

# REPORT

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Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

## Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

The recent termination of the bookkeeper by the board of directors came as a shock to us all. As this will now be an ongoing police investigation, information will be limited. Thank you for the patience that you have shown during this very difficult time.

Pickleball!...What is it some might ask? Pickleball (singles or doubles) is played on a court 20' wide by 44' in length. The net is 3 feet high and players use a paddle and wiffleball. Only one bounce is allowed and players usually play games to 11 points. To make better use of the racquetball courts, we have modified them to allow for a pickleball net and applied service lines. We have come up with our own local rules and have posted them at the club's website and in the lobby of the racquetball room. A few members have already given it a try and we hope you will too—so, to kick off this wonderful sport, we are offering free use of the racquetball courts and our paddles throughout the month of October. So, call in and reserve a court for nothing!

The Senior Doubles tournament will again be held over the Thanksgiving weekend. If you are at least 50, you may play in men's, women's, or mixed doubles. The event will be a blast so look for entry forms on the club's website or at the reservation desk in mid-November

During the very busy season of October through April, all weekend tennis court reservations on courts 1-6 must be on session for 1.5 hours. In prime time, this is always the case. Drop-ins for an hour are allowed on weekends.

If you need a key to enter the club through one of the "key access" doors, the front desk staff will be happy to issue you one with a \$5.00 deposit.

## Taking Advantage of the Middle of the Court in Doubles

The game of doubles is played more frequently than singles at most tennis clubs. It is also likely that more than half of all doubles matches are played with an incorrect strategy on protecting the middle of the court.

Good doubles players will hit a higher percentage of their shots toward the middle of the court. They do this because the net is significantly lower at the middle of the court and there is more court to hit into.

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## From the Board

The BETC Board has had an Independent Accounting firm conduct an accounting review of BETC financial accounting practices. The results have determined there has been a misappropriation of funds resulting in the termination of the BETC bookkeeper. Stronger internal controls are being implemented to strengthen our organization and accountability to our membership. There is a criminal investigation ongoing and the BETC Board will keep the membership apprised of future developments.

Other topics addressed at the Board meeting include: the approval and go ahead of the Quick Start program at BETC, which should be a great addition to the Junior program for young children and implementation of Pickle Ball at BETC with a free month during October for members to get familiar with the sport. The celebration of our 35th Anniversary has been set for November 5 so, mark the date and we'll look forward to seeing you all.

## Interclub Activities

Submitted by Margaret Fain

### Senior USTA

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

Overall, the BETC teams are having good seasons. Several teams are still in the running for playoff spots, so good luck to them as the season winds down! On Julie Ikeda's 3.0 team, Izumi Sullivan is playing great with a 4-0 record. On Dina Benedetti's 3.5 team, Carolyn Cruzat and Barb Cotton have worn down their last 3 opponents with their consistent and tricky play-and Carolyn's awesome lobs. On Ann Larson's team, Janet Rodebaugh is undefeated in 3 matches with 3 different partners. Several players on Jan Finn's winning 3.5 team have great records including Debbie Lacayo (4-1) and Fran Shintaku (4-0). Since recovering from surgery, Debbie Herron's game seems back on track and she is 3-0 on her 4.0 team. Norm Kanzaki's 3-0 record on Roger Risch's 4.0 team can't be beat. On Al Sasaki's 4.0 team, both Al and John Wroe also have 3-0 records.

The Super Senior 3.0 team of Pat Bode is 3-1. Carol Samek-McKinlay on that team is 3-1. Della McCleary's 3.5 team is now 2-2.

### CUP News

The Cup season is just a few weeks in and results will be listed in the next newsletter.

### Labor Day Tournament Results:

There were some hard fought match over the Labor Day weekend. This tournament is open to the public. Junior results are covered in Bill Bartlett's Junior section. Other results are listed in the following section with BETC members in bold:

Men's 2.5 - John Navarro

Men's 3.0 - Mark Reed

Men's 3.5 - Lee Hoang

Men's 4.0 - Henry Doan

Men's 4.5 - Jeff McDoniels

Women's 2.5 - Barbara Smith

Women's 3.0 - Rebecca Pham

Women's 3.5 - Brenda Faber

Women's 4.0 - **Lauren Thornquist**

Men's 3.0 Doubles - **George McPherson &**

**Vince Thomas**

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## BETC Activity Corner

Submitted by Tracy Lockhart

Fall leagues started in September and are going strong. There is still time to sign up for the new Men's 3.5 Singles League on Saturdays at 3:30, which begins October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the "What's Going On" board through October 4<sup>th</sup>. Winter league sign-ups will be posted the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Singles Club Championship begins Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and runs through Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. This year all events will be over 4 days. If you missed entering this tournament, come cheer for your favorite member.

November 5<sup>th</sup> is a VERY exciting date for BETC. We will be celebrating 35 years of existence with a Hawaiian themed party featuring entertainment, activities, door prizes, and lots of fun. This is a hosted BETC event for the members. We will be asking members attending to bring a favorite dish to share. Jim Hornsby will be coordinating the potluck along with tableware. Unique, commemorative 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gifts will be given at the door to our members (while supplies last.)

We are still looking for tennis photos from our members from the last 35 years. Also, door prize donations are on our wish list, so please contact me at ext 24 or at betconline.net. Your anticipated help with this is greatly appreciated.

Find your best / worst Hawaiian garb and a prize will be given to the people with the most outrageous resort wear. Also, be sure to wear court appropriate shoes, as many of the activities will take place on our pristine tennis courts.

Mark the date: BETC's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party, November 5, 2011 from 5 – 8 p.m. Stay tuned for official details!

## Lesson Programs & Pro Activities

Submitted by Allan Overland, Head Professional

Members: For October, we have some "spooktacular" (sorry- I had to say that!) tennis coming your way. On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30- 9pm, BETC will be hosting a very special Halloween Tennis Party for junior members ages 8-18 years. We have some very fun surprises planned, so make sure to save the date. The cost is only \$8.00 per person. Be ready to wear that awesome costume- and play a lot of tennis (among other things) in it. And don't forget to bring a tasty treat, we'll provide the drinks- and the tricks! To register, 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.

Former US Open doubles champion JJ Jackson will restart his popular Doubles League with coaching in late October. This special league is for serious junior players level 4 and up. If interested, contact JJ ASAP at 253 872 5545 (ext. 32) or by e-mail at jjackson510@hotmail.com.



### JUNIORS

#### **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

#### **Advanced Beginner 2.0 - 2.5**

Sunday 3:30 - 5 pm

#### **Intermediate 2.5 - 3.0**

Monday 12:30 - 2 pm

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

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

**Continued from page 1 Bill Bartlett - Tennis Tip....**

Also by hitting into the middle of the court both players have to move to the center of the court which can cause an error and will open up the alleys.

Experienced doubles players will often choose to return serve on the side of the court where their stronger groundstroke will cover shots hit toward the middle of the court. For example if you are right handed and your backhand groundstroke is much stronger than your forehand then you should choose to return on the deuce court. This will allow you to hit your backhand when handling shots that are hit toward the middle of the court.

When a doubles team has one player at the net and the other player is at the baseline it is extremely important to learn how to guard the middle of the court. The player who is at the net is responsible for moving forward when his partner hits a good shot to their opponent's baseline player. If the opposing baseline player successfully retrieves the ball back past the net player, then the net player must move back to the service line toward the middle of the court. This will help protect the middle of the court. So a good doubles player while at the net will be moving forward or moving backward on every shot if his partner is at the baseline. This will ensure that the middle of the court will be defended.

So if you want to improve your doubles game, learn how to dominate the middle of the court. Take advantage of the lowest part of the net by hitting most of your shots down the middle of the court. Pick the side to return serve on that will put your stronger groundstroke covering the middle of the court. Make sure when you are at the net to follow the ball moving forward or backward to ensure the middle of the court is secure. You will then become a sought after doubles partner.

**Cont. from page 2 Margaret Fain - Interclub Activities and Labor Day Tournament Results**

Men's 3.5 Doubles - John Nguyen & Long Pham

Men's 4.0 Doubles - Anhtu Hoang and John Nguyen

Women's 3.0 Doubles - Margarita GarciaFelix & Xue Song

Women's 3.5 Doubles - **Jan Finn & Robin Noisette**

Women's 4.0 Doubles - **Miranda Edwards & Lauren Thornquist**

Mixed 5.0 Doubles - **Sarah McPherson & Vince Thomas**

Mixed 6.0 Doubles - Joseph Smith & April Victor

Mixed 7.0 Doubles - Lisa Grant & Wesley Lew

Mixed 8.0 Doubles - **Alyssa Nagai & Patrick Nam**

**Junior Results**

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

**October Junior Results**

The 2011 Boeing Employees Labor Day Tennis Tournament was a great success. Over thirty of our juniors took advantage of playing a tournament on our home courts. Tournaments are a great way to improve your game and to see what you need to work on.

Here are the results of the Labor Day Tournament: Garrett Merz won the boys' 13

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the final.  
Misa Ta-  
kami won  
the girls' 13



singles event. Ryan Meredith and Garrett Merz won the boys' 13 doubles. Wyatt DeMulling had a fine showing by reaching the finals of the men's 4.5 singles and taking a set in the finals (4-6, 6-2, 3-6).

Several of our juniors won their events. In an all-BETC final for the women's 4.0 doubles Miranda Edwards and Lauren Thornquist defeated Kyana Esber and Karissa Lau. Lauren also won the women's 4.0 singles. Amanda Lacayo reached the finals of the women's 3.5 doubles with her mother, Debbie. Shaun Fisher reached the final of the men's 3.0 doubles.

These juniors also participated: Sam Verbon, Lorin Loke, Tyler Castillo, Tyler Lincoln, Jaiya Virk, Devon Colby., Katie Lacayo, Thomas Adamson, James Dang, Jaedon McGraw, Bruno Hernandez-Sortes, Prannay Pradeep, Antonio Rivera, Vincent Vioria, Emma Brethauer, Micah Tracy, Kara Ikeda, Jovana Zlicaric, and Madalyn Turek.