

COURT REPORT



FROM THE BOARD SUBMITTED BY DAVE PRESUHN

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Welcome to the New Year. Hopefully your resolutions include important things like improving your tennis game or acquiring some new gear. As inspiration, consider this: your club is healthy, financials are in good shape, and the membership roster has a waiting list.

Your new 2017 Board, which looks a lot like the 2016 Board, is also getting ready for the New Year. President Ed Baker, Secretary and Governance Committee Chair Jim Hornsby, Treasurer Lisa Battaglia and Finance Committee members Carlos Lacayo and Fred Dela Cruz, HR Committee chair Stuart Thompson, and Vice-President Dave Presuhn are ready to continue serving the interests of your tennis club. We can truly say we had a peaceful transfer of responsibility.

In addition to confirming the Board members, the vote approved the change to the club by-laws to allow a Board member who had served two

Annual Meeting
Saturday, January 28
10:00 AM

consecutive terms to wait one year before running for the Board again.

To keep our financials in good shape, the Board has implemented some modest rate increases for the club services. Last month the new fee structure was detailed in the newsletter. For some items, this is the first increase in several years and it appears the increases have been generally well received. The Board thinks this action will allow the club to meet both near term operating expenses as well as longer term financial goals. At the same time it maintains the value for which the club is recognized.

You can meet the Board and hear the annual state of the club on Saturday, January 28th at 10:00 in the club lounge/kitchen area. The condition of our finances and the near and long term plans for the club will be discussed. In addition, we're always looking for feedback from the club membership. Several good ideas were advanced at last year's session so come on down and let us know what's on your mind.

In other news, one significant club improvement project should be visible shortly. The mezzanine remodel is now targeted for March. Watch for improved utility and an updated look and feel.

The Holiday Classic Tournament (NTRP events) was December 18-23. The Holiday Open (USTA Sanctioned) was December 26-30. Both events were well attended. Next up is the 25th Annual Club Championships which will be held over two weekends, February 10-12 and 17-19. A wide range of skill levels will be featured including a 12-and-under division. Entry forms are available on the BETC website and at the front desk. If you have been watching the Australian Open, you know that one does not need to be a high seed to advance in a tournament. So come on out and play!

See you at the annual meeting!



2017 Board of Directors (left to right): Carlos Lacayo, Jim Hornsby, Stuart Thompson, Ed Baker, Dave Presuhn, Fred Dela Cruz, Lisa Battaglia.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

SUBMITTED BY LAWSON MANSFIELD

Welcome New Members!

BETC would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members:

David Bourgeois, Jayoung Choi, Yvonne Feely, Tim Forehand, Chris McCartin, Ravi Sanga, Connor Scott, and Joan Stanigar, Steve Degracia, Hanh Hoang, Jeremy Millard, Michelle Nguyen, Brandon Parks, Kent Samford, Julian Slane, Maria Olsen, Julie Fry, Kevin Terry, Scott Mcintosh, and Derek Smith, We are happy to have you with us!

BETC Membership is Full

There is currently a (growing) waiting list for BETC Associate memberships. Just turn in an application, no money down, to get on the waitlist.

USTA

The Adult 40+ Leagues started the 1st week of January. We have 12 teams participating. On average we have 6-8 matches every weekend if you are interested in watching!

BETC Adult 40+ Teams

Level	Team Name
3.0M	BETC-Boeing Beasts-Hascall
3.0W	BETC-Porter
3.0W	BETC-Smash Girls-Brawley-Cook
3.0W	BETC-Wu
3.5M	BETC-Wu
3.5W	BETC-Rally Cat-Kamplaine
3.5W	BETC-Shaheen
4.0M	BETC-Lyons
4.0M	BETC-Rocky's Raccoon-Gutierrez
4.0W	BETC-Lacayo
4.5+M	BETC-Zombie Honey Badgers-Nguyen
4.5+W	BETC-Brown

Have you paid for Dues, Leagues and Blocks?

Check at the Front Desk or contact Lawson Mansfield: lawson@betconline.net

PRO TIP: PLACE YOUR SERVES

SUBMITTED BY BILL BARTLETT

Pete Sampras had one of the greatest serves of all time with an average speed of around 125 mph. What made his serve so devastating was his ability to place his serves. This forced his opponents to take a step to get to the ball thus causing an error or a weak return.

The most effective service strategy in tennis is placement with variety. Think of dividing the service box into 3 segments, two wide segments and a middle segment. Your goal is to keep your opponent guessing and to take a step to reach the ball on the return of serve. By hitting to the wide segments you will



force your opponent to take a step to reach the ball which should cause a weak return. You can also serve to the middle zone of the service box which will cause your opponent to move a step to get out of the way of the ball. The best time to poach in doubles is when your opponent is moving and reaching to return serves.

To have a successful serving strategy you need to be your own coach and determine what your opponent's weakness is. Once you determine for example that your opponent has a weaker backhand return of serve then you will need to serve around 80 percent of your serves to his backhand. Make sure you also add a lot of body serves slightly toward their backhand. Then mix up some wide serves to their forehand to surprise them. This really works well on important points. For example on game point the return of severer with a weak backhand will be tying to run around their backhand return to hit a forehand. If you serve to their forehand while they are moving toward their backhand they will be caught way out of position.

To be an effective server place your serve to the wide segments and middle segment of the service box. Determine their weaker side and pick on it. Throw in some body serves and a few wide serves to their stronger groundstroke to keep them off guard especially on big points. Use different spins and speeds on your serve to prevent your opponent from getting into a rhythm. You will then hold serve more often.

DECEMBER JUNIOR RESULTS

SUBMITTED BY JIM ROBISON

The SPRINKER Junior Intermediate/Advanced Girls Singles Tournament in Tacoma was held on the first weekend of the month. Meera Virk lost in 3 sets in her opening round of the very tough Girls' Advanced 14 draw. She lost in the consolation semifinals to the #4 seed and eventual consolation winner.

The Kitsap County Winter Advanced was held at the Kitsap Tennis & Athletic Center in Bremerton. Congratulations to top seeded Kaitlin Tan for winning the Girls' 18 Singles. Kaitlin didn't lose a set during the tournament and won the final over the #2 seed 6-2, 6-0.

Francis Vioria was the #7 seed in the Boys' 16 Singles at the Olympia Junior Advanced Tournament held at Steamboat in Olympia. Francis won his opening round match in straight sets before falling in 2 sets in the Quarterfinals.

Players travelled south to Portland the following weekend for the Level 4 Boys event at the Sunset Athletic Club. Second seed Colton Weeldreyer won three matches before losing to the #6 seed in the Semifinals of the Boys' 18 Singles draw. After dropping the first set Francis Vioria came back to win his opening round of the Boys' 16 Singles, but fell to the fifth seed in his next match. In the Boys' 14 Singles, #2 seed Amol Koli breezed through his first three matches before losing in a small upset to #4 seed and eventual champion Phillip Deaton. Madhav Binu lost 6-4, 6-4 in his first round match of the Boys' 12 Singles. Madhav advanced to the Semifinals in the consolation bracket.

The Bellevue Tennis Academy held their Intermediate level event on Christmas weekend. Marcus Tang played in the round robin Boys' 18 Singles – winning 6-0, 6-0 in one of his matches and losing in three sets to the #1 seed in his other match.

The Sand Point Tennis Center hosted the InHealth Winter Advanced Tournament on December 28-30.

Top seed Kaitlin Tan lost in a tough three set match in the final of the Girls' 18 Singles draw. In the Girls' 16 Singles Corina Popa lost her opener to the #3 seed and unfortunately was forced to withdraw from consolations due to injury. Marcus Tang played in the Boys' 16 Singles but lost his first two matches.

In Boys' 14 Singles #7 seed Arnav Sahu had a great tournament in winning three matches before losing in a third-set tiebreaker to the #1 seed. In Boys' 12 Singles, fifth seeded Jesse Maris also won three matches before losing to the eventual champion in the Semis.

Many BETC juniors participated in the Boeing Holiday Classic. Because so many juniors played in both the exclusively junior events and in adult NTRP/Open events, we will list the event first and include junior participant and highlights.

Boys 12 Singles: Finals – Silas Healy def. Byron Fong 6-1, 7-6(4)

Boys 14 Singles: Arnav Sahu def. Jesse Maris in Final 6-2, 6-1. Timothy Tran made it to the Semifinals. Logan Gust won his first round match.

Girls 14 Singles: This was a Round – Robin event. Misako Wongpa def. Kinsey Joe Lockhart in round 3 6-4, 5-7, 12-10. Both girls had previously defeated the 3rd player in the draw, making their match the championship match.

Men's 4.5 Singles: Amol Koli made the Semifinals where he lost in a third set tiebreaker to the eventual champion.

Women's 3.5 Singles: Aileen Nguyen lost in a third set tiebreaker in the final. Lily Olson lost to A. Nguyen 11-9 in a third set tiebreaker in the Semifinals. Lauren Jergens won her first round match before losing to the eventual champion.

Men's 4.5 Doubles: Amol Koli/C. Canton won two matches before losing in the Finals. Miko Curry Edwards/Andrew Boupharath won a match. Marcus Lee/Francis Vioria lost in 1st round to the eventual Champions.

FEBRUARY EVENT CALENDAR

SUBMITTED BY ALLAN OVERLAND

Mid-Winter Break Camps February 21-24

Champs: 10:00 AM-Noon
Challengers: Noon-2:00 PM
Rookies: 2:00-3:30 PM

It's hard to believe, but welcome to 2017! From Tuesday-Friday, February 21-24 (President's Week), we are planning a special series of Mid-Winter junior tennis camps for advanced, intermediate and 10 and Under level players. These camps will serve as an excellent (and fun filled) opportunity for junior players to groove their games with some great training, intensive conditioning and lots of reps. The Champs Camp (Varsity, levels 4 and up) runs daily from 10-12pm, the Challengers camp (JV, levels 2 and 3) runs daily from 12-2pm and the 10 and Under Camp runs daily from 2-3:30pm. Each camp will be limited to just 12 stu-

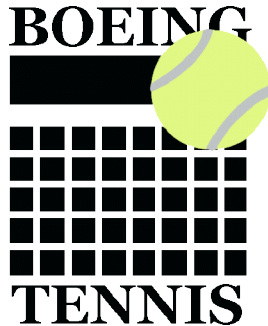
dents, so don't delay and register online or at the front desk ASAP. If you'd like to obtain more information on any camp, please contact me at (253) 872-5545 (ext. 31), or by e-mail at allan@betconlione.net.

Don't forget to play in the 25th Annual Club Championships, held over two successive weekends- February 10-12, and 17-19. To help you prepare to play your best, check out our schedule of classes and workouts. Hope to see you out on the courts!

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GROUP CLASSES—JANUARY-FEBRUARY

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	Wed	5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Robison
Future	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

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	4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Bartlett
J3 Friday	8:00 PM-9:30 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

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

Sunday League with Coaching

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
Level 3-4	Sun	3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Cotton

Advanced Morning Workout

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
Level 5-6	Mon/Wed	6:30 AM-8:00 AM	Rosa

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	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Bartlett
A3 Sunday	12:30 PM-2:00 PM	Robison

Level 4 (Advanced 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

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	12:30-2:00 PM	Cotton

Cardio Tennis

Cardio	Sat	2:30 PM-3:30 PM	Cotton
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USTA/Cup Coaching

Saturday Afternoon	2:00 PM-3:30 PM	Robison
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