

COURT REPORT



NOVEMBER NEWS FROM THE BOARD

SUBMITTED BY DAVE PRESUHN

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Now that we've had our first taste of rainy-windy-frosty weather, don't you think it's great that we have a fine collection of indoor courts to play on? All in favor, raise your racquets.

The annual Board of Directors elections are underway, and as we solicited candidates to run for the Board, it became clear that some qualified club members had misconceptions about the amount of time being a Board member consumes. With our continuing streak of the club being healthy, financials being in good shape, and with the membership roster having a waiting list, life as a Board member is pretty much drama-free. There are monthly meetings to attend, and some occasional homework, particularly with respect to financial matters and budgets, but not too much to stress about. The main focus of the Board is making sure our club management, staff and pros have everything they need to serve the membership and keep our club the valued tennis institution it has become. So the next time you get asked by a Board member or our fine selection committee to consider running for the Board, don't let the thought of it taking too much time even enter your mind.

The key issue currently facing the Board is the active pursuit of purchasing the land on which the

club is situated before the lease expires in 2030. As previously reported, 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, but are developing options in the event Boeing does not accept our proposal. Stand by for further developments.

In other news, the winners of the Board sponsored junior scholarships have visited the club to see how this opportunity can contribute to their tennis game. The 2018 scholarship information will soon be released to area high school tennis coaches with the objective of awarding the scholarships before the school year ends.

With the Thanksgiving holiday approaching, the club will once again offer a "No Guest Fee Weekend" November 24-26 for guests when playing with a member. This has proved very popular in past years, with nearly all courts being rented. So if you want to burn off a few calories from the Turkey Day feast, and don't want to battle Black Friday crowds, book a court and bring a friend.

And don't forget to give thanks for all the good tennis played in our club.

DUES INCREASE FOR 2018

SUBMITTED BY ED BAKER, BETC PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Members,
As we look towards 2018 and beyond, the Board continues our commitment to making the Boeing Employee's Tennis Club the best indoor tennis value in the area. At the October Board meeting, the Board decided to make the first dues price increase since 2008, raising dues by approximately 7.5% for the coming year for Share, Associate, Weekend and Before-3:30 memberships. Junior Affiliate Dues will not be affected by the increase. The increase will go into effect with the December billing for the first quarter of 2018 and December payroll deductions for January 2018.

These increases are part of our ongoing strategy to keep ahead of increased costs of doing business while continuing our reserve strategy for the purchase of our land for the end of our lease in 2030. The change to dues is part of a three year cycle of reviewing our main sources of revenue: dues, court fees and lessons while keeping the best value for our members.

OCTOBER JUNIORS RESULTS

SUBMITTED BY JIM ROBISON

October was a busy month for BETC's juniors. Our young players continued to participate in tournaments throughout the PNW as well as finishing up the fall high school tennis season.

Francis Vioria traveled to Longview on the weekend of October 7-9 to compete in the Mint Valley Fall Boys Advanced where he lost his first round match but advanced to the consolation semifinal where he was forced to withdraw due to illness.

Amol Koli traveled further south to play the USTA National Sectional Tournament at the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center in Beaverton. This tournament drew top players from Washington, Oregon and California. Amol won a tough three set match in the first round before losing to the sixth seeded Nadim Moteghedhi from Cerritos, CA in the round of 16.

The following weekend players stayed closer to home to play in the Sprinker Junior Advanced & Intermediate/Entry Level Superset Tournament in Tacoma. In the Girls' 14 Advanced, top seed Erika Ito won convincingly in the quarters before losing to the #3 seed in the semis. Martina Antich won both her matches in tiebreakers in the round robin 14 Girls' Intermediate Singles. In the Boys' 14 Advanced Arnab Sahu and Jesse Maris were unfortunately matched up in the opening

round. Arnab won 6-4,6-4 in a tough battle. Arnab lost in the following round while Jesse went on to make the consolation Semis.

Steamboat Tennis Club in Olympia held their Fall Advanced Championships on the 21st -23rd. Unseeded Kaitlin Tan didn't drop a set in her 5 victories in winning the Girls' 18 Singles. Colton Weeldreyer had an equally dominant tournament in winning the 18 Boys' Singles. In the Girl's 16 Singles, unseeded Erika Ito knocked off the #4 seed in the Quarterfinals before losing to the top seed in the Semis.

Check the December newsletter for High School results!

In High School news from other sports, junior member Oliva Chong qualified for State in Cross Country for Federal Way High School. Olivia's younger sister Jillian also participated in Cross Country Districts but didn't quite make the cut off for State. Congrats to Olivia and Jillian and thank you to Mom for letting us know!

If you have news to share regarding BETC juniors, please send it to Adrian@betconline.net. Athletic, Academic, Music, Citizenship or other, we want to recognize all of our outstanding juniors whenever we can.

JUNIOR MEMBER ISABELLA LEON REPRESENTS PNW IN CALIFORNIA

Junior member Isabella Leon recently represented the Pacific Northwest in the USTA Pacific Coast 10's Exchange in Stockton, CA. Six teams of eight players (4 boys and 4 girls) represented different locations in the West, including the Pacific Northwest, Northern and Southern California, Southwest, Intermountain and Hawaii. The PNW finished 4th with Isabella winning 3 of her 5 singles matches. Way to go Isabella!



PROVIDE A HELPING HAND THIS SEASON

You can make a BIG difference in someone's life with something small. Bring unused travel/sample-size toiletries as well as new hats, mittens and socks for all ages to BETC.



Two BETC members along with a small group of volunteers will collect these items and prepare stockings for nurses at Harborview to give to psychiatric patients during the holidays. While some of these patients have families to look after

them, many are homeless. We will be collecting these items through the holidays if you would like to participate.

Thank you!



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

SUBMITTED BY LAWSON MANSFIELD

Adult League Signups for the 2018 Winter Session are under way! Sign-up sheets become available the day of the week a league plays and the binders will be out for 3 weeks this session (instead of 2) with Thanksgiving in the middle week. Don't miss out – the last day to sign up is Sunday, Dec 3rd.

A list of the leagues available and general rules and selection processes can be found [online](#). The Winter league runs from January 2nd through March 31st.

Most leagues require a club rating – contact [Allan Overland](#) if you need a rating or want to get re-rated.

Mark Your Calendar - 2018 1st Quarter dues will be billed on December 15th. Not sure when dues are due or when late fees get added to your account – please review our [Quarterly Billing Schedule and Cancellation Policy](#).

Holiday Tennis Ball Sale

Holiday 12-Packs of Pro Penn Tennis Balls go on sale Monday, November 27 for just \$38.00 plus tax! Start your holiday shopping early and don't miss this offer; we sold out last year!

BETC League Sign Ups started November 13!

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

SUBMITTED BY ALLAN OVERLAND

We have a great schedule of special events planned for our members in December.

betconline.net where you can register online or download and entry form. Entry forms will soon be available at the front desk.

Junior Holiday Camps

From Tuesday-Friday, December 19-22, we will once again be offering an intensive (and fun filled!) camps for junior players of all levels and ages during winter break. Champs (Advanced, levels 4 and up) run 10-12pm daily, Challengers (Intermediate, levels 2 and 3) run 12-2pm daily, Rookies (Beginner, level 1) run 2-3:30pm daily and 10 and Under (Orange Ball and Red Ball) run 2-3:30pm daily. To register, contact the front desk today at (253) 872 5545 (ext. 1).

Questions or Comments about the Lesson Program? Contact allan@betconline.net.

Coach Bill's Thanksgiving Weekend Classes

Head Assistant Pro Bill Bartlett will be again offering special classes for Adults and Juniors over Thanksgiving Weekend. Guest Fees will be waived for each of these classes. Just call the Front Desk to register and pay!

Holiday Tournaments

Also back this year is the 37th annual Holiday Classic tennis tournament. There will be great competition in many events, door prizes, players receive a cool tournament t-shirt and gift certificates and great food and beverages will be provided throughout. The NTRP events (2.5-5.0 singles and doubles, and combined 5.0-10.0 mixed doubles) will be played December 18-23 (entry deadline is December 8), and the USTA sanctioned Open events (singles, doubles and mixed doubles) will be played December 26-30 (entry deadline is December 16). To enter, just go to our website

Friday, November 24

Level 3 Juniors	4:00-5:30PM	\$28.00 plus tax
Level 3 Juniors	6:30-8:00PM	\$28.00 plus tax

Saturday, November 25

Level 4 Adults	8:30-10:00AM	\$28.00 plus tax
Level 3 Juniors	10:00-11:30AM	\$28.00 plus tax
Level 2 Juniors	11:30AM-1:00PM	\$28.00 plus tax
Level 1 Juniors	1:00-2:00PM	\$20.00 plus tax



Guest Fees Waived Thanksgiving Weekend!

Back by popular demand, we will be waiving all Guest Fees Friday-Sunday, November 24-26. Guests must be playing with a Member.

Reminder, BETC is Closed on Thanksgiving. Enjoy the Holiday!

PRO TIP: PALMS DOWN FOR A BETTER FOREHAND

SUBMITTED BY BILL BARTLETT

The forehand groundstroke is more powerful and complex than a backhand groundstroke. To make your forehand easier to execute with more topspin and power you can use the "palms down preparation technique".



As you prepare for a forehand turn sideways making sure your left palm and right palm are pointing down toward the ground on your backswing. Your shoulders, hips and legs should be perpendicular to the net. With both palms facing down you should have a balanced compact feeling. Your strings will also be pointing down which will help you create topspin. From this position you are ready to hit your forehand.

You can practice this palms down preparation without a racket. Just practice tuning as if you are preparing for a forehand making sure your palms are facing down. Then do some shadow strokes. You should do this several times. Once you are comfortable with this palm down preparation you are ready to start hitting. By preparing for a forehand with your palms down you will then have a balanced, powerful topspin shot.

Court Courtesy Tip

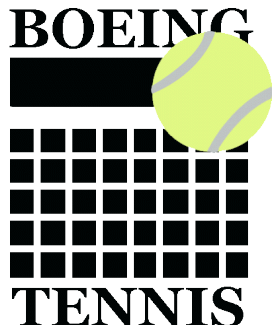
When going to your court please remember to stay behind the curtain and don't enter the court until the changeover bell.

The players on the court will thank you!

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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
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

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
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	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	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 (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	CANCELLED	
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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