

COURT REPORT



SEPTEMBER NEWS FROM THE BOARD

SUBMITTED BY DAVE PRESUHN

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As our Pacific Northwest summer transitions toward fall, the opportunities for outdoor tennis will get slimmer. Fortunately, we have a fine selection of indoor courts to choose from. Once again, 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 couple of newsletters, we reported that the Board has been actively pursuing 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. To that end, the Board prepared and submitted a formal proposal to Boeing stating our intention to buy the property. We continue to await a response from Boeing. In this case no news is good news, as we expected a successful outcome might take a while and our proposal hasn't been rejected out of hand. Stand by for further developments.

For those taking lessons, the club is trying out a new survey process to get feedback on the quality of our lesson programs. It's simple to use, with questions regarding the overall lesson experience and quality of instruction. It also offers an opportunity for free form comments regarding the classes as well as suggestions for improvements or additional class focus areas. Please take advantage of this opportunity to provide us with your feedback.

Earlier this year, the Board decided to offer a scholarship program in the form of a credit for junior lessons. The intent was to encourage and develop talent for high school students who might not otherwise be able to afford lessons. To qualify, the candidates needed to apply with an essay and letters of recommendation from their coach and another teacher. After a review by our volunteer selection panel, our first two recipients were selected and are in the process of being notified. One lesson learned is the timing of high school competition indicates we need to start sooner to be of optimum value to the students. Notification to area high school coaches of this opportunity will begin soon.

Seeking Board Members!

Once again, 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. We'll make sure our nomination committee is notified of your interest.

Lastly, the Annual Club Summer Social featuring food and tennis was held August 19. The Summer Fiesta themed event was well attended with the food reportedly delicious and the tennis excellent. There was even a report of a pro-am pickup match with our pros getting a chance to demonstrate their competitive skills. Encore, please!

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SUBMITTED BY JIM ROBISON

During the first weekend of the month the Columbia Athletic Club in Everett hosted the Silver Lake Advanced Junior Tournament. Only three of Boeings' junior players participated, but they all had great results! Arnav Sahu lost in the first round of the Boys' 16 Singles but went on to win two matches in consolation before losing the final in a third set tiebreak. In Boys' 14 Singles,

Madhav Binu also lost his opening match but went on to win the consolation bracket without dropping a set. Madhavs' younger brother, Achyuth, lost a tough three - setter to the #1 seed in his first round of the Boys' 12 Singles. He went on to make the consolation final where he lost to the #3 seed.

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JUNIORS RESULTS (CONTINUED)

SUBMITTED BY JIM ROBISON

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That same weekend Kyle Hebbeler went 4 – 0 in round robin play to win the Boys' 16 Singles at the Sprinker Entry Level & Intermediate SUPERSET Tournament in Tacoma.

Madhav Binu & Arnav Sahu played in The AYTC Junior Advanced, a mid-week tournament August 7-9 at the Amy Yee Tennis Center. Arnav won a tough first round match in the Boys' 16 Singles before losing to the second seed in his next match. Madhav lived up to his #1 seeding in the 12 Boys' Singles by dominating both of his opponents winning the semis and the final 6-0, 6-0.

In one of the bigger tournaments of the summer, almost 150 players participated in the Robinswood Advanced in Bellevue on the weekend of the 10th – 13th. In the Boys' 18 Singles, #2 seed Marcus Lee won his first two matches before falling to the #3 seed in the semifinals. Unseeded Erika Ito upset the #3 seed in the semis before losing in the final of the Girls' 18 Singles. Erika also played the Girls' 16 singles where she upset the #6 and #4 seeds before losing to the #2 seed in a third set tiebreaker in the semifinals. In Boys' 16 Singles both Marcus Tang and Kyle Hebbeler won their first matches before falling in the next round. Madhav Binu lost his first-round match in the Boys' 14 Singles draw. He then went on to win 4 matches to become consolation champion. In Girls' 12 Singles Isabella Leon won her first two matches, including an upset of #2 seed Bianca Popa before losing to the top seed in the final. In doubles competition, Jake Kim/Marcus Lee made it to the finals in the Boys' 18's.

On the same weekend (10th – 13th), two Buchan families (Elden, Jacob, Jonah & Evan, Kaden) and the Rosa Family (Kana, Mia & Pona) traveled south to Portland to play in the Sunset Athletic Club Intermediate tournament. In the Boys' 16 Singles Kaden, Elden & Jacob Buchan all lost in the first round of the main draw and moved into consolation. Jacob upset the #2 seed in straight sets before falling to the third seed in his next match. Elden & Jacob teamed up in the Boys' 18 Doubles where they lost to the eventual champions in the first round.

Mia Rosa won one match and lost two in the Girls' 16 Singles Round Robin competition. In Boys' 14 Singles, Evan Buchan won his first match in a tough three set battle before losing to the #2 seed. Fourth seeded Kana Rosa easily won his first match before an upset loss in the third set of his quarterfinal match. Jonah Buchan and Pona Rosa both battled

hard but lost their first two matches. In Boys' 14 Doubles, Evan & Jonah Buchan won their first-round match, setting up a confrontation with #2 seeds Kana & Pona Rosa in the semis. Kana & Pona prevailed but lost in the final to the top – seeded team.

The Eastside Tennis Center in Kirkland hosted the August Advanced Tournament the weekend of the 17th – 20th. Jake Kim won his first match in Boys' 18 Singles before losing to the #2 seed. In Girls' 16 Singles, Erika Ito won two matches before dropping her semifinal match to the top seed in two tiebreakers. Martina Antich competed in the Girls' 14 Singles, where she easily won her first two matches before losing to the second seeded eventual champion. Both Arnav Sahu and Madhav Binu competed in the Boys' 14 Singles event. Third seed Arnav won three matches including a three -set upset win over the #2 seed before falling to the #1 seed in the final. Madhav won his first match but was defeated by the #2 seed in his next match. Madhav's younger brother Achyuth won the Boys' 10 Singles – losing only 8 games in his three victories.

The weekend of August 25 – 27, Steamboat Tennis Club held the Olympia End Of Summer Advanced Tournament. Arnav Sahu won his opening round in Boys' 16 Singles before losing to the #3 seed in a third – set tiebreaker. Brothers Madhav and Achyuth Binu continued their summer of excellence as older brother and top seed Madhav won the Boys' 12 Singles without dropping a set. Although Achyuth lost his first-round match, he bounced back, winning two matches and the consolation bracket.

Summer at BETC finished with the annual Labor Day tournament. Although not a juniors-only tournament, two junior events were played. Timothy Tran won the Boys' 14 Singles title – winning three matches in the process. Evan Buchan won two matches before falling in the semis in three sets. Daniel Cegielski won a match. Brandon Bourgeois, Riley Flynn, Mathew Cegielski, Andrew Wilson, Hayden Flynn all participated.

Three Boeing juniors participated in the Boys' 12 Singles. Cole Fredericks defeated fellow member Robbie Ponzo in the semifinals but lost in the final. Akshay Suresh lost in the first round.

Congratulations to all of our juniors on a great summer! Many of our players will be participating in high school tennis this fall. We wish them a successful and fun season!

WASHINGTON STATE OPEN RESULTS

BETC was well represented at the 127th Annual Washington State Open and Seniors, held August 1-6 at the Seattle Tennis Club. Many club members competed in the prestigious tournament and several brought home championship trophies!

In Women's 65 action, Club Member **Bonnie Paasche** won titles in both Singles and Doubles. She won the Singles Final in straight sets. In Doubles play, Bonnie teamed with Janice Hostetler to sweep a Round Robin, losing a total of only four games in two matches! Paasche and Hostetler followed up their big win by playing in the National USTA Women's 60's Indoor Championships, also at the Seattle Tennis Club. They lost in the second round to the #1 seeds and eventual champions, but went on to win the Consolations. In the Consolation Finals, they defeated fellow BETC members **Kris Stimpson** and **Cindy Turner**, 7-6, 6-1. Stimpson and Turner knocked off a team from San Diego in the Consolation Semis to reach the Consolation Finals.

In Women's 55 Singles at the Washington State Open, **Kay Lorrain** defeated the #1 seed in the Finals, 6-3, 6-4 to win another title at the annual event. She also reached the Semifinals of 55 Doubles before falling to the #1 seeds and eventual champions.

In Men's 45 Doubles, **Joel Bodine** and his partner reached the Semifinals before falling to the #1 Seed. **Fred Dela Cruz** and his partner won two matches in Men's 55 Doubles but also had to play the #1 Seed in the Semis, losing 7-6, 6-0. Congratulations to all who competed!



Bonnie Paasche (right) and partner Janice Hostetler after their Washington State Open Championship.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

SUBMITTED BY LAWSON MANSFIELD

Did you know your dependent children may remain on your membership until the end of the month of their 26th Birthday?

As a special offer for all members on their 26th Birthday, we allow them to join the club under their own Associate Membership without having to go on the Associate waitlist AND we offer a 50% discount on the Capital Fund Fee. This offer is only good for 6 months from their 26th birthday. After the 6 month period, if they want to join the club, they need to go through the waitlist and pay the full Capital Fund Fee.

Help us clean up the membership logs – if your adult children are over 26 we need to modify their membership status. If they no longer play here at BETC we can archive them. If they still play they can establish a guest membership.

To take advantage of the 26 Year Old Offer or to update your membership profile; please email Lawson or stop by the Member Services Desk next time you are at the club.

BETC Associate Membership is Still Full

There is currently a (growing) waiting list of over 40 applicants for BETC Associate memberships. Tell your friends, just turn in an application, no money down, to get on the waitlist.

Remember there is never a Waitlist for Junior Membership. They come in 3 sizes: 1 Junior, 2 Juniors or 3+ Juniors.

4th Quarter Dues

Dues for the final quarter of 2017 get billed on Sept 15th with payment due October 1st. Never miss a payment or get charged a late fee again – signup for BETC Auto-Pay.

4th Quarter
Dues were billed
September 15!

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

SUBMITTED BY ALLAN OVERLAND

October is nearly here, and the club has some very special events planned for adults and juniors that are so fun, it's scary (sorry, couldn't resist)! Adults, we are once again bringing back our authentic USTA High Performance clinics for players of virtually all levels. The intensive games and drills will be based liberally on the latest techniques and methods of the USTA High Performance Coaching Program, which has been instrumental in developing today's best American players (of the US Open's four women's singles semi-finalists, three of them have spent a great deal of time in the program.) Now you can gain tremendous insight on how they train! Each clinic will be limited to only 12 students (four per court and pro.) We are offering three separate clinics on Saturdays from 9:30-12:30pm:

- Levels 2.5-3.0 clinic, October 14
- Levels 3.5-4.0 clinic, October 21
- Levels 4.5-5.0 clinic, November 4

A special detailed handout of what is covered will be provided, as well as snacks and beverages. The fee for these special clinics is \$49.00 per player.

Members of all ages are invited to our Annual Halloween Tennis Party on for Saturday, October 28th, from 6:30-9pm. There will be plenty of fun filled games with the pros, and some prizes handed out for best costumes (make sure you can move around in them!). The cost per participant is only \$10.00, which also includes food and beverages. Complimentary club member ratings are available upon request.

To register for either the clinics or the pro social, just call the club at (253) 872-5545 (ext. 1), or do so next time you are at the club. Hope to see you out on the courts!

PRO TIP: STRINGING TECHNOLOGY AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR GAME

SUBMITTED BY BILL BARTLETT

Are you in a slump? Do your shots feel out of control? Have you lost some power in your game? If you answered yes to any of these questions it could be a sign that you need to restring your racquet. Waiting too long between string jobs can adversely affect your play.

Many club players rarely or never break strings. However, this isn't a good time to use the "ain't broke don't fix it" mantra. Strings wear down from play and lose tension over time. A basic rule of racquet restringing is you should restring as many times in a year as you play in a week. For example, if you play twice a week you need to string your racquet twice a year.

You also should know what strings are best for your style of play. Two common string types used today are polyester and multifilament. Polyester strings are best for players who use a lot of topspin by swinging their racquet fast with a follow through over their shoulders. Polyester strings help accentuate topspin. If you want to add more power to your shots a multifilament string would be the string for you.

Tension is also vitally important. If you want more control on your shots, you need to string your racquet tighter and for more power string looser. As you can see there are many factors that go into finding the best strings and string tension for your game. We are fortunate here at BETC to have Dave DeMulling (pictured) as our racquet stringer and pro shop owner. He has over 40 years of experience stringing racquets for club players as well as nationally ranked players. Make sure you talk to Dave before you string your next racquet.

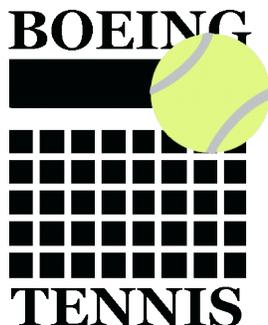
So, if you want more control and power in your game make sure you restring your racquet often. Use polyester strings for more topspin and multifilament for more power. Talk to Dave or your tennis pro before you string your next racquet so you can get the most out of your game.



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GROUP CLASSES—SEPT/OCT

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

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

Match Play Level 3 and Up with Coaching

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

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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