

Court Report

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BNP Paribas Ball Crew!

In 2026, BETC member Asa Kestner was selected as the ball boy of the year for the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, CA. By earning this distinction, he had the privilege of performing the coin toss for the men's singles final match between Jannik Sinner and Daniil Medvedev. He also served on the crew for both the men's and women's singles finals, capping an amazing two weeks in Indian Wells.

Asa's first year on the BNP Paribas Open ball crew was 2023, and he's worked the tournament each year since then. The ball crew is comprised of approximately 350 volunteers aged 13-35 who have the unique opportunity to be on court with the very best players in the world. Asa's parents, Shelley and James, volunteer as ball crew coordinators and are excited to once again be conducting training at BETC for new and returning ball crew volunteers for next year's BNP Paribas Open.



Labor Day Tournament

Register now for the annual [BETC Labor Day Tournament](#). The tournament runs September 3-7 and is open to adults 18 and up with NTRP levels 3.0 to 5.0 in Singles and Doubles and Combo 6.0-10.0 Mixed. It's one of our biggest tournaments of the year, with 245 players participating in 2025.

The entry deadline is August 29 with players selected on a first-come, first-serve basis, so don't delay!

Register through the [link](#) at betconline.net or email Tournament Director [Allan Overland](#) with questions.



New 10 & Under Schedule in September!



10 & Under 1 (Previously Red Ball 1)

Saturdays 9:30-10:30 AM
Thursdays 5:30-6:30 PM

10 & Under 2 (Previously Red Ball 2 and Orange Ball 1)

Saturdays 10:30-11:30 AM
Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM
Wednesdays 4:00-5:00 PM

10 & Under 3 (Previously Orange Ball 2 and Green Dot)

Saturdays 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
Sundays 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Wednesdays 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Help us keep tennis balls out of landfills!

Did you know it can take up to 400 years for tennis balls to decompose? Nationwide, approximately 125 million used tennis balls wind up in landfills.

Help us find new homes for our used tennis balls! We work with animal shelters, retirement communities, tee ball teams and schools to find new uses for old tennis balls. Do you know a group that would like a used tennis ball donation? Just reach out to the Front Desk and we'll package them up for you!



BETC Organizational Updates

Back in December 2022, BETC signed closing papers on the purchase of our property from Boeing, assuring the future of our Club. The purchase was the culmination of years of negotiations, appraisals, environmental surveys and work with commercial lenders.

Members often ask how that purchase affected our operations, particularly in regards to membership. The purchase and sale agreement was essentially a real estate transaction, made to assure we could stay in business past 2030 when our lease expired. The BETC Articles of Incorporation and bylaws were unchanged. BETC is still recognized as a Boeing Recreation Club and must continue to follow the bylaws and guidelines of Boeing Rec and is covered by Boeing Recreation Insurance. The Club is still owned by our Share members and there has been no change to our membership categories.

The purchase also allowed us to start working on the feasibility of expansion. The area of focus was the parking area at the south end of our property, primarily looking at indoor pickleball or mixed-use pickleball and tennis. We did extensive work in 2024-2025 to see if this was a potential next step for BETC. After working with the City of Kent, Civil Engineers, Architects and building manufacturers, the Board decided to hold off on expansion due to rising construction costs and city-required civil improvements. The current plan is to continue focusing on paying down our debt obligations from the 2022 purchase while we maintain and upgrade our current facility. If you have questions or comments, please reach out to Club Director Adrian Buchan. Thank you to our Board, Staff and Members for continuing to make BETC a premier facility in the PNW!

BETC Members at WA State Open

The biggest tournament of the year in our region took place at Seattle Tennis Club July 27-August 2. The Washington State Open has been contested since 1890 and brings top players at all age levels from around the country.

BETC always has a strong showing, and 2026 was no exception. Over 30 club members and Pros participated, with many finding their way to the semifinals and better.



Pro **Kay Lorrain** (pictured) has been competing at the event since 1997. This year, she added to her trophy collection by winning the 65+ Women's Doubles championship. She also finished 2nd in 65+ Singles. Kay is one of the most decorated players in the tournament's history, with 10 Singles wins and is a 5-time Singles finalist. She also has 2 career Doubles wins and was runner-up 3 times.

Dustin Hedger and his partner knocked off the #1 seed in the Semifinals before falling in the Finals of Men's 55+ Doubles.

Pro **Shannon Nelson** reached the Semifinals of Men's 35+ Singles and Doubles. Shannon currently has a #3 ranking in the country for USTA 35+.

Sachiko Ishihara-Spray reached the Semifinals of Women's 55+ Doubles.

Congratulations to all who participated!



**ONLINE
LEAGUE
REGISTRATION**

Fall League Registration starts August 23rd at 5 PM and ends September 6th at 5 PM.

Reminder: Summer Members do not qualify for Fall session. Summer memberships end September 30th however, you can still sub in a League, but you will just need to pay the guest fee once your membership ends. This is a good time to put yourself on the waitlist for a membership. You can always decline it should you change your mind.

There is no waitlist for Share and Junior memberships. The waitlist is for Associate memberships only.



Hit and Sip Social!

Thank you to our organizers, members, pros and event partners for making our first Hit and Sip Social a fantastic event! [Nota Bene Cellars](#), owned by members Tim Narby and Carol Bryant provided tastings of their wines, while [2BAR Spirits](#) provided bourbon tasting, courtesy of owner and BETC member Nathan Kaiser.



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Pro Tip: Getting Started in Tennis

Submitted by 10 & Under Director Cameron Martin



Getting Started in Tennis: It's Never Too Early (or Too Late!)

Whether you're introducing your child to tennis or thinking about picking up a racket yourself, there's one piece of advice that matters most: **have fun**. Tennis is a lifelong sport that offers incredible physical, mental, and social benefits, and enjoying the experience is what keeps players coming back year after year.

For juniors, getting started is easier than many people think. Today's youth tennis uses age-appropriate equipment, including smaller rackets, lower-compression balls, and courts sized to fit young players. These adaptations help children rally sooner, build confidence, and learn proper fundamentals without becoming frustrated.

As players improve, they naturally progress through different ball colors and court sizes before eventually moving to the standard yellow ball. Every child develops at a different pace, so advancement is based on skill, confidence, and consistency rather than age alone. Some players discover a passion for competition, while others simply enjoy playing recreationally with friends and family. Both are wonderful outcomes, and both begin with a positive first experience.

Adults shouldn't hesitate to give tennis a try either. Beginner classes provide a welcoming environment to learn the fundamentals, stay active, meet new people, and enjoy a sport that can truly be played for a lifetime.

What to Expect in Our 10 & Under Program

Our 10 & Under program is designed to make learning tennis exciting, engaging, and age appropriate from day one. New players don't need any previous experience—just comfortable athletic clothing, a positive attitude, and a willingness to learn. If you're unsure about equipment, our staff is always happy to help you choose the right racket for your child.

Each class focuses on building a strong foundation through fun games, movement activities, and skill-based challenges that teach the fundamentals of tennis in an enjoyable way. As players gain confidence, they'll begin rallying, serving, keeping score, and learning basic match play, all while developing athletic skills and sportsmanship.

Our goal isn't simply to create better tennis players—it's to help children develop confidence, build friendships, and discover a lifelong love of the game. Whether your child dreams of competing one day or simply wants to have fun and stay active, our coaches are committed to making every lesson a positive experience.

Pro Tip: The best thing parents can do is encourage effort, celebrate improvement, and let the game stay fun. A love for tennis grows much faster than a perfect forehand.

Questions about 10 & Under Tennis? Email Coach Cameron at cameron@betconline.net