

# Court Report

## Club Championships in November

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Our [32nd Annual Club Championships](#), Presented by [Fastsigns Kent Southcenter](#) are coming up this November! Doubles and Junior Events will be held November 14-16 with Singles and Mixed Events November 21-23. Entry forms are available at the Front Desk and at [betonline.net](#). Members can play up to two events each weekend and all competitors will receive a commemorative long sleeve shirt.



**2024 Champions**

- Men's 5.0 Singles CT Tran
- Men's 4.5 Singles Vincent Vioria
- Men's 4.0 Singles Daniel Fan
- Women's 4.0 Singles Amy Yamamoto
- Men's 3.5 Singles Scott Leonardson
- Women's 3.5 Singles Stacia Servos
- Men's 3.0 Singles Divakaran Jeyachandran
- Women's 3.0 Singles Christy Swearingen
- Women's 2.5 Singles Valeriia Zaychenko

- Men's 5.0 Doubles Dustin Hedger/Rich Deitz
- Men's 4.5 Doubles Kevin O'Donnell/Zach Self
- Men's 4.0 Doubles Daniel Fan/Brian Do
- Women's 4.0 Doubles Kristin Gallagher/Duyen Truong
- Men's 3.5 Doubles Blake Pederson/Eugene Guber
- Women's 3.5 Doubles Sheri Borden/Christie Brakke
- Men's 3.0 Doubles Randy Blue/Jason Moore
- Women's 2.5 Doubles Nikki Wildfang/Cara Lewallen

- Mixed 9.0 Doubles Katy Nguyen/Tuan Nguyen
- Mixed 8.0 Doubles Cathy Shaheen/Kevin Andry
- Mixed 7.0 Doubles Amy Yamamoto/Blake Pedersen
- Mixed 6.0 Doubles Jennifer Booth/James Booth

- Boys 15 & U Singles Evan Ly
- Girls 15 & U Singles Avery Buchan
- Boys 13 & U Singles Vikyath Mandalapu
- Girls 13 & U Singles Shradda Chala



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# Pro Tip: To Poach or Not To Poach

## Submitted by Allan Overland

While singles play is popular, I see the most interest in doubles play at tennis clubs. I really enjoy working regularly with small groups of students on doubles strategy and tactics, and find I am constantly encouraging players to be much *more* aggressive at the net. Though 75-85 % of shots hit by players go cross court (which makes sense as it is the highest percentage shot), I find that most players say they only poach about 10% of the time. What's interesting about this statistic is that my students realize that they should do more poaching and want the ball at the net. From a pro's perspective, the payoff to poaching is very clear as players can predict where most of the balls go, it can create more winners and forced errors and will implant more doubt and concern into opponents' minds. Here are some tips on adding more poaching to your doubles game:

- Give yourself more *permission* to poach. Players often feel badly that if they poach and are passed down the line that they have made a big mistake. I tell players to keep doing it even if they get passed because they will be far more successful than unsuccessful in the long run, and that it is a cost of "doing business."
- Move your feet! When a player is flat footed at the net, he/she tends to stay in one place. Start moving your feet (get on your toes) just before your partner serves to have some momentum to work with; you will find you will be much more prone to poach and will be able to make a quicker move to the ball.
- Recognize *when* to poach. While I like to say, "never say never", look to poach most often when you see that your opponent is in a position of weakness (jammed or stretched) or hitting from a deep position in the court near the middle.
- The better the partner's serve is, the more you should poach. Pretty self-explanatory!

The art of poaching takes some doing to perfect. Try to practice doing it regularly- particularly in practice matches. Remember, "fortune favors the bold". To poach or not to poach: the answer is an emphatic yes!



# High Performance Clinics



With HP Certified Instructors Allan Overland and JJ Jackson

<b>Junior: Saturday, October 4</b>	<b>9:30 AM-12:30 PM</b>
<b>2.5-3.0: Saturday, October 18</b>	<b>9:30 AM-12:30 PM</b>
<b>3.5-4.0: Saturday, October 25</b>	<b>9:30 AM-12:30 PM</b>

*Each 3-Hour Class is \$76 plus tax. Guests add \$18  
Strict 4-1 Student/Teacher Ratio.*

## Member Socials



The second annual Oktoberfest Social is this Saturday, September 27. There is very limited space still available, so call the Front Desk to register or join the wait list. Enjoy food, drink, music and tennis with six of our Pros! All participants also receive a commemorative stein.

Don't miss out!



# USTA Sectional Results

BETC had two teams recently compete in Mixed 40+ and 55+ Sectionals in Yakima!

Our 40+ 6.0 team was captained by Erin Schiller. "Sectionals in Yakima was an amazing experience - the first time at Sectionals for many on the team. We battled through heat and rain delays in addition to incredible competition. There was wonderful camaraderie across the two BETC teams there, cheering and encouraging each other through nerve-wracking tie breaks and super tie breaks. We battled Goliath and came out on top and are thrilled to be heading to Orlando for Nationals November 7-9."



The 55+ 6.0 team finished their regular season with an impressive 7-1 record to qualify for Sectionals. At Sectionals, the team finished in second place, just missing out on qualifying for Nationals. Team member Denise Dubuque summed up the weekend. "I had the pleasure of being at sectionals this weekend in Yakima with the 40+ and 55+ teams. I wanted to take a moment to share my observations of how well the BETC teams represented the club and displayed excellent sportsmanship, both on and off the courts. BETC players/teams conducted themselves with fairness and integrity and were encouraging and supportive of each other.

When the 40+ team was playing, the 55+ players would attend the matches and visa versa. They were there to support their club colleagues, not

just their team. Courtside cheering and encouragement of the players was in force.

Roy Higashi and Erin Schiller were great Team Captains, creating a fair and supportive environment for all of the players. It was easy to see that they created opportunities for everyone to play, while at the same time balancing the competitiveness of their line-ups. They communicated about hotel and housing options, planned dinners, planned practices, and coordinated gatherings, making sure to include everyone on both teams. They also coordinated among themselves effectively. They are top notch League Captains!

We know that BETC has a great community of members. Witnessing the camaraderie of all of the team members and captains was a pleasure this past weekend."

Congratulations to both teams and good luck to our 40+ team at Nationals in November!

# Fall Adult and Junior Class Schedule

## ADULTS

## JUNIORS

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**Beginner (Club Rating 1.0-2.0)**

Class	Time	Instructor
Monday	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Lorrain
Sunday	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Lorrain

**Advanced Beginner (Club Rating 2.0-2.5)**

Class	Time	Instructor
Monday	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Lorrain
Saturday	10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Nam
Sunday	4:00-5:30 PM	Fike

**Intermediate (Club Rating 2.5-3.0)**

Class	Time	Instructor
Monday	10:00 AM-11:30 AM	Fike
Monday	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	Jackson
Tuesday	12:30 PM-2:00 PM	Fike
Tuesday	8:00 PM-9:30 PM	Overland
Friday	Noon-1:30 PM	Fike

**Advanced (Club Rating 3.0-3.5)**

Class	Time	Instructor
Monday	5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Nam
Tuesday	6:30 PM-8:00 PM	Overland
Wednesday Dbls	11:00 AM-Noon	Martin
Wednesday	Noon-1:30 PM	Martin
Friday	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Nam
Saturday	8:00 AM-9:30 AM	Nam
Sunday	8:00 AM-9:30 AM	Fike / Martin

**Elite Advanced (Club Rating 3.5 and up)**

Class	Time	Instructor
Wimbledon Sat	1:00 PM-2:30 PM	Overland
Thursday	8:00 PM-9:30 PM	Overland

**10 & Under Tennis**

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
Red 1	Sun	10:30 AM-11:30 AM	Martin
Red 2	Sat	9:00 AM-10:00 AM	Gastruk
Red 2	Sun	9:30 AM-10:30 AM	Martin
Orange 1	Sat	11:00 AM-Noon	Gastruk
Orange 1	Sat	2:30 PM-3:30 PM	Gastruk
Orange 1	Sun	11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Martin
Orange 2	Sat	10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Gastruk
Orange 2	Sat	Noon-1:00 PM	Gastruk
Orange 2	Sun	9:00 AM-10:00AM	Fike
Green	Sun	2:00 PM-3:30 PM	Fike

**Levels 1-2 (Beginner/Advanced Beginner)**

Class	Time	Instructor
Level 1 Saturday	2:30 PM-3:30 PM	Nam
Level 1 Tuesday	4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Nam
Level 1-2 Saturday	1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Nam
Level 2 Saturday	9:30 AM-11:00 AM	Lorrain
Level 2 Saturday	12:30 PM-1:30 PM	Nam
Level 2 Monday	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Jackson

**Level 3 (Intermediate)**

Class	Time	Instructor
Level 3 Saturday	11:00 AM-12:30 PM	Nam
Level 3 Sunday	2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Martin
Level 3 Monday	3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Nam
Level 3 Wednesday	5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Jackson
Level 3 Friday	4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Jackson
Level 3 Friday	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	Jackson

**Levels 4-5 (Advanced)**

Class	Time	Instructor
Level 4 Mon	3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Jackson
Level 4 Wed	3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Jackson
Level 4 Thurs	4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Gastruk
Level 4 Fri	5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Jackson
Level 4 Sat	3:30 PM-5:00 PM	Overland
Level 4 Sun	12:30 PM-2:00 PM	Martin
Level 5 Sat	5:00 PM-6:30 PM	Nam

**High Performance**

Class	Day(s)	Time	Instructor
HP 1	Tues	4:30 PM-6:30 PM	Overland
HP 2	Tues	5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Jackson
HP 2	Thurs	5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Jackson
HP 3	Tues	7:00 PM-9:00 PM	Jackson
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