



Center Court

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Griffin Tennis Hits Milestone at BTC



Geoff Griffin has been a central figure at the Balboa Tennis Club for the past 30 years. “There are so many memories and highlights,” he says while reminiscing about the evolution of his position and timeline at Balboa Tennis Club. As the current Director of Tennis, his passion for teaching continues as does his desire to give back to the game of tennis and humanity.

“I never thought I would end up working as tennis pro,” said Geoff. Yet like many competitive tennis players, teaching is a way to earn money and utilize the knowledge learned from all the years as a player. After graduating from SDSU, Geoff first planned to use his business degree when he accepted a position with Pro Kennex as a product manager and then a sales rep. For a change of pace, he decided to travel to Europe and pursue a job overseas. After playing the tennis circuit for awhile, he segued into a full time teaching position in Austria, where he met his wife Manuela, who was taking lessons at the club he taught.

They eventually made their way back to the United States, married and found a home at Balboa Tennis Club in 1988. Geoff and Manuela ran a consignment shop from the Pro Shop site, where Geoff was the Club Manager and Tennis Pro as well. During this time period, Geoff and San Diego “Tennis Pioneer” Bill Stack appeared before the City Council to request money for the rebuilding of courts 1-6, 11-12, because the courts had structural damage. The City of San Diego – in the “good old days” – gave the club \$700,000 to rebuild the courts. The project took 6 months to complete and many members were displeased with the inconvenience. Soon after the courts were completed and “everyone at BTC was happy again,” Geoff gave up his management position to assume all teaching responsibilities and management of the Pro Shop.

During his 30 years at BTC, Geoff cited two highlights that stood out in his mind. The first one occurred he estimates 25 years ago when he worked at a Wilson sponsored clinic with Billie Jean King. At the time, Geoff was sponsored by Kennex. Billie Jean told him he didn’t have change his hat to wear a Wilson, which made him happy. She asked for assistance with the clinic and he was thrilled. Billie Jean recalled at the time, playing a match on the Morley Field courts, as everyone in those days used to call BTC, against former San Diego junior star Kathy Willette around 16 or 17 years old. This is just one example of many great tennis stars that played at this historic club over the years.

Another highlight Geoff mentioned included some foresight when the Tennis Fest committee, agreed iconic sportscaster Dick Enberg should be awarded the Ben Press Award in 2017. Tennis Fest was originally started by Geoff and two others as a way to promote our great sport to the community. During the event, a special award of recognition is given to someone from tennis who has proven to give back to the game. Having Dick Enberg show up, along with another famous sportscaster Pam Shriver, who introduced him, was a special honor for Geoff and the San Diego tennis community, especially since Enberg passed away December 22nd, seven months after the event. *(Griffin Milestone continued on Page 4)*

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The President Serves It Up

By BTC President Janene Christopher



BTC recently undertook the task of surveying the membership and guests regarding our Club.

Here is a brief summary: Response rate: 9% of the total membership. The Club, Griffin Tennis, including the Pro Shop and Instruction, as well as Route 6 Café, all scored a high level of satisfaction.

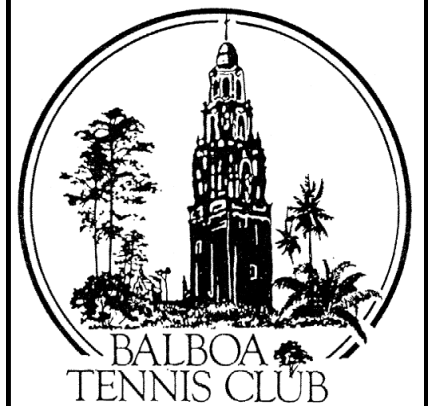
What a glowing report card! The survey results are concrete evidence that members and guests are happy with the Club's performance, amenities and services.

Several members took the time to provide additional comments and suggestions, which were appreciated. Those comments will be taken into consideration by the Board of Directors and management. Here are some of the suggestions mentioned: upgrading the court lighting, ventilation and cleanliness in the locker rooms, less tournaments and leagues, upgrade the ice machine and filtered water, add fencing at the hitting wall, cleaning court shade canopies, more shade overall, and adding pickleball courts. Here is a response to some of those issues:

- Lighting - The Board is actively working to raise funds to finance the upper court lighting (review the May 2018 newsletter available to download from our web page which explains the technical challenges). Click on the "DONATE" button the next time you renew your membership! Goal is \$180k.
- The court fees from tournaments and leagues help fund the upgraded lighting and keeps your membership dues affordable.
- There is a project in the works to replace the ventilation fans for the locker rooms. Any mechanical engineers want to help?
- The ice machine is old but functional. There is a filter on the water line. The proposed tournament pavilion may have a new ice machine as part of the project depending on the funds.
- A new fence on the north side of the hitting wall has been installed to prevent balls from going down the hill.
- As for the installation of pickleball courts at BTC, the survey responses do not support this suggestion and BTC is principally a tennis facility.

Griffin Tennis and Route 6 Cafe are independent businesses. The survey results and comments have been passed along to owners Geoff Griffin and Guillermo Sanchez. Comments for Griffin Tennis Services, operator of the Pro Shop and tennis instruction, included better balls and hoppers, ball machine difficult to operate, more enthusiasm needed from teaching pros, clinics should offer different options and teach stroke technique, and better merchandise choices. These comments were shared with Griffin Tennis. BTC can respond to a few of the comments:

- BTC generously purchased a new ball mower for Griffin Tennis and Geoff matched the purchase so the teaching courts have two new Playmate ball retrievers.
- Geoff has located a company to recycle old balls. He is looking for volunteers to assist in separating the good balls from the ones that need to be recycled. (*President's Report continued on Page 3*)



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Director's Report

by Colleen Clery Ferrell



Earlier in this newsletter is an article about Tennis Director Geoff Griffin, who has been a large part of this venerable club for 30 years. So many great people have contributed to the success and longevity of BTC. Geoff used to chide me saying that I didn't care about the history of the Club. Now after 13 years as the Club Director and with the 100 Year Club Anniversary right around the corner, I'm feeling a tremendous sense of pride and desire to document the history. I started a brief timeline below and welcome any knowledgeable BTC historians to help fill in any blank years.

Balboa Tennis Club History – Born June 19, 1922

1922 - Six courts erected by War Memorial Building in Balboa Park, close to the zoo.
 1924 - SDTA receives lease to operate for the public.
 1925 - Small clubhouse with locker rooms was built close to courts.
 1939 - Articles of Incorporation written recognizing BTC as a public, non-profit corporation.
 1967 - Club moved to current location.
 1969 - Hiroko and Bob Ray, currently owners of Rays Tennis, took over as Pro Shop tenants at BTC. They signed a 5 year lease. Bob Ray taught with Wilbur Folsom on courts 1 and 2.
 1980 - New tenants took over the Pro Shop. Tennis pros teaching at the Club included Robert Landsdorf, Ed Collins, Brian Turner, Jim Ferrari and Mark Tappen, amongst others. Various managers ran the club for several years including Judy Bushnell and Don Henson.
 1983 - The Club assumed all operational responsibilities. This is the time period when the Club started charging court fees and memberships were sold.
 1988 - Geoff Griffin was hired as manager and tennis pro. He ran the Reservations Desk, Pro Shop and taught lessons. He gave up management position after a few years to focus on the Pro Shop and Instruction.
 1999 – 2007 - Robin Roger's term as President. Ron Celeste and Joe Campbell were both CPA's assisting in navigation of Club finances.
 2005 - Colleen Clery Ferrell hired as Club Director
 2007 - 2015 - Dwight Van Slyke - President
 2015-2018 - Janene Christopher - President
 2022 - Celebration year coming up. BTC will be 100 years old.

New Employee - Liberto "Bert" Lara



Bert Lara was born in Bacolod City and grew up in Manila Philippines. He moved in 1994 to Jersey City, NJ, where he met his wife thru a close friend in New York City. She was working as a nurse at Bronx Lebanon Hospital. They relocated to San Diego in 1998 and started a family. Bert learned to play tennis at this time from a very special uncle – the late Roger Hernandez - a long time member of Balboa Tennis Club. Bert learned the basics from Uncle Roger and has continued to play tennis throughout his life as he truly loves the game. He has two daughters, one who is now serving her first year in the United States Navy as an aviation electronic technician, and a younger daughter who is in her senior year at Otay Ranch HS. Bert enjoys golf, ping pong, hiking and running. Bert would like to thank the management and Board of Directors for his position at BTC, as he enjoys helping the members and working for the Club. A special thanks to fellow employee Robert Pe, who recommended Bert for the job.

(President's Report continued from page 2) Comments for Route 6 included menu suggestions of adding alcohol, fruit, protein bars, soup, PB&J sandwiches, pre-packaged sandwiches and salads. Wait time for food items was another issue. These comments were shared with Guillermo, Route 6 operator. BTC can respond to a few of the comments:

- Under our Special Use permit with the City/Parks and Rec Department, beer and wine sale is prohibited.
- Peanut butter allergies have led to the PBJ sandwiches demise. Café uses Nutella.

*Special thanks to BTC Members Philippe Deschenes for compiling the survey results and Julia Gregory for summarizing the written comments and suggestions. A copy of the survey responses is posted in the clubhouse hallway.

“Larry’s Ladder at BTC



Larry Calder

Every Thursday from 10:30-12:30 on courts 15-18, BTC Member Larry Calder facilitates a Men’s Doubles Ladder at BTC. These two hours of play provide an opportunity for fun and competitive doubles among the men who sign up to participate. The rules are stated very clearly, with major planning by Larry ahead of time to insure attendance and ongoing current statistics. This designation of “Ladder Coordinator” is strictly volunteer. Here is a brief biography on the mastermind of this popular and growing amenity at BTC.

Larry Calder grew up in the Bronx. He lived a half mile from the neighborhood courts, which were red clay, in the heart of New York. “People traveled from all over the City to play on these courts,” Larry said. “My father introduced me to the game of tennis and bought me my first junior permit at nine years old, which I still have.” Larry played on the high school team and also one year at Queens College. He transferred to the University of Maryland, where he played intramural tennis.

After college, Larry moved back to New York City and worked in the textile business doing sales/marketing. His tennis became weekends only and mostly indoors due to the climate. Next, he and wife Dianne moved to Los Angeles where he started his own textile company. Work and international travel consumed most of his time, so tennis became an afterthought.

Larry finally found time to play regularly when he moved to Sarasota, Florida and retired. This is where he started tournament play as the courts were plentiful and competition abound. Larry finished second in a 4.0 league and then played at the 4.5 level the following season. Unfortunately, he experienced his first tennis injury when he tore the ACL in his knee during the finals of a tournament. The ligament healed with surgery and in months he was back on the court.

His next move to Atlanta provided the groundwork for the development of his current tennis ladder. He played at a 23 court facility called Bitsy Grant Tennis Center, which featured clay and hard courts. Larry served as a league captain and started a ladder at this club. His methodology of player placement became mathematical and systematic. He aimed to position players at their own level while utilizing the popular “all factor” method of seeding. Win/loss records carried over to subsequent weeks on the ladder.

The success “Larry’s Ladder” experienced in Atlanta has carried over to BTC. “The guys seem happy,” he says. “Everyone knows the rules. It’s a friendly and competitive group with mostly 4.0 players, yet a few 3.5 and 4.5 level players as well. The beauty of the ladder is the set time each week, yet there’s no weekly commitment. This allows the players some flexibility to take a week or two off.” Many thanks to Larry for his efforts and expertise in developing a successful Men’s Doubles Ladder at BTC. This weekly gathering is a great addition and amenity for the Club. If you are interested in getting involved, email Larry at LABC47@gmail.com or text at 619-852-7357.

(Griffin Milestone continued from Page 1) Over the years, Geoff has immersed himself in being a “yes” person, as he likes to call his acceptance to serve on committees such as the professional teaching organization USPTA – 4 years president, SCTA – Southern Cal Tennis Association - ongoing, SDDTA – San Diego District Tennis Association - former president and 25 years formerly on the board and GSDCTC – and the Greater San Diego City Tennis Council – an organization which helps resurface tennis courts in the San Diego area. In addition to serving the tennis community, Geoff also makes a point of giving back to the game in many non tennis ways. His annual Christmas Charity helps collect useable items for needy families. He gets the kids in his clinics involved with purchasing gifts from money donated and wrapping them for distribution, so they can learn from example the importance of helping more than just oneself. Geoff is also responsible for starting free tennis clinics for kids which began back in the 90’s for homeless children living at St. Vincent de Paul in San Diego. During those days, he also made time to read to children at neighborhood schools.

As a result of his philanthropic endeavors, Geoff was awarded the Channel 10 Leadership Award in 2011 and the USPTA/USTA Community Service award in 2012. Most notably, his most treasured award was receiving the USTA National Family of the Year in 2016, followed by the Ben Press Award in 2018 for his numerous contributions to the game of tennis. “In looking back over my 13 years working with Geoff, I am incredibly impressed with the amount of time and generosity he and wife Manuela exhibit year round,” says Club Director Colleen Ferrell. “Manuela puts together beautiful gift baskets for any organization that needs a donation and also helps prepare food for special events. They both give a tremendous amount of time to those less fortunate.”

Near and dear to his heart, is the involvement Geoff has with the Wounded Warrior Program. “When Operation Desert Storm began, I heard about all the people being injured and I wanted to give back,” he said. Weekly, he and a committee of volunteers offer a free clinic followed by lunch. Geoff also instructs at Balboa Hospital to some patients as well as running an Annual Wounded Warrior Camp. His spirit of giving and ability to motivate others to give back is impressive, admirable and relentless.

The core of his responsibility at Balboa Tennis Club is teaching clinics and private lessons to members and guests. “I’ve learned the importance of having really good pros to represent Griffin Tennis. Right now I have the best staff ever as I feel like I can delegate lessons to many different pros to service all levels of players,” he said. Griffin Tennis clinics have been consistently offered the same days for the past 30 years. “I’ve always believed in providing exercise and fun, as well as keeping the clinics at an affordable price. I like to stress that we just don’t give a clinic. I try to impress on my pros to encourage players to participate in leagues and tournaments. I want to get them hooked on tennis,” he said.

Kids and clinics are his specialty, so he says. “I like to get the kids and adults to have a good time on the court.” Does he still enjoy teaching after all these years? “I’m getting more enjoyment out of watching people improve and I look forward to teaching more than ever before.” Geoff is an iconic piece of BTC’s 96 year history that keeps growing the game and giving back in many ways.

Doru Tifui - Man on a Mission with Tennis and Life



BTC member Doru Tifui can best be described as an “accomplished survivor” in many ways. Born and raised in Communist Romania, Doru made the most in a challenged world by pursuing sports, education and business. His family, which included five siblings and two loving parents, provided necessary stability and balance when there were days he “waited in line for a piece of meat.” Despite growing up in rough conditions, Doru always dreamed there was a better world for him.

As an athlete all his life, Doru initially took up table tennis and started beating everyone at age five. His PE coach at school told him, “You are good - start playing tournaments.” From age 10-17, Doru played professional table tennis, yet quit because there was no money to be made in sports. In addition to table tennis, Doru also became an avid downhill and cross-country ski competitor, as he was raised in an area near a ski resort. “I loved the freedom you feel going down the slopes,” he said. “It’s like all your troubles go away.”

He followed up his athletic endeavors with a focus on education. Communism in Romania ended in 1989, so the windows of opportunity started to allow more chances to get ahead. Doru was able to attend college and law school in Romania, graduating Cum Laude in 1995. He worked full time while attending school as a marketing manager for a public television station. In 1996, Doru moved to the United States and enrolled at the University of San Diego to pursue an LLM and PHD in Law. He graduated in 2000 and started working as a loan service litigator. He managed the eviction department and worked as bar owner at the same time.

With more time on his hands after law school, Doru started playing volleyball with friends who were tennis players. They inspired him to start playing in the San Diego Tennis Federation clinics to learn the game. In 2007, he signed up for a 3.0 level tournament and won all three events – singles, doubles and mixed. At this point, he said “I became hooked on tennis.” He began playing GLTA tournaments around the country and ascended from the D’s to C, then B to A division. With the help of private instruction, Doru’s game improved considerably to competing in the Open Division level in 2011.

He endured a major life challenge in 2012 when his car flipped three times. “I thought my life was over,” he said after the accident. Nonetheless with the perseverance Doru showed in the past, he endured two knee and one spinal surgery to fix his broken body. Three doctors told him he would never play tennis again. Eight months later, Doru won the GLTA Palm Springs Tournament A Division. He sent championship photos to the doctors who doubted his return to tennis and obviously didn’t realize his strong will. Recovery from the accident turned into major physical training. “It was grueling,” he said, “yet helped me clean up my life and develop a passion to stay healthy.”

Doru’s tennis game continued to improve after embarking on a vigorous post accident training program with tournaments and lessons. In 2017, he won the Aloha Open Singles in Hawaii. This year, he participated in the Paris GLTA Tour, winning a gold medal in table tennis, his former sport as a youngster in Romania. “It was the most amazing experience of my life,” he said. In October, he returned to Hawaii to play the Aloha Tennis Open. He wanted to defend his singles title, yet lost to his friend and doubles partner Jose Sambas from Los Angeles. However, Doru and Jose won the open doubles title defeating the Hawaii National Junior Champions in the final.

As for the future, Doru wants to stay healthy and keep improving at tennis. He and partner Jim, own and manage Martinis Above Fourth, an “eclectic contemporary lounge with award winning martinis, casual fine dining and world class entertainment venue,” which keeps him busy when he’s not on the tennis court. He also makes time to annually visit the house he grew up in with his siblings in Romania for a family reunion. Other interests include traveling to the GLTA tennis events internationally. “I’ve made friends from all over the world at these tournaments,” he said. For Doru, life is now about enjoyment with an emphasis on good health, friendship and tennis.



Welcome New BTC Board Members - Remy Serrano and Todd Linke



Remy Serrano

Remy Serrano is a home grown local at BTC. Growing up in the neighborhood, she was a "Birney Bee", "Roosevelt Roughrider", "San Diego High Caver" and "SDSU Aztec". Her dad, Oscar, taught her siblings and Remy, the beautiful lifelong sport of tennis. Her fondest family memories are of sunny afternoons, jogging through the University Heights streets, wooden racquet in hand, heading to the Morley Field sports complex to the final destination - free public courts - to whack tennis balls around.

Today, you will find Remy and her siblings: Donna, Francis and Catherine, still whacking tennis balls around at BTC - either at the 8:00 am Saturday clinic or on scheduled court matches. At her "home away from home happy place," she enjoys participating in Tennis Fest, volunteering at various tournaments, lending a hand with the annual Wounded Warriors event and playing tennis with many wonderful Balboa members.

As for her other court background, no pun intended, Remy is a Senior Analyst for San Diego Superior Court. She has almost 25 years of court experience, working in the Human Resources, Court Reengineering and Information Technology Departments.



Todd Linke

Todd earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in biology in 1993, then began working in environmental consulting. A couple years into this career, he realized his passion was in education, so he began taking night and weekend classes to earn his Master of Science Degree in Secondary Education, with certifications in biology and chemistry. Todd has been a teacher for 20 years, two of those in North Carolina and 18 with the Grossmont Union High School District. He is a proud Matador of Mount Miguel High School, where he has taught for 17 years.

The Balboa Tennis Club has been a part of his life for almost the entire time Todd has lived in San Diego. When he moved into an apartment on Alabama Street, Todd walked to the tennis facility with the thought of possibly picking up tennis again. He played while growing up in Ohio, but never took the sport seriously. When he arrived at Balboa, he stumbled across the San Diego Tennis Federation's Friday Night Doubles event. Rancy Breece talked him into going to get his racket, even though he felt apprehensive. The rest is history! Todd can honestly say that Balboa Tennis Club is one of the most important parts of his life. The facility is beautiful, the people are friendly and welcoming, and as we all know, "tennis is life"! He is honored and happy to be a part of the Board, and looks forward to giving back to the club that has given him so much.

Fun Friday Night Mixed Doubles Comes to Balboa Tennis Club



"In case you haven't already heard...there is a fun new group in town! Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month this group meets up to play fun, competitive mixed doubles. You don't need a partner to sign up! The format of the game is King and Queen of the Court, with winners moving up courts and taking on new partners each time. Playing level is 3.5-4.5. The best part...they stick around after to hang out and socialize. For more information, contact group organizer Christy Turner at: tennisrdn3304@gmail.com."

Member Profile on Rawlins “Spike” Lowndes



Rawlins “Spike” Lowndes

Spike grew up in Northern California and started playing tennis at 10 years old. His Dad gave him his first lesson on the court. Spike participated in junior tennis from age 10-18. He was recruited by UC Berkeley to play both tennis and soccer. He played freshman year as a Cal Bear in tennis and then opted to play soccer the final three years and finished as MVP of the team.

Throughout college, Spike was part of the ROTC program. He fulfilled his obligation with the Navy after college and retired comfortably in 1993 as a Lieutenant Commander. With his wife Barbette still actively serving, Spike traveled between Hawaii, New York City, San Diego, Philadelphia and Boston while she completed her career. After moving 11 times in 27 years, Spike and Barbette arrived back in San Diego to live. Spike started looking around for some fun tennis and found Balboa Tennis Club.

He started out on the Challenge Court meeting players and enjoying the competition. Soon, members recognized him as a “player” and he was invited to play in various competitive matches. Over the years, Spike has enjoyed all the different players he encountered, especially his 9.0 WTT team that he has played on for 12 years. The same group of people enjoy a season on the court and then gather for a social event after the season at Spike’s house. “Tennis has been my social life,” he says. “I’ve made lifelong friends through tennis.”

Spike says he will play tennis as long as his body holds out. He is currently waiting on a second knee replacement, along with having a bad shoulder. “I’m learning to play left handed,” he says. “At this point, tennis is about having fun. Not so much about winning and losing.”

Spike is very proud of his affiliation with Wounded Warrior Program at BTC. Originally, he traveled with Tennis Director Geoff Griffin to the Balboa Naval Hospital to teach as part of the Recreation Therapy Program. Since then, he’s been actively involved in helping Geoff Griffin and Steve Kappes with their BTC/Balboa Naval Hospital program for the “wounded, ill and injured” military personnel, which is a program nationally recognized for its excellence and impact on improving the lives of over 1000 servicemen and veterans. Every Tuesday for an hour and a half, this program provides tennis for military affiliated participants with a workout on the courts followed by lunch. Spike also participates in the Annual Wounded Warrior Camp at BTC in May where 60 or more players are flown out for a week of tennis, fun and camaraderie, in addition to instructing at the BTC Tennis Fest event each year.

According to Tennis Director Geoff Griffin, “No one, including me, works harder with the Warrior Program than Spike. Not only does he teach every single class, but he also leads the set up and break down of all the tables and chairs. He is the greatest one-on-one pro. He loves to do what others would rather avoid. He actually teaches the Warriors how to play.”

With a family history of military involvement and tennis, Spike has found the perfect combination in retirement. He plans to keep playing tennis and continue to help others in the Wounded Warrior Program enjoy the game as well. It’s a win/win situation for everyone.

Coming Back from Injury - Steve Hurry



Steve Hurry

Every active tennis player dreads getting injured. There is a fine line between soreness and pain that must be determined prior to discontinuing play. Steve Hurry wrestled with occasional pain in his tender shoulder due to many years of overuse as a collegiate volleyball player at Chico State. Yet when he tripped on the court last year and fell on his shoulder, he knew immediately the injury was serious. “I went straight to the hospital,” he said. “I had a feeling I blew out my shoulder.” Steve’s diagnosis was correct as he tore three ligaments.

The road to recovery for Steve was painful and tested his will. After a successful surgery by well-known Sports Orthopedic Surgeon Jan Fronek at Scripps Clinic, he spent a week in a La-Z-Boy recliner. He walked with a sling and pad for the first month. Steve endured rehab once a week for seven months, eventually easing into stretching bands and dumbbells. “The range of motion came back quickly,” he said. “I needed to be patient and not do too much too soon.”

Seven months after surgery, Steve began hitting forehands and three weeks later, he added the serve. “I actually feel stronger than before the surgery,” he said. “I am very inspired to do gym work now. It’s become a regular routine.”

Steve loves tennis at this stage of life as he claims his former sport – volleyball – is not an “old person’s” sport. He plays doubles mostly at the 4.0 level, with sights of moving up to a 4.5 in the near future. As a member of BTC since 2015, Steve plays the Challenge Court regularly. He hopes to stay healthy and keep playing injury free.

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Calendar of Events

November

17	Turkey Shoot Social	3:00 p.m.
18	Free Guest Day	
27	BTC Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

December

7	Volunteer Appreciation Party	6:00 p.m.
16	Free Guest Day	
18	BTC Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

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18	SDDTA Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet, LJB&TC	6:00 p.m.
15	BTC Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
20	Free Guest Day	

February

9-10	Tennis on Campus Event	
16-17	Hector Ortiz Junior Satellite Tournament	
17	Free Guest Day	
19	BTC Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

March

9-10	K&W Junior Tournament	
16	St. Patrick's Day Social	
20	BTC Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.

April

6-7	BTC Spring Tournament	
16	BTC Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
17	Free Guest Day	
26-28	Racquet War Tournament	

May

13-17	CIF High School Boys Tournament	
13-18	5th Annual Wounded Warrior Camp	
18-19	Hendrickson Wheelchair Tournament	
19	Free Guest Day	
21	BTC Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.
26	Free Tennis Clinic for Non Members	
27-June 2	USTA Nat'l Open Hard Court Championships	



Route 6 Café

Have you had a chance to check out the new menu at Route 6 Café? Owners Guillermo and Yuri Sanchez recently added additional coffee choices - both warm and iced - as well as new sandwich, burrito and smoothie selections. Look for "Soup of the Day" selections coming soon as well. Hours of Operation remain Wednesday – Sunday, 9:00 – 5:00 p.m., unless there is a special event.