kamplaine def Jesse Chute & Kevin Lee 1-6;6-4;6-3 Shana & Kerry Curran won the consolation

**7.0** - Cindy Seims & Ed Baker def Cathy & Ted Hollar 6-3;6-0 Jim & Kristi Dugan won the consolation

**8.0** - Josh Jeter and Julie Williams def Vivian Nagai and Charles Trayford 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 and Anthony Dimitrov and Alyssa Nagai won the consolation.

**9.0** - Mike & Tracy Lockhart def Benny Viloría & Ingrid Bakke 2-6;6-3;7-6 Ron Hodge and Sachiko Ishihara Spray won the consolation

## Lesson Programs

Submitted by Allan Overland, Head Professional

Members, check out the following special events and lessons at your club for the month of March! Come on out and join the pros and your fellow members for the

“Doubles Night” potluck social, held Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9pm (ages 18 and up). This social will focus on exciting and challenging doubles drills and (mostly) games. To ensure a good workout and lots of hitting, player to court/pro ratio will be a maximum of 6 to 1. Please note that participants should be rated at least a level of 2.5. The cost is only \$7.00 per person; and don't forget to bring a tasty finger food- we'll provide the beverages!

Adults, we have some great new workouts and classes during the weekdays for you. Bill runs an advanced intermediate workout on Mondays, 9:30-11am, JJ runs an intermediate class on Tuesdays, 11-12:30pm, Jesse runs an intermediate “skills and drills” workout on Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30pm, Allan holds his Cardio Tennis workout for players 2.5 and up, on Wednesdays 11-12pm and Jim runs an intermediate group class on Sundays, 1-2:30pm. Keep in mind that of these workouts/classes, sign ups are taken on a weekly basis for Allan and Bill's workouts, and on a monthly basis for Jim, Jesse and JJ's classes.

An early “heads up” for two big events in April: Wilson Demo Night is coming on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-9pm, and the Spring Break Junior Tennis Camps will be held Tuesday-Friday, April 7-10.

### Lesson Programs

#### Juniors - Beginner

Apr 4-25	Saturday	10-11 AM	\$43.30	Level 1	4-6 yrs
Apr 4-25	Saturday	11-12 AM	\$43.30	Level 1	5-8 yrs
Apr 4-25	Saturday	11-12 AM	\$43.30	Level 1	8-12 yrs
Apr 5-26(skip 4/12)	Sunday	9-10 AM	\$34.10	Level 1	12-18 yrs

#### Intermediate

Apr 4-25	Saturday	12-1 PM	\$43.30	Level 2	6-9 yrs
Apr 4-25	Saturday	9-10 AM	\$43.30	Level 2	8-12 yrs
Apr 3-24	Friday	6:30-8 PM	\$61.60	Level 2	12-18 yrs
Apr 4-25	Saturday	10-11 AM	\$43.30	Level 2	12-18 yrs
Apr 5-26(skip 4/12)	Sunday	10-11:30 PM	\$48.60	Level 2	12-18 yrs

#### Advanced

Apr 1-29	Mon/Wed	5-6:30 PM	\$124.80	Level 3	8-12 yrs
Apr 4-25	Saturday	12-1:30PM	\$61.60	Level 3	8-12 yrs
Apr 4-26(skip 4/12)	Sat/Sun	6:30-8PM/1:30-3pm	\$126.80	Level 3	10-14 yrs
Apr 3-27	Mon 3:30-5 PM/Fri 5-6:30 PM		\$113.40	Level 3	12-18 yrs
Apr 2-30	Thursday	3:30-5:00 PM	\$75.50	Level 3	12-18 yrs
Apr 3-24	Friday	8-9:30 PM	\$61.60	Level 3	12-18 yrs
Apr 5-26(skip 4/12)	Sunday	11:30-1PM	\$48.60	Level 3	12-18 yrs
Apr 5-26(skip 4/12)	Sunday	3-4:30PM	\$60.70	Level 4	10-14 yrs
Apr 6-27	Monday	7-8:30 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Apr 7-28	Tuesday	3:30-5:00PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Apr 7-28	Tuesday	8-9:30 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Apr 1-29	Wed/Fri	3:30-5 PM	\$156.00	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Apr 1-29	Wednesday	6:30-8 PM	\$94.40	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Apr 2-30	Thursday	8-9:30PM	\$94.40	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Apr 4-25	Saturday	3:30-5 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Apr 4-25	Saturday	6:30-8 PM	\$102.70	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Apr 5-26(skip 4/12)	Sunday	8-9:30 PM	\$60.70	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Apr 2-30	Tues 8-9:30 PM Thurs 5-6:30PM		\$208.10	Level 5	12-18 yrs
April	Fridays	6:30-8PM	\$18.00/day	Level 5 workout	12-18 yrs
Apr 2-30	Tues/Thurs	3:30-5PM	\$208.10	Level 6	12-18 yrs

Adult Lesson Programs for April are on the following page...

Sign-ups for the spring session of Adult classes will begin on Saturday, March 7 at 1:30 PM

**Adult Lesson Programs:**

Apr 5 - 26(skip 4/12)	Sunday	4 - 5 PM	\$34.10	Beginner 1.0-2.0
Apr 5 - 26(skip 4/12)	Sunday	3:30 - 4:30 PM	\$34.10	Advanced Beginner 2.0-2.5
Apr 6- 27	Monday	12:30-1:30	\$54.10	Advanced Beginner 2.0-2.5
Apr 6 - 27	Monday	11-12:30 PM	\$77.10	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
Apr 6 - 27	Monday	6-7 PM	\$43.30	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
Apr 14 - 28	Tuesday	11-12:30AM	\$60.70	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
Apr 14-28	Tuesday	12:30-1:30	\$42.60	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
April	Wednesdays	11 - 12 PM	\$12.60/day	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
Apr 5 - 26(skip 4/12)	Sunday	1- 2:30 PM	\$48.60	Intermediate 2.5-3.0
April	Mondays	9:30 - 11AM	\$18/day	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
Apr 6 - 27	Monday	5 - 6 PM	\$43.30	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
Apr 7 - 28	Tuesday	7 - 8 PM	\$43.30	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
April	Wednesdays	11-12:30PM	\$18 /day	Advanced Intermediate 3.0 -3.5
April	Thursdays	9:30-11AM	\$18 /day	Advanced Intermediate 3.5 -3.5
April 4 - 25	Saturday	8 - 9 AM	\$43.30	Advanced Intermediate 3.0-3.5
April	Saturdays	1-2:30PM	\$18/day	Advanced 3.5 & up
Apr 1 - 22(skip 4/12)	Sunday	4:30 - 6PM	\$77.10	Advanced 3.5 & up

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**Membership Programs**

There is a very short waiting list for the Associate membership program. Memberships that are open are the junior membership, the B330 (play before 3:30 in reservations) and of course, the Boeing share membership is open. Please remember, if you have a friend join the club, have them put your name on the application so that we can give you a court card worth \$25.00!

**BETC on the Web**  
www.betconline.net

At the clubs' website, there is a world of information about BETC. Everything from membership to league selection processes, to tournament schedules, instructional videos, photos of the staff and board members, court and lesson fees, quarterly calendars, bio's on each of the pros and much more!

Besides all this, we are always looking for new ways to grow the site and make it as informational as possible. If you have any suggestions for information you would like provided, please email Janet at janet@betconline.net - Thank you!

**BETC League Information**  
Submitted by Dee Dee Fisher, Member Services

**SPRING LEAGUE SIGN UP** - The sign up sheets for the Spring session will continue to be posted in the mezzanine through March 15<sup>th</sup>. The session will begin play the week of March 30<sup>th</sup>. Specific information about the leagues, including days and times are available at our website www.betconline.net. Members are allowed to play in two prime-time leagues, but you can always sub in other leagues as well. Please call the front desk or stop by the club to sign up.

USTA – BETC has 14 weekend teams and league matches are underway. A schedule of match dates and times for the teams is located on the Activity board. I encourage you to come and support our teams!

**FRIDAY NIGHT MIXERS** – Are you looking for a fun way to end your hectic work week? Our Friday Night Mixers just may be the answer. The mixers are held every Friday at 6:30pm. More information and the sign up sheets are located on the Activity board.

Please feel free to call me at 253 872 5545 x 24 or email me at deede@betconline.net if you have any questions regarding the leagues or any other activity here at BETC.

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- 17th Annual Doubles Club Champions Announced
- Close Range Dipper - Tip by Bill Bartlett
- Classic Cup in 2nd Place - Go Ladies!
- BETC on the Web and Suggestions Welcomed!
- Spring Leagues Sign-ups in Progress!

### Racquetball Leagues and Contacts!



Racquetball provides such a great workout opportunity and can be accomplished in just an hour! If you have an interest in racquetball but do not know where to get started, please phone Larry Kucera at 206-655-1630. Currently we are offering leagues on Monday night (intermediate), and Thursday night (intermediate).

### Wallyball Wednesdays



Every Wednesday at 11:30 and/or 12:30, members are meeting to play wallyball. Wallyball is a variation of volleyball played on the racquetball courts where the side walls are in play. It's been a whole lot of fun - come join us if you can!

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