



Center Court

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Health Seminar a Booming Success

On December 5, Peter Conneely organized a Senior Health Fair for BTC Members. Peter contacted several health agencies including Sharp Memorial Hospital, Sharp Rees Stealy and the YMCA to send representatives for blood pressure screening, flu shots, body fat ratio and other well being issues. The health educators were well received. Please take advantage of club planned seminars. The next event, a CPR class, is tentatively scheduled for mid March. See the article in this issue of Center Court for more information.



Outreach "Water Man" Fundraiser Feb. 13th

Peppermint & Poetry - A poetry reading and fund raiser for David Ross's Outreach "Water Man" efforts will be held Tuesday, February 13 in the BTC Club House, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. All are invited for this worthwhile and fun event.

Buskey and BTC Spring Tournament Kick Off Season

This is the perfect time of the year to consider playing a tournament. For all seniors, the Paul Buskey Memorial Tournament runs from March 5-9 at BTC. This annual event honors Paul Buskey a former umpire and distinguished member of the San Diego Tennis Community. Play will begin at 11:00 each day. The age range for the tournament is from 65-90. It's never too late to test your competitive spirit!

The BTC Spring Tournament is scheduled for April 21-22, 28-29. An entry blank is located on page 7 of the newsletter for your convenience. This challenging competition can be a great sendoff to get your game ready for the upcoming summer tournaments. Entries for both tournaments can be taken at the Reservation Desk or mailed to the club.

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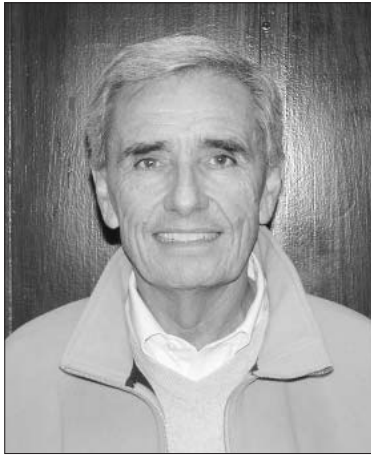
Thank You From Geoff

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Christmas Toy/Gift Drive for St. Claire's Home. We were able to satisfy many of the wishes of six women and about 15 kids. Special thanks to Dwight Van Slyke and his wonderful assistant Kylie, who acquired and wrapped over 30 gifts for the families. Thanks again to everyone who has enjoyed being a part year after year. It's great that we work together to help these deserving people.



STATE OF THE CLUB

R E P O R T



By Ronald J. Celeste, Treasurer

2006 was a very successful year for The Balboa Tennis Club. Our revenues exceeded our expenditures by over \$2,000. Because of the members who contributed to our “Club Bench” fundraiser, we were able to raise over \$26,000 to purchase 41 benches thus far and only need seven more to complete the project. Our Club Director Colleen Clery Ferrell deserves much of the credit for the success of this fundraiser.

The Board thanks all the members who contributed to this very worthy project. Ms. Ferrell is also responsible for increasing our revenue in areas such as court rental fees, interest income, locker rents and membership dues.

Each month we continue to fund our “reserves” for court resurfacing, windscreens, capital improvements, electrical and lighting needs. In 2006 we funded a total of \$25,000 to these reserves. These funds are used when courts need resurfacing, windscreens need replacing and when we experience unexpected electrical problems.

We are very grateful for all those involved with running our tournaments. We depend on this revenue each year in order to meet our budgetary needs. Although sometimes inconvenient to our members, tournaments net the club significant revenues each year.

The operations of the club are running very efficiently. The Club Director, Reservation Clerks and Maintenance personnel are to be commended for keeping things running smoothly. As most of you will agree, the Balboa Tennis Club is one of the finest public tennis facilities in the nation. We often hear compliments about the friendliness of the members and how easy it is to get a match. Our courts and other facilities are constantly being maintained to complement Balboa Park, the “Crown Jewel” of San Diego.

A special thanks to the Board of Directors and the President of the Club for their unselfish efforts in addressing every problem with an open and objective mind. I appreciate their talents in working together to resolve these issues in a spirit of diplomacy and cooperation.

Overall, I believe we can be very proud of our facilities, our members, our board and staff for making the Balboa Tennis Club the best public tennis facility in the country.



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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 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

Meet the New BTC Board Members

Linda Long, John Rodriguez and Andy Katz have begun their terms on the board. All three are already contributing innovative ideas and suggestions to improve this great club. Here's a short biography of each new member to help the club learn more about the individuals representing them.

Linda Long

Linda is married with two grown daughters and one granddaughter. She is originally from Atlanta, Georgia yet she has lived in most southern states and on both coasts. She served as Director of Account



Services for the advertising agency that spent a year on the launch of CNN. She was with Turner Advertising/TBS for a number of years prior to being recruited for this position. She served as the first woman Vice President of the Atlanta Cable Club

and managed many national cable related clients. She also created and managed all the advertising, promotional events for San Diego Transit. She served as a public liaison for many community and public sector agencies for SDT for nearly a decade. In addition, Linda has served on a plethora of boards while living in Georgia. She began gymnastics at the age of six and won a number of medals in competition, including the gold medal for the uneven parallel bars. She started tennis at 12. She's taught sports and lectured to young women about the role that sports can play in the business world. "I hope I can make a contribution to what is already such a successful and respected club."

John Rodriguez

John was born and raised in Torrance, in the South Bay area of Los Angeles. He attended college nearby at California State University in Long Beach and graduated with an accounting degree. John has worked in the financial field for the past nine years,

primarily in the construction industry. The highlight of his career happened in the spring of 2002 when he moved to San Diego and became the head accountant for construction at Petco Park. Since the completion of the Padres new home, he's now with Bumble Bee Foods, LLC. John's tennis career spans 17 years with one year on a junior college team, assistant coach for a San Jose girl's high school tennis team and participating in numerous USTA Tournaments. "I've been a member of Balboa Tennis Club for 2 1/2 years now. As a part of the board, I hope to make a difference."



Andy Katz

Andy moved to San Diego from Houston, Texas in 2003 after completing his pediatric residency at Texas Children's Hospital. In 2004, Andy worked at Children's Hospital in their Urgent Care department for two years. He now works at Alpine Family Medicine. Andy started playing tennis regularly in 2003 after he moved to California. He used to play a lot of golf, yet now tennis is his primary form of exercise. He has a greyhound dog named Jack. Andy and Jack spend time together at the dog park and Dog Beach. Jack is his 4th greyhound. Andy has volunteered at Big Pals for the past two years where he mentors an 8 year old.



Member Profile

Ray Nesbitt

As a spry 73 year old, Ray Nesbitt takes pride in his ability to play tennis three times a week despite bionic knees and multiple injuries. Tennis has been his biggest hobby since his early years at the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, where the tennis coach recruited him. He played handball, yet never touched a racquet until his



debut on the team where he played the #5 singles position and #3 doubles. This was the beginning of a lifelong love for the game of tennis.

Ray is a native of the Panama Canal Zone. In 1965 after he won a big tournament in Panama, some friends said, "If you ever get a chance to go to San Diego, check out Morley Field." Even in those days, this venerable tennis club was well known around the world. Being in the vessel industry, Ray was transferred to San Diego in the late 60's. He joined Balboa Tennis Club in 1972 and has been a proud member ever since.

One of his biggest accomplishments was winning the BTC Spring Tournament three times with different partners. Due to his limited mobility, he plays only recreational tennis, yet he really enjoys the social aspect of Balboa Tennis Club. His beloved wife passed away in 2001, and since that time, tennis has helped keep his spirits up. Despite knee and hip problems, Ray keeps on moving forward on the court and in life.

The Director's Report

by Colleen Clery Ferrell



Congratulations to all the champions at our club. At the Intersectional Competition in Austin, Texas, Roz King and her team captured the title in the 65 division for the 4th time. Melinda Murray, long time doubles partner Darice Carnaje, and others from Southern California arrived unseeded at the Intersectionals and left as the 35 National Champions. What an accomplishment for both of these teams! As for individual awards, Robyn Leong and Brad Hasper recently won Sportsmanship awards at the SDDTA Annual Banquet. Balboa Tennis Club is full of winners and we are proud of their accomplishments. Congratulations to all the members who are representing this club and giving their best efforts.

Thank you to all the members who have commented on the new hours at the Reservation Desk. The earlier opening times have eased the traffic dramatically at the desk and on the phone.

In regards to the San Diego Police ticketing members who desire to back in to the parking spaces, you are taking a risk. I spoke with one of the police officers and his desire for members to park "drive in style" is to cut down on a more complicated problem in the park. Please comply with this request rather than take the risk of getting ticketed. You may win the battle, yet it's not worth the effort. Ask me for more details if you're interested.

Lastly, here are a few club notes. Thank you to Sonny Gift for installing new antennae on our roof at the club. The reception on the television has improved dramatically. At the Reservations Desk, the club purchased a quality first aid kit if you need any type of immediate treatment. The water spigot for tall coolers was broken for the second time and the city has decided against replacing it. You'll have to get a cup from the clubhouse and use it to fill the coolers until we come up with an alternative method. Sorry for the inconvenience.

As for benches, thank you to everyone who contributed to this successful fundraiser. Anyone who has affection for court #24, two benches are still available for purchase. There are some upcoming changes at the club, which will free up eight new benches to be purchased. More details about exact locations for these additional

BTC Business Directory

February 2006 marked the beginning of the BTC Business Directory. Counting this month, 20 members have submitted information for the club database. As evidenced, this project is a work in progress. Don't miss out on the opportunity to pick up a new set of referrals through the tennis club.

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**If you would like to be added to the Business Directory, e-mail director@balboatennis.com*

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 MONTH OF FEBRUARY
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 MERCHANDISE ON
 PURCHASES OF \$20.00
 OR MORE
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Members Respond Please

There are currently four issues within the club, which the BTC Board of Director's would like member input. Please return your responses to the Reservation Desk by Monday, March 12. This information will be brought to the March 20th Board of Director's Meeting.

The first one is a suggestion concerning a **Challenge Court for Women**. The board would like to determine if there is sufficient interest to designate a court once a week for women only. If there is a positive response, the club would experiment on a 30 day basis with a Women's Challenge Court on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning, from 9-12:00 a.m.

The second issue concerns adding a **3rd A league Team**. Presently the club supports two ladies A league teams which play on Thursday morning. A request has come before the board to form a 3rd A team from January through Mid April in 2008. This would require the use of additional courts for league play during those months. Currently courts 19-21 are devoted to Thursday A league play in the mornings. An additional team would require courts 22-24 in the mornings for approximately 4 hours to support play on no more than two days a month during the league period.

The third issue is a **Netting Experiment** to prevent balls from rolling between courts. This issue has come before the board previously and was denied. This time it was decided to conduct an experiment to visually assess the situation. An 8 ft. pole with netting was added between courts 7 & 8. Custom netting would be added if the experiment is approved. Does the netting prevent a sufficient number of balls from rolling court to court? Do you like the way it looks? Does the netting inhibit your play? We would appreciate your feedback.

A fourth issue is **fencing** between courts 2&3, 6&7, 12&13,14&15, and 16&17, to prevent balls from rolling from court to court. An estimate for \$5,000 has been given to add 42 inch fencing with gates. Do balls rolling between the courts present enough of a problem to warrant the cost of fencing? Would you like the visual presentation of additional fencing?

BTA Member Response Form

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement on the following issues:

- Challenge Court For Women Yes No
- Additional Ladies A League Team Yes No
- Netting Experiment Yes No
- Fencing For Open Courts Yes No

Additional Comments:

Please leave your response at the Reservation Desk, email to director@balboatennis.com or fax to Balboa Tennis Club at 619/295-0233.

2007 BTC Event Schedule

Date	Event	# of Courts Used	# of Courts for Members	MISC.
January 13	Club Social #1	6	15	3:00 Round Robin/Food
February 17	Free Clinic #1	6	19	3:00-4:30 p.m.
March 5-9	Paul Buskey Memorial	18	3	Start time 11:00 a.m.
March 12	Prince Demo Day	8	17	10:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.
April 21-21,28-29	Balboa Spring Tournament	15	6	Geoff Griffin - contact
April 14	Club Social #2	6	15	3:00 Round Robin/Food
May 6	Tennis Fest	25	0	11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
May 19-20	Hendrickson Wheelchair	8, 8-1 p.m. 13, 1-6 p.m.	13, 8-1p.m. 8,1-6 p.m.	Sherman Schneller Contact
June 2	Free Clinic #2	6	19	3:00-4:30 p.m.
June 11-17	USTA National Open	15	6	Colleen Ferrell - Contact
June 30 - July 2	SD Tennis Federation	16, 8-2 p.m. 12, 2-8 p.m.	5, 8-2 p.m. 9, 2-6 p.m.	Allen Sanchez - contact
July 20-22, 27-29	Balboa Open Championships	18	3	Friday Start 3:00p.m.
July 31-August 4	Balboa Junior Tournament	8, 8-11a.m. 13, 11-6 p.m.	13, 8-11a.m. 8, 11-6 p.m.	Geoff Griffin - contact
August 18	Free Clinic #3	6	19	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
August 24-26, Sept. 1-3	SD District Tournament	18	3	Friday Start 3 p.m.
September 10-13	Senior Olympics	12	9	12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
September 15	Club Social #3	6	19	3:00 Round Robin/Food
Sept. 21-23, 28-30	SD Metropolitan Championships	18	3	Chaz Griffin - Contact
October 20	Free Clinic #4	6	19	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
November 17	Turkey Shoot	10	11	3:00 Round Robin/Food

USTA Spring League Play

All players interested in joining a USTA Adult League need to be on a team roster by March 20. Play begins in Mid April for the NTRP Levels 2.5 - 5.0. Please call League Coordinator Leslie Waite at (858-755-8110) with specific inquiries. If you would like to be a captain, please contact Colleen, the Club Director, to make sure there is an opening for your team at the club. Consult the Balboa Tennis Club website at www.balboatennis.com for league captains. A Captain's meeting will take place at San Dieguito Tennis Club on February 6 at 12:30 p.m. For additional information and to register on line, go to www.sandiegotennis.com

Hall of Fame Nominations Being Accepted

Nominations are officially open for Selection Committee Members for the San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame. Three nominees will be selected to serve 2 year terms and one nominee will serve a 1 year term. Nominees must give their consent before they are nominated. The deadline to receive nominations is February 15, 2007. Please e-mail your nomination along with nominee's telephone number to sddta@yahoo.com

Old Computers Wanted

Over 100 computer parts have been donated and made operable. The latest batch of six went to disadvantaged school children whose families couldn't afford a computer. This is an ongoing project, as donations of computers, monitors, keyboards, mouse devices and speakers are still wanted. Suitable equipment can be donated by calling Dennis Anderson at 619-296-6470.

Are You Ready To Save A Life? CPR Classes are Coming



After the heroic efforts of BTC member Randy Marin on October 19, 2006, a number of people have inquired about offering CPR classes at our club. Two different options are available to learn CPR and acquire the skills necessary to

react in a crisis situation.

1. The Red Cross is offering complimentary classes on Saturday, March 10. The location will be Golden Hall at the San Diego Concourse, downtown. 202 C Street. Classes start at 7 a.m. and go each hour until and including 1 p.m. Please arrive one half hour ahead of time. The class is 3 1/2 hours long. Each participant has their own manikin. Upon completion, a one - year completion card will be issued.

2. Save-A-Life Educator and former firefighter Vicki L. Igou has generously offered to give a class at BTC for \$25 per person. This way the members can get a game of tennis in and then work on learning the all important life skills of CPR. The tentative class date is Thursday, March 15 at 12:00 p.m. There is a 20 person minimum. The class will be three hours long and will include adult/child and infant training. A CPR/AED/First Aid Handbook and a two - year completion card will be issued. Students will have their own manikin to work on with face shields provided for all participants. Please sign up by Feb. 20 at the Reservations Desk.

SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Balboa Tennis Club
April 21-22, 28-29, 2007
Entry Deadline: Sunday, April 15th

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____
 Partner's Name _____
 Mixed Partner _____

Entry fees must accompany form. Make checks payable to the Balboa Tennis Club

Events

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Please list any possible time conflicts you might have here:

Entry Fee:	Member	Non Member
Singles.....	\$25.00	\$30.00
Doubles.....	\$15.00 ea.	\$18.00 ea.

New Year's Inspiration

How are the New Year's Resolutions coming? Are you adding a day of drilling, a weekly clinic, private lessons or beginning a cross training program to improve your tennis game? How about the weight loss program? Take some advice from BTC employee Sean Ortuno who has lost 110 pounds since an all time high of 302 in July of 2005. It's the same old recipe we hear day in and day out a combination of diet and exercise, along with will power!!!

Sean combined tennis, pushing fellow employee Alex up a hill four times a week to catch a bus, a machine called DDR, which stands for Dance Dance Revolution and diet for his dramatic decrease in

weight. Exercise alone was not enough to drop all that weight. Sean cut back on sodas and began eating smaller portions. In the old days, here's a good example of lunch for Sean Wendy's Classic Triple Combo triple cheeseburger, big size fries, biggie soda with three refills, frosty shake and a five piece chicken nugget. Three hours later for a snack, Sean would indulge in a tostada and three tacos. Fast food and overindulgence were a way of life. Nowadays, Sean's favorite meal is lean steak or chicken, steamed rice, corn and a fruit juice. He still treats himself to junk food on occasion, yet sparingly. Congratulations Sean on your terrific accomplishment.

Calendar of Events

February

- 13 Peppermint & Poetry 6:30 8:00 p.m.
- 17 Free Tennis Clinic 3:00 4:30 p.m. Sign up in Pro Shop
- 20 BTC Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

March

- 5-9 Paul Buskey Memorial Senior Tournament
- 12 Prince Demo Day 10:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- 20 BTC Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

April

- 14 Spring Social Round Robin/Tennis 3:00, Food 5:30 p.m.
- 17 BTC Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 21-22, 28-29 Balboa Spring Tournament

May

- 6 Tennis Fest 2007
- 14 BTC Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 19-20 Hendrickson Memorial Wheelchair Tournament



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