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Submitted by Janet Best, Manager

This year we rostered 9 USTA Senior Teams. In years past we averaged just 3 teams. The Mixed USTA season is going to begin rostering their players mid this month – If you would like to form a team, please let me know.

Thanks to Ren Ferrer for starting up a 6.0-7.5 mixed doubles on Sunday nights at 5:00. If you would like to sub in this league, please give him a call at 253-854-7735.

As you may recall, Dee Dee Fisher was hired late last year to replace Rich Cornwell as our Activities Coordinator and Club Championship Tournament Director. With activities and the tournament responsibilities progressing well, we've asked Dee Dee and she has accepted to assume Rich's duties in managing the membership accounts. We are excited to expand Dee Dee's hours at the club and availability to you. All our best goes out to Rich to enjoy retirement, this time for good! If needed, please contact Dee Dee at the link provided. [deedee@betconline.net](mailto:deedee@betconline.net) A going away party will be held for Rich Cornwell in September. More information will be available at the club.

## Tennis Tip

Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

### How to Have a Fluid Serve

The serve is one of the most difficult shots in tennis. In fact some of the most unusual and comical styles club players use have come from the serve. The reason for this is the serve requires more timing and coordination than other strokes.

The beginning of the serve is crucial in setting the tone for a fluid and effective serve. It is important that both the tossing arm and the racket arm are in synch with each other as you start your serve. What gets most players in

trouble on their serve is they let their racket arm get to the back scratch position too soon. This causes a hitch in their serve as they wait for the tossing arm to catch up. Not only does this look a little silly but it hinders the acceleration process of the swing. This in turn decreases the power of the serve.

There are two steps that can help correct the lack of rhythm on the serve. Make sure that your tossing hand holding the tennis ball and the hand holding the racket are parallel to each other on the same linear plane. This will help keep your arms synchronized as they travel through the service motion.

The other step is to make sure your arms go down together and then up together when initiating the service motion. This will enhance the likelihood that your timing and coordination of your arms will be good. As you start your serve simply say to yourselves "down together" as you drop both of your arms together. And then say "up together" as you bring both arms up together.

## From the Board

The first week of October, Share Members will be receiving a letter which details the election process for the Board of Directors of BETC. The 2 year terms of office for David Curry, Jim Hornsby and Shannie Presuhn will expire this year. Three candidates will need to be elected. Please look for the letter, and participate in the process! If you wish to volunteer or have a question, do contact Janet Best or Denise Bakke, Elections Committee chair at 253-852-0717.

The board approved a proposal by the finance committee to re-roof the lobby area of the racquetball courts. This area had constant leaks.

Substitutes are needed for all club leagues. If you missed the sign-up in August and would still like to participate, subbing would be a good avenue.

Dee Dee Fisher, who replaced Rich Cornwell as the Activities Coordinator will also take over the membership billing responsibilities.

## Interclub Activities

Provided by Staff Member Margaret Fain

### USTA NEWS

The Weekend Warriors have done it again! The 3.0 men's team captained by Dan Benoit, who is filling in for Jim Thorp, is heading to Nationals for the second year in a row. Last year, they competed at Nationals at the 2.5 level and this year moved up to compete at the 3.0 level. They won their division at the recent Sectional Tournament in Portland and earned the right to move on to Nationals in Arizona. In the final match, BETC was tied with its opponents 2-2. The outcome of the match came down to the results of Paul Raftis' singles match. Paul lost the first set, 0-6. He won the second set 7-5, then won 13-11 in a third set tie-breaker. Whew! That was a close one. Great job! Congratulations to the whole team once again. Good luck in Arizona in October.

Congratulations to Shannie Presuhn, Mary Lynn Archer, Jan Ferrara, and Donna Sasaki. The 3.5 team they play on the Southwest USTA division is also going to Nationals. Their team will compete in Indian Wells, California in October.

### Mixed USTA

The deadline for team registration is September 15. The Coordinator, Phyllis Gill, sent forms to last years teams, but if you would like to start a new team, please phone Janet at the Club.

### Coming up

CUP Tennis competition, which is all women's doubles played during the week, begins soon. Captains will be Jan Finn (Emerald), Nancy Lockett (Classic), Karen Brady Smith (Rainier), Liz Buck (Challenge), and Kathy Hess/Laurie Furumasa (Kingco).

USTA senior tennis also begins soon. Captains will be Bedia Olsen (3.0), Marissa Aragones (3.0), Mike Zorich (3.0), Mary Lynn Archer (3.5), Karen Brady-Smith 3.5, Carolyn Cruzat (3.5), Bonnie Paasche (4.0), and Roger Risch (4.0). Mary Jo Leonardson will be captain of BETC's 6.0 super senior team.

## Junior News

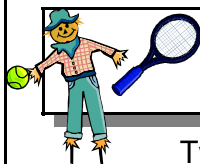
Submitted by Bill Bartlett, Head Assistant

Two of our juniors competed in national team competition this summer. Jamie Thorp represented the Pacific Northwest in the national 12 and under team zonal championships. Jamie's team finished second in the nation. Max Manthou represented the Pacific Northwest in the Davis Cup team championships held at the University of Illinois. The PNW team finished 12<sup>th</sup> and Max won all of his singles matches. Way to go Jamie and Max! Max also competed in the national junior championships held at Kalamazoo winning five matches.

The 2008 Boeing Summer Challenger Classic was well represented with 22 Boeing Juniors participating. The most exciting match of the tournament was in the Girls 18 doubles where Breanna Esber and Alyssa Nagai defeated Kara Ikeda and Julie Williams 7-5, 6-7, (10-8). Three BETC juniors won their events without losing a set: Jessica Price won the Girls' 18 singles, Vivian Glozman won the Girls' 12 singles and Vincent Lin won the Boys' 14 singles.

The following juniors participated: Kyana Esber, Liezel Villanueva, Lauren Thornquist, Joyce Lin, Jasmine Singh, Kathryn Araki, Molly Henderson, Julie Williams, Ryan Proffitt, Ryan Walsh, Zach Martin, Howard Lin, Alex Noyes and Alex Wang.

Results of the the 29th Amy Yee Junior Champs tournament: Three Boeing juniors reached the finals of their age divisions. Vivian Glozman Girls' 12 singles, Angela Chen Girls' 16 singles and Matthew Overland Boys' 16 singles. The following juniors participated: Kimberly Quach, Renata Smith, Dragos Puscalau, Jordan Smith, Garrett Ballou, Zachary Chen and Joe Kwiatkowski.



## New Member Orientations at the Monthly Socials

Typically the Saturday of each month is our Pro Social and mixer. Each social is only cost \$6.00 and there are a lot of fun things that happen at them. First the pros will start out with a short warm-up followed by drills. After about an hour, they will break for a quick snack before going into match play. Club ratings, and ball machine training are provided at the socials. A new event to the socials beginning in September, will be orientations. At the orientation, Activities Coordinator Dee Dee will explain all about the lessons, leagues and privileges within each membership. Drinks are always provided at the monthly socials but we do ask you to bring some sort of finger food. The next social is Sept. 23.

## Lesson Programs

Submitted by Allan Overland, Head Professional

Members, September is here, and we're back to our regular schedule of after school classes. For juniors of advanced level of play, there is still room, as of this writing, for the Jr. T (level 4) workout, held Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30-5pm, and the Jr. R (level 4) workout, held Tuesdays, also from 3:30-5pm.

For adults, we have the new, exciting "cardio tennis" workout planned for Friday nights from 5-6:30pm, starting on September 5<sup>th</sup>. At this workout, players level 3.5 and up will be moving and hitting balls with virtually no stopping! Fast paced drills and games will be featured, with a little bit of coaching thrown in. This is a weekly workout, so you can sign up for several workouts, or just one at a time.

And for all of our tournament minded members ages 14 & up, we will be holding our Pre Club Singles Warm-up potluck social on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-9pm. At the social, you will get to play in some great singles games with other members of your level, and have some important singles tips presented to you by the teaching staff. Don't forget, the Club Singles Championships are held in October. The 2.5-4.5 and junior events will be held October 3-5, and the 3.0-5.0 events will be held October 10-12. All members 14 years of age and older can participate in the NTRP skill divisions, and our members 13 years of age and under can play in the junior 13 and under divisions.

If you have any questions about these classes and events, please feel free to contact head pro Allan Overland. We hope to see you out on the courts!

### Juniors -

#### Beginner

Oct 4-25	Saturday	10-11 AM	\$43.30	Level 1	4-6 yrs
Oct 4-25	Saturday	11-12 AM	\$43.30	Level 1	5-8 yrs
Oct 4-25	Saturday	11-12 AM	\$43.30	Level 1	8-12 yrs
Oct 4-25	Sunday	10-11 AM	\$43.30	Level 1	12-18 yrs

#### Intermediate

Oct 4-25	Saturday	12-1 PM	\$43.30	Level 2	6-9 yrs
Oct 4-25	Saturday	9-10 AM	\$43.30	Level 2	8-12 yrs
Oct 3-31	Friday	6:30-8 PM	\$75.50	Level 2	12-18 yrs
Oct 4-25	Saturday	10-11 AM	\$43.30	Level 2	12-18 yrs
Oct 5-26	Sunday	10-11:30 PM	\$61.60	Level 2	12-18 yrs

#### Advanced

Oct 1-29	Mon/Wed	5-6:30 PM	\$124.80	Level 3	8-12 yrs
Oct 4-25	Saturday	12-1:30PM	\$61.60	Level 3	8-12 yrs
Oct 3-31	Mon 3:30-5 PM/Fri	5-6:30 PM	\$124.80	Level 3	12-18 yrs
Oct 2-30	Thursday	3:30-5:00 PM	\$75.50	Level 3	12-18 yrs
Oct 3-31	Friday	8-9:30 PM	\$75.50	Level 3	12-18 yrs
Oct 5-26	Sunday	11:30-1PM	\$61.60	Level 3	12-18 yrs
Oct 6 - 27	Monday	7-8:30 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Oct 7-28	Tuesday	3:30-5:00PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Oct 7-28	Tuesday	8-9:30 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Oct 1-31	Wed/Fri	3:30-5 PM	\$173.40	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Oct 1-29	Wednesday	6:30-8 PM	\$94.40	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Oct 2-30	Thursday	8-9:30PM	\$94.40	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Oct 4-25	Saturday	3:30-5 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Oct 4-25	Saturday	6:30-8 PM	\$102.70	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Oct 5-26	Sunday	8-9:30 PM	\$77.10	Level 4	12-18 yrs
Oct 2-30	Tues 8-9:30 PM Thurs	5-6:30PM	\$208.10	Level 5	12-18 yrs
Oct	Fridays	6:30-8PM	\$18.00/day	Level 5 workout	12-18 yrs
Oct 2-30	Tues/Thurs	3:30-5PM	\$208.10	Level 6	12-18 yrs

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## Address Service Requested

### Included within this publication:

- Dee Dee Fisher replaces Rich Cornwell - fully!
- Weekend Warriors repeat with trip to Nationals!
- Nominations requested for BETC Board of Directors
- Singles Club Championship is Oct 3-5 & 10-12
- New Member Orientations at Monthly Socials

### Welcome New Members!

Help us welcome the following new members: Joanna Talaska, Peter and Phuoc Vu, Gary and Frances Rozmierski, Oscar Matesanz, Asier Zarate, Jennifer and Michael Achord, Barry and Debbie Williams all Share Members. Mary Harnegnies, Cheryl Lydon, Sally and Robert Mendel, Raymond Davies all new Associates. Kim Dunn, Summer Members. Sue Waller Fish and Robert Fish, Valerie Cassler who are reinstated Associates. Junior Affiliates members - Logan and Mitchell Walton from Share membership, Lenstine Pak, and Nick Allan, Jaswinder Singh from Summer Membership.

### Upcoming Special Events

Sept. 27, Pro Social and New Member Orientation - Provided by Allan Overland/Dee Dee Fisher.  
October 3-5 and 10 - 12, BETC Singles Club and Championships run by Dee Dee Fisher.  
Nov 7-8, Advanced Footwork Tennis Camp with Allan O.

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