

Court Report

January News from the Board

Submitted by Dave Presuhn

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Happy New Year! We hope you are a couple of weeks into keeping those resolutions to play more tennis, get some new gear, and make some new friends in a league or a class. And isn't it a good thing we have a nice indoor facility to help you keep those resolutions?

All year long we've been telling you the club has a track record of healthy financials with a waiting list for the membership roster. Come see for yourself at the annual meeting on Saturday, January 27th at the club. And meet the new Board of Directors: Lisa Battaglia, Carlos Lacayo, Stuart Thompson, Ed Baker, Fred Dela Cruz, Jim Hornsby, and new Board

member Cres Vilorio. This is your chance to get up to date with club finances and to offer suggestions for improving the club facilities and programs. It's also an opportunity to ask questions about the longer term direction the club is taking, and the status of our offer to purchase the land on which the club is situated. So come on down.

On a personal note, because of our Board membership term limits, this is my last edition of notes from the Board, at least for a while. Many thanks to those who have contributed ideas and feedback over the last couple of years. See you on the courts!

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Used tennis balls find a new home

For the past 20 years, BETC has donated used tennis balls to local humanitarians Carole and Brud Davis for an annual trip to Guatemala. The Davises gathers school supplies, toys, shoes, crop seeds and other items to hand deliver to poverty stricken families in the region.

Toys are often rare for these children, so even a tennis ball is a special treat. "We feel like we are giving out gold bricks" remarked Carole. "We figure there are now 5,000 tennis balls in remote mountain villages because of your generosity."

Thank you Carole and Brud for your philan-

thropic efforts. Tracy Lockhart, coordinator for BETC's role in this effort said it best. "I sincerely hope that our 'ball relationship' continues for years to come!"



Junior Results

Submitted by Jim Robison

Happy New Year! The holiday months were busy ones for many of our junior tournament players.

No one was busier on court over the last 2 months of 2017 than brothers Madhav and Achyuth Binu. The boys played in six tournaments starting with the Sprinker SUPERSET & Advanced tournament the first weekend in November. 8-year-old Achyuth played up in age in the 12 & under Advanced Singles where he made it to the final and lost to the #1 seed. Madhav, who usually competes in the 12 & under also played up in the 14's where he lost a close first round match to the #4 seed.

The following weekend the Redmond Tennis Club hosted the Redmond Winter Championships. This was one of the largest tournaments of the year with more than 225 players participating. Madhav Binu was the #2 seed in the 12 & Under Singles and won his first 2 matches before being upset in the quarterfinals by the #7 seed. Unseeded Achyuth again played up in age division in the 12 Singles where he also won his first 2 matches before falling to the #1 seed and eventual champion. Marcus Lee made a good run to the semifinals as the top seed in the Boys 18 Singles. In the Girls 18 Singles, second

seed Kaitlin Tan easily won her first 2 matches before losing a tight third set tiebreaker in the semis. In the Girls 12 Singles, third seed Bianca Popa made the semifinals where she fell to the #1 seed. Both of her wins were in tough three set battles. Fifth seeded Erika Ito won a match in Girls 16 Singles. Unseeded Martina Antich won her first match in Girls 14 Singles. Arnab Sahu competed in the Boys 16 Singles where he won his first match and then lost in a third set tiebreaker to the #3 seed.

On Thanksgiving weekend Marcus Tang competed in the Bellevue Tennis Academy Thanksgiving Day Challenger. Marcus won both his matches in the round robin 18 Singles event.

The Sandpoint Tennis Center held the Exploration Academy Fall Advanced Tournament on Thanksgiving weekend. Unseeded Corina Popa had an amazing tournament winning 4 matches before losing in the final. Included in her wins was an upset of #5 seed Erika Ito followed by a 6-0, 6-0 destruction of the #2 seed. Erika bounced back from her upset loss and won 4 matches to

win the consolation bracket. Madhav and Achyuth Binu once again had success competing in the Boys 12 Singles event. Third seeded Madhav lost just 4 games in dominating his first 3 matches. He was challenged by the #1 seed in the semis, but got the upset win in a third set tiebreaker, but lost in the final to the #2 seed in the third set. Playing on the other half of the draw, 4th seed Achyuth won 2 matches before losing a close semifinal to the #6 seed.

The Kitsap Tennis Center hosted the Kitsap County Winter Advanced Tournament on the first weekend of December. Jade Lancaster won 2 matches before meeting up with the #1 seed in the semis. Jade battled her way to a 3rd set but fell 10-5 in the tiebreaker. In Girls 16 Singles top seed Corina Popa continued her great play as she made it to her 2nd final in two weeks, but lost to a girl who had already upset the #4 and #2 seeds. Younger sister Bianca Popa played in the Girls 12 Singles where she won her 1st match before losing in the semifinals. **(Continued on Page 4)**

Mid-Winter Break

Junior Camps

February 20-23

Champs: 10:00AM-Noon

Challengers: Noon-2:00PM

Rookies: 2:00-3:30PM

10 & Under: 2:00-3:30PM

Tennis Activities

Submitted by Allan Overland

All of us at BETC would like to wish a very Happy New Year to all of our members! We are excited to bring back the annual Club Championships, held over two successive weekends, February 9-11 and 16-18. Events include boys and girls 12 and 14 and under singles and doubles, men's and women's 2.5-5.0 singles and doubles and 5.0-10.0 combined mixed doubles. Sign up online by visiting the club's

website betconline.net!

Juniors of virtually all ages and playing levels are invited to join BETC's experienced staff for our Mid-Winter Break Junior Camps. A great week of intensive daily training runs Tuesday-Friday, February 20-23. The Champs camp (advanced, levels 4 & up) will be held daily from 10-12pm, the Challengers camp (intermediate, levels 2 & 3) will be held daily from 12-2pm, the

Rookies camp (beginner, level 1) will be held daily from 2-3:30pm and a 10 and Under camp (red ball and orange ball) will be also be held daily from 2-3:30pm. You can sign up online or by calling BETC at 253 872 5545 (ext. 1). For more information, please contact Allan Overland by phone at 253 872 5545 (ext. 31) or via email at allan@betconline.net.



Pro Tip: The Slice Backhand

Submitted by Bill Bartlett

The slice backhand is an important shot to have and is often neglected. Many players like topspin shots but have trouble returning a low bounding slice shot.

The preparation for a slice backhand needs to be higher than the incoming ball. I recommend having your racquet head slightly higher than the incoming ball on your preparation of a slice backhand. As you swing into the ball your racquet head should be descending in an approximate 45% descending slope. Your racquet head should be level with the ball at contact. Hit through the ball on a level path as if your racquet was extending over a table top. Follow through with your racquet head finishing about



Juan Martin Del Potro developed a potent one-handed slice while recovering from wrist surgery.

Keep your racquet higher than the incoming ball and swing down at a 45 degree angle.

shoulder height with a slightly open racquet face.

So to hit a good slice backhand ground stroke take your racquet back above the ball. Have a level contact point. Hit

through the ball in a straight line as if you are hitting over a table top. Finish your shot approximately shoulder height. You will then have a solid penetrating slice backhand.

Membership Corner

Submitted by Lawson Mansfield

Happy 70th Birthday

Did you know we offer a 20% dues discount to members over 70? There is a catch though; I will not be asking you how old you are, you have to request this! Just shoot me an email or stop by my desk and I will adjust your next recurring dues fee.

BETC AutoPay

Almost 1/2 of our membership have a credit card on file (COF) but only 1/2 of that number is signed up for Automatic

Payments. I am always amazed when members tell me they had no idea we had an AutoPay program – if you have a COF and want to sign-up, just send me an email and I will take care of it. If you want to add a COF and start AutoPay please stop by the front desk. **Never get another Late Fee.**

We take Visa MasterCard and Discover.



Late Fees

1st quarter 2018 dues were posted to member accounts on 12-15-17 and were due on Jan 1st. Late fees were added to accounts with outstanding dues owing on January 15th. If you received a Late Fee, you can have it waived this month by signing up for AutoPay.

Click here for our [Quarterly Billing Schedule and Cancellation Policy.](#)

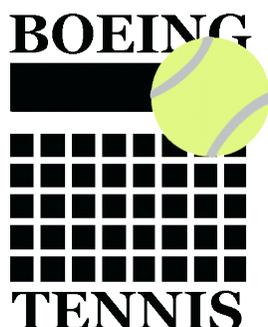
70 years or better? Ask for a 20% discount to your dues!

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ADULTS

Level 1 (Beginner, Club Rating 1.0-1.9)

Class	Time	Instructor
A1 Monday	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Robison

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

Class	Time	Instructor
A2 Monday	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Robison

Level 3 (Intermediate, Club Rating 2.5-3.0)

Class	Time	Instructor
A3 Monday	9:30 AM-11:00 AM	Bartlett
A3 Monday	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Bartlett
A3 Sunday	12:30 PM-2:00 PM	Robison
A3 Tuesday	8:00PM-9:30PM	Cotton

Level 4 (Adv Intermediate, Club Rating 3.0-3.5)

Class	Time	Instructor
A4 Monday	5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Bartlett
A4 Tuesday	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Overland
A4 Wednesday	Noon-1:30 PM	Bartlett
A4 Friday	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Nam
A4 Saturday	8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Bartlett
A4 Sunday	3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Robison
A4 Thursday	8:00PM-9:30PM	Cotton

Level 5 (Advanced, Club Rating 3.5 and up)

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
WW	Fri	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Overland
WW	Sat	1:00 PM-2:30 PM	Overland
Games	Sun	12:30 PM-2:00 PM	Cotton

JUNIORS

10 & Under Tennis (QuickStart)

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
Red 1	Sat	10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Robison
Red 2	Sat	9:00 AM-10:00 AM	Robison
Orange	Sat	11:00 AM-Noon	Robison
Green Dot	Sat	Noon-1:00 PM	Robison
Futures	Sun	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Robison

Level 1 (Beginner)

Class	Time	Instructor
J1 Saturday	1:00 PM-2:00 PM	Bartlett

Level 2 (Intermediate)

Class	Time	Instructor
J2 Saturday	Noon-1:00 PM	Bartlett
J2 Monday	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Bartlett

Level 3 (Advanced Intermediate)

Class	Time	Instructor
J3 Monday	3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Bartlett
J3 Wednesday	5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Bartlett
J3 Friday	4:30 PM-6:00 PM	Bartlett
J3 Friday	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Bartlett
J3 Saturday	10:30 AM-Noon	Bartlett

Level 4 (Advanced)

Class	Time	Instructor
HS Vars. Sat	3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Overland
HS Vars. M/W	3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Jackson
J4 Sunday	5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Robison

High Performance

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
HP 2	T/Th	5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Jackson
HP 3	T/Th	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Jackson
Matchplay	Tues	8:00 PM-9:30 PM	Jackson
Matchplay	Thur	8:00 PM-9:30 PM	Jackson

Junior Results (cont.)

The Olympia Junior Advanced at Steamboat took place on the second weekend of the month. Madhav Binu played in both the Boys 14 and 12 Singles events. He lost his first round match in the 14's but bounced back to win the consolation. In the 12's Madhav lost a tough three – setter in the final. Achyuth won his first match in the Boys 12's before losing a close match to the #2 seed.

Eastside Tennis Center held the December Advanced Boys Championships on the 15 – 17th of the month. Madhav Binu won 3 matches on his way to another final. Included was a win over the player who defeated him in the final of the previous tournament. Achyuth lost to the #4 seed in his opening match, then won a match in consolation but lost in the consolation semis.

Boeing's junior players had a great year in 2017. Whether it be competing in sanctioned tournaments, high school competition, club events, or junior leagues – BETC was well represented by our junior players. We all look forward to another outstanding year in 2018.