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Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

The 18th Annual Singles Club Championship is next month! We are expecting all our great singles players to enter because not only will it be a blast but you will play at least 2 great matches (hopefully 4 or 5!), receive a cool tournament t-shirt, be pampered with refreshments throughout the tournament, have the opportunity to meet other wonderful members and have the opportunity to be crowned a Club Champion! The first weekend (15th - 17th) is for the .5 levels and juniors while the second weekend (22nd - 24th) is for the .0 division.

As you may have recently heard, Boeing now allows us to advertise our public memberships - Associate, Junior Affiliate, B330 etc. With this economy and our membership counts down a bit we are asking for your help in getting the word out that memberships are open! We are asking you to post a flyer (promoting BETC) in any places that you frequent - Beauty saloon, gym, grocery store, etc. If you could post this flyer, that promotes BETC, it would help to create the awareness that membership are open and allow us to keep our rates at reasonable/competitive levels. The flyers are available at the front desk - Thank you!

Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

Get Rid of the Hitch for More Power

Having fluid strokes will help maximize your potential for power. Roger Federer is a good example of a player with fluid strokes. Because of his great technique he is one of the most powerful shot makers in today's game. What prevents a player from having fluid strokes is usually a hitch. A hitch in a tennis stroke is a short pause or deceleration of the racket, which hinders racket speed.

Andy Murray who is currently ranked in the top 10 in the world has a hitch in his forehand. To the average club player Andy's forehand looks great. But his forehand tends to land short and lacks power

compared with the other top ranked pros. He has a good shoulder rotation on his forehand and he brings the racket back high like most of the other pros. His problem is that he drops his racket too soon and is forced to pause before he accelerates his racket into the ball. His hitch is hardly noticeable and I was only able to see it when watching a replay of his forehand in slow motion on TV.

The best way to get rid of a hitch on a ground stroke is to prepare early with your racket slightly high. Hold your high backswing as long as possible before dropping your racket and accelerating it into the ball. This will force you to accelerate your racket and eliminate the possibility of a hitch.

An easy way to eliminate a hitch on your serve is to start your service motion slow. Build up speed gradually. Make sure your racket never stops during your serve. Your racket should be traveling at top speed as it meets the ball.

So if you are lacking power on a shot, check to see if you have a hitch. Once you get rid of the hitch and get your racket accelerating again you will increase your power.

From the Board

The Board reviewed the survey results and have asked Janet and Allan to address each of their respective areas in this and in future Court Reports. This has been very productive and will help in developing our BETC 2011 budget position which the Board will review at the October meeting.

BETC members have responded positively to an electronic Member Directory. Janet is in the process of incorporating your comments and finalizing a procedure for proceeding with this initiative. Janet is also continuing to assess an automated on line court scheduling process.

The Labor Day Tournament had great participation and excellent feedback. Thank you to all! BETC is planning our Senior Tournament for November 2010. Mark the start date, Nov 26. We are looking for volunteers and more announcements will be coming."

Interclub Activities

Submitted by Margaret Fain

I have again been asked to write the Interclub Activities newsletter article. I would greatly appreciate it if you could pass on any stories about BETC teams or team players that you think the newsletter readers would find inspirational or entertaining. THANKS!

Email Margaret at fainswest@live.com

USTA NEWS

The senior USTA season seems to have just started and it is already nearing the end for some teams. Current results are:

Team Captain W-L

3.0 W Kris Tiernan	3-2
3.0 W Di Brown	2-2
3.0 M This spot available next year!	
3.5 W Nancy Lockett	1-1
3.5 W Ann Larson	2-1
3.5 W Jan Finn	1-1
3.5 M Dave Herron	4-1
4.0 W Jan Ferrera	1-3
4.0 M Roger Risch	3-2
4.5 W Sally Wright	2-0

Dave Herron's 3.5 team has 3 players with 4-1 records: Steve Ikeda, Jim Dugan, and Lawson Mansfield. Seems like every evening or weekend I am at the club, at least someone from Dave's team is playing! Kris Tiernan and Barb Smith on Kris' 3.0 team are off to a good start as partners with a 3-0 record together.

In the Super Senior (60+) USTA division, Carol Samek-McKinlay's 6.0 team is 1-2. Bedia Olsen is once again off to a good start with a 2-0 record. Plus, she is one of the most graceful players at the club.

CUP TENNIS

The long Cup season just got started. BETC is fielding 5 teams this year: Emerald, Classic, Rainier, Challenge, and Kingco. Classic is in the top of the pack and the other Cup teams are middle of the pack and below, but it is a long season with plenty of time for things to turn around. Classic and Rainier have both improved their match scores for each of the first three matches. Keep it up! Dee Dee Fisher and Debbie Herron are again a strong team on Challenge Cup with at 2-0 start.

BETC Activity Corner

Submitted by Tracy Lockhart

We will be offering a "special event" once a month to various target groups at BETC. The special event is intended to reach all members of BETC at one time or another. Keep your ears and eyes open for the special event that is just right for you.

October's special event is the annual Club Singles Championship. The entry forms are at the front desk. If you are a member of USTA you can also register on-line which is strongly encouraged. Just go to BETC's homepage and click on tournaments, scroll down to the Club Singles and you will see how to make your on-line entry. Or, go directly to TennisLink and enter tournament ID #600802810. The entry fee is \$20.00 per event per person.

You will not want to miss the excitement of the club singles tournament. It does not matter if you feel you are not a "singles" player. Not only will you gain tournament experience, but also the competition and social aspects will be worth your time. There will be bountiful and plentiful sustenance and treats. An entrant is guaranteed two matches AND a signature BETC Tournament T-shirt. Some members enter both weekends displaying their finely honed skills in two levels! Plus, you are afforded the opportunity of serious bragging rights if you are the event winner of the 2010 Singles Club Championship. Winners will have their names forever etched on BETC's perpetual plaque that is displayed in the mezzanine.

My regular Activities Coordinator hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. I can be reached during these hours at (253) 872-5545 ext. 24. Or, you may send me an e-mail at Tracy@betconline.net. You will also see me working behind the reservation desk on Friday mornings and I will be filling in for front desk staff members as needed.

Lesson Programs & Pro Activities

Submitted by Allan Overland, Head Professional

Members, if you have ever wanted to learn how to hit a “Tweener”? How about an “American Twist” serve? Maybe you think it would be fun to try to hit a behind the back volley or ground- stroke. Or perhaps you’d like to learn how to hit a specialty skill shot like a lob volley or drop shot. Regardless of what shot you’d like to try, you are sure to have a blast at our Trick (shot!) or Treat Pro Social, on Saturday, October 30th, 6:30-9pm. All members ages 10 years and up are warmly invited. The cost is only \$7.00 per person. And don’t forget to bring a tasty (Halloween) treat with you- we’ll provide the beverages. Come on out and let the pros teach you a few new tricks- or maybe you have a cool trick shot to share yourself! Sign up ASAP at the front desk- or just call in at (253) 872-5545 (ext. 1).

BETC puts on two great member only tournaments a year- and the Club Singles Championships is coming this month! From Friday-Sunday, October 15-17, the 2.5, 3.5 and 4.5 NTRP, and junior 13 & under divisions will be held. The entry deadline is Thursday, October 7th. And from Friday- Sunday, October 22-24, the 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0 events will be held. The entry deadline is Thursday, October 14th. Junior members ages 14 years and above are welcome in the NTRP skill divisions. Juniors ages 13 years and under may play in the 13 & under divisions. Players may enter in up to two events per weekend. All events feature consolation rounds, so you are guaranteed at least two matches per division! Besides great competition with your fellow members, all participants receive a neat tournament t-shirt. You can register online by visiting the club website betconline.net, and following the link near the top of the page (you must have a current USTA membership to do this). Or you can simply pick up an entry form at the front desk. Good luck to all! 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
BB	Sat	11 - 12 pm	8-12 yrs
C2	Sun	9 - 10 am	12-18 yrs

Level 2 - Intermediate

D	Sat	12 - 1 pm	6-9 yrs
E	Sat	9 - 10 am	8-12 yrs
G	Fri	6:30 - 8 pm	12-18 yrs
H	Sat	10 - 11 am	12-18 yrs
C	Sun	10 - 11:30 am	12-18 yrs

Level 3 - Advanced Intermediate

L	Mon/Wed	5 - 6:30 pm	8-12 yrs
M	Sat	12 - 1:30 pm	8-12 yrs
N	Mon 3:30-5/Fri	5 - 6:30 pm	12-18 yrs
O	Thurs	3:30 - 5 pm	12-18 yrs
P	Fri	8 - 9:30 pm	12-18 yrs
P2	Sat	6:30 - 8 pm	10-14 yrs
	Sun	1:30 - 3:00 pm	
J	Sun	11:30 - 1 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	Tues	8 - 9:30 pm	12-18 yrs
T	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

Juniors Continued

W	Sat	3:30 - 5 pm	12-18 yrs
X	Sat	6:30 - 8 pm	12-18 yrs
Y	Sun	8 - 9:30 pm	12-18 yrs

Level 5 - Elite

Z	Tues / Thurs	8-9:30/5-6:30 pm	12-18 yrs
Z1	Fri	6:30 - 8 pm	12-18 yrs
Z2	Tues/Thurs	3:30-5 pm	12-18 yrs

ADULTS



Beginner (1.0 - 2.0)

Sunday	4:30 - 5:30 pm
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Advanced Beginner (2.0 - 2.5)

Sunday	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Monday	12:30 - 1:30 pm

Intermediate (2.5 - 3.0)

Sunday	1 - 2:30 pm
Monday	11 - 12:30 pm
Monday	6 - 7:00 pm

Advanced Intermediate (3.0 - 3.5)

Monday	5 - 6:00 pm
Tuesday	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Tuesday	7 - 8:00 pm
Wednesday	12:30 - 1:00 pm
Saturday	8 - 9:00 am

Advanced 3.5 & Up Wimbledon Workout

Saturday	1 - 2:30 pm
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Junior Results

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

The 2010 BETC Labor Day tennis tournament was a huge success. Forty one of our juniors participated this year. Derek Welch won the Boys' 13 singles and Jaedon McGraw and Garrett Merz won the Boys' 13 doubles. All ten entrants in the Boy's 13 singles were from the BETC. Kevin Lau won the Mens' 2.5 singles division. Nicole Skinner and Eliana Spero won the Women's 3.5 doubles. It was good to see several juniors teaming up with their parents to play doubles. Vincent Viloría teamed up with his father Benny Viloría to compete in the Men's 4.0 doubles. The mother-daughter teams of Kim and Holly Henderson and Ping and Whitney Schmidt competed in the Women's 3.5 doubles event. These juniors participated: Daniel Ablog, James Dugan, Lauren Thornquist, Aadil Diwan, Matthew Lee, Alyssa Nagai, Ashley Sun, Audry Snider, Maggie Henderson, Lexi Nguyen, Quan Nguyen, Jim Leeds, Kara Blaisdell, Alissa Lee, Kara Ikeda, Katelyn Overland, Karissa Lau, Greg Furumasu, Alex Wang, Emma Brethauer, Amanda Lacayo, Madison Holdaas, and Alex Quackenbush

The PNW Sectional Championships was recently held. It is the most important tournament of the year with the strongest players competing. Jordan Smith won six rounds to win the Boy's 16 singles event. Jordan's closest match was in the semi-final where he won a close three set match over BETC's Dragos Puscalau. Vivian Glozman won the Girls 12 singles. These juniors participated: Theresa Huang, Liezel Villanueva, Matt Overland, Sho Kato, Thomas Lowes, Nathan Anderson, Mitchell Thorp, Jamie Thorp, Adrian Villanueva, Vincent Viloría, Cole Jeter, Alex Noyes, David Mardakov, Wyatt DeMulling, Naris and Naevin Anukornchaikul, Henry Smith, Francis Viloría, Jack Smith and Jeremiah Bayna.

JJ Jackson

US Open Doubles Champion - Submitted by Allan Overland

In early September, I really enjoyed watching the two weeks of amazing tennis at the US Open in New York. It was also fun to talk with our members about their favorite players and thoughts on some of the unforgettable matches they witnessed. I'll bet a number of you did not know that one of the members of our fantastic teaching pro staff not only played at the US Open, but actually

won a doubles title there! I thought you might get a kick out of hearing a little bit about his story.

In 1992, then 17- year old BETC professional JJ Jackson played in the US Open Jr. division (each country sends their top few players- who qualify internationally- to compete) in both singles and doubles. While he made the third round in singles, JJ advanced to the championship match with his partner Eric Taino, from New Jersey. Along the way, JJ and Eric defeated such top international teams as Sweden's Magnus Norman and Thomas Johansson, who both later became ranked in the top ten in the world on the pro tour.

In the finals, they met Chile's Marcelo Rios (a future top 5 pro) and Gilbert Silberstein. JJ recalls that they played the match in the Louis Armstrong grandstand stadium- in front of a near capacity crowd of thousands of tennis fans. "It was definitely exciting to play there and the crowd was really into it," JJ recalled. JJ and Eric played some aggressive doubles to win in the third set. JJ noted, "Eric was returning huge, and it allowed me to successfully poach a lot. We also kept the pressure up on our service games by playing the net real strong and mixing up our doubles formations."

When asked about how his background as one of the top juniors in the world helped him as a coach, JJ said "I can relate to any player who feels some pressure playing in a tournament, and being around the top players and coaches gave me a unique insight on seeing how things are done at the highest level. I feel I can help anyone's game." Members, make sure to say hello to JJ and tell him you read this story! And keep in mind that he has a few spots open for lessons if you are interested in drawing on his experience as a Grand Slam Jr. champion. (Call the club at 253 872 5545 ext. 1)

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October 5, 2010

TO ALL BETC ACTIVE SHARE MEMBERS:

The terms of office for three of our board members, Robert Ingersoll, Jim Hornsby and Shannie Presuhn will expire this year. Candidates for these positions on the board need to be identified. The term of office for each board member is two years. The election will be held in December and results will be announced at the annual meeting in January of 2011.

In accordance with the BETC bylaws, directors (or directors' spouses) must be active club Share members employed by or retired from the Boeing Company. To meet club requirements at least one of the three elected candidates from this election must be a current Boeing employee.

A candidate to the board should be an individual who has real concern to serve the interest of the membership and a willingness to consider all points of view. Board members will make decisions that affect the operation and continued existence of the club. The elected candidates are expected to familiarize themselves with the bylaws, previous meeting minutes, key provisions of the lease with The Boeing Company, and other basic operating documents. A candidate is expected to attend regular monthly board meetings and to devote additional hours each month as necessary for committee work.

For each eligible candidate, the nomination committee requires a brief letter outlining the candidate's qualifications and interests or concerns regarding the club. This information will be shared with the BETC share membership, in good standing, prior to the election. Interested candidates should send their resume' by November 1st to the Nominating Committee at one of the following addresses:

US Mail - BETC/Nominating Committee, 6727 South 199th Place - Kent, WA 98032

BETC Mail Code - BETC/Nominating Committee M/C 85-45

E-mail Subject line - BETC/Nominating Committee to Kenkvb@aol.com

Denise Bakke (or Shannie Presuhn)
Nominating Committee

2010 Participation Survey Follow-up

Submitted by
Janet Best, Manager and
Allan Overland, Head Professional

Janet Best:

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank you for the input you provided in the participation survey earlier this year. The input we received will help us improve to serve your needs for the future.

When evaluating the data, we put the information into different buckets. The buckets included Adult and Junior Lesson Programs, Facilities, Membership/Administration, Leagues/USTA, Court Reservations/Availability and a General section. Over the next couple of months both Allan and I will share with you what we plan to do with the information received. To start off with, I wanted to talk about the Facilities section.

Our 10 year plan includes replacement of the roof over courts 7-9 in 2011 and renovation of the locker rooms in 2013. These two improvements will eliminate the leaks that we experience from the skylights and clean-up the old and tired restrooms. Also old and tired were the chairs in the mezzanine area and these were replaced a couple of months ago. A few members expressed concern about the glare from the court lights. With direct lighting (that we have) versus indirect lighting, this is inevitable. While we would love to have outdoor courts, paying for them would require a strong business case including a membership busting at the seams. As of last month, we are 48 memberships below where we were a year ago. Membership is open and whatever you could do to help us get the word out, we would appreciate. Balls getting behind the curtains or crossing court when there are draw curtains is a pending issue that we plan to address. It can be very frustrating to be next to a ball machine or lesson and your stray ball cannot be found. At the time of the survey we were experiencing an unusual amount of tennis ball fuzz. Contributing factors to this were the very cold (static) weather and the newly resurfaced courts. In the very cold weather you could vacuum right over the fuzz and it still wouldn't come up due to the static electricity. The new court surface and its significant grip is causing more fuzz to be created. Our court sweeping (vacuuming) schedule is a 3 court section twice a week. Specifically it is:

Courts 1-3 on Monday and Thursday morning,
Courts 4-6 on Wednesday and Saturday or Sunday morning,
Courts 7-9 on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Our court sweeper holds its charge throughout the task and is very well maintained by the janitor. So the contributing factors

to dirtier courts were primarily the new surface and the cold static weather.

I love hearing your input, anytime you have questions or comments, please don't hesitate to send me an email or phone me.

Good health,

Janet Best, Manager

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Allan Overland:

On behalf of our terrific teaching pro staff, I'd like to thank our members for their thoughtful comments on the BETC lesson program in the annual club member survey conducted a few months back. I was gratified to hear a good deal of positive feedback, but was also glad to be appraised of some concerns as well. As a staff, we set out to review all responses generated by the survey and to implement some changes to hopefully better serve your needs. After taking some time and various factors into account, I have instituted the following plan of action that will take effect immediately:

- 1) We will look to offer a more inclusive junior program for advanced players. Specifically, we will add more courts and roster spots for the advanced after school and weekend workouts.
- 2) A formal, clearly stated list of criteria for admittance into junior group classes (including the "elite" level 5 & 6 classes) will be developed and integrated into our club lesson program brochures (and displayed on flyers posted around the club).
- 3) The utmost efforts will be made to ensure the highest standards of professionalism are maintained by teaching pro staff at all times.

Thanks for your input on the survey. We truly value our members' thoughts on how their lesson program is doing! To help us do our best and get better, please remember that your feedback is not only welcomed, it is encouraged. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

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Sincerely, Allan Overland
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