



Youth Tennis San Diego Junior Tennis News

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2010 MatchPoint Ball Celebrates 15 Years at the Barnes Junior Tennis Center

On September 25th, Youth Tennis San Diego hosted the 22nd MatchPoint Ball at the Barnes Tennis Center. The event celebrated 15 years of the Barnes Family Junior Tennis Center.

A warm San Diego evening greeted the guests as they participated in the silent auction and reception on the patio. The bidding generated to a high pitch as the final silent auction board was closed and then the evening progressed inside the Barnes Center.

Jim Laslavic, Sports Director for NBC 7/39 San Diego, served as the Master of Ceremony for the evening. He combined his belief in youth sports as a great developmental factor for kids with his sense of humor to make it a fun and festive evening. After a delicious dinner, the guests were led in a rousing version of "Happy Birthday Barnes Center" as they enjoyed the delicious individual birthday cakes on each table.

The Live Auction was spirited with a trip to the 2011 US Open, 2011 Wimbledon and a week at a Maui estate as the top items of the evening.

Ruth Jorgensen was honored for The Barnes Family vision for the tennis facility. Ruth's father, George Barnes, was the lead donor for this wonderful center for children.

This year's MatchPoint Ball was truly a community effort with numerous volunteers and wonderful sponsors. Youth Tennis



Wendy Doheny McWethy Gala sponsor, and YTSD supporters Barbara and Jennifer Gallivan

San Diego sends special thanks to Wendy Doheny McWethy, Scott and Margo Rogers, Gina Rogers and Pat Richmond for their ongoing support of all our kids.

The funds raised at the MatchPoint Ball will be used to continue providing excellent tennis and educational opportunities to ALL children.

USTA Jr. Team Tennis Returns to Barnes for a Second Season!

Being a part of a team has been a very rewarding experience for over 40 kids on four USTA Jr. Team Tennis Teams. This Fall, the Barnes Tennis Center brings team play back to the kids, with intermediate and advanced level team play for 12 and 14 and under players.

Sunday afternoon team-format play starting in October provides kids with a fun opportunity to be a part of a team, and to compete as a team against other clubs in the area. To support our team tennis players join us most Sundays at the Barnes Center to cheer on squads to victory. For questions, contact Tom O'Brien at 619-221-9000 ext. 105.



My Point

By Kerry Blum, Executive Director, YTSD



Every once in a while, we have to stop and look around us, and then marvel at how much things change and at how quickly they change. I look back to 15 years ago when the Barnes Center was just a vision for an empty dirt lot. I look around today and I am struck by how much the Barnes Tennis Center has developed since those opening days in 1995.

Take a moment to consider where we started 15 years ago verses where we are today. At the beginning we had limited courts and serving only a few and now we have grown into a

beautiful 25 court facility serving our entire community. All this change didn't come without challenges and the occasional "rough patch".

Change happens all the time, and it can sometimes be difficult to accept. Most people feel more comfortable with familiar people, places, ideas and situations than we do with unfamiliar ones, change certainly can be uncomfortable. But just as change itself is a process, so is the gradual movement toward accepting it. What brought us from there to here was a vision and determination to embrace change as our key to the future. Come out and see all the change that has taken place over the last 15 years at the Barnes Center.

Fed Cup in San Diego

The USTA announced that San Diego and the San Diego Sports Arena have been selected to host the 2010 Fed Cup by BNP Paribas Final between the United States and Italy, November 6-7. This will mark the first time the Fed Cup Final has been played in the United States since 2000, when the U.S. won their record 17th Fed Cup title.

The event is being organized, staged and promoted by the USTA. Youth Tennis San Diego will host a Kid's Day Clinic on November 3rd from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Barnes Tennis Center. Pros from the Fed Cup Team will be on court to start off the event for kids. For more information, fans can call the U.S. Fed Cup hotline at (888) 334-8782 or visit www.usta.com/fedcup.



Juniors from the Girls' National Championships spent time on court with Lindsay Davenport at the Youth Tennis San Diego sponsored "Kid's Day" at the Mercury Open.

Juniors Benefit from YTSD Financial Assistance

Youth Tennis San Diego Financial Assistance and Community Grants Program provides for the needs of youth



wanting to participate in organized tennis and educational activities within our community. Mountain View Sports and Racquet Association (MVSRA) recently benefited from this program. MVSRA is a sports facility serving low income families and under equipped schools in San Diego's South Bay County. YTSD granted \$1,500 in financial assistance to juniors participating in this tennis program at MVSRA. YTSD's financial assistance program is supported by the generous contributions to our organization's financial assistance and scholarship fund.

Tournament Director's Report

By Anne Podney



I have been a tournament director for 20 years and I am often asked if kids are better (or worse) sports now than in the past. I always have to hedge my answer because it depends on many factors. Mostly, I have found that if the top players in an age group are great sports and other players see this behavior, the sportsmanship in that division is often superior to the sportsmanship in a division where some “bad apples” hang out! That makes sense since kids learn best by example.

The same goes for parents. Clapping when either your child or his or her opponent makes a terrific shot, quietness as a spectator...all this contributes to making tennis “a gentleman’s game” and sends a message to your child. They see how you behave and follow your example. I don’t mean to put all the responsibility for a child’s behavior on their parents since as a parent I understand that there are limits to our influence.

However, the parent always has the option of pulling his or her child out of a match if the child’s behavior is unacceptable. It’s a hard lesson but sometimes it’s the only way. But, if behavior is consistently poor, it is the only thing that might work. Parents and pros need to understand that umpire penalty points can only go so far.

Over the years, umpiring at junior events in San Diego has vastly improved. At Barnes, most of our umpires are “regulars” and know the kids. In spite of improved umpiring, it is important to remember that they are “roving” umpires and are expected to cover six courts. They cannot be on your child’s match the whole time, even when your child is playing a poor sport.

I can’t think of another youth competitive sport where players are responsible for calling their lines and umpires are not hovering. Again, this places a huge responsibility on a player. Your child knows he or she cannot expect parental help and must remain cool, even when an umpire is not present. It’s a challenge for a child, but a terrific chance for individual growth.

What to do against poor sports? Parents, players, coaches and spectators all have a right to file a grievance against a player. San Diego has a grievance committee that is charged with handling all grievances against San Diego County residents. Our grievance procedures will be posted online at barnestenniscenter.com. Consult it if you have a question about whether you have a legitimate grievance against a player. Do not send your complaints to the SCTA as all griev-

ances against San Diego players will be handled locally. Send them to Youth Tennis San Diego, Grievance Committee, care of the Barnes Tennis Center.

Also on our website is a Tournament Evaluation Form. Youth Tennis San Diego sanctions all USTA tournaments held in San Diego. If you are unhappy (or happy!) with any tournament being held in the county, we would like to hear from you. Seedings, draws and proper umpiring all are important in making a good tournament. We rely on volunteers in the field to tell us what’s going on. Of course, that includes feedback on Barnes Center tournaments. There is always room for improvement!



Shuhei Shibahara, Tyler Pham, Nikolas Marino, Dylan Trent, Boys 18 Winners and Finalists at the recent San Diego Doubles Tournament.

Barnes Adult Tournament

The 4th Annual Barnes Adult Championships takes place on October 29-31 at the Barnes Tennis Center. There will be men’s and women’s singles and doubles in NTRP events from the 3.0 to 4.5 levels and senior events in the 35s, 45s, 55s, 65s and 75s age groups. There will also be men’s and women’s open level events. The senior events are planned to play on the clay courts. The open and NTRP events will be on the hard courts. Players may enter online at www.usta.com/tennislink (tournament id #651804910) or on an entry blank at the Barnes Center. There will be prizes for winners and finalists in each event and prize money for the winners and finalists in the open events. The Barnes Adult Championships is the only USTA sanctioned adult tournament at the Barnes Center and is one of the main events of the fall.

The USTA Girls' 18 National Championships joined the Girls' 16 at the Barnes Tennis Center



The nation's top junior girls' tennis players competed at the 2010 USTA Girls' 16 & 18 National Championships August 7-15 at the George E. Barnes Family Jr. Tennis Center in San Diego.

Youth Tennis San Diego, and the Barnes Tennis Center, has been directing the Girls' 16 National Championships since 1990. The addition of the Girls' 18s event marks the first time in history both age divisions were held on the same dates at the same site.

The girls' singles field consisted of two, 192-player draws with participants from every USTA member section and nearly every state in the nation. The Girls' 18s champion earned a wild card entry into the main draw of the U.S. Open, while the Girls' 16s champion earned a wild card into the U.S. Open Junior Championships.

The enticement of receiving a wild card into the US Open served as added motivation for Shelby Rogers and Kyle McPhillips to capture singles titles at the USTA Girls' 18 & 16 National Championships.

The third-seeded Rogers of Daniel Island, SC outlasted No. 4 Nicole Gibbs of Santa Monica, CA, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (4), to win the Girls' 18s title.

The top-seeded McPhillips of Willoughby, OH, defeated No. 7 Spencer Liang of Potomac, MD, 6-0, 6-3, to capture the Girls' 16s title.

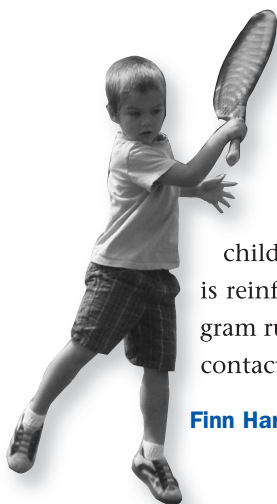
Past champions of the Girls' 18s event include Lindsay Davenport, Lisa Raymond, Jennifer Capriati, Tracy Austin, Chris Evert and Maureen Connolly. Christina McHale won the title last year.

Past winners of the Girls' 16s event include Evert, Austin, Zina Garrison,

and Mary Jo Fernandez. Lauren Davis defended her title last year.

In addition to crowning the national champions, the tournament presented the Maureen Connolly Brinker Award to the most outstanding player for the season. Sponsored by the Maureen Connolly Brinker Foundation, the honor encompasses quality play, sportsmanship and competitive spirit. Connolly, a San Diego native known as "Little Mo," was the first woman to win all four Grand Slams in the same calendar year. The Maureen Connolly Brinker Award went to Shelby Rogers.

Congratulations to our own San Diego Girls who competed in this incredible event: Jwany Sherif, Victoria Robertson, Christina Makarova, Danielle Flores, Jenny Borck, Lindsey Kostas, Jana McCord, Tory Parravi, and Elena Najera-Salas.



Learning Through Movement

The Barnes Tennis and Education Program for Preschoolers is based on the philosophy of learning through movement. We believe that movement is the key ingredient to developing the "brain-body connection". The program emphasizes kinesthetic learning and multi-sensory experiences. By combining structured, academic learning and active play children acquire and master new skills. We provide many opportunities for children to move and to learn together in the classroom and on the tennis court. What is learned in the classroom is reinforced on the tennis court. What is played on the tennis court enhances learning in the classroom. The program runs from September to June. A waitlist for 2011-2012 enrollment is currently in place. For further information contact Megan Crim, Education Coordinator at the Barnes Tennis Center 619-221-9000 ext. 108 or mcrim@ytsd.org.

Finn Hartlief, Tennis and Education for Preschoolers participant, with a powerful forehand

Louise Brough Clapp— World Class Lady of Tennis

Louise Brough Clapp is a lovely lady who lives in Vista—on a hill overlooking the tennis club—who has quite a history in tennis. She was honored by the All England Club at Wimbledon this year.

Louise won 35 Grand Slam titles over her stellar tennis career. She had a perfect Wimbledon tournament in 1950 winning the Women's singles, Women's doubles and Mixed doubles. To celebrate this event Louise was invited to be a guest of the All England Club and visit Wimbledon during the 2010 Wimbledon Championships. She was honored at lunches and dinners with other tennis greats and had the opportunity to view Center Court tennis from a special seat in the Royal Box.

Louise has been a very generous donor to Youth Tennis San Diego for many years. We are proud to be associated with this great champion. Louise, 87, played tennis until a few years ago and receives monthly requests for signed autograph pictures—a reminder of her wonderful days of world class tennis. Congratulations Louise!

Larry Willens Enters San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame



**Larry Willens and
Hall of Fame head,
Larry Belinsky**

On August 28 Larry Willens was inducted into the San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame. He has had a great career in coaching individuals and team tennis. He has been involved with Youth Tennis San Diego for many years.

Larry has coached the San Diego Friars and Sacramento Capitals World Team Tennis Teams as well as San Diego State tennis and many individuals in world class events.

We are lucky to have Larry sharing his talents as well as his smile and great sense of humor with everyone at the Barnes Tennis Center. At one time Larry was the Tournament Director (TD) for the Girls 16 National tournament. For the past 15 years he has served as TD for the Billie Jean King WTT junior tournament. He serves on the YTSD Foundation Board of Directors and

is a very generous donor to all the programs for our kids at YTSD.

Barnes Tennis Academy and Quickstart a Great Combination!

Quickstart offers kids and instructors with a transitional ball and court-size to suit smaller kids, during the most influential stages of junior development. In the Barnes Tennis Center Programs, we utilize Quickstart tools and methods in several developmental phases.

First, we provide 4 and 5 year olds with 19-23 inch racquets, small courts and nets, and a lighter, low-compression ball with a very friendly bounce. When our youngest “rising stars” swing at a lighter ball, the racquet isn’t knocked-out of a small hand, as would happen with a regular, heavier ball.

As kids progress into our Rising Stars 2 and 3 levels, early rallying efforts are facilitated by the “squishy” ProPenn t.i.p. 2 ball that bounces lower and slower, staying in front of the child for a critical extra moment or two. With these balls and lower nets, rally success is available at a much earlier stage.

Finally, in the Competitive Program, kids who see themselves as “players” use the t.i.p. 2 ball to lengthen their rallies, and experiment with point development. These balls slow-down the action, and provide for significant success, compared to a regulation tournament ball.

Quickstart tools and methods enhance several phases of development at the Barnes Tennis Center for kids and pros alike!



Modernized Restrooms at Barnes

When visiting the Barnes Tennis Center take a look at the newly revamped restrooms and locker rooms. Thank you to YTSD Board Members George Yermanos and Kevin Wood for spearheading this improvement. After 15 years of wear and tear this much needed change is greatly appreciated.

Charles Wax, a former YTSD Board member and President of Waxie, has been an ongoing sponsor of activities at the Barnes Tennis Center. Once again Charles and his company stepped forward to help make this remodel happen. Thank you very much for your generosity.

USTA Jr. Team Tennis Update:

Barnes 12's Advanced Team Wins So Cal Sectionals

Helps to Represent Southern Cal in the State Championships—Gar Glenney Cup

Congrats to the Barnes 12's Advanced team for their sectional victory, and a berth in the Gar Glenney Cup championships.

The Gar Glenney Cup is an annual SoCal vs NorCal "State Championships" with a combined 12's, 14's and 18's team from each region. At Gar Glenney, our 12's team compiled a match record of 21-3, contributing greatly to an overall victory over NorCal (51-21).

Special thanks to all the parents who contributed so many hours, and especially to Coaches Karen Ronney and Solomon Liu.



The Southern California Gar Glenney Cup Champions!



So Cal Sectional Champions. Front Row Left to right: Julia Ronney, Alexa Meyer, Valeria Corral. Back Row Left to Right, Robert Liu, Reid Ponder, Nicholas Appel, Coach Solomon Liu, Ivan Thamma, and Ryan Seggerman. Not Shown: Dean Tuazon.

2010 Girl's "First Serve" Team Event Better than Ever!

This fall, 21 teams competed at the Barnes Tennis Center in two separate flights, in a fun team format that has become an annual tradition for high school teams around San Diego County.

In the "Beta Flight" Championship round, St. Josephs Academy defeated Valhalla, and in the "Alpha Flight" Championship Round Cathedral Catholic defended their title again this year, defeating a very strong La Jolla Country Day squad.

San Deguito Coach Joe Tomasi comments, "This event provides our team with a fun and energizing team building event every fall. Our Season would be incomplete without the First Serve Tournament. The Girls love it!"

Be prepared for the Boy's "First Serve" Team Tennis event in the Spring of 2011!



Alpha Flight: The Alpha Flight Champions Cathedral Catholic (Left) with Finalists La Jolla Country Day School



Beta Flight: The Beta Flight Finalists Valhalla (left) with Champions St. Josephs Academy

2010 August Tournament Results



Syril Press Girl's 10's (L-R) Champion Zlata Bobyr, Sponsor Ben Press and Finalist Mckenzie Schroeder; Lopez Girl's 10's Doubles (left to right) Sonya Romanenko, Britt Pursell, Amanda Tabanera, Shatoo Mohammad; Summer Novice Girl's 10's (L-R) Finalist Nayelli Juarez and Champion Amanda Nance

Syril Press Memorial Satellite

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| Boy's 10's | 1st: Elyas Obbad | 2nd: Kevin Yu |
| Boy's 12's | 1st: Sean Wheeler | 2nd: Steven Pineda |
| Boy's 14's | 1st: Matthew Lee | 2nd: Niku Sharma |
| Boy's 16's | 1st: Tom Witteveen | 2nd: Tai Guo |
| Boy's 18's | 1st: Alex Abbuhl | 2nd: Emmanuel Corvera |
| Girls' 10's | 1st: Zlata Bobyr | 2nd: Mckenzie Schroeder |
| Girls' 12's | 1st: Matilda Thomas | 2nd: Carolyn Brooner |
| Girls' 14's | 1st: Alisha Sharma | 2nd: Abby Valera |
| Girls' 16's | 1st: Isabel Lee | 2nd: Jackie Hites |
| Girls' 18's | 1st: Alexis Goldberg | 2nd: Kelsey Richer |
| Boy's 12's Doubles: | 1st: Santos/Speshilov. | 2nd: Baurle/Baurle |
| Boy's 18's Doubles: | 1st: Kiefer/King. | 2nd: Elsternmann/Fishel |
| Girls' 16's Doubles: | 1st: Camaratta/Tugucheva. | 2nd: Richer/Sadowsky |

Angel Lopez Satellite

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| Boy's 10's | 1st: Alfonso Blancafort-Corona | 2nd: Matthew Moses |
| Boy's 12's | 1st: Matthew Lee | 2nd: Nik Speshilov |
| Boy's 14's | 1st: Eric Klein | 2nd: Philippe Rivard |
| Boy's 16's | 1st: Victor Han | 2nd: Lawrence Rand |
| Boy's 18's | 1st: Alexander Lin | 2nd: Jordan Wilkinson |
| Girls' 10's | 1st: Sonya Romanenko | 2nd: Zlata Bobyr |
| Girls' 12's | 1st: Marlen Miranda | 2nd: Samira Peseschkian |
| Girls' 14's | 1st: Fei Kwan | 2nd: Kristen Venter |
| Girls' 16's | 1st: Taylor Mohrhardt | 2nd: Monica Spacciapolli |
| Boy's 12's Doubles: | 1st: Ghassemi/Santos. | 2nd: VanDen Heuvel/Vo |
| Boy's 14's Doubles: | 1st: Sharma /VanDenHeuvel. | 2nd: Neelakanti/Singh |
| Boy's 18's Doubles: | 1st: Bentley/Ostapchenko. | 2nd: Giammona/Weil |
| Girls' 10's Doubles: | 1st: Pursell/Romanenko. | 2nd: Mohamad/Tabanera |
| Girls' 16's Doubles: | 1st: Lee/Sheikholeslami. | 2nd: Peseschkian/Peseschkian |

Summer Classic Novice Tournament

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| Boy's 10's | 1st: Mariano Santana | 2nd: Joe Altaffer. |
| Boy's 12's | 1st: Gustav Ostermarker. | 2nd: Ryan Ghassemi. |
| Boy's 14's | 1st: Lucas Kassman. | 2nd: Jason Yudino. |
| Boy's 16's | 1st: William Spitzer. | 2nd: Sean McGrath. |
| Boy's 18's | 1st: Dillon White | |
| Girls' 10's | 1st: Amanda Nance | 2nd: Nayelli Juarez |
| Girls' 12's | 1st: Gabi Armas | 2nd: Madeline Bush. |
| Girls' 14's | 1st: Carina Piaralli. | 2nd: Keala Hallerberg. |
| Girls' 16's | 1st: Alaciel Torres. | 2nd: Astrid Torres |

After School Tennis

Youth Tennis San Diego is honored to celebrate its 22nd year of After School Tennis (AST). Our AST program is currently at over 100 school sites throughout San Diego County, resulting in 10,000 students participating in the program each year. Our entry-level tennis program is designed to introduce children to the sport of tennis and social skills that include sportsmanship, courtesy, and inner-personal communication. More than 90 percent of the students enrolled in AST receive scholarships, allowing them to explore the basics of a sport to which they might not otherwise have the opportunity to play. We thank all of our AST sponsors, instructors, and volunteers who help keep our program a huge success, and we are excited to kick off another great year of AST! For more information about the program, please contact Lindsey Vosburgh at lvosburgh@ytsd.org or (619)221-9000 x104.

Quotes from our AST kids:

“Tennis is more than a sport; it's a way of life. It's hard to quit life!!!”

—Cameron, 14 years old, Oakcrest Middle School

“Thank you for bringing tennis to our school. I love tennis because it makes you run and you have a lot of fun.”

—Milthon, Las Palmas Elementary



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Our Mission:

Youth Tennis San Diego is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote the educational, physical and social development of all youth through organized tennis and educational activities.

Calendar of Events

October

- 23 Barnes Cup
- 29-31 Adult Open Tournament
- 31 Halloween

November

- 6 AST Singles Event
- 7 Barnes Cup
- 13-14 & 20-21 . Thanksgiving Open
Tournament
- 28 Barnes Cup

December

- 4-5 & 11-12 . . . Homer Peabody Holiday
Junior Tournament
- 27-30 Coach Norm Pollock
Holiday Satellite
- 31 Happy New Year

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Thank you, Judy and Sherwood Roth, for sponsoring a special bench plaque.

If you are interested in sponsoring a personalized Brick at the Barnes Tennis Center, you will not only commemorate your loved ones but help support Youth Tennis San Diego programs. Sponsor a brick for \$250 and your special message will be placed in the main walkway to the courts for all to see. Contact Calla Vastola at cvastola@ytsd.org or call 619-221-9000. Your sponsorship is tax deductible.



Bob Crawford bought a brick in memory of his wife, Jan Crawford, and to honor Jana McCord. Greg McCord, Patti McCord, Wesley McCord, Jana McCord, Amanda McCord, Bob Crawford