

Court Report

2026 Court Fee Increase

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At the November BETC Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved an increase for court fees in 2026 to \$23.00 for a 1.5 hour booking. This is the first court fee increase in two years and was made in consideration of inflation, our property loan responsibilities and potential growth. As the Club works to remain affordable, member dues and lesson fees will remain the same for this year.

parative review of pricing at other area tennis clubs that demonstrated we remain high value/low cost while assuring our club remains fiscally solid.

These increases will allow BETC to make some capital improvements and continue evaluating the affordability of expansion of the facility. We continue our commitment to making The Boeing Employees Tennis Club the best indoor racquet sports value in the area.

For the Board, Ed Baker, President

This decision was made following a com-

Holiday Tennis Tournaments

Our Annual Holiday Tennis Tournaments are coming up in December! The Holiday Classic has NTRP skill divisions from 2.5 to 5.0. Registration is now open following USTA year-end ratings being released. The Holiday Open is a USTA PNW Sectional Tournament with additional ranking points added. Entries are now open. All entrants receive a tournament t-shirt. For questions, contact Tournament Director Allan Overland at 253-872-5545 ext 31 or allan@betconline.net.



Holiday Classic (Unsanctioned)

December 16-23
 Registration now open
 NTRP Singles, Doubles and Mixed

USTA Holiday Open (Sectional)

December 26-30
 Registration now open
 Open Singles, Doubles and Mixed
 Prize Money included

BETC Leagues

Fall Club Leagues end at the end of December. There are many skip days in December so make sure to check our [league page](#) or contact your League Coordinator for more information. Registration for 2026 Winter League (January-March) started November 23rd and ends December 7th at 5 PM. Register on our league page now!

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BETC Club Champions!

This year's tournament brought out an amazing mix of competition and fun. Congratulations to the following Champions! Thanks to all of the members that participated and Cathy Shaheen for running such a great tournament. Thank you also to volunteers Mike Lockhart, Gina Hagen, Sue Waller-Fish, Melisa Biscayno, Nicole Swapp and Megan Shaheen. **A Big Thank you to Presenting Sponsor Fastsigns Kent Southcenter!** Tournament shirts are on sale, you can find them on the mezzanine level. \$17.00 + tax.

Men's 5.0 Singles	Paul Brown
Women's 4.5 Singles	Kinsey Lockhart
Men's 4.5 Singles	Eric Ryu
Women's 4.0 Singles	Kristin Gallagher
Men's 4.0 Singles	Ethan Chen
Women's 3.5 Singles	Stacia Servos
Men's 3.5 Singles	Divakaran Jeyachandran
Women's 3.0 Singles	Katrina Lau
Men's 3.0 Singles	Luis Chacon
Men's 5.0 Doubles	Shannon Nelson/Dennis Nguyen
Women's 4.5 Doubles	Duyen Truong/Katelyn Hoang
Men's 4.5 Doubles	Kevin O'Donnell/Zach Self
Women's 4.0 Doubles	Katelyn Hoang/Minh Nguyen

Men's 4.0 Doubles	Eugene Guber/Eric Ryu
Women's 3.5 Doubles	Cathy Shaheen/Gina Hagen
Men's 3.5 Doubles	Troy Brown/Charlton Smith
Women's 3.0 Doubles	Valeria Zaychenko/Katrina Lau
Men's 3.0 Doubles	Moises Fuentes/Andrew Tettamanti
Girls 13 & Under	Janie Noriega
Boys 15 & Under	Vikyath Mandalapu
Boys 13 & Under	Laird Kestner
9.0 Mixed	Anh-Tuan Hoang/Katelyn Hoang
8.0 Mixed	Cathy Shaheen/Kevin Andry
7.0 Mixed	Valeria Zaychenko/Matt Topping
6.0 Mixed	Lily Ng/Chen Hsu



USTA Updates

BETC is proud to announce multiple BETC USTA Teams making it to the LOCAL PLAYOFFS!

Congratulations to the A55+ BETC Team J Ikeda and 18+ Mixed Doubles Team L Nguyen. We wish them all the best as they compete in the local playoffs!

WINTER Leagues: A40+ and Coed 18-39 seasons begin January 2.

Go to the [USTA Website](#) for more information.

USTA 5.0 National Championships

In late October, new BETC pro Shannon Nelson's USTA 5.0 team finished an impressive 4th place at the USTA 5.0 National Championships, held in Scottsdale, Arizona. Besides Shannon, who won two singles matches, the team also fielded BETC members Ciprian Tais, Dennis Nguyen and Vineeth Omkaram. Highlights for the team included wins over Missouri Valley, Intermountain, and Hawaii. The team lost a close match in the semi-finals to Midwest, with them coming up just short at the crucial number 2 doubles match, which was decided in a third set tiebreaker. Congrats to Shannon, Ciprian, Dennis and Vineeth for a great showing!



BETC Fundraiser for JDRF

Help raise money for Juvenile Diabetes Research! Handmade tree ornaments and scarves are available for purchase on the mezzanine. These creations are provided by Club Member Sue Miele with all proceeds going directly to JDRF. *Cash, Venmo or checks payable to Sue Miele are accepted.*



Adaptive Recreation at BETC

By Allan Overland

It's hard to believe, but I first got a call to see if I would be interested in running a class at BETC for Special Populations athletes *about 35 years ago!* I remember holding the first class on a Saturday afternoon for nearly 20 students. Needless to say, I felt a bit overwhelmed to run the class essentially on my own (especially with 20 students!). I quickly saw that, contrary to most coaching situations where there can be "too many cooks in the kitchen", the more coaches that help with this type of class, the better. Well, I am proud to say that the class has been run on a weekly basis every Saturday to this day.

There have been many members over the years who have helped assist the class (including several of our talented junior members), which has made a big difference: Students can get balls fed to them by more than just one coach, they can receive more coaching attention and can be personally guided through the drills and where to rotate to.

For the past several years, BETC members Kerry Curran and Walt Rogers have helped the Special Populations class literally every single week and have made the classes run **much**

better in the process. I wanted to get their thoughts on their experience and share it with our members, so I asked them a few questions about it:

When did you start assisting the BETC Special Populations class?

Kerry- Since 2018.

Walt- About six years ago.

What inspired you to get involved?

Kerry- I saw that the students with disabilities could still learn the game of tennis and loved seeing that they got really excited to play.

Walt- I figured that, if nothing else, I could help just feeding balls so that the students could do more hitting! It was a bit challenging at first but I got the hang of it with practice.

What have you taken from your experience?

Kerry- It's been a lot of fun to see the smiles on the faces of the students- every time they make contact with the ball. It's been great to see that these beautiful children love getting on the court, though dealing with their own challenges, and enjoy the game of tennis as much as anyone else. This is truly one of the great things about tennis.

Walt- It's been fulfilling to see the students enjoy tennis and improve their games. I was a bit shy at first but grew in confidence as I gained more experience with the classes. It's been very rewarding.

Thanks so much to Kerry, Walt and all of the BETC volunteers who have helped immeasurably with the class over all these years. You have made a real difference in a lot of (tennis playing) lives.



Walt Rogers



Kerry Curran

Board Election

Active Share members will receive email ballots for the 2026-2027 Board of Directors on December 8. If your email address has changed, please send a note to Adrian Buchan at Adrian@betconline.net prior to December 8. Thank you for voting!