



President's Message... Bruce Gurganus

Court Colors at BTC

Following the publication of opinion pieces in the July Newsletter in favor of keeping the green/red court color scheme and supporting changing to the blue/green members were surveyed. 242 members responded to the survey and 78 wrote comments. The results follow:

"I would like to continue with the red/green color scheme on all the BTC courts" was the opinion of 101 members or 41.91% of those responding.

"I would like to change to the blue/green color scheme as the BTC courts are resurfaced" was the choice of 127 members or 52.70% of those responding.

"I have no opinion about court colors at BTC" represented the view of 14 members or 5.81% of those responding.

The Board has decided to involve more members in the decision making process by inviting Chip Moreland of Vintage Courts to speak on court colors to the membership on Friday evening October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Ball Room.

Vintage Courts is the leading tennis court construction and resurfacing company in northern California.

In November all members will be asked to vote on their color preference with the results announced at the Annual Meeting in January. Thanks to all those who participated and to Jerry Sontag for his help with Survey Monkey.

BTC Book Group

The next meeting of the Book Group will take place Oc-

Congratulations to Junior Alexander Luckmann

Alexander was chosen as winner of this Year's George Tittmann Award recipient for displaying sportsmanship, hard work and improvement in his TENNIS game.



tober 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.

Combining meticulous research and dozens of interviews with his firsthand experience, Joel has written a book that is both a comprehensive biography of Connors and a memoir of the author's own life.

About Joel's book the American Library Association's review said, "Readers will get twice what they expect here: this is not one story but two, and both make compelling reading."

"This is the first serious and comprehensive look at the fiery Connors and the tennis revolution he led," wrote the Sacramento Bee's reviewer in 2004.

Please join us on October 17th to discuss this wonderful book and to have a conversation with the author. Beverages and sandwiches will be served. All members are welcome. Joel has graciously agreed to attend the group.

Asia Tournament for Centenary Tennis Clubs (CTC)

The BTC is one of seven clubs in the USA and about 60 tennis clubs in the world that are over 100 years old. CTC member clubs have been invited to send teams to the CTC Asia Tournament in Yokohama, Japan November 2-5.

Teams consist of women's and men's doubles and singles in the 35 and over and 55 and over age groups. There is also mixed doubles in each of the two age groups.

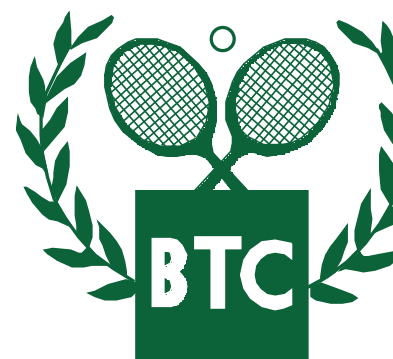
If there are members have an interest in representing BTC at this tournament at your own expense please contact me.

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Hi Tennis Friends;

I hope you all will join me in coming to the **DAVIE FUN FEST on Sat. Sept. 28 at historic Davie Tennis Stadium in Oakland**. This is a major fundraising event and festival featuring an exhibition by two former top ten players in the world *Brad Gilbert and Wayne Ferreira*. It should be a great event and there will be activities that anyone can participate in such as the Fast Serve Contest and Hitting for Prizes. All past champions and Davie players will be honored. Proceeds will be used to upgrade Oakland's tennis facilities and support junior innercity tennis programs. Please pass this e-mail to anyone who might be interested in attending or supporting this fundraiser and see the website for the schedule of events and how to purchase tickets at: www.davefest.org.

Hope to see you there, Steve Cornell



The BERKELEY TENNIS CLUB

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Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Men's Doubles
Saturday, September 28 to Sunday, September 29



- Two days of tennis by flights
- Player Dinner Party Saturday night w/ great food, music & raffles
- Continental breakfast both days
 - Official player's gift
 - Must be 19 years of age 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!!

Last year's 1st Doubles Tournament was much fun and well attended so please be sure to sign up early with your partner.

Fiesta Mexicana
A Tribute to the Food and Drink of Jalisco, Mexico
Was a Huge Success!!



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From the Manager's Desk

Rigo Headley, Manager

Fall/Winter Café Hours

With the conclusion of our summer season, starting on Mondays

September 16th, 2013 the Café will be open the following days and times for the upcoming Fall/Winter season. Mondays (Closed) and Tuesdays-Saturday (11am-3pm), Friday Night Dinners will be offered on the Fridays of Speaker Series presentations and selected BTC Social events. **Please note: It is a health-code violation for non-employees to enter the kitchen/café area at any time. When the café is closed, any staff on duty will graciously be on hand to assist our members to obtain drinks and snacks from the café. Ice for injury and therapy is provided in a cooler for our members in the lobby and should not be taken from the kitchen/café ice machine. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Lifeguards Not On Duty

As fall begins and our lifeguards return to school, members are reminded that while our pool is open every day, we will no longer have lifeguards on duty. The safety of children at the pool is always a big concern. We ask parents to participate with their children to follow the posted pool rules.

- When a lifeguard is not on duty, all children under the age of 14 must leave the pool area or be accompanied by an adult.
- An adult must accompany any child under 9 years of age in the pool area, even when a lifeguard is on duty.

- Children supported by a floatation device must have an adult in the water with them at all times.

BTC Club Doubles Tournament

The Club will be hosting our Second Annual BTC Club Doubles Tournament Saturday September 28th through Sunday September 29th 9am-7pm. This is a members-only tournament for ages 19-years and above featuring: 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 September 28th and continuing through with the last matches ending at approx. 7pm on Sunday September 29th. 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

Club Calendar of Events

The BTC Club Calendar is full of social events for you to add to your own social calendar. In the next upcoming months we have a lot of exciting events planned for the membership to enjoy! For all the die-hard Cal fans we have also included the 2013 Cal Football schedule for your convenience. Event details can be found throughout the newsletter. We look forward to see you at our upcoming social events!



The Pro's Message

Lynne Rolley, Tennis Director

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- Beer on the deck both days
- Official player's gift
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Thanks and hope to have you play!!
Tournament Directors: *Lynne Rolley, Shawn Brown, Tony Franco*

Congratulations to BTC Junior Mackie McDonald

Mackie racked up two great wins late last week in Ohio with consecutive wins over Pros Nicolas Mahut and US up and coming player Steve Johnson. Really impressive for a Junior to beat seasoned pros.

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

Save the Date!

Club Doubles Tournament

September 28-29
Saturday and Sunday

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

- Two days of tennis by flights
- Spectacular Dinner Party Saturday Night, great food, music and raffle
- Sunday hot dog lunch

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.
- Special thanks go out to **Geoff Hayes and Andy Salonen** for their work at the Club this past month.... much appreciated.

Upcoming Events:



Friday Night Brights Speaker Series

September 13 at 7PM
Saru Jayaraman
In the Kitchen Door

Saru Jayaraman is the Director of the Food Labor Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley. Saru is a graduate of Yale Law School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She was named one of Crain's "40 under 40" in 2008. Last April, she appeared on HBO's Real Time with Bill Maher, introducing her new book *Behind the Kitchen Door* - a groundbreaking exploration of the political, economic, and moral implications of dining out. RSVP now for dinner, the talk and the book signing.

Jazz on the Deck

September 20 at 7PM
The Gary Crangle Band

Come out and enjoy Gary and Karen on the Deck. This event always brings out folks to listen to Standards... dinner reservations required.

From the History Committee

After a whole year of hard work, the Gold/Silver/Bronze Ball project representing the living historical events at BTC is finally done. Now the plaques are hanging proudly in our historical room. The committee consists of Kim Lackey, Ruth Preucel, Erika Smith and Roberta Sung. All their individual expertise were pooled to make this happen.

Upcoming Events

- Sat Sept 7th Kickoff 2pm Cal vs. Portland State – Home Football Game
- Fri Sept 13th 5:30pm-8pm Friday Night Dinner w/ Guest Speaker Saru Jayaraman
- Sat Sept 14th Kickoff 4pm Cal vs. Ohio State - Football
- Fri Sept 20th 5:30pm-7:30pm: Friday Night Dinner w/ Live Music by the Gary Crangle Band
- Fri Sept 20th 5:30pm-7pm Round Robin Member Mixer
- Sat-Sun Sept 28th-29th 9am – 6pm: Club Doubles Tournament
- Sat Sept 28th Kickoff TBA Cal vs. Oregon – Away Football Game
- 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

The BTC Roving Eye...

(everyone is fair game)



Debbie Budd



Tom Wright

List of Activities

- Tai Chi Classes - Tuesday, Thursday, 7am
- Stretch Class - Wednesday, 10am
- Yoga - Wednesday at 3:30pm and at 5:30pm (Free)