



President's Message... Bruce Gurganus

Centenary Tennis Clubs

The BTC is a member of the Association of Centenary Tennis Clubs (CTC). The CTC is an umbrella group of clubs around the world that are more than 100 years old, including some of the most prestigious clubs in the sport. Initially founded by eight clubs as a pan-European association, the CTC now has an extensive and truly global membership and is recognised by the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

There are more than forty member clubs in Europe, seven in this country, three in Canada, two in Argentina and Australia, and one in India, Mexico, South Africa, and Japan.

The aim of the CTC is to uphold the traditions of tennis, as well as the spirit of fair play which is inherent to this great sport. The CTC tries to achieve this through organising competitions and other sporting and cultural events; arranging tennis workshops and seminars; and generally supporting the activities of member clubs around the world. It also strongly encourages the development young talent.

The Yokohama Tennis Club in Japan is hosting the CTC Asia Tournament in November. While BTC will not send a team to the competition we are happy that BTC member Linda Peltz will attend the event to represent our club.

In the last month BTC has welcomed guests from Yokohama and from the Roehampton Club in London to play and enjoy our facilities. Hopefully CTC member clubs will reciprocate for travelling BTC members who wish to play while away from home. Please ask Rigo for an introductory letter if you plan to visit another

member club.

The website (www.centenarytennisclubs.org) gives more information on the activities of the CTC as well as a list of member clubs.

BTC Book Group

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The next meeting of the Book Group will take place October 17th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the club's Senior Room. The book we will read is Jimmy Connors Saved My Life by tennis journalist and BTC member Joel Drucker.

In the words of one reviewer, "Drucker is truly the thinking person's tennis writer. He understands the game on every level: technical, strategic, psychological. He is also an exceptionally good writer -- a storyteller on a par with Michael Lewis."

Please join us on October 17th to discuss this wonderful book. Please bring one question about the book that you would like to address to the group. Beverages and sandwiches will be served. All members are welcome. Joel has graciously agreed to attend the group.

Friends of Ed

There will be a special event at the BTC on Saturday October 12th to honor our long time Assistant General Manager Ed DeSousa. There will be drinks and barbeque on the deck starting at 5 p.m. followed by dessert in the ball room along with an opportunity for Friends of Ed to express their appreciation. There is a \$30 per person charge for the event. Thanks to Wynn Tamura for leading this event. Questions can be sent to Wynn at wynnhtamura@sbcglobal.net. Thanks. ●=



**Remembering
The Mexican
Fiesta
A Great
Memory For
All
Don't Miss
The Next
One!**

**BTC vs. Montclair Tennis Association Inter-Club Match
October 25, 2013, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm,
Dinner served at 7:00 pm
Location: Berkeley Tennis Club
Players: 12 BTC and 12 MTA players, rating 3.0 and above,
gender non-specific**

Format: High probability of King of the Hill, but if something better occurs, we'll do that. Suggestions welcome.

Cost for MTA members only: \$ 20.00

Contact: Cindy Podren 510-682-7905, and for MTA members: cindy-podren@montclairtennis.org

Register: MTA: Eventbrite; BTC: Bulletin Board or by calling. ●=

Please direct all future correspondence to me at podren@podren.com.



HOUSE AND GROUNDS MONTHLY UPDATE

Starting this month, the House and Ground's Committee will include brief monthly updates of upcoming projects and future plans. The purpose is to keep membership informed and to solicit your continued feedback.

Your House and Grounds Committee is working hard to make your Club experience the best it can be. With the clubhouse being almost 100 years old, it has become apparent that there is considerable deferred maintenance with many building systems out-of-date. It has unfortunately become evident, through significant conversations with our architect, any improvements we do to the clubhouse trigger significant disabled access upgrades.

Typically, the club has taken the conservative financial path of paying cash for all construction projects, but the improvements envisioned to meet these code upgrades would take years to save for the funds, if paid on a cash basis. H&G is trying to determine how best to fund any future projects, and it is important that we have your input. Therefore, we will be sending you a 'Survey Monkey' in a month or so that we may better understand your opinion as to which projects should proceed and how these projects would be funded. We ask that each membership take part in this survey. Thank you. Respectfully, your House and Grounds committee ●=

The BERKELEY TENNIS CLUB

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**Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Men's Doubles
Saturday, November 9th to Sunday, November 10th**



- Two days of tennis by flights
- Player Dinner Party Saturday night w/ great food, music & raffles
- Continental breakfast both days
 - Official player's gift
- Junior/ Senior combo teams are welcome to play! and available for tennis and parties!
- Price for all \$10.00 per person

Sign-up by phone-510-841-1380
email or sign-up sheet in the club lobby

Thanks and hope to have you play!!

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From the Manager's Desk Rigo Headley, Manager

The date of the Second Annual BTC Club Doubles Tournament has been moved to Saturday November 9th through Sunday November 10th 9am-7pm. The tournament date was moved after receiving numerous requests from members to move the date to help in gaining more member participation. By moving the date, sign-ups for the tournament have been on the rise which is a great indicator that the Second Annual BTC Doubles Tournament is going to be another great event for all to enjoy. This members-only tournament will feature: Two days of tennis by flights for Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles, Saturday Night Players Party (complete with great food, live music and prizes), Continental Breakfast both days, Complimentary Beer on the Deck both days, Official BTC Player's Gift and a lot of fun with your fellow members! All 10 courts will be used throughout the length of the tournament beginning 9am, Saturday November 9th and continuing through with the last matches ending at approx. 7pm on Sunday November 10th. Register now by phone (510) 841-1380, email lynnerolley@gmail.com, and/or sign-up your team on the registration sheet located in the Club Lobby. If you have any questions please contact Director of Tennis Lynne Rolley at (510) 841-9023 or lynnerolley@gmail.com

Cell Phones

Cell phones may be used in many areas of the facility. However, we ask that you do not use your cell phone during tennis matches, in the Fitness area and/or any of the locker rooms. Quiet voices are always appreciated.

Clubhouse Dress Code

Casual attire is appropriate in the clubhouse at all times.

Shirt and shoes must be worn in all areas of the Clubhouse. Swimsuits are not suitable attire in Clubhouse, unless a cover-up is worn.

New Staff

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest member of the Front Desk staff Caitlin Terry. With her bright smile and welcoming presence, Caitlin is eager to contribute to the BTC culture. Next time you are at the Club please feel free to introduce yourself. We are sure you will find Caitlin happy to assist and accommodate your needs. Welcome aboard Caitlin!

BTC is currently recruiting a Director of Member Services to work directly under the direction of the General Manager to assist in providing services that will continue to improve customer service and improve daily operations to enhance the member experience.

Upcoming Events

- Fri Oct 4th 5:30pm- 8pm Friday Night Dinner w/Guest Speaker Chip Moreland of Vintage Courts: Presentation on Court Colors**
- Sat Oct 5th Kickoff TBA Cal vs. Washington State - Home Football Game**
- Sat Oct 12th Kickoff TBA Cal vs. UCLA - Away Football Game**
- Thurs Oct 17th 7pm-8:30pm BTC Book Club w/ Special Guest Joel Drucker author of "Jimmy Connors Saved My Life"**
- Fri Oct 18th 5:30p - 8p Friday Night Dinner w/Guest Speaker TBA**
- Sat Oct 19th Kickoff TBA Cal vs. Oregon State - Home Football Game**
- Sat Oct 26th Kickoff TBA Cal vs. Washington - Away Football Game**

2013 Fall Junior Development After School Program

Registration is NOW underway for our Fall Program. We continue to offer a variety of programs for beginners to advanced varsity tournament players. Depending on your child's age and/or ability we have clinics at 4PM, 5PM and 6:00PM Monday -Thursday. These weekly clinics begin Tuesday September 3rd through Thursday December 12th. Sign up now for one or more

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- Sunday hot dog lunch
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- Beer on the deck both days
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Thanks and hope to have you play!!
Tournament Directors: *Lynne Rolley, Shawn Brown, Tony Franco*



The Pro's Message Lynne Rolley, Tennis Director

Save the Date!
Club Doubles Tournament
November 9th to 10th
Saturday and Sunday

Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles
and Mixed Doubles

News and Announcements...

- **RSVP's for Friday Night Dinners** and all social events are highly encouraged for all future dates.
- **Congratulations to the new Members** class of September 2013 on joining the BTC.

Upcoming Events:



October 4th at 7PM Chip Moreland from Vintage Contractors

Chip Moreland of Vintage Courts will be giving a presentation on court colors to the membership

on Friday Oct. 4th at 7:00pm in the Ballroom. This is a great opportunity for members to receive information about court colors from the leading court construction and resurfacing company in Northern California. 5:30p-7:30p
Dinner (RSVP needed)

Friday Night Brights@ the BTC Presents

MIKE MONTGOMERY and LINDSAY GOTTLIEB
Friday OCTOBER 18 7:00PM



Lindsay Gottlieb and Mike Montgomery are two of UC Berkeley's most dynamic and successful coaches. Beyond previewing the season ahead, they will be sharing insights into the challenges and rewards of their profession, the role of intercollegiate athletics at an elite public research university and the secrets of their success. In short, this should be an interesting and engaging event regardless of how closely you follow the teams they lead.

Heading in to her third year at Berkeley, Lindsay Gottlieb is coming off a season where she led the Cal women to their first-ever Final Four appearance. A Conference Coach of the Year at two separate universities, Gottlieb also holds the record for most NCAA Tournament victories at Cal.

For his part, Mike Montgomery has led his squad to five straight post-season berths, and led Cal to its first conference championship in 50 years. He is a four-time Pac-10 Coach of the Year and recipient of the 2004 John R. Wooden "Legends of Coaching" Lifetime Achievement Award.

Join us for Dinner from 5:30 PM. We are planning a special paella menu with paired wines. The talks in the ballroom will commence at 7:00 PM. Seating is limited so please RSVP now

The BTC Roving Eye... (everyone is fair game)



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List of Activities

Tai Chi Classes - Tuesday, Thursday, 7am

Stretch Class - Wednesday, 10am

Yoga - Wednesday at 3:30pm and at 5:30pm (Free)