



Center Court

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2007 Maureen Connolly Brinker Balboa Open Champions

The annual Maureen Connolly Brinker Balboa Open Championships was a huge success this year, with over 670 participants. Thanks to all of our wonderful Balboa volunteers who are the key to the success of this popular tournament. See page 7 for complete tournament results.



Left - Women's Open Singles: Winner - Kristen Strimple (left), Geoff Griffin - Tournament Director (Center), Finalist - Esther Cadua (right)
Above - Men's Open Singles: Finalist - Jeffery Fitch (left), Geoff Griffin - Tournament Director (Center), Winner - Oscar Plotnik (right)

Back to School Social September 15th

Balboa Tennis Club designates four socials each year for new and current members of the club. These friendly gatherings enable all interested players to compete for cash prizes totaling \$100. The Tennis Director breaks up the groups into two ability levels, with players switching partners each round. After tennis, the participants meet in the clubhouse for a meal, conversation and an award ceremony. The cost is \$6.00 per player. A sign up sheet is posted at the Reservations Desk, three weeks prior to the event. Prepayment is required so the pros and Tennis Café can get an accurate count on the number of

participants. A minimum of 20 people must be signed up by Thursday, September 13 for the next event to take place.

Clean Towels at Reservations Desk

Have you ever raced to the club and then remembered you forgot your towel? Large and small hand towels are now available at the Reservations Desk for members and guests. Similar to the squeegee policy, the player requesting a towel needs to leave some item of significance with the Reservations Agent to insure the towel will be returned.



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The President Speaks...

by Robin Rodger

It is time once again to select 5 new board members. This process takes place every September 1, when petitions are available for the five board vacancies. The board consists of a president and 10 board members. Everyone has a 2-year term, with 5 positions coming vacant each year, which allows for continuity.



This year my term as president is up. I have been the president for 8 years now and served for one year on the board before that. I took the job to make a difference and give something back to our sport and to our beautiful city. I believe that along with the help of many others, I have accomplished that goal. The club is very strong today and I feel it is time for me to step down. I have a grandson that I adore, and my middle daughter got married 3 months ago, so all 3 of my children are living in San Diego for the first time in years. Life changes and expands and I must move with it and savor every moment. I have spoken with Dwight Van Slyke and he would like to run for the office of president. Dwight has been a board member for several years and has done a great job of enhancing our facilities.

When I said I would take the job of president 9 years ago, Roz King agreed to stay on the board to help me learn the ropes. It was invaluable and I have always appreciated her guidance. I told Dwight that I will run for a board position and if elected, remain on the board to help him make a smooth transition.

Balboa Tennis Club has a very hard working and professional group of board members. I overheard someone telling a friend how much they appreciated the work the board does for everyone in the club. We, as a board, enjoy working together for the good of the club and hearing this compliment felt good.

I have made many friends and have had wonderful experiences at Balboa Tennis Club. These people will be with me forever. I am privileged to have had this experience. If it fits into your life right now, consider running for the board. I can guarantee you will enjoy it.

Become a Voice for the Club - Join the Board

Petitions to join the Balboa Tennis Club Board of Directors will be available September 1 at the Reservations Desk or at our website www.balboatennis.com. Board members serve two- year terms. Anyone interested in joining the board needs to collect 40 signatures from BTC Members recommending him or her for the board. Petitions must be returned to the Reservations Desk by October 15. If there are more than five applicants, an election will be held. The new term begins January 1, 2008. Board meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



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Director

Colleen Clery Ferrell

Tennis Director

Geoff Griffin

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 New Years Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Reservations & Info...	295-9278
Director's Office.....	295-4242
Pro Shop.....	291-5248
Tennis Café	299-8787

Submissions to the newsletter are welcome.
Call 295-4242

New Owners Take Over Tennis Café

Al & Pam began operating the Tennis Café on June 22, 2007. They have big plans to expand the menu by adding more soup days and possibly fruit smoothies. The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



New owners Al and Pam

If you're in the mood for something warm and filling, their revised menu offers soups, chili, hot dogs and burgers to satisfy your hunger. Cold deli sandwiches, consisting of turkey, beef, ham and tuna round out the hearty portion of the menu. Of course, all types of chips, salads and ice cream are available to compliment the main meal. Specialty Coffees, Espresso and teas on the menu offer a wide variety of hot drinks. Sodas, water and sports drinks will help keep the thirsty tennis players hydrated and able to play vigorously all day long.

Al works most of the shifts, with Pam helping out during busy days and also to give Al a break. This hard-working couple aims to please the members and guests of Balboa Tennis Club by providing excellent food and service. Please feel free to let them know if you have any specific sandwich or item you would like added to the menu. Please support the Tennis Café on a regular basis. Even if you're not playing, stop by with friends or clients, watch some tennis and enjoy the food at Balboa Tennis Club's premier café.

62nd San Diego Metropolitan Finalizes Summer Tournament Season

The final tournament of the BTC summer schedule begins September 21-23 and 28-30. Signups start Tuesday, August 7th at the Reservation Desk or online at www.usta.com - tournament # 651863307. Make sure to enter this end of season tournament to put the final touch on your ranking. Chaz Griffin is the Tournament Director for the third year. The cost is \$30 for singles and \$36 per doubles team. The entry deadline is September 9th.

Bear with Me... Pat Newman

Last month I went to N. Lake Tahoe to visit my sister, Jesi, and her family. It was the about the time fires were ravaging S. Lake Tahoe.

Anne Randle, remember her? She used to be our club manager. She's upbeat, has a great laugh and used to play a mean game of tennis. Every time I go to the Reno/Tahoe area, Anne and I get together to gamble, eat, play cribbage and gossip.

Picture this: I was sitting at the end of Jesi's dining room table, facing the kitchen, which is next to the laundry room. Anne was to my left, looking out a big picture window. I looked straight ahead and low and behold, a **BEAR** walked into the laundry room. I muttered, "There's a bear in the laundry room." Anne looked to her left. Immediately, Mr. Bear stepped back and I said, "He's gone." When I said that, he decided to step back into the laundry room and turn left and walk into the kitchen. I was *outa there* and flying up the stairs. My brother-in-law heard me yelling, "There's a **bear** in the house, there's a **bear** in the house!" Jesi asked, "Where's Anne?" I had no idea. (I'd hate to think I'd leave three babies sitting at the table and my only thought is to get out of there!) Anyway, Anne had locked herself in the bathroom.

The bear left, taking a loaf of gourmet bread off the dryer, leaving the package it came in, in the doorway. (Jesi was disappointed he took the *good* bread.) He found a log to sit on and proceeded to eat it in front of us.

The forest ranger said yelling, banging pots and pans, getting a bull-horn would send him off. That's the good news. The bad news: He said, because he'd been in the house, --- *He'll be back.....*

Get involved in BTC
Join the Board!
Applications Now Available

The Director's Report

by Colleen Clery Ferrell



I hope all of you are making time to enjoy another wonderful summer in America's Finest City. There's a reason so many locals stick around in the summer because our city and tennis club have so much to offer. With a busy tournament season now in full swing, the courts are a bustling center of activity from the early morning hours until dusk. Come on out and enjoy all that BTC has to offer in tennis paradise.

Some of our club members have been traveling to other cities for additional competition. Roz King recently played in the National Grass Court Championships at Forest Hills, New York and won a gold ball in doubles with Nancy Reed of Florida. Roz was also recently selected to play on the 70's team of the Althea Gibson World Cup. She will be traveling to New Zealand along with three other players to represent the USA. Way to go Roz!!!

The National Open finished up on a high note with local favorite Alison Bradshaw taking the women's final and Tulsa native Will Gray winning the men's. Both players were thrilled to achieve personal goals of winning a gold ball. Thanks to all members who supported the National Open by coming out to cheer

and volunteering to help run the tournament.

Having any trouble finding a bench to sit on these days? We have no more wooden benches to sponsor, but still have three green flat benches in need of sponsor plaques. These benches have been discounted to \$200 for anyone interested in getting an inscription placed on the bench and becoming part of BTC history. See me for details.

In order to be more equitable with league and recreational play in the evening, World Team Tennis and Girl's Night Out Leagues need to check with me prior to signing up a team. The leagues will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis with the maximum number of courts being used for league play at five, except on rare occasions.

Lastly, please inform the Reservation Desk when the cups are out in the Clubhouse. This is the reservation agent's responsibility or maintenance, not the Tennis Café. Also, be careful with drinks when you are playing. Gil has been reporting large spills on several courts. Please drink responsibly and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Cardio Tennis Fitness, Fun and Tennis

Last year at Tennis Fest 2006, former Tennis Professional Tracy Austin ran a cardio tennis class at BTC. Members were treated to a premier introduction to this program, which features a high intensity cardio workout to music for players of all abilities. Instead of winning points as the ultimate goal, achieving a great workout, monitoring your heart rate and burning calories is the focus of Cardio Tennis.

Overall, this USTA approved program has received rave reviews. At BTC, Tennis Pro Tom Nygaard runs one hour classes on Tuesday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. If the accompanying music is a problem, make sure to reserve a court away from the teaching courts or avoid playing during these designated time periods.



Meet Timothy Jeffery

There's a new face in the BTC Maintenance department named Timothy Jeffery. Tim recently moved to San Diego from Los Angeles. His responsibilities include weekend maintenance so you'll see him in the early morning hours on the weekends. If you have any specific needs for court maintenance on Saturday or Sunday, notify the Reservation Desk for assistance.

Members Business Directory

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 Kristelyn B. Wachner
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Business Directory Information

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EMAIL _____

For all the latest club news, visit
 the Balboa Tennis Club Website at

www.balboatennis.com

Host Committee Welcomes New Members

BTC Board Member Bob Gates is spearheading a new committee to welcome new members to our club. Often times, people join BTC without any playing partners or concept of their ability level. Bob is available to guide the daytime members and board member John Rodriguez has volunteered for the evening players. If you're interested in becoming a host or hostess for the



Bob Gates

club, leave your name and contact information at the Reservations Desk. Please specify what time of the day you can be of assistance. A clipboard will be located at the Reservations Desk for new members wishing to be introduced to the club by a host or hostess.

Internet Access at the Club



On line at BTC.

Never mind rushing over to the local café to check your e-mail because Internet access is now available at BTC. A powerful router has been strategically placed so members and guests can utilize this connection from the Reservations Desk area over to the clubhouse. Bring your laptop to the courts and take care of business before or after your match. Enjoy lunch at the Tennis Café and send out a few messages to clients before heading back to work or simply surf the web at your leisure.

Hall of Fame Inductions Set for August 25th

The 2007 class of inductees for the San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame will receive their awards on Saturday, August 25th at 4:00 p.m. Alex Gordon (posthumously), Pancho Segura, Bill Stack, Suella Steel and Kathy Chabot Willette round out the class of 2007. The one-hour ceremony in the Maureen Connolly Stadium will be followed by a



San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame

casual barbeque chicken buffet dinner served on the lawn. The cost is \$15 per person, payable to the San Diego Tennis District Association (SDDTA). Please mark your calendars to attend this important event in local tennis history and to support our longtime club member, Bill Stack.

Annual Senior Olympics Coming

The Senior Olympics Tennis Tournament will be held at BTC on September 10-12, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Participants qualify at age 50, with five-year increments for each division. Events include singles, doubles and mixed. All participants receive a goody bag. The entry fee is \$35 with a \$5 per event fee. Entry forms are available on line at www.sdseniorgames.org, at the Reservations Desk or by



Barbara Gregorio and some of the Balboa Senior Olympic players.

contacting Barbara Gregorio at 619-239-8408. Medals are awarded to first, second and third place in each group. The Senior Olympic Nationals take place in San Francisco on August 9, 2008 for medal winners. Senior Olympic competition is fun and friendly. Please sign up ASAP if you're interested in testing your skills.

Free Tennis Clinics at BTC

The last two free tennis clinics of the year will take place on Saturday, August 18 and Saturday, October 20. Both clinics begin at 3:00 p.m. and will run until 4:30 p.m. Sign ups take place in the Pro Shop and require only a \$5.00 deposit to make sure the players show up. There are 24 spots available at the clinic, which is run by three quality professionals and Geoff.

The emphasis of the clinics is on footwork and various doubles drills. Players must be at least a high beginner through the advanced level to participate. This is a great opportunity to get an aerobic workout and to meet other players from the club. The atmosphere is very friendly and positive. Make sure you sign up early as the clinics fill up quickly.



Men's Restroom Renovation

The men's restroom is in the process of being refurbished at this time. The shower area is getting renovated first, followed by the floor. Please be patient during this time while we work at improving the club.

Women's Challenge Court Starting at BTC

For all the supporters of the Ladies Challenge Court, your time has arrived. Beginning Wednesday, September 5th, the Women's Challenge Court will operate, on a one-month trial basis, all day long on court #8.

Every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., this court will be dedicated to female only competition. The Reservation Desk will keep a tally of players throughout the month so the Board of Directors can make a fair evaluation on whether or not the court is being utilized.

This is a great opportunity for women to participate in a challenge court environment dedicated specifically to women.



Andrea Felder awaits ladies challenge court.

2007 Maureen Connolly Brinker Balboa Open Results

Men's Open Singles

Oscar Plotnik def. Jeffery Fitch
7-5,7-5

Women's Open Singles

Kristin Strimple def. Esther Cadua
6-2,6-1

Men's Open Doubles

Riley/Wai def. Meister/Rubens
6-4,7-5

Women's Open Doubles

McGill/McGill def. McBride/Taylor
Def(ns)

Mixed Open Doubles

Acuna/Yang def. Carnaje/Siordia
4-6,7-5,6-4

Men's 35 Singles

Nelson Alapi def. Michael Royle
6-4,6-0

Men's 45 Singles

Alexander Magtanong def. Jim Winters
6-4,6-2

Men's 50 Singles

Kip Hutchison def. Jerry Naumann
6-4,7-5

Men's 55 Singles

Tony Ybarra def. Jay Schiller
6-1, 2-0 Ret (inj)

Men's 60 Singles

William Bethard def. Danny Dabby
6-2,6-2

Men's 65 Singles

Leland Housman def. Joe Zerboni
6-1,6-4

Men's 70 Singles

Johnny Sanchez def. Robert Perry
6-3,6-7,6-2

Men's 75 Singles

Saul Snyder def. Donald Albares
6-2,6-3

Men's 80 Singles

William Nyhan def. James Watters
6-4,6-1

Women's 40 Singles

Joan Barnes def. Robyn Leong
6-3, 3-6, 6-1

Women's 55 Singles

Sandy Pharo def. Ellen Furman
0-6,6-0,6-4

Women's 60 Singles

Dessie Wright def. Kathryn Firigin
6-4,6-2

Women's 70 Singles

Roz King def. Dorothy Karp
6-3,6-2

Women's 75 Singles

Nancy Kibbey def. Lois Simmons
6-4,7-5

Men's 40 Doubles

Roybal/Sandknop def. Corvera/Ray
Wo (inj)

Men's 45 Doubles

Simmons/Siordia def. Nelson/Ybarra
6-0,6-4

Men's 50 Doubles

Naumann/Ofner def. Buskirk/Knight
6-4,6-3

Men's 55 Doubles

Monahan/Schmersal def. Bethard/Jenkins
6-4,6-3

Men's 60 Doubles

Nygaard/Royden def. Durgan/Kelly
6-2,6-2

Men's 70 Doubles

Bobbitt/Sanchez def. Dorrah /Turner
6-3,5-7,6-2

NTRP 3.0 Men's Singles

Douglass Goodall def. Phil Villagomez
6-1,6-2

NTRP Men's 3.5 Singles

Alfredo Mendoza def. Robert Bennett
6-3,2-6,7-5

NTRP Men's 4.0 Singles

Vincent Travaglione def. Aggie Agpaa
4-6,7-6,6-3

NTRP Men's 4.5 Singles

Humberto Ibarra def. Massimo Caruana
6-4,6-0

NTRP Men's 5.0 Singles

Jeffery Worthington def. Junya Akagi
5-7,6-2,6-2

NTRP Men's 5.5 Singles

Robert Simmons def. Luke Serna
6-4,7-6

NTRP Women's 3.0 Singles

Sabina Wong def. Sonia Zepeda
Wo (inj)

NTRP Women's 3.5 Singles

Natalie Ostroff def. Karen Sykes
6-1,6-0

NTRP Women's 4.0 Singles

Sonia Escobar def. Thanh Huyen
6-2,4-6,6-1

NTRP Women's 4.5 Singles

Tiffany Worst def. Jeannine Bauer
6-1,6-4

NTRP Men's 3.5 Doubles

Goodall/Linville/ def. Giff/Randolph
6-1,6-2

NTRP Men's 4.5 Doubles

Kennedy/Kennedy def. Mallery/Spencer
7-5,7-5

NTRP Men's 5.5 Doubles

Gleisner/Samuelson def. De Peralta/De
Sure 7-6,6-2

NTRP Women's 4.5 Doubles

Goldcamp/Howell def. Davis/Walker
7-6,7-5

NTRP Women's 5.5 Doubles

Gunset-Brown/Thompson def.
Carnaje/Sweet 7-6,6-1

NTRP Mixed 3.5 Doubles

Huyen/Sethi def. Hardy/Hardy
6-0,6-2

NTRP Mixed 4.5 Doubles

Caruana/Worst def. Howell/Rodriguez
1-6,6-4,6-3

NTRP Mixed 5.5 Doubles

Abe/Ford def. Barksdale/Pajuenen
7-6,7-6

Father Son Doubles

Tracy/Tracy def. Schiller/Schiller
6-3,6-1

Father Daughter Doubles

Ortiz/Ortiz def. Litrich/Litrich
7-6,6-1

Calendar of Events

August

1-3	BALBOA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
18	FREE TENNIS CLINIC 3:00 – 4:30 P.M.
21	BTC BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
24-26, Sept 1-3	79 TH SD DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS
25	HALL OF FAME CEREMONY & DINNER, 4:00P.M.

September

1-3	79 TH SD DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS
10-12	SENIOR OLYMPICS 12:00 – 5:00 P.M.
15	BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL 3:00 P.M. TENNIS/ 5:00 P.M. FOOD
18	BTC BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
21-23, 28-30	METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

October

16	BTC BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
20	FREE TENNIS CLINIC 3:00 – 4:30 P.M.

November

13	BTC BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
17	TURKEY SHOOT SOCIAL 3:00 P.M. TENNIS/5:00 P.M. FOOD



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