

Court Report

Back to Tennis!

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After a three-month closure, BETC reopened on Thursday, June 18th. Since then, we restarted our programming in steps to allow ample time to make sure we are operating as safely as possible:

June 18: Open courts and private lessons

June 25: Block Time

July 6: Adult and Junior Classes

July 7: Junior Camps

August 1: BETC Adult Leagues

Coming Soon

September 1: Guests Allowed*

September 5: USTA

October 3: High Performance Clinics

**Guests must first [sign our waiver](#). Guests allowed when playing with a member or participating in a lesson or class. If playing with a member, guest must have a credit card on file or court fees and guest fees will be billed to the member. Credit card on file require for lessons.*

We are working on plans to bring back our 10 & Under program, ball machine rental and tournaments. As with every prior step, we will only move forward when we believe we can do it safely and in compliance with the State law.

Working with the State on getting BETC to open and then staying open has been an adventure in itself. The initial Safe Start Washington plan did not include indoor tennis until Phase 3. As we know now, Phase 3 could still be months away. We were able to

successfully lobby for indoor tennis to be included in Phase 2 under strict new guidelines. Then, just this month, the guidelines were updated to limit fitness facilities to 5 total customers at a time. This clearly would have not allowed us to operate. We successfully worked with Olympia on a more common sense approach that factored in square footage.

Thank you members!

Over 150 members donated their dues, league or block credits to help BETC during the closure. The financial impact of those gestures was profound. We were able to maintain health insurance for staff and pay all of our bills during the closure without using savings or investments.

Thank you staff!

Every front desk staffer is back to work and every Pro will be returning by September! Through Zoom meetings, emails, phone calls and texts, our staff invested their time and energy during our closure toward imagining and implementing a safe environment for our reopening

What's next?

We continue to follow the guidelines set forth by the State while advocating for our facility to be given the ability to operate safely and effectively. Please do your part to help keep us open. Wear your mask, keep socially distant and make sure you promptly enter and exit the building.

Thank you and Welcome Back!

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BETC and USTA Leagues Fall Session

Our first League session since reopening has been a success. The August-September session included 258 players and 20 of our 22 Leagues participated! The next session will run October-December with registration beginning Sunday, August 30 at 5PM.

[Click Here for Fall League Registration](#)

USTA starts up again on September 5. We have 9 teams participating in Adult 55+ and 5 teams in Mixed 18+. A few things to keep in mind for the season:

- Guests must sign our waiver in advance. [Follow this link](#), or scan the QR code to the right with your phone camera.
- All matches will be played on Courts 1-3. Matches are limited to 1:45 with no warm-up or overflow provided.
- No spectators are allowed.
- Home teams should call or email lineups to the Front Desk so we can charge players individually.
- Guest teams must pay in advance in one transaction by calling the Front Desk at 253-872-5545.



Important Dates

Fall League Registration:
August 30—Sept 13

Quarterly Dues: Sept 15

Fall Leagues: Oct 1—Dec 23



Point your phone camera here to access our Guest Waiver.

Member Corner

Submitted by Lawson Mansfield

The Warning Bell - Drop your racquet and run for the exits

Are you used to the court time ending at the warning bell yet? Players have been told they do not have to drop their racquets and run for the exits at the warning bell. They can play one more point (or 2) to decide a winner. However folks are playing too long. We have a 12-minute transition period – we need everyone to exit the court BEFORE the next session comes on. When the warning bell rings please wrap it up and promptly leave the court. This will help limit the number of person-to-person contacts anyone has while at the club. Do you really need an absolute winner? Spin a racquet!

The Other Bell

We tell all members not to enter the club until 5 minutes prior to the start of their court time – This has turned into “YAY! I can start my court time 5 minutes early!” So players are entering even earlier so they can start playing at the 5 minute mark...Please do not enter the building until 5 minutes before your start time. You can then head straight to your court.

Please Update your Profile!

A member had a pretty bad fall on the court recently. When we went to try and call their spouse we found everyone on their membership had the same phone number – a disconnected landline!! Please go into your profile and update your contact info. If you need to add your non-playing spouse just shoot me an email with their info! (All juniors should keep their parent's contact info.)

Please update the birthdays for all family members. Many Junior Classes are age dependent. Juniors turning 18 can play in Adult League or take Adult Classes. Adults turning 70 get a discount in their dues; just make sure to let us know! Grown and gone children over the age of 26 need their own membership or they can play as a guest – ask me about the special deal we offer them!

September Lesson Program News Submitted by Allan Overland

I want to wish everyone a happy return to tennis at BETC! It is great to see all of the faces again (though they are wearing masks, off the court)! In addition to private lessons, we are very pleased to bring back our comprehensive schedule of group classes and workouts for adults and juniors alike. While the students and pros have had a lot of *fun* running the classes again, we continue to make safety the top priority. Safety measures include:

- Limiting class sizes to just four players per court/pro. This number ensures more student social distancing and allows students to hit more balls!
- Faithfully reinforcing social distancing- we insist (and observe) that players maintain at least 10 feet distance at all times.
- Requiring that all those that enter the club must wear a mask at all times unless they are on the court.
- Regular sanitization of club facilities and teaching equipment.

Feel free to check out our list of classes at the club website betconline.net. Convenient online registration is also available there!

In October, we are also happy to bring back our popular and intensive series of USTA High Performance clinics for adult members ages 18 years and up. Clinic Coaches Allan Overland and JJ Jackson are two of a handful of tennis professionals in the Pacific Northwest certified as USTA High Performance Coaches, and will liberally apply this world class training to this series.

The clinics will be run on Saturdays, from 9:30-12:20pm as follows:

Levels 2.5-3.0: October 3rd

Levels 3.5-4.0: October 10th

Levels 4.5-5.0: October 24th

Clinics are limited to only 12 students each (with a maximum ratio of just four players per court/pro), so sign up ASAP to reserve your spot. Please feel free to contact me about these and other events at allan@betconline.net.



Improve your second serve Submitted by Allan Overland

Jack Kramer once famously said, "A player is only as good as his/her second serve." By possessing a solid and reliable second serve, a player can have more freedom on the first serve, keep his/her opponent from attacking the shot too easily and cut down on the number of double faults committed. Here are some of my tips on how to improve your second serve:

- Practice it! While the first serve is crucial, players often forget to adequately practice their second serves. Set aside some time to practice the shot on a *regular* basis.
- Emphasize maximum racquet head speed to create a lot of spin; more racquet acceleration

= more safety and control.

- Develop and utilize both an effective slice serve and kick serve. The right grip (continental) is key to achieving high levels of spin.
- Hit the serve with good placement in mind. Mix up your serves, and avoid hitting to the same spots all the time- regular target practice will help you develop excellent serve placement.

Want to work on your second serve? Contact one of the Pros listed on page 4 to set up a lesson!

2019 2nd Serve Points Won, ATP Tour

1. Rafael Nadal	59.6%
2. Roger Federer	59.4%
3. John Isner	57.3%

2019 2nd Serve Points Won, WTA Tour*

1. Ashleigh Barty	51.4%
2. Johanna Konta	50.7%
3. Caroline Garcia	50.3%

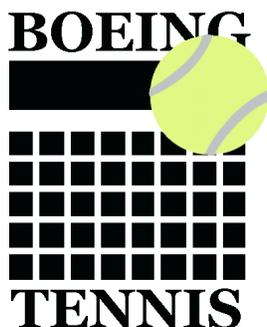
*Minimum 40 matches played

Group Classes • September

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ADULTS

Level 1 (Beginner, Club Rating 1.0-1.9)

Class	Time	Instructor
Monday	7:00 PM-7:50 PM	Robison

Level 2 (Advanced Beginner, Club Rating 2.0-2.4)

Class	Time	Instructor
Monday	6:00 PM-6:50 PM	Robison

Level 3 (Intermediate, Club Rating 2.5-3.0)

Class	Time	Instructor
Monday	Noon-1:20 PM	Bartlett
Monday	6:00 PM-6:50 PM	Bartlett
Sunday	12:30 PM-1:50 PM	Robison
Tuesday	8:00 PM-9:20 PM	Nam

Level 4 (Advanced, Club Rating 3.0-3.5)

Class	Time	Instructor
Monday	5:00 PM-5:50 PM	Bartlett
Tuesday	6:30 PM-7:50 PM	Overland
Wednesday	Noon-1:20 PM	McCaffrey
Friday	11:00 AM-12:20 PM	Nam
Saturday	9:00 AM-10:20 AM	Bartlett

Level 5 (Elite Advanced, Club Rating 3.5 and up)

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
WW	Fri	6:30 PM-7:50 PM	Overland
WW	Sat	1:00 PM-2:20 PM	Overland
Level 5	Thurs	8:00 PM-9:20 PM	Overland

JUNIORS

10 & Under Tennis (QuickStart)

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
Not Offered in September			

Level 1 (Beginner)

Class	Time	Instructor
Saturday	1:00 PM-1:50 PM	McCaffrey

Level 2 (Intermediate)

Class	Time	Instructor
Saturday	Noon-12:50 PM	McCaffrey
Monday	7:00 PM-7:50 PM	McCaffrey

Level 3 (Advanced Intermediate)

Class	Time	Instructor
Monday	4:00 PM-4:50 PM	Bartlett
Wednesday	5:00 PM-6:20 PM	Bartlett
Friday	3:30 PM-4:20 PM	Bartlett
Friday	4:30 PM-5:20 PM	Bartlett
Saturday	10:30 AM-11:50 PM	Bartlett

Level 4 (Advanced)

Class	Time	Instructor
HS Vars. Sat	3:30 PM-4:50 PM	Overland
HS Vars Mon/Wed	3:30 PM-4:50 PM	Jackson

High Performance

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
HP 2	T/Th	5:00 PM-6:20 PM	Jackson
HP 3	T/Th	6:30 PM-7:50 PM	Jackson