



# Youth Tennis San Diego Junior Tennis News

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## USTA Girls' 16 & 18 National Championships The Premier Tennis Event for American Girls in the United States!!!

The USTA Girls' 16 & 18 National Championships are the two premier hard court tennis tournaments for amateur and professional American girls aged 18 and 16-and-under in the United States. For the first time both of these tournaments will be held at the same site and at the same time at the Barnes Tennis Center in San Diego. At stake is the title of National Champion and with it, a Wild Card entry into the main draw of the US Open Women's Championship (for the 18's Champion) and a Wild Card into the US Open Junior Championships (for the 16's Champion). In addition to crowning the National Champions, the Maureen Connolly Brinker Award is given to the most outstanding player for the season. Sponsored by the Maureen Connolly Brinker Foundation and named after "Little Mo," the first woman to win a Grand Slam, the honor encompasses not only quality of play, but sportsmanship and competitive spirit.

Unlike most tennis tournaments, the girls who play The Nationals have been endorsed to be here by their USTA Sections or have received special exemptions from the USTA because of their results in qualifying tournaments, high USTA junior rankings and successes on the WTA Tour and International Tennis Federation Junior Circuit. They are the cream of the crop—the most outstanding performers for the past year. Truly, the FUTURE OF AMERICAN TENNIS will be on the courts at the Barnes Tennis Center in San Diego in August!!!

The competition at The Nationals is far superior to that of any of the other national-caliber championship held during the year. It is often a graduating senior's last opportunity to compete in the juniors or even win a national championship. It is also a last opportunity for these girls and their families to spend time together before their junior careers give way to college tennis. An outstanding performance by an athlete can mean the difference between getting one's first or second choice of colleges to attend. Alternatively, for younger players, a come-out-of nowhere result can open up the opportunity to travel nationally and internationally during the following



**Melanie Oudin: Past USTA Sportsmanship Award Winner of the Nationals held here at Barnes.**

year. The Nationals often pits the top US players against each other for the first time during the year as international and professional play does not often give them this opportunity. These factors all contribute to an atmosphere of excitement, friendship, anxiety, sportsmanship, and competitive spirit... and produce a terrific week of tennis!

Since the 1920's, the National Boys' 16 & 18 Championships has been held at one site in Kalamazoo, Michigan and the tournament is an unrivaled success. By combining these two girls' events into one National Championship in San Diego, the United States Tennis Association is hoping to create the same excitement and tradition that Kalamazoo has offered for the boys for all of these years. Youth Tennis San Diego, the non-profit organization that owns and operates the Barnes Tennis Center, has been directing the Girls 16 National Championships since 1990. YTSD, its staff and volunteers, are excited to be given this opportunity by the USTA and look forward to creating our own

***SO-CALamazoo Championship Tournament and Tradition!***

# My Point

By Kerry Blum, Executive Director, YTSD



## Time Flies....

“Once you have mastered time, you will understand how true it is that most people overestimate what they can accomplish in a year—and underestimate what they can achieve in a decade!”

—ANTHONY ROBBINS

It seems to happen every year. We get past the rush of the holidays; find ourselves scratching our heads, wondering, “Where did last year go?” I’m also shaking my head wondering where the last decade went. Time flies when you are having fun...right?

Let’s look back before we look forward. I am awed by our accomplishments during the first decade of the 2000’s. We were able to take advantage of the years of prosperity. We grew and we learned how to adapt programs to reach as many children as possible.

Our new high performance workout program continues to grow. Each year more than 1,000 juniors participated in tennis classes. Over 800 juniors enrolled in the Barnes Center Summer Camps each year.

Thanks to a \$50,000 matching grant from the United States Tennis Association, we are replicating Team Agassi in San Diego. The purpose of the program is to create a highly competitive Excellence Team of under-privileged youth. They will compete nationally with the goal of achieving college acceptance and graduation through tennis and/or academic scholarships.

Our After School Tennis program expands to 120 sites throughout San Diego with 93% of the juniors participating on scholarship. This program is a national model for taking tennis to the students who can’t come to the tennis center.

The Monarch School Outreach Program was established. Homeless children between the ages of 5-16 are transported to the Barnes Tennis Center where they split time between the classroom and the tennis court. They learn about nutrition and good citizenship. They receive tutoring, develop computer literacy, interact with a mentor and other students, as well as learn to play team tennis. We believe that the life skills learned through tennis, coupled with an emphasis on academics and healthy lifestyles is the formula for success for these students.

In the world of little tykes, fifteen, thirty, forty would be considered creative counting. However, in the tennis world, it is not unusual. We created the first program in San Diego to offer tennis and an educational program for 3 to 5 year olds. Health, nutrition, and fitness are taught along with an age appropriate academic and arts program. Lessons in listening, concentrating, and following instructions cross over between tennis instruction and classroom learning. These are lessons that will form the foundation for academic success as the child continues in school. Plus, we put a racket in their little hands nice and early!

Free wheelchair play and free play for juniors is a priority at Barnes. In addition, YTSD hosted multiple international, national and local events and programs at the Barnes Tennis Center including Billie Jean King World Team Tennis, Girls 16 National Championship, Boys’ 14 National Championship, the Father Daughter National Championship, Little Mo Tournaments, CIF individual and team finals, First Serve for high school players, Novice Tournaments, Satellite Tournaments, and Open Tournaments. The NAIA and ITA all held their collegiate matches at Barnes throughout the past decade.

We added our 25th court, offering 21 hard and 4 clay courts all with lights.

Now we move forward to 2010 and the beginning of the next decade. We are tightening our belts. Economic pandemics are having an effect on sports and fitness programs, such as tennis. We have a hard time defending ourselves against budget cuts. Grant monies, as well as donations are hard to come by.

Our community is pushing for more low-cost programs close to home. Youth Tennis San Diego and the Barnes Center will have to adapt. Our goal is to continue to maintain our full spectrum of programs from grassroots to the National level. We will look to this new decade as an opportunity to meet the community needs, and start new programs which might produce some of the next decade’s champions and success stories.

However, I challenge all of you to dream big! A grass court? International tennis adventures? New types of tennis and learning equipment developed by one of our own? Big name, inspirational players at the Barnes Center to motivate our youngsters? More original, creative new tennis programs that compliment educational success? We don’t want to underestimate what we can continue to accomplish over the next 3,650 days.

# Tournament Director's Report

By Anne Podney



First, thanks to the members of the Junior Player Council (JPC) who provided valuable assistance at the recent Esme Pearson Memorial Open (San Diego's one designated tournament). Three sites were used: helping at San Diego State University as court monitors and desk workers were Miguel Acosta, Daniel Faierman, Madison Smith and Alex Yermanos; assisting at Peninsula Tennis Club were Carley Cooke, Salish Davis and Mackenzie Gaura; and monitoring courts at Barnes when needed was Joel Garcia. The JPC also deserves a big thank you from all of us for donating the money for the new drinking fountain. You are all awesome!

Catherine Circo, Lori Faierman, Mei Lin and Marty Molden were invaluable helpers at the desks at all three sites. Our umpire crew was extremely professional and a big thank you is due to all of them for their consistent tournament support.

Upcoming Open tournaments include the SCTA Level 4 Metropolitan, the USTA Level 2B Harper Ink and the Maureen Connolly. For details on their point values, check the SCTA/USTA website. This website is sometimes difficult to navigate, but there are some real bonuses if you search around. The bible of tennis, "Friend of Court", is located on the site and can be downloaded to your computer. This version is especially useful because the search option allows you to quickly find the subject in which you are interested. So, go to [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) > "Get Involved" link > "Officials" > "Friend of Court 2010." Well hidden, I agree! Then, if you click the binoculars icon and type, say, "lateness penalty," the correct procedure to follow is immediately apparent.

A case in point: At the Pearson during the playoffs for third and fourth, one child in a younger age group did not under-



**Logan Smith (Finalist) and Jack Barber (Winner) of the Boys 14 at the Esme Pearson Memorial Tournament**

stand that there would be a playoff. When she didn't appear on time, I called her and she was able to show up 45 minutes after the time of the scheduled match. Her opponent's coach was unhappy that the referee chose not to default her. Our reasoning was as follows: we felt she genuinely didn't know about the match, she was able to reach the courts in a reasonable time, courts were available, and without playing the match she would not receive credit for the tournament.

The rule is as follows: the referee issues defaults and *may* "elect not to default a player...for failure to arrive within 15 minutes of the time when the match was scheduled and called." So, there is discretion in time defaults although the penalties accrued (loss of toss and three games) still stand. A word to the wise: unless you allow your phone number to display when you register online, we can't call you in situations like this, or when we want to save you a trip for a defaulted match. Pay attention to this when you register online!



## Barnes Bash!

YTSD set the date for the 2nd Annual Barnes Bash Hit-a-Thon on Saturday, May 15, 2010. While the goal of raising money for community programs, equipment, tournament scholarships and financial assistance for all children served by YTSD activities, it will certainly be the fresh memories of tennis games, inflatable jumpies and slides, ping pong, Wii, food, and prizes that will bring the children running back to do it again! This event highlights the Barnes Tennis Center as a fun place for children, but ultimately a dynamic place for families! Come out and join the fun!

# Welcome New Youth Tennis San Diego Board of Directors

Youth Tennis San Diego is pleased to announce the newest members to the Board of Directors. We welcome Roberto Ancira and John Appleby. Thank you for making the commitment to service.

Roberto Ancira is the owner of Graphic Interfaces, a company that designs and manufactures custom labels and printing products. Roberto is known for his integrity and honesty on the court, and he brings that same ethic to work. Roberto has served and will continue to serve on the Community Development Committee for YTSD .

John Appleby has been involved with investment management for many years. He comes from a tennis playing family and enjoys the game himself. John has participated as a financial consultant for YTSD, and will continue to sit on the finance committee.

Thank you to all of YTSD board members. Without your commitment and service we would not be as successful as we are today. You are the guiding light for our organization.



## Junior Player Council

If you find yourself down at the Barnes Tennis Center the first Monday of the month, you might want to wander by the computer room! There you will find an energetic group of teenagers engaged in community service activities and projects. This is the Junior Player Council (JPC), a community service board made up of high school tennis players who are interested in assuming a leadership role and contributing to the tennis community in a positive way. This years council includes the following members: Miguel Acosta, Gerardo de la Concha, Carley Cooke, Salish Davis, Daniel Faierman, Karen Forman, Joel Garcia, Mackenzie Gaura, Jakob Karnopp, Eric Miller, Elena Najera, Lilliana Serylo, Madison Smith, and Alex Yermanos. This year they have already made a very positive impact in the community. Twice they have packed lunches for a homeless shelter in Oceanside, and donated toiletries to the SD Rescue Mission downtown. They “adopted” two families at Christmas and provided them with clothing, food and toys. They used money raised last year to purchase a new water fountain for the Barnes Center. They have also volunteered at numerous Barnes activities, including the Annual Gala, After School Tennis, and Esme Pearson Memorial. They do all this while still competing in tennis, both on their high school teams and in open tournaments, and maintaining a strong academic schedule! Now they are very busy planning the Junior Tennis Banquet for all of San Diego County. This event takes place at the Barnes Tennis Center on Sunday, March 28, 2010. Mark your calendars. You don’t want to miss it!

## Southern California Open

Women’s professional tennis returns to La Costa Resort and Spa. The Southern California Open is a premier 700 Sony Ericsson WTA Tour event. The event will be one of the ten tournaments (5 WTA and 5 ATP tour) comprising the Olympus US Open Series. The tournament will be held July 31, 2010 through August 8, 2010. Longtime Tournament Director, Raquel Giscafne, will return to run the event.

Giscafne encourages fans to get their tickets early. “During the tournament the main stadium will have a capacity of 5,000 seats, which will offer fans a very cozy and intimate setting to watch the top women tennis professionals in the world.”

World ranked players #2 Dinara Safina and #3 Svetlana Kuznetsova have already committed to the tournament. Ticket packages can be purchased online at [www.southerncaliforniaopen.com](http://www.southerncaliforniaopen.com) or by calling 760.930.7032. Individual tickets go on sale May 2010.

Youth Tennis San Diego is excited to have the tournament back in town.

YTSD will be one of the charities of the event.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN

## Calendar of Events

### MARCH

**6** AST Team Tennis Day  
**13** First Serve  
**14** YTSD Spring Classic Novice  
**21** Barnes Cup  
**27-28** Harper Ink Tournament  
**28** YTSD Junior Awards Banquet

### APRIL

**3-4** Harper Ink Tournament  
**9-11** Dr. Sheposh Memorial Satellite  
**16-18** Little Mo Sectionals  
**23-25** West Coast Conf. College Tourn.

### MAY

**1-2 and 8-9** M. Connolly Memorial Tourn.  
**15** AST Field Day; 2nd Annual Barnes Bash Hit-a-Thon  
**16** Barnes Cup  
**22-26** Boys 14 National Open  
**29-31** Memorial Day Junior Satellite

# After School Tennis Doubles Tournament

Thank you to all of our After School Tennis (AST) instructors and volunteers who participated in our annual After School Tennis Doubles Tournament on Saturday, January 16th, 2010. We had over 100 juniors join us in the fun! Trophies and ribbons were awarded to all 1st and 2nd place winning teams. Extra thanks to Larry Willette!!! Mr. Willette restored all of our donated trophies that the winning teams received.

## Mark your calendars for our next AST event:

Team Tennis Tournament  
Saturday, March 6th, 2010, 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

This free event is open to all junior players. Players must be able to keep score. For more information please contact Lindsey Vosburgh, After School Tennis Director, [lvosburgh@ytsd.org](mailto:lvosburgh@ytsd.org).

Check out our latest AST Star Sites on our website at [www.barnestenniscenter.com](http://www.barnestenniscenter.com)



## College Scholarships to be Awarded



Each year, Youth Tennis San Diego (YTSD) awards \$3,000-\$7,000 in college scholarships to San Diego County high school seniors. Tennis participation, grades and community service are considered. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need; others are merit-based only. Applications are on our website at [www.barnestenniscenter.com](http://www.barnestenniscenter.com).

## 2010 Spring Break Tennis Camp!

Join us this spring for a great junior tennis camp experience! We offer Competitive and High Performance Camps for Satellite and Open level players as well as a fun "Regular Camp" for beginner-intermediate children. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday – Friday March 29 – April 2. Fee: \$175.00. Come by our front desk to register, or go online to [www.barnestenniscenter.com](http://www.barnestenniscenter.com). Questions? Please feel free to contact Tom O'Brien at 619-221-9000 ext. 303.

## Mommy and Me Tennis Classes Enhance the Tennis Experience for Kids and their Parents!

Barnes Tennis Center is now offering Mommy-n-Me Tennis classes for Moms (and Dads! We don't discriminate!) who want to play tennis with their pre-schoolers. This class offers fun and fundamentals for families, and provides an amazing and unique introduction to tennis for our littlest champions!

Studies show that kids who are exposed to tennis with their parents continue to embrace tennis more fully in their later years. They see tennis in a different context than kids who take tennis separate from their parents: as a sport that is a part of their family and their life!

So if you know a little one whose parents would love a wonderful tennis experience for their family, tell them about "Mommy-n-Me" tennis classes at the Barnes Tennis Center! Just contact Programs Director Tom O'Brien for more information and to register!

# USTA Jr. Team Tennis Teams Rock the Barnes!

2010 will be a great year and a great new beginning for kids that want to play team tennis! We're launching the new decade with five new league teams that will all compete with other teams from around San Diego County.

This team format gives kids a chance to play singles and doubles with their friends. Winning teams in this league earn the right to play regional championships, which is a wonderful experience for kids and their supportive parents!

Come out Sunday afternoons in March and April to cheer on our fearless USTA Jr. Team Tennis competitors!

## **10 and under Advanced:**

Emily Quesada  
Lexie Kobey  
William Olson  
Jason Meoni  
Philip Tuazon  
Marvin Tuazon  
Daniel Dulay

## **12 and under Intermediate**

Quentin Norris  
Sean Wheeler  
Jack Hogan  
Brandon Wong  
Joe O'Brien  
Alex Schuster  
Gabriela Armas  
Ginger Deel  
Chrissy Seggerman  
Jasmyn Gordon  
Chase Smallwood  
Anastasia Khinich

## **12 and under Advanced**

Ivan Thamma  
Ryan Seggerman  
Dean Tuazon  
Patrick Trhac  
Julia Ronney  
Alexa Meyer  
Valeria Corral

## **14 and under Intermediate**

Isabel Tubao  
Danielle McMahon  
Matthew Slaymaker  
AnaLorena Valdes  
Akhil Vemuri  
Alex Zucker  
Isabelle Walcher  
Halea Holasek  
Abby Valera

## **14 and under Advanced**

Karla Dulay  
Bettina Olah  
Madison Ross  
Lindsey Brown  
Greg Lyon  
Max Mereles  
Andrew Schiffman  
Tom Witteveen  
Victoria Zacks  
Camila Garcia Wright  
Talon Stark  
Kevin Kahru  
Steven Chen  
Martin Marin

# Indian Wells Trip

Day-Trip Package to the BNP Paribas Open Tennis Tournament at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, Indian Wells, CA.

**Sunday, March 14th, 2010**

*will be a wonderful day for tennis fans of all ages!*

Join us for a fun trip to watch the best players in the world compete at the BNP Paribas Open at Indian Wells! You could see players such as Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Andy Roddick, Maria Sharapova, Justin Henin, the Bryan Brothers, and more!

This is a beautiful setting to watch amazing tennis! Your ticket includes coach transportation, a grandstand seat, a grounds pass, and much more! The Practice Court area allows you to be "up close" to the players! Amazing "autograph hunting" is available at this event!

## **Please go online to:**

[www.barnestenniscenter.com](http://www.barnestenniscenter.com) and click on **programs** for more information, and to register! Come and join us for this great day of tennis!



**YTSD Honored** The High School Sports Association selected YTSD as a recipient of "Service to Sports Award". This award acknowledges administrators, community members, business persons and coaches who have made outstanding contributions to student athletes during their careers. YTSD received this honor at the 22nd Annual Winter Awards Night on Monday, February 8th, 2010.



**Christina Makarova** receives a wildcard into the PETITS AS tournament in France. Le Mondial Des 2010 or in English, The World Championships 2010, have been running for 28 years with past winners and participants including Federer, Djokovic, Murray and Davenport to name a few. Sixty-four countries participated in the tournament.

Christina made it to the ¼ final defeating the #2 Russian player and the #1 ranked European player in her age division. Christina is currently ranked #2 nationally in the Girls 14's. Congratulations to Christina for an outstanding performance!

## YTSD Partners with Angel Lopez

**O**n February 22nd, Youth Tennis San Diego partnered with Angel Lopez to bring the love of tennis to Las Palmas Elementary School in National City. Through YTSD, Angel Lopez, Director of Tennis at the San Diego Tennis and Racquet Club and the Angel Lopez Tennis Academy, along with six other Hispanic San Diego tennis professionals including Marco Zuniga, Antonio Ramos, Alberto Ramos, George Espinoza, Juan Garcia and two-time Australian Open quarterfinalist, Angelica Gavaldon, presented tennis to over 300 children during a school assembly. The interactive assembly introduced the sport of tennis and promoted the kick off to YTSD's After School Tennis Program.

"We hope to expose the sport of tennis to more kids in the South Bay," said Lopez, who serves on National Diversity Committees for the United States Tennis Association and the United States Professional Tennis Association.

"This was an excellent opportunity for these children in predominantly Hispanic communities to learn how fun it is to play tennis and hopefully they will take part in after-school tennis programs offered by Youth Tennis San Diego," Lopez said.

As a follow up to the assembly, Youth Tennis San Diego provides the After School Tennis program free of charge to the students of Las Palmas. Two hour Beginning and Intermediate classes are offered to their students. Regional Sponsors for AST help make this possible. It is YTSD's mission to promote the educational, physical, and social development of all children through tennis activities. We are excited and honored to have this opportunity to partner with Angel Lopez in giving the gift of tennis to the children of Las Palmas Elementary.

## Novice and Satellite Tournament Results

**Coach Pollock Holiday Satellite – Dec. 2-30, 2009.**

### Singles:

Boy's 10's 1st: Nicholas Goldentuller. 2nd: Garrett Bubnack.

Boy's 12's 1st: Colton Swingle. 2nd: Jason Nideffer.

Boy's 14's 1st: Matt Rosi. 2nd: Trey Hahn

Boy's 16's 1st: Brandon Wong. 2nd: Lawrence Doppelt

Boy's 18's 1st: Jackson Autry. 2nd: John O'Connell

Girl's 10's 1st: Sonya Romanenko. 2nd: Nicole Mossmer

Girl's 12's 1st: Julia Ronney. 2nd: Fei Kwan

Girl's 14's 1st: Kelly Shaffer. 2nd: Amanda Presar

Girl's 16's 1st: Christina Young. 2nd: Taylor Mohrhardt

Girl's 18's 1st: Audrey Grauer. 2nd: Alexis Ronney

### Doubles:

Girl's 18's 1st: Christina and Robin Young.

2nd: Alexis and Brooke Ronney

Girl's 14's 1st: Isabella Levin and Lindsey Verderber.

2nd: Christine Birch-Araya and Kristen Oeser

Girl's 12's 1st: Sheyda Khonji and Julia Ronney.

2nd: Frances and Lindy Cornwall

Boy's 18's 1st: Kevin Dong and Nathan Glassman-Hughes.

2nd: Matt David and Eydan Fishel

Boy's 14's 1st: Trey Hahn and Sajan Sanghvi.

2nd: Matt Rosi and Christopher Ruetten

If you'd like to try a novice or satellite level tournament, just go to [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com) and click on tennislink. There you can enter in the tournament ID number and register for the tournament online!

## Upcoming Novice and Satellite Tournaments!

**Owenita and John Sanderlin Memorial Novice Tournament – February 27, 2010.**

ID #651810810

**YTSD Spring Novice Classic – March 13th, 2010.**

ID #651863610

**Dr. John Sheposh Memorial Satellite Tournament – April 9th, 2010.**

ID #651813310

**Barnes Memorial Day Jr. Satellite Tournament – May 29th, 2010.**

ID #651807210



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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.



**YTSD 2010 Junior Tennis Awards Banquet**  
**Sunday, March 28, 2010, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Barnes Tennis Center, 4490 West Point Loma Blvd.**

On behalf of all our junior players, their families, coaches and friends we invite you to attend this special evening. San Diego Junior Tennis Players will be recognized for their participation, efforts, and sportsmanship. Show your support, join us to celebrate these wonderful junior players.

**Please make your reservation before March 19, 2010**

Name of Reservation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Juniors (18 and under) @ \$12 \_\_\_\_\_ No.of Adults @ \$18 \_\_\_\_\_ Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Charge my Credit Card \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_ O MC / O Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend, please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please respond early!** Cost at the Door is \$15 for Juniors and \$20 for Adults.  
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