

COURT REPORT



JULY NEWS FROM THE BOARD SUBMITTED BY DAVE PRESUHN

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As our Pacific Northwest summer continues, you have choices to play outdoors or indoors. If you are determined to play outdoor tennis, take along plenty of SPF 50 protection. On the other hand, you could enjoy the shaded courts of your tennis club. There are courts available most times of the day. Incidentally, we are continuing our streak with the club being healthy, financials being in good shape, and with the membership roster having a waiting list.

In the last issue of the newsletter, the Board indicated an intent to actively pursue purchasing the land on which the club is situated. The purpose was to insure the future of the club in its current location before the lease expires in 2030. With all the development going on around the Kent site, it seemed timely to take action now. To that end, the Board prepared and submitted a formal proposal to Boeing stating our intention to buy the property. The proposal included a valuation based on research conducted by the Board. We now await a response from Boeing, a process which might take a while. Stand by for further news as it develops.

While the land acquisition proposal progresses, a list of other capital improvement projects is being

considered by the board. Some of the items represent upgrades and improvements to the club facilities, while others involve periodic maintenance. If you have any suggestions, please contact the club management, staff, or any of the board members.

Junior tournaments are underway, with the Summer Advanced tournament scheduled for July 28-30. Also, the Labor Day Tournament for both juniors and adults is scheduled for August 31 to September 4. See the desk or the club web site for details.

As we pass the halfway point of the year, it is time to remind you that the Board elections will be conducted toward the end of the year. If you are interested in running for the 2018 Board, contact any of the current Board members for details.

Save the date: the annual BETC BBQ/Fiesta has been scheduled for August 19. Details will be posted around the club. The last couple of years have been highly successful, so this is a not-to-be-missed event.

If anyone is going to the US Open, be sure to send us pictures so we can be envious!

Summer Fiesta,
Saturday, August 19! Join us from 5-8 PM for a fantastic evening of tennis, food and fun.



Catering will be provided on site by Taqueria los Chilangos! For just \$10, enjoy three hours of tennis, including drills and games with our Pros, plus an authentic Mexican meal. Sign up at the Front Desk or call 253-872-5545, ext 1.

Member Directory

We will be publishing our 2017 member directory shortly. Please let the Front Desk know if your contact information has changed or if you would prefer to opt out of listing your information.



Thank you to our 2017 Member Directory sponsor, Multicare Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. www.multicare.org/orthopedics

JUNIORS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SUBMITTED BY JIM ROBISON

One of the many reasons our junior players to look forward to the end of the school year is the opportunity to play a full tournament schedule without worrying about schoolyear conflicts like missing classes due to travel or the need to take homework on the road. It seems that many of our juniors are making the most of their summer already and have been playing in numerous tournaments – some playing almost weekly through May and June. Not surprisingly, many of these players are the “Usual Suspects” – high achieving juniors whose names you see in almost every junior newsletter article. In researching this article, I was encouraged to see at least a dozen players whose names rarely appear here playing in multiple tournaments. While I would like to mention every junior who played, the high number of participation and large number of tournaments over the last two months makes that space prohibitive. Instead I'd like to highlight some standout performances turned in by BETC juniors over the past two months.

Tournament Champions

Madhav Binu – Boys 12 Singles, Yakima Spring Jr. Classic, May 5-7, Yakima Tennis Club. Unseeded Madhav upset the #1 seed in the quarters and the #2 seed in the final.

Boys 14 Singles, Seattle City Jr. Intermediate, May 25-28, Amy Yee Tennis Center.

Francis Vioria – Boys 16 Doubles, Aces Tennis Jr. Advanced, May 26-29.

Erika Ito – Girls 18 Doubles, Seattle City Jr. Advanced Girls Only, June 1-4, Amy Yee Tennis Center.

Achyuth Binu – Intermediate Boys 12 Singles, Newport Hills Adv./Int., June 2-4, Newport Hills Swim & Tennis Club. Boys 10 Singles, Sunset Athletic Advanced, June 30-July 2, Portland, OR Won Round Robin event.

Julian Orint – Boys 16 Singles, Eastside TC Intermediate.

Boys 16 Singles, North Central Washington Junior Intermediate July 11-13.

Lauren Jergens – Girls 16 Singles, Eastside Tennis Center June Intermediate, June 23-26, Kirk-

land. Lauren upset #2 seed in semis, won the final 6-1,6-1.

Kieran Zylstra – Boys 18 Singles, Eastside TC Intermediate. Won all 3 matches in Round Robin event.



Isabella Leon (pictured above) – Advanced Girls 10 Singles, Junior Sectionals Level 3, June 23-26, Yakima Tennis Club. Unseeded Isabella upset the #1 and #3 seeds in the prestigious Junior Sectionals.

Lily Olson – Girls 18 Singles, BETC Summer Intermediate Classic, June 30 -July 2. Knocked off the #1 seed in the semis 6-0,6-1.

Miko Curry-Edwards & Marcus Lee – Boys 18 Doubles, BETC Summer Int. Classic.

Evan Buchan - Boys 14 Singles, North Central Washington Junior Intermediate July 11-13. Unseeded, Evan beat the #2 and #1 seeds.

Kyle Hebbeler – Boys 16 Singles, Renton River Days Jr. Intermediate

Finalists

Achyuth Binu – Advanced Boys 10 Singles, Yakima Spring Jr. Classic, Boys 10 Singles, Eastside Tennis Club June Advanced.

JUNIORS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Kaitlin Tan – Advanced Girls 18 Singles, Yakima Spring Jr. Classic.

Francis Vioria – Boys 16 Singles, Kitsap Tennis Advanced, May 19-21, Bremerton.

Martina Antich – Girls 12 Singles, NW Washington Jr. Advanced, June 9-11, BETC, Girls 14 Singles, Aces Renton River Days Advanced, June 30 – July 3.

Erika Ito – Girls 16 Singles, Aces Renton River Days, Girls 16 Doubles, NW WA Jr. Advanced, BETC.

Lauren Jergens – Girls 18 Singles, Girls 16 Singles, BETC Summer Intermediate Classic. Girls 18 Singles, North Central Washington Junior Intermediate July 11-13.

Julian Orint – Boys 16 Singles, BETC Summer Intermediate Classic.

Marcus Tang – Boys 18 Singles, Renton River Days Jr. Intermediate.

Kana Rosa - Boys 14 Doubles, North Central Washington Junior Intermediate July 11-13.

Pona Rosa - Boys 14 Doubles, North Central Washington Junior Intermediate July 11-13.

Consolation Champions:

Kaitlin Tan – Girls 18 Singles, Seattle Tennis Club Advanced, May 12 -14.

Misako Wongpa – Girls 12 Singles, BETC Summer Intermediate Classic.

Achyuth Binu – Boys 12 Singles, Seattle City Jr. Intermediate, May 25-28, Amy Yee Tennis Center. Advanced Boys 10 Singles, Junior Sectionals Level 3, Yakima. Won 4 matches in consolation round.

Arnav Sahu – Boys 14 Doubles, Aces Tennis Jr. Advanced.

Semifinalists:

(number in parenthesis indicates semifinals made)

(3) Martina Antich, (3) Marcus Lee (2) Madhav Binu, (2) Arnav Sahu, (2) Erika Ito, (1) Achyuth Binu, (1) Francis Vioria, (1) Corina Popa, (1) Kaitlin Tan, (1) Miko Curry-Edwards, (1) Mia Rosa, (1) Lily Olson.

Congratulations to ALL of BETC's juniors on your great performance and participation. It is such a positive representation of our program to have so many of you at each of these tournaments. There are still two months of summer remaining! Good luck and enjoy your time on the court!

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

SUBMITTED BY LAWSON MANSFIELD

Adult Fall League Signups: July 24th—Aug 6th

The short summer league season is almost ½ over and it is time to look to the fall!

For leagues which are held before 3:30 PM, sign-ups begin at 9:00 AM. For leagues which are held at or after 3:30 PM, sign-ups begin at 3:00 PM. Sign-up sheets are available based on the day a league plays (the Monday League binder is put out on the 1st Monday, Tuesday League Binder on Tuesday, etc.)

Members may sign-up either in person or by calling the Front Desk (253-872-5545, ext. 1). Click on the following link to find BETC league information including leagues offered, league selection process, and general rules

No More Late Fees

Did you get charged a \$10 late fee for not paying your 3rd Quarter Dues on time? Put a credit card on file

today and ask the front desk to set up Automatic Payments. The 4th Quarter Dues Statements will go out on 9-15 and payments are due on October 1st.

Waitlist for Associate Memberships

There is currently a waiting list for BETC Associate memberships. Just turn in an application, no money down, to get on the waitlist. Summer Memberships are still available at 50% off – we have had a great response to the summer program with over 40 summer members.

If you are interested in forming USTA teams for the Fall the Early Start 2018 Adult 55+ league and the Mixed 18+ league the USTA is accepting online registration forms starting today! Contact me for the link to online registration (Space is limited!).



Summer Membership Special!

We are still accepting Summer Applications for membership through Labor Day. The pro-rated cost is now just \$50 plus tax!

JULY-AUGUST ACTIVITIES

SUBMITTED BY ALLAN OVERLAND

For the month of August, our summer junior camps are still going strong! All camps feature intensive training and excellent instruction from our USPTA certified professional coaching staff, and are offered at 40% off our regular rates. In addition, all participants receive a cool team t-shirt, a BETC logo insulated lunch bag and will get to attend a special pizza party at the end of the monthly session.

The Champs Camp (advanced, levels 4 and up, ages 11-18years) runs Monday-Thursday from 12:30-2pm, the Challengers Camp (intermediate, levels 2 and 3, ages 11-18 years) runs Monday-Thursday from 11-12:30pm, the Rookies Camp (beginner, level, ages 10-15 years) runs Monday and Wednesday from 2-3pm and the USTA 10 and Under Camp (Red and Orange balls, ages 6-10 years) runs Monday-Wednesday from 2-3pm. These popular camps are available for registration NOW, so sign today to reserve a spot. Guest fees will be waived, so bring a friend!

Here's an early notice to all of our members that the

club's annual Labor Day tournament is only weeks away! Held Thursday-Monday, August 31-September 4, the tournament is open to the public and will offer great competition in singles, doubles and combined mixed doubles events for adults (NTRP 2.5-5.0 singles and doubles divisions, 5.0-10.0 combined doubles divisions), and in singles and doubles events for juniors ages 14 and under (note: the NTRP events are open to all players ages 15 years and up). Snacks and beverages will be provided, and the entry deadline is Thursday, August 31st. To register for the tournament, go to our website betconline.net where you can conveniently sign up online (with a USTA membership and credit card) or download and entry form.

To register for any of our dedicated summer junior teams, classes or workouts, call the club at (253) 872-5545 (ext. 1), or do so in person at the front desk. Feel free to contact me at the same number, and extension 31, if you have any questions about anything.

Hope to see you out there!

Labor Day Tournament August 31-September 4

Register at betconline.net

PRO TIP: THE BOW AND ARROW FOREHAND

SUBMITTED BY BILL BARTLETT

Roger Federer's forehand groundstroke is one of the best shots of all time. Many tennis pros and club players have tried to copy Roger's great forehand. Recently, as I was studying his forehand, I noticed that on his preparation he draws his racket back and coils his shoulders almost as if he was drawing a bow and arrow.

To copy Roger Federer's forehand preparation, imagine that your racquet is an arrow. With your left arm straight as if you were holding a bow, pull your racket back as if it was an arrow. You should have your left arm straight and locked pointing toward the sideline. With your right hand pull your racket (arrow) back so that your elbow is bent and behind your back. This is the bow and arrow preparation that many pros use.

The best way to practice the bow and arrow preparation is to have your tennis pro toss you a ball to your forehand. Practice catching the ball with your left hand while your left arm is straight. Have your racket cocked behind your back as if you were pulling an arrow. If you do not have a tennis pro helping you, try tossing the ball about six feet high and a few feet in front of you. Catch the ball on the first bounce a few feet in front of you with a straight locked left arm. Make sure your arm is pointing toward the sideline. With your racquet in your right hand, draw it back as if you were drawing an arrow. Your elbow should be bent and cocked behind your back. You should feel like your left arm is holding the bow and your right hand is drawing the arrow back.

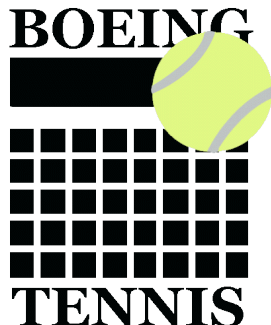
After getting familiar with the bow and arrow preparation, you are ready to try it. As a forehand approaches, straighten your left arm with it pointing to the side and draw your elbow back. Your straight left arm will help you get the correct distance to the ball. Just before you hit the ball pull your left arm out of the way. Contact the ball far enough in front of you so you can look through your strings as you contact the ball.

So to improve your forehand groundstroke, use the bow and arrow preparation. Contact the ball well in front. You will then be able to launch a sizzling bow and arrow forehand.

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GROUP CLASSES—JULY/AUGUST

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
Future	Sun	CANCELLED	
	Wed	CANCELLED	

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	CANCELLED	

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

Match Play Level 3 and Up with Coaching

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
Level 3-4	Sun	CANCELLED	

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
A3 Tuesday	8:00PM-9:30PM	Cotton

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
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	CANCELLED	

Cardio Tennis

Cardio	Sat	CANCELLED
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