



Center Court

MAY 2006

Geoff Griffin Receives 2005 Community Service Award

At the recent San Diego District Tennis Association banquet, our Tennis Director Geoff Griffin, received the prestigious Community Service Award for his numerous contributions to tennis. This award epitomizes Geoff in every way as he continues to explore every avenue of the word GIVE in his service as a tennis professional/ambassador.

Geoff's big heart begins with children as he's donated countless hours of free clinics for the betterment of youth tennis. Ten years ago when the Barnes Center opened up, Geoff noticed the decrease in youth participation at BTC so he started a free clinic on Tuesday's from 4-5:30. By adding a group of volunteers, these



Geoff Griffin with famous Australian tennis pro Roy Emerson at a recent USPTA dinner.

clinics continue to flourish with up to 80 kids per clinic. Five years ago, Geoff started up a free program for the children of St. Vincent De Paul on Monday afternoons, which like the free clinic, gives many kids the chance to play tennis who would otherwise never have the opportunity.

Geoff's other contributions to children include being a Big

Brother for a local boy who doesn't have a father. In addition, he volunteers annually at the Mueller Charter School in National City to help out with their Olympics and reads to children at Penn Elementary School during the Dr. Seuss Week activities. Geoff is also responsible for starting the annual

Holiday Toy Drive here at BTC five years ago. Many children at St. Claire's Home in Escondido have been touched by Geoff's generosity.

As for adult contributions, Geoff has served as President of the USPTA for the past three years and been an active member of the board for the past 12 years. He has

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Balboa to Host USTA National Open

The USTA only sanctions one national hardcourt tournament each year and since 2001, that tournament has been held at Balboa Tennis Club. The best tennis of the year will be on display June 12-18 during the USTA National Hardcourt Championships. Past winners have included players with world rankings as this event attracts participants from all over the nation. Every event has a consolation bracket so players are guaranteed at least two matches. Come out and support this great event at BTC.

The President Speaks...

by Robin Rodger

BTC has just signed a new 3-year lease with the City of San Diego. The goals of the board for 2006 revolve around bringing Balboa Tennis Club up to date on all of our leases and contracts. It is important in today's world to make sure our insurance is adequate and up to date. It is also important to have all of our leases and contracts current in today's legal language. Signing the lease with the city was the first step in this process.



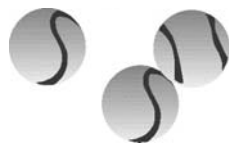
We would like to welcome our new board member, Peter Conneely, who will be serving the remainder of the term of a former board member. Peter is interested in being an active board member and brings enthusiasm with him.

The tournament season is upon us. Think about competing in one of the upcoming events. It can add some pizzazz to your game by subjecting yourself to the element of competition. A goal for this year is to make all the tournaments at BTC more professionally and efficiently run. The tournament season has started out quite successfully with the Buskey Tournament. The number of participants doubled from last year. Colleen did a wonderful job on her first tournament and made all the participants feel welcome and spent extra time on little extras that make people feel special. The board thanks Colleen for a job well done.

Geoff Griffin provided lots of fun for our members in our Spring Tournament. Geoff's great personality goes a long way to enable our members to compete with each other, get to know new players and share the camaraderie of competition. The board is grateful to Geoff for all the special things he and his family do for Balboa Tennis Club.

The volunteers that run the tournament desks, do court monitoring and many other tasks are an important component of successful tournaments. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, give Colleen Ferrell, our Club Director, a call at 295-4242.

Thanks to all of you who take time out of your busy lives to go the extra mile to make Balboa Tennis Club so unique and special.



League Update

The USTA Senior and Super Senior Leagues will be coming soon. Rosters are due in the first part of June. Play begins July through August. If you would like to start a team or become a part of one, contact Leslie Waite at 858-755-8110. For additional league information, consult the BTC website at www.balboatennis.com and click on leagues.



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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

San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame

This is the inaugural year for the San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame, which honors those who have left an indelible mark on San Diego's rich and abundant tennis history. The selected individuals will be inducted on Saturday, August 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the Maureen Connolly Tennis Stadium. A beautiful new case will hold memorabilia contributed by the honored individuals in the BTC Clubhouse.

Nominations for inclusion in the San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame are being solicited from the tennis playing public of San Diego. The categories are: world class, senior success, college greats, junior standouts, coaches, mentors, teaching professionals, community service, philanthropy, officiating and media. All nominations must be received at the District Office by May 15.

To nominate someone, please go to the San Diego District website, sandiegotennis.com and link to the SDTHOF logo. There you will find a nomination form. You can also call the District Office and request a form be sent or stop by the BTC Reservation Desk to pick one up. A designated selection committee will choose from the individuals to be honored from the nominations.

Music And Tennis — A Great Combination For BTC Pro

USPTA Pro Tom Nygaard began working full time at BTC in May of 2005. Prior to Balboa, Tom taught for 10 years at the Bonita Valley Tennis Club before it was sold and torn down. Presently, Tom spearheads the Cardio Tennis Clinics, along with teaching private lessons and clinics for all ages.

Even though Tom now works exclusively as a Tennis Teaching

Professional, his earlier years revolved around music. At age 7, Tom's father inspired him to take up the trumpet and within three years he became the youngest ever professional in the Midwest at age 10. He and his sister, who played the accordian, toured the Midwest behind Wayne Newton and Frankie Avalon. After high school, his career path led to the US Naval Academy where he played first trumpet. After college, he played in Las Vegas at the Desert Inn Hotel for 10 years where he became first trumpet with the Woody Herman Band, the Harry James Band and also worked with Debbie Reynolds and Juliet Prowse. After Las Vegas, Tom spent 10 years playing first trumpet at the Old Globe Theatre as well as the San Diego Symphony Summer Pops.

"Playing music gigs at night and teaching/playing tennis during the days worked out perfect," Tom said. While working in Las Vegas, he was a tournament player and doubles partner with Mike Agassi, Andre's father, and he was also a hitting partner with Andre's sister Rita, who eventually married Poncho Gonzalez.

Tom is the proud father of two children son Kelly and daughter Kristi. Kelly achieved a world ranking and now works as a Head Tennis Professional in the Washington DC area. Tom and Kelly are nationally ranked in the Father/Son Doubles.

Tom has been a USPTA certified Pro for 16 years and presently serves as treasurer of the San Diego Division. He says he "loves Balboa Tennis Club" and is available for lessons seven days a week. He has no preference on age or ability level, yet he definitely teaches the "all court" game.

Tom's Tennis Tip: Make sure on your backhand slice, that you're 100% sideways and that your non-racquet arm goes back to the fence as you complete the stroke.



**For all the latest club news, visit
the Balboa Tennis Club Website at
www.balboatennis.com**

The Director's Report

by Colleen Clery Ferrell



I am continually amazed at the dedication of Balboa Tennis Club members. March and April have been relatively rainy months, yet with the slightest glimpse of a break in the weather, out come the members to get their daily fix of tennis. Keep up the dedication and devotion to this great game and club.

Here are a few reminders and information tidbits from your Director:

1. Any notes put up on the club bulletin board will be taken down after a month unless marked otherwise. This will allow fresh information to be input and keep the members abreast of current events.
2. Please do not let any vagrants from the canyon into the locker rooms. The Reservation Attendants attempt to monitor this situation as much as possible. If you have a feeling someone is in the locker room/shower area who doesn't belong, please notify the Reservation Desk. Also, keep your personal belongings locked or within sight while showering.
3. The Saturday Afternoon Socials from 1:30-3:00 have been cancelled until further notice due to lack of attendance. For those interested in weekend gatherings for tennis, please sign up for the quarterly socials and interclub competition.
4. The USTA National Open Hardcourt Championships will be held June 12-18 at BTC. This annual event promises to feature a very high caliber of player. Anyone interested in competing should get his or her entries in by May 31. The National Open will be a great week of tennis for all players and spectators.
5. Please be conscientious of members waiting for open tennis courts. If you have a court and your partners don't show, either call the Reservation Desk or stop by to let the attendant know the court is open.
6. Tennis tournaments are an important part of the success of the Balboa Tennis Club, yet this also puts a strain on the members desiring reservations. Please be patient and remember that courts almost always come available on the final day of a tournament. The tournament committees will release unused courts as soon as possible. Also, extra courts are booked as a contingency for rain so if the weather cooperates, more courts will open up sooner. Thank you for your support and understanding.



Website Update from the Webmaster

by Don Goyettel

For more information about Balboa Tennis Club, visit our website at www.balboatennis.com. It is divided into several sections which makes getting the information you want very quick and easy.

Home ▶ The front page with a general description of BTC and links to special items of interest.

About ▶ A history of Balboa Tennis Club, contact information, hours of operation, our mission statement, rules, regulations, and our code of ethics.

News ▶ A calendar of events, links to past newsletters and links to various tennis organizations.

Programs ▶ A list of clinics and lessons provided by Tennis Director Geoff Griffin and his pros for adults and children.

Tournaments ▶ A calendar of tournaments at BTC with links to registration sites and results.

Leagues ▶ A general description of leagues available at BTC with contact names and phone numbers.

Memberships ▶ A description of memberships available, day pass information and prices.

Board ▶ A listing of the board members, recent meetings, minutes and agenda links.

Photos ▶ Pictures from Tennisfest 2005

Members Business Directory

In the February issue of Center Court, there was an announcement about compiling a Member Business Directory. Only five business owners submitted information to be published. Below is a list of these companies. If you would like to be added to the BTC Business Directory, please e-mail director@balboatennis.com or leave your information with the Reservation Clerk.

1. Painting Contractor Michael J. Callahan, 2214 Broadway #4, San Diego, CA 92102, 619-269-3521, Callahan@msn.com, Cal Lic. # 867308
2. Pool and Spa Cleaning/Repair Rodger Siordia, Tropicare Pool Service, 4377 Rialto Street, San Diego, CA, 619-316-1555, Rsiordia@cs.com
3. Lounge Top Night Spot in San Diego, San Diego Magazine, Feb 2005, Gary John, 4673 30th Street, San Diego, CA 92116, 619-501-9831, info@airconditionedlounge.com
4. Realtor Scot Gentry, Broker Associate for Rex Downing, REALTOR, 4134 Adams Ave. #105, San Diego, CA 92116, 619-280-7399, scot@rexdowning.com
5. Massage Mardie's Massage Therapy, Holistic Health Practitioner in Traditional Chinese Medicine and Western Modalities, by appointment, 619-280-3321, mardiewho@yahoo.com

Business Directory Information

BUSINESS NAME _____

WORK SPECIALTY _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ST/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

If you would like to be included in the club referral database, fill out the form below and leave at the reservation desk or e-mail your information to Colleen at director@balboatennis.com.

Bench Update

Thank you to all members who have purchased benches for the club. Fourteen benches have been installed up to this point. Four benches have been sold out of the next set of seven. We need three more buyers for the next shipment. If any of you would like to share a bench with someone to cut down on costs, let Colleen know. Below is a list of the generous donors thus far.

Brad Hasper

Ken Miller

Armin Afsahi

Joe Eklund

Jimmy Graves

Robin Rodger

Ron Celeste

Marion and Bill Hinchy

Becky Smiser

Roz King

Tad Yamaguchi

Kevin Mallery

Earl and Dorothy Miller

Fran and Lee Wakefield

Barry Farwell

Hazel Higgins

Heidi and C.D. Brewer

Roberto Ancira

Business Advertising Space Available

Beginning with the August issue of *Center Court*, display advertising will be accepted in our newsletter. This is an excellent opportunity to market your business products and services to the 1,500 members of Balboa Tennis Club. At the same time, your advertising dollars will help to support our wonderful tennis facility and all of the programs and events provided by the club. Please contact Colleen if you are interested in purchasing an ad for your business. The newsletter staff will be glad to help you compose your ad, or we can use your existing artwork or business card if available. Rates for advertisement are as follows:

FULL PAGE 7.25" X 10" \$300	1 / 2 PAGE 7.25" X 4.685" \$150
	1/4 PAGE 3.5" X 4.685" \$100
	BUSINESS CARD 3.5" X 2" \$50

2006 BTC Event Schedule

Date	Event	# of Courts Used	# of Courts for Members	MISC.
January 21	Club Social #1	6	15	3:00-5:00 p.m.Round Robin/Food at 5:00
February 18	Free Clinic #1	6	19	3:00-4:30 p.m.
March 6-10	Paul Buskey Memorial	18	3	Start time 11:00 a.m.
April 1-2, 8-9	Balboa Spring Tournament	15	6	Geoff Griffin - contact
April 15	Club Social #2	6	15	3:00-4:30 p.m.Round Robin/Food at 5:00
May 7	Tennis Fest	15	6	Jeff Anderson - contact
May 20-21	Hendrickson Wheelchair	8, 8-1pm 13, 1-6pm	13, 8-1pm 8, 1-6pm	Sherman Schneller Contact
June 3	Free Clinic #2	6	19	3:00-4:30 p.m.
June 12-18	USTA National Open	15	6	Colleen Ferrell - Contact
June 19-23	San Diego Police Federation	15	6	Randy Hill - Contact
June 30- July 3	SD Tennis Federation	16, 8-2pm 12, 2-8p	5, 8-2pm 9, 2-6pm	Brian Wood - contact
July 21-23, 28-30	Balboa Open Championships	18	3	Friday Start 3:00p.m.
July 31-August 4	Balboa Junior Tournament	8, 8-1pm 13, 1-6pm	13, 8-1pm 8, 1-6pm	Geoff Griffin - contact
August 19	Free Clinic #3	6	19	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
August 25-27, September 2-4	SD District Tournament	18	3	Friday Start 5pm
September 16	Club Social #3	6	15	3pm - 4:30pm
September 13-16	Senior Olympics	12	9	12:00-5:00 p.m.
September 22-24, 29-October 1	SD Metropolitan Championships	18	3	Chaz Griffin - Contact
October 21	Free Clinic #4	6	19	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
November 18	Turkey Shoot	10	11	Geoff Griffin - Contact

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also served on the San Diego District Tennis Association Board of Directors for 15 years, helping to keep our local organization on track for continued growth. Along with fellow pros Monty Grout and Ben Press, Geoff came up with the idea of starting Tennis Fest six years ago.

The trio wanted to create a free event promoting the great game of tennis and now Tennis Fest has become a USTA Event, attracting 800-1000 enthusiasts. "There's nothing like Tennis Fest anywhere in the country," Geoff says. Geoff's contemporaries call him the "Yes Man" because he always responds to charity and receives tremendous intrinsic satisfaction in doing so. "The structure of this club allows for my ability to give time and opportunity for kids and tennis," he says. "Getting new people into tennis is part of our job as teaching professionals."

Congratulations Geoff on a well-deserved award.

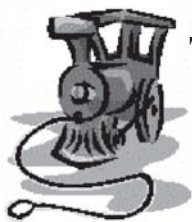


Tennis Café Coffee for Post Match Pleasure

Treat yourself and your tennis partner to a cup of Espresso, Cappuccino or gourmet coffee the next time you stop by the tennis Café. Ed's famous brew includes several different flavors and combinations. Compliment your coffee with a muffin, toasted bagel, Danish or an item off his extensive breakfast menu. This is a great way to get your upcoming matches planned and discuss strategy.

Hendrickson Wheelchair Classic Coming To BTC

On May 20-21, the 8th Annual Hendrickson Wheelchair Tennis Classic Tournament will be held at Balboa Tennis Club. Physically challenged wheelchair tennis athletes from San Diego, neighboring cities and states will compete on this weekend. Last year's tournament was competitive, exciting and memorable. All proceeds from this event will financially assist the development of wheelchair sports in San Diego. The San Diego Wheelchair Athletic Association (SDWAA) is a non-profit class 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. Any donation or financial contribution to this event is appreciated. For more information, contact SDWAA at 645 Front St. Suite 1908, San Diego, CA 92101.



Toy Drive a Great Success!

Thank You From Geoff

Thanks everyone for your help with the St. Claire's Toy Drive. We were able to completely satisfy the wish lists of seven families. I would especially like to thank Dwight Van Slyke and his company for coming through the last day with toys for every child on the list. His efforts saved my crew and me many agonizing hours at Toys R Us, trying to find all the toys on the list. It also allowed me to deliver \$500 in cash to the center to use on many other expenses. St. Claire's called BTC the most organized of all their donors. By the way, this is the first year that we are no longer combined with the USPTA. This is now completely our gift drive. A special thanks also to John Witzel - \$500, Mark Schmursal 10 pairs of Rollerblades, Mark Truscott - \$250 and Lichi Stephens 2 new TV's.



Spring Championship Results

April 1, 2; April 8, 9, 2006

Men's Open Singles Finals

Kevin Kaufman d. Jim Winters, 3-6,6-4,7-5

Men's Open Doubles Finals

D. Gil G. Griffin d. S. Seggerman R. Siordia, 2-6, 6-4,7-5

Men's 3.5 Singles Finals

Jordan Brewer d. Scott Mader, 6-1,6-0

Men's 4.5 Singles Finals

Franco Piagentini d. Louis Corradi, 7-5,6-4

Men's 4.5 Singles Finals

Scott Seggerman d. Gilbert Mahaney, 6-1,6-2

Men's 5.5 Singles Finals

Bradley Hasper d. Robert Moog, 2-6,6-1,7-6

Men's 3.5 Doubles Finals

J. Brewer A. Rudolph d. S. Graham M. Graham, 7-6, 6-4

Men's 4.5 Doubles Finals

C. MacDonald R. Ooms d. B. Hasper D. Warde, 5-7,7-6,6-2

Men's 5.5 Doubles Finals

D. Ortuno T. Ortuno d. J. Gleisner M. Jackson, 6-4,6-3

Women's 3.5 Doubles - Finals

L. Benito J. Schillinger d. T. Rowell C. Weiss, 6-2,6-4

Women's 4.5 Singles Finals

Anne Russ d. Annette Howell, 6-1,6-1

Mixed 3.5 Doubles Finals

M. Hernacki T. Rowell d. B. Barber R. Barber, 6-1,7-6

Mixed 4.5 Doubles Finals

V. Nguyen A. Howell d. B. Hasper Peggy Jung, 6-3,7-5

Calendar of Events

May

7	TENNIS FEST 2006
16	BTC BOARD MEETING/ANNUAL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
20-21	HENDRICKSON MEMORIAL WHEELCHAIR TOURNAMENT

June

3	TENNIS CLINIC 3:00 4:30 P.M.
12-18	USTA NATIONAL OPEN HARDCOURT CHAMPIONSHIPS
19-23	SAN DIEGO POLICE FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS 12-5:00
20	BTC BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

July

1-3	1-3SD TENNIS FEDERATION SAN DIEGO OPEN
18	BTC BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
21-23, 28-30	77 TH MAUREEN CONNOLLY BRINKER BTC OPEN
31	1-3BALBOA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

August

1-4	1-3BALBOA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
15	BTC BOARD MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
32	FREE TENNIS CLINIC 3:00 4:30 P.M.
25-27, Sept 2-4	78 TH SD DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS .



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