



# Center Court

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## Cal Cup Victory for San Diego Tennis Federation

The San Diego Tennis Federation brought home the coveted California Cup last month with a big come-from-behind win over rival Los Angeles. The final team score was San Diego - 31, Los Angeles - 30, San Francisco - 11.



The "Cal Cup", as it is called, is the annual team competition between the three major gay tennis organizations in California. It rotates between the three cities each October, and was played at Barnes Tennis Center this year, on October 2-3. The

competition features the top 24 players in each city, and was started 25 years ago here in San Diego. In this silver anniversary year, San Diego made a historic comeback in the last afternoon, sweeping all the late doubles matches to come from 4 matches behind to win by 1.

Los Angeles has been a perennial winner of the Cal Cup in recent years, as they are the largest team in the state with over 400 members. San Diego Tennis Federation has over 200 members and was founded by Jim Winters in 1983. This year's Cal Cup Captains, Scott Williford and Romeo Matias, decided not to give any MVP this year as they normally do. They said, "It was a total team victory - there were just too many players that was the difference between winning and losing, so we gave the MVP to our

amazing team spirit and camaraderie."

The prestigious Cal Cup will stay in San Diego for the year. Next year's October's match being played in San Francisco. For more information about the club and its events, go to [www.sdtf.org](http://www.sdtf.org).

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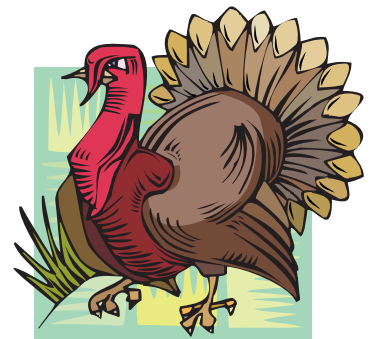


## Turkey Shoot Social

November 20, 2010

3:00 p.m. Round Robin Tennis

5:00 p.m. Food and Fun



The most popular social of the year is scheduled for Saturday, November 20, at 3:00 p.m. The format will be a round robin tournament, divided into two groups of ability levels. There will be four \$25 prizes raffled off after the tennis. Please sign up early at the Reservations Desk. The cost is \$10.00 per player and this covers the food and drinks after the event. Keep in mind this is a social event with competition as a bonus! Have fun and enjoy this kickoff to the holiday season.

## The President's Court Chatter

by Dwight Van Slyke



2010 has been a good year for the club in many ways. Probably the biggest accomplishment made this year was the installation of fences to close off the courts at night. This has allowed for better maintenance and increased safety. Another facility change which helped the club financially occurred from a Reservation Staff suggestion. Don Green insisted the club was wasting too many hours turning on all the lights at the same time by using the timer. With some adaptation from an electrician, the lights are now maintained by the Reservation Desk and this modification has saved thousands of dollars. Thank you Don!!!

The perimeter of the stadium wall received a new paint job, thanks to BTC member Beckey Smiser. In 2011, we will continue to look for opportunities, like the recent Fed Cup Exhibition, to utilize the Maureen Connolly Brinker Stadium, which is such a unique setting for tennis. Unfortunately, without fencing, the stadium is a target for the homeless at night so keeping it clean is a daily challenge for the maintenance staff, yet a priority.

Lighting of the lower six courts is still a main priority of the club. BTC Board member, Jerry Bischoff, is diligently working with the structural engineers and electricians to get all the plans in place and up to code. The club is still working on additional funding so don't hesitate to send potential donors our way so we can complete this project in 2011.

Lastly, the addition of a flat screen television and cable to the clubhouse, thanks to JR Rivera, has brought the club together. It's nice to see many of the members at the club, watching the major tennis tournaments and current sporting events here at BTC. Happy Holidays to all of you.



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Board meetings are at 7 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month in the BTC Clubhouse. All members are welcome.

The BTC Main Office is open Monday through Friday.

The reservations desk is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

The club is closed on Christmas.

Reservations & Info...	295-9278
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Submissions to the newsletter are welcome.  
Call 295-4242



## Tennis Tips by Ron Seno

**Tennis elbow:** Tennis elbow is a slow injury that may take a long time to be felt, even years. Tennis elbow can occur from turning wrist, dropping racket below the arm (racquet face) trying to create top spin or slice. During my 4 years at Balboa Tennis Club, I could see players that

potentially would have tennis elbow and sure enough has caught up with them, elbow braces, etc. Remember, if it takes a year to develop tennis elbow, there is a chance the pain will go away in another year with the right strokes. If you continue with the same strokes, it may come back. Flexible racquets which aren't so stiff and softer tension make help, but it is how you swing the racket which makes the difference. Don't make your swing difficult. There is no "magic" in swinging the racket...good simple strokes, good contact, good positioning and footwork can be the answer.

## The Director's Report by Colleen Clery Ferrell



I want to thank all of you for making my first five years at Balboa Tennis Club an enriching experience. I am very appreciative of the opportunity presented to me to be Director of this fine facility. My zest to continue improving the club is stronger than ever in all aspects. We are fortunate to have a consistent staff of employees who truly care about the club and do their best to keep the courts organized and members current. The maintenance staff is credited for daily cleanup and court cleanliness. Behind the scenes, our dedicated Club President Dwight Van Slyke and the Board of Directors work diligently to solve problems, allocate funds and strive to improve Balboa Tennis Club for the betterment of the members and the public as well. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, it was a productive year for all club tournaments. Life is good at BTC!!!

A few weeks ago, I received an e-mail inquiring about Corporate Court Rental. I returned the e-mail with answers to the question asked in a timely manner. After corresponding several times, the person who inquired about court rental asked me if I was interested in working for his company because he was impressed with my customer service skills. I told him I was one of the lucky ones who could honestly say I enjoy 95% of my job. So what's the missing 5%? The complaint and concern department is one area that is very challenging for me, yet a necessary part of being a club manager. We have forms at the desk which any member or guest can fill out when they have a complaint or concern. I follow up immediately by notifying each party and trying to get a resolution. If necessary, the complaint will be brought to the Ethics Committee and the BTC Board of Directors. Your concerns are heard so if there is a problem with staff, other members or something around the club which needs attention, this is the process to follow.

Please keep your eyes open to any suspicious individuals or behavior in the clubhouse or around the club. This is a continual challenge for all of us. Some of the late night problems, we have no control over. Like two nights ago, someone stole the awning which covers the overhang above court #19. The next day, vandals tipped over all the plants along court 10. Luckily, the gates are locked each day now so there is less damage to the courts. Yet the clubhouse still manages to attract wandering individuals regularly as well as the locker rooms. Notify the desk immediately if you see any suspicious behavior. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I would like to reiterate that the teaching courts are only available when the pros aren't there. Similar to when someone is taking over your court at the change of the hour, finish your point and exit the court. Surely, there may be other teaching courts available, yet many of the pros like to be closer to the shed so they might have preference for certain courts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you all for a great 2005 - 2010 at BTC. Let's keep working together towards a common goal of tennis enjoyment, no matter what level, at America's Finest Public Tennis Facility – Balboa Tennis Club.

## BTC Holiday Junior Camp



How about finding something fun and worthwhile for your kids to do during Christmas week? You can be out searching for the last minute presents to put under the tree and your kids can be enjoying a four day tennis camp right here at Balboa Tennis Club! USPTA Pro Mike Rogers is running the camp Monday through Thursday, December 20 -23, from 10:30 – 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$150 for four days. Contact Mike at 858-361-1135 or email him at [mrogerstennis@gmail.com](mailto:mrogerstennis@gmail.com) to sign up and for additional details. All ages are welcome





## Tennis Tradition and Family Legacy at Saints

by Ruben Carriedo

The Carriedo Brothers, Marcos, Ruben, and Carlos started to show up at the Morley Field Tennis Complex in the early 1950s to take advantage of free tennis clinics conducted by the newspaper editor and long-time junior tennis patron, Fred Kinne. Soon they started to enter and win local and regional tennis tournaments. Marcos earned Southern California rankings in the top 10 of 15- and 18-and under divisions while Carlos earned the top ranking for several years in the 11, 13, and 15 and under divisions. Carlos also won the Boys Singles at the National Junior Hardcourts for 15 and under and reached the finals of the Boys Doubles at the National Championships at Kalamazoo. Marcos won several national public parks championships in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Two of his partners in mixed doubles were Billie Jean Moffit (King) and Anne Keeney (Russ).

All three brothers attended St. Augustine High School in North Park on scholarships. Marcos and Ruben helped Saints earn its first Eastern League Championship in 1959, Later Carlos would represent Saints in CIF Singles Championships, gaining the finals four times. After high school, Marcos attended



New Mexico State and Los Angeles State College where helped the teams to conference championships. Ruben and Carlos went to the University of Notre Dame where Carlos captained the team. Both Marcos and Carlos have been inducted into the St. Augustine Sports Hall of Fame in 2004 and 2009, respectively.

After a long hiatus with family and careers responsibilities, the brothers have returned to Morley Field again as members of the Balboa Tennis Club and volunteer tennis coaches for the St. Augustine High School tennis team. Ruben and Marcos assist the Varsity Coach Tom Isaak with the varsity and junior varsity teams. Marcos works primarily with the

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## Senior on the Rise – Steve Kaplan

Steve Kaplan is one of those guys who just can't get enough tennis in his life. "At least it's a positive addiction," he says. Steve plays six days a week at Balboa and competes regularly in senior tournaments. Most recently, he was asked to compete in the North/South Challenge which was played in Fresno October 10-11. The competition was between the top 65-85 year-olds from Southern Cal and Northern Ca. Steve played well and truly enjoyed the team camaraderie.



As a late bloomer to tennis, Steve spent years making up for lost time. He began playing during the tennis boom of the 70's. After watching players like Borg and Connors compete, Steve decided tennis "looked like a fun game," so he taught himself to play.

In the beginning of his career, Steve didn't compete in many tournaments because he was busy coaching his four children in baseball and soccer. After his retirement from the San Diego School District in 2001, Steve's focus on tennis escalated.

Steve participated in his first national tournament at age 55. In 2001, he achieved his highest ranking of 38 nationally. He's held steadily between 40-50 in the national rankings and 4-10 in local San Diego rankings for the past 10 years. He considers himself a singles player who also plays doubles socially. To stay in shape for tennis at 65 years young, Steve does weights and cardio workouts at the gym twice a week. One of his main goals is to play tennis until he reaches the 90's division. In the meantime, there are many matches and tournaments to keep Steve busy on the courts as he keeps his passion alive playing the great game of tennis for life.

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**Question and Answer with Tony Perez**

*SDCTUA Certified – National Referee/SD Grievance and Ethics Committee*

**1. Q** - How many years have you been a member of BTC?

**A** - I've been a member here for 12 years

**2. Q** - How long have you played tennis?

**A** - I learned tennis while I was stationed in Italy as a member of the Armed Forces close to 22 years ago. I used to watch the guys play over there. I noticed how athletic they were on the court and then decided to give it a try myself. I played in Munich as well as Berlin.

**3. Q** - Have you always been a “Take Charge” guy?

**A** – I was a supervisor when I was in the Army.

**4. Q** – Where were you born?

**A** – In Central Mexico. I became an American Citizen in 1976

**5. Q** - Other than the Army, did you work at any other profession prior to becoming an umpire?

**A** - After I retired from the Army, I worked as a Systems Administrator for SAIC in Arizona.

**6. Q** - Why did you decide to become a Tennis Official?

**A** - I saw the kids, parents and coaches dealing with sportsmanship, bad calls and getting into arguments. I thought I could make a difference and help out.

**7. Q** - What is your specialty?

**A** -Junior Tennis. I have to be more considerate with



the juniors. Like an 8 year old kid, for example. He has to know all the rules and my job is to guide him through this process, especially those rules which are marginal, like foot faults and sportsmanship. I am so proud of some of the kids from our area like Bradley Klahn (Stanford) and CoCo Vandeweghe (#113 in the world rankings) who have come through our local ranks and are doing well.

**8. Q** - What are some of your challenges when having to make big decisions during a match?

**A** - Sometimes when you have to assess a “code,” it can impact the entire team and not just the individual. One decision can ruin an entire season for a team. I try to work on prevention first. I give the player a chance to correct themselves first before enforcing the penalty. The most important factor is being fair and balanced throughout the match.

**9. Q** – Is it true that you will be making your debut as a Tournament Director for the 2011 San Diego District tournament?

**A** – I'm looking forward to the experience. I'm still learning TDM, which is the Tournament Data Management for all USTA sanctioned tournaments, yet I'll have enough experienced people around me to help out. If I can be more effective in tennis and have a positive impact, then it's a good thing.

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In addition to his desire for competition, Steve also gives back to the game he loves by helping out with the St. Vincent De Paul Program. BTC Tennis Director, Geoff Griffin, has these comments about Steve. “I have known Steve for many years. He is a class act and very quietly gives a great deal of time helping very needy kids. About 5 years ago, Steve asked if he could help with a weekly program I was doing for homeless kids at Saint Vincent De Paul Village. For many years we would work together with kids every Monday from 3-4. Steve became so good with them that last year I felt I could slip away and let him completely take it over. He is always there and the kids love him. I make sure he has what he needs, but it is his baby now. I think that Steve is the highlight of the week for many of those kids.”

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varsity team members while Ruben assists with the junior varsity. Many of the Saints tennis players begin playing tennis when they enter high school and profit greatly from the additional support of the volunteer coaches.

Coaches Marcos and Ruben derive great pleasure from the experience for several reasons. First, they are enthusiastic about giving back something to Saints, an institution that has had such a positive influence on their lives and careers. Second, they love tennis and enjoy introducing the sport to young people. Third, the volunteer coaching has provided a reason for them to come back to Morley to see old friends and colleagues. And finally, as Ruben notes jokingly: “the volunteer coaching keeps us off the couch.”

# Wounded Warriors Program Needs Your Help

By M.A. Hillier

Many of you have seen our group of Wounded Warriors getting tennis lessons at Balboa Tennis Club a couple days a month courtesy of our dedicated volunteer instructors including Geoff Griffin, Steve Kappes, M. A. Hillier, Spike Lowndes, Stan Backovsky, Suella Steel, James Felder, and Jay

more at ease with other participants and the volunteers. They are getting more comfortable playing tennis with their prosthetics and gaining more confidence every session. The tennis clinics have helped to improve the day to day functioning and coping skills of the participants.



Foronda. Other volunteers who help out when their schedule allows include: Bob Johnson, Greg Hasterok Sr., Shelley Susman, Don Dudley, Vaughan Anders, Ruth Nutt, Gerry Bishoff, Nancy Sanchez, Lynne Beerle, Dennis Stowjewa, and Mary Lou Harris.

These injured service members are patients at Balboa Naval Medical Center and members of all four branches of the military. Most are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with a wide range of injuries including amputations, post traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries, and a variety of other physical impairments. Despite these challenges, all the patients have shown remarkable determination and positive attitudes during the clinics, which are filled with a lot of cheering, encouragement and laughter from the players, pros, and volunteers alike. Some of these courageous men and women played tennis before their injury and a lot of them have never picked up a tennis racket before starting this program. The bi-monthly tennis clinics have been going on since January and we have seen tremendous growth in the number of participants. The pros and volunteers are great with the patients, giving them a sense of success and accomplishment.

We have seen a considerable improvement in all the participants, whether its their skill levels, ability to get from a wheelchair to a standing position, or feeling

Following tennis, the wounded warriors and volunteers are treated to lunch. Lunch is provided courtesy of donations from individuals such as yourself. The participants, pros, and volunteers really enjoy these lunches as it gives them an opportunity to socialize off the court and get to know each other. These lunches are in jeopardy of being discontinued because of a lack of funds. If you know of any caterers who would like to cater one of the lunches for free to a total of approximately 20-25 people, or you would like to make a donation

yourself, please contact Marla Knox at 619-532-7764 or [Marla.Knox@med.navy.mil](mailto:Marla.Knox@med.navy.mil). You can also mail your donations to Mary Alice Hillier, 15411 El Capitan Real Lane, El Cajon, CA 92021. Checks can be made out to Armed Services YMCA-Rec. Therapy. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

Help us continue this tradition of serving lunch to our patients and showing our appreciation to our volunteers for all their hard work!

## **BTC Players Participating In 2010 Intersectionals**

Congratulations to 8 BTC members who were selected to represent Southern Cal in the 2010 Intersectional Team Championships in San Antonio, Texas November 15-21. The tournament lasts one week with age divisions ranging from 35-85. The following BTC players will be participating in the competition: Melinda Murray - Captain (35) team, Colleen Clery Ferrell (45), Ruth Young (55), Anne Russ - Captain (65), Nancy Kibbey (75), Mary Lou Harris (75), Roz King (75), Fran Hunter (85), Jeanne Garrett (85). Good luck to all the players.



# Helping the Blind Enjoy Life

Pat Newman

35 year member at BTC

Plays competitively 4 times per week

Self taught at tennis

Retired teacher from SD Unified

Two children/daughter and a son

BTC member Pat Newman plays the card game cribbage with the blind twice a week. She doesn't need the Holiday Season to provide any impetus to help those who are less fortunate. The people at the Blind Community Center of San Diego (BCC) – located at 1805 Upas Street – need her help and she feels intense satisfaction for offering her services. “I am in my third year of volunteering and it's been wonderful,” she says. “They are exactly like you and me; the blind people amaze me. I am proud to be in their lives.”

Having been raised in a large family with 9 children, including one blind sister, Pat was exposed to the necessity of helping others at a young age through the family life. After retiring, she finally had the time offer. Now she regularly volunteers to help the blind and truly enjoys the experience. “They want to be treated equal,” she says. “Yet they do need some assistance.” Some members of the BCC were born blind, while others lost their sight later in life from cataracts or macular degeneration. Nonetheless, Pat says, “they are very crafty people.”

Right now BCC is preparing for their annual presentation at the Balboa Park December Nights, their annual holiday gathering. Each year they sing as a group during the



festive weekend in Balboa Park and also sponsor a Crafts Booth with homemade items to sell.

Most recently, Pat and BTC Volunteer Extraordinaire Carole Bunker, organized the BCC Third Semi-Annual Cribbage Tournament, which was a complete success. The opportunities to help the blind at BCC are numerous. If any BTC members would like more information on how to get involved, contact Pat Newman at 619-463-6563/619-417-1844 or e-mail her at cpatnewman@cox.net.

## Geoff's Holiday Gift Drive

“Fresh after so much fund-raising for our Wounded Warrior Program, I must start all over again with the Holiday Gift Drive. I will be working with the same three groups I worked with last year: Storefront, Stand Up For Kids and the San Diego Rescue Organization. All three are really small and were very appreciative if not somewhat in awe at what our tennis club did for them last year. I will get you more information to you through the Club Updates as we get closer to December. Thanks, Geoff”



## Tennis Legacy for BTC

Leave a wonderful tennis legacy in your name that will significantly help carry forward the BTC tradition of service to the tennis community. You can arrange a bequest in your will or trust. You could also make BTC the beneficiary of an insurance policy, an IRA or a bank account. It's easy to do. For additional information, call the Club Director, Colleen Ferrell at 619-295-4242.

## BTC Haiku No. 1

by BTC Member Alastair McLeod, 2010

Yellow ball says “pock”  
To whipped graphite and sprung gut  
Tears air, trails fire. In.

# Calendar of Events

## November

16	BTC Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
20	Turkey Shoot Club Social -3:00 p.m.

## December

1-20	Geoff's Annual Holiday Gift Drive
15	Holiday Volunteer Party - 6:00 p.m.
25	Reservations Closed for Christmas Day

## January

14	San Diego District Annual Dinner – 7:00 pm La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club
18	BTC Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
22	New Year Round Robin Social – 3:00 p.m.



## 2010 San Diego Metropolitan Tournament Results

Men's Open Singles - Chang def. Rea – 6-7, 6-4, 6-1  
 Women's Open Singles -Hoffpaair def. Williams – 6-2, 6-2  
 Men's Open Doubles - Canning/Navarro def.  
 Rea/Simmons – 3-6, 6-3, 6-4  
 Mixed Open Doubles – Chang/Jones def.  
 Hoffpaair/Scandalis – 6-7, 6-4,6-4  
 Father/Son Doubles – McGrath/McGrath def. Ray/Ray  
 4-6, 7-5, 6-2  
 Men's 55 Doubles – Hagey/Hutchison def.  
 Naumann/Ofner – 7-6, 6-7, 7-5  
 Men's 45 Singles - Ortiz def. Brummitt – 6-0, 6-2  
 Men's 50 singles - Magtanong def. Johnson 6-1, 6-1  
 Men's 55 Singles - Ybarra def. McGrath – WO (ill)  
 Men's 60 Singles - Hughes def. Aalam – 6-4, 3-6, 6-2  
 Men's 65 Singles - Enyedy def. Kaplan – 6-1, 6-4  
 Men's 70 Singles - Vesell def. Biddle – 7-6, 6-2  
 Men's 75 Singles - Albares def. Carrico – 6-2, 6-2  
 NTRP Men's 3.5 Singles - Gunn def. Reyes 6-1, 3-6, 6-4  
 NTRP Men's 4.0 Singles – Krishnamoorthy def. Quinto –  
 6-4, 6-2  
 NTRP Men's 4.5 Singles - Bennett def. Nguyen –  
 7-6, 2-0 Ret (ill)

NTRP Men's 5.0 Singles – Seno def. Lowndes – 6-3, 6-4  
 NTRP Men's 5.5 Singles – Acuna def. Coutinho – 6-3, 6-4  
 NTRP Women's 3.5 Singles – O'Neill def. Lusher -  
 6-2, 6-7, 6-4  
 NTRP Women's 4.0 Singles – Pettee def. Karjala -  
 6-1, 6-2  
 NTRP Women's 4.5 Singles – Solorzano def. Shuffleton –  
 7-6, 6-2  
 NTRP Men's 3.5 Doubles – Parlade/Sado def.  
 Logan/Macaraig – 4-6, 6-2, 7-6  
 NTRP Men's 4.0 Doubles – Ewing/Rawls def.  
 Laechelt/Parsons – 6-3, 2-6, 6-4  
 NTRP Men's 4.5 Doubles – Nelson/Pomerenke def.  
 Haar/Heshmaty – 6-3, 7-5  
 NTRP Women's 4.0 Doubles – Reasons/Zarbo def.  
 Orara/Yngson – 6-0, 6-2  
 NTRP Mixed 3.5 Doubles – France/Morrison def.  
 Butler/Stillman – 7-5, 7-6  
 NTRP Mixed 4.0 Doubles – Yamane/Zarbo def.  
 Abbott/Gallego – 7-5, 6-3  
 NTRP Mixed 4.5 Doubles – Cunanan/Sabino def.  
 Hom/Leong – 6-4, 6-4