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Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

5, 4, 3, 2, 1! ...BETC's 35th Anniversary party is this weekend! If you haven't signed up you can do so by phoning the club or going online and registering there. Those members that are coming they are asking to bring a potluck item based on your last name. Here is the key:

A-H = appetizer or salad

I-Q = Entrée

R-Z = Desert

Besides your appetizers, we have ordered a whole pig to keep you fortified. The party has a Hawaiian theme so come in your muu muu, hula skirt or fun in the sun Hawaiian shirt. It's going to be a lot of fun - the party starts at 5:00 PM and I'll look forward to seeing you there!

This is the time of the year when we like to keep the lower hallway doors closed. This will keep the heat concentrated in the locker room and TV area.

An email will be going to members asking that if we formed a 9.0 & above mixed doubles league, would they support it? A lot of you do not use email so I wanted to mention that here. Play would be on Monday or Tuesday at 8PM. Please call me if you are interested.

Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

Understanding the Three Stages of a Point

There are three possible stages to every point. These stages consist of offense, defense or neutral. Recognizing what stage you are at and then executing an appropriate response to that stage will enhance your chance of winning the point.

First you must know the zones of the tennis court. The chart below gives you general guidelines of where the zones of the court are and how they relate to offense, defense or neutral situations. Keep in mind these are approximate guidelines. Also if you are off balance and stretching to hit a shot in an offensive zone of the court you will still be in a defensive situation. And if you are a very strong player and have an easy shot you could be in an offensive situation in a defensive zone of the court.

From the Board

As initially reported last month the criminal investigation regarding the misappropriation of funds continues with the police leading this effort. BETC Board is working with them to determine the full extent of this problem. When the investigation is complete and we know the full scope, we will have a BETC Town Hall meeting to review the actions and resultant impacts. This should be before the end of 2011. In the meantime, the Board is taking the recommendations from the accounting review by the independent accounting firm and implementing policy and procedure changes to strengthen our internal controls. In addition, we have contracted with this accounting firm to perform our accounting/bookkeeping tasks on a daily basis.

The BETC 35th Anniversary celebration is coming together and this should be a great time to celebrate our legacy and our successes. Be sure to register online or call the front desk so staff can sign you up. See you all on Nov 5th!

BETC Board elections are just around the corner and we hope you all get out and vote.

Interclub Activities

Submitted by Margaret Fain

4.5 Senior Team Places 4th Nationally!

Congrats to the 4.5 Women's Senior team for coming in 4th in the nation at USTA Senior Nationals in Indian Wells, California, in October. These ladies had to compete outside with the southwest heat reaching over 100 degrees against other teams that are used to outdoor tennis and high heat. Even so, they battled to a 4th place finish! A hearty congratulations to BETC players Laurie Furumasu, Karen Gibbs, Ramona Schraeder, Lisa Politeo, and to captain Sally Wright. Other team members were Brenda Williams, Jane Zielske, Cheryl Hainje, Ann Mehl, Susan Regan, and Cathy Ramsay.

Senior USTA

The regular season for senior USTA wrapped up at the end of October. See results below.

<u>Level</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Record</u>
3.0 Women	Kris Tiernan	3-5
3.0 Women	Julie Ikeda	4-3
3.5 Women	Kumiko Kamplaine	2-6
3.5 Women	Dina Benedetti	5-4
3.5 Women	Ann Larson	7-2
3.5 Women	Jan Finn	8-1
4.0 Women	Debbie Herron	6-1
4.5 Women	Laurie Furumasu	2-4
3.5 Men	Dave Herron	1-5
4.0 Men	Roger Risch	5-1
4.0 Men	Al Sasaki	4-2

Pat Bode's Super Seniors ended their season with a 4-2 record and Della McCleary's team was 4-3.

Four Senior Teams Advance to Playoffs

You can see from the records above that many of the BETC teams had great seasons. The following teams earned a spot in the local playoffs: Ann Larson's 3.5, Jan Finn's 3.5, Debbie Herron's 4.0, and Roger Risch's 4.0. Playoffs will held November 2-6 at Harbor Square Tennis Club in Edmonds. Hopefully some of our BETC teams will be playing in the finals on Sunday, November 6!

Getting to playoffs was a team effort, but special mention goes to some players ...

with especially impressive records. From Jan Finn's team, congrats to Debbie Lacayo (7-1), Karen Brady Smith (6-1), and Fran Shintaku (6-0). Ann Larson's team benefitted from great play by Diane Euting (7-0), Helen Beckley (5-0), Kyong-ae Schulz (5-0), and Kristi Dugan (5-0). From Debbie Herron's team congratulations to Debbie (5-1), Val Ahyat (4-1), and Dee Dee Fisher (4-1). Roger Risch's team stand-outs were Norm Kanzaki (4-1), and Benny Vilorio (5-1). Good luck to all four teams at the play-offs!

Cup Tennis

The Cup season is off to a good start. Emerald Cup is in 1st of 27 teams. Classic is in the top half of the pack. Rainier is in 2nd of 27 teams, and Challenge is in the middle of the pack. Kingco is towards the bottom, but last year they saved their best tennis for the end of the season!

The Senior Mixed USTA season is starting in November. More on that next month.

BETC Activity Corner

Submitted by Tracy Lockhart

BETC's 35th Anniversary party will be held on Saturday, November 5th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The party is a Hawaiian themed potluck and is **complimentary** to members. We appreciate you bringing a dish to share (do not forget serving utensils.) You may sign-up on the court bookings event page, or call the front desk. Volunteers are still needed for set-up, clean up and various other duties. Contact Tracy Lockhart at ext 24 if interested.

Come join what is sure to be a memorable event. A commemorative gift will be given to members who attend. Pros will be running drills/games on courts 1-3. Also featured, will be a 10 & Under Court using the QuickStart format, which will be fun for kids and adults alike. The racquetball room will be open for pickleball. A radar gun on Court 6 will be clocking serve speeds. Professional Hula dancers are performing. The potluck comes complete with a roast pig! Viewing the slide show from the last 35 years is reason enough to attend this fun-filled event. Additionally, there will be fabulous door prizes such as: gift certificates, a new putter, three Prince racquets and a week in an Oceanfront Luxury Condominium in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico, where one may plan the.....continued on page 4, top column.

Lesson Programs & Pro Activities

Submitted by Allan Overland, Head Professional

Check out some great tennis events coming your way in the month of November! For all members aged 14 years and up, we are holding our annual

Pre Thanksgiving Workout Social on Saturday, November 19th, from 6:30-9pm. The focus for this event will be simple: the pros will conduct fun and high energy games and drills to ensure that all participants have a great time, and burn a lot of calories before the Thanksgiving Day holiday! The cost is only \$8.00 per person. And make sure to bring a healthy snack or finger food; we'll provide the beverages.

Advanced adult players (3.5-4.0) looking to dramatically improve their footwork skills will have a great opportunity to train in our two day Adult Advanced Footwork Camp, held from 6-8pm on Friday, November 11th and 2-4pm on Saturday, November 12th. 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.

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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	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	T / T	8-9:30/5-6:30 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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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 its great fun!

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perfect tennis / golf holiday. Join in the spirit and break out the Hawaiian wear. A prize will be given to the ugliest Hawaiian shirt worn to the party.

BETC has four teams going to the senior play-offs the same weekend as the party. Feel free to stop by on your way to home from Harbor Square. We would love to celebrate the victories.

BETC held its annual Singles Championship October 6-9th and it was a smashing success! Thank you to all members who helped with the tournament desk and set-up. A special thank you to member Dee Dee Fisher of MetLife who supplied water for the tournament players. Also, Dugan's again came through with well-received special addition t-shirts. DeMulling Pro Shop also provided each player with a vibration dampener and an overgrip.

The champions are listed below:

Boys / Girls 13 & Under: Champion: Colton Weeldreyer

Men's 3.0: Champion: Adrian Carter

Men's 3.5: Champion: Brian Colby

Men's 4.0: Champion: Arun A. Veettil

Men's 4.5 Champion: Joel Bodine

Men's 5.0 Champion: Joe Kwiatkowski

Women's 3.0: Champion: Emma Brethauer

Women's 3.5 Champion: Annie Fu

Women's 4.0 Champion: Kara Ikeda

Winter league sign-ups start the week of November 14th, 2011. Mark your calendars.

Lastly, our 3rd Annual Senior Only Doubles Tournament will be held over Thanksgiving weekend. Entry forms are available at the front desk or you may say up on-line. If you need assistance finding a partner, please contact Tracy Lockhart at 253-872-5545, ext. 24.

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Stages of a Point	Ground Strokes Zone	Volleys Zone
Defense	Behind Baseline	On Service Line
Neutral	On Baseline	2-4 ft inside Service Line,
Offense	3 ft or more inside Baseline	4 ft or more inside Service line

Once you recognize what stage of a point you are in (offense, neutral or defense) you need to make the appropriate shot selection. For offense make sure you hit either an aggressive shot or a touch shot in the open court. The appropriate response for a neutral situation would be to hit a medium pace shot intended to put you back on offense. While in a defensive situation look to slow down the pace of the point and strive to get back into a neutral situation.

So to increase your chance of winning a tennis match recognize what zone of the court you are in. Determine if you are on balance or stretching for the shot. Once you ascertain that you are on offense, defense or in a neutral situation make the appropriate response. You will then be playing percentage tennis, just like the pros.