



Youth Tennis San Diego Junior Tennis News

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YTSD Annual Awards Banquet Celebrating our Youth

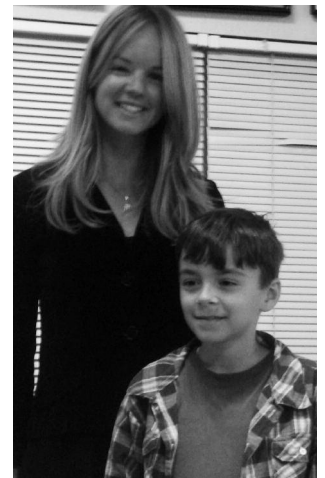
Youth Tennis San Diego held its Annual Awards and Banquet at the Barnes Tennis Center. Ann Lebedeff served as keynote speaker, which made the activity a real celebration. Those honored included: Mei Lin—Olive R Pierce Award; Liliana Serylo—Bill Dudash Memorial Award; Zubin Anklesaria—Sophie Custado Sportsmanship Award; Steven Chen and Emily Kuo—Southwest Trophy Sportsmanship Award; Kaley Schutlz—Margaret Weckerly Sportsmanship Award; Alex Yermanos—Roland Brock Sportsmanship Award; Sharon Reibstein—Bob Carrothers-Harper Ink Award; Taylor Fritz and Jessica Failla—Jean Kremm Sportsmanship Award.

The Wilbur Folsom Award for Most Improved Players went to Axel Bouillin and Tory Parravi (18s'); Tyler Pham and Dominique Cetale (16s'); Christopher Bernhardt and Victoria Robertson (14s').

Junior Players of the Year were Zachary Leslie and Lacey Smyth (18s'); Warren Wood and Hailey Johnson (16s'); Gregory Garcia and Christina Makarova (14s').

Jorge Zavala and Lindsey Brown accepted the George Barnes Family Junior Tennis Award, which is presented to a boy and a girl for being outstanding role models while participating in programs at Barnes.

After School Tennis is a big part of YTSD outreach. Several awards were presented to deserving youngsters in the program. The Angel Lopez Sportsmanship Award winner was Robert Seapno. The Cabot Family Leadership Award Winner was Karen Villa. Brian Finete and Ellaine Esteller received the Belinsky Family Award for outstanding sportsmanship. Andre Fitzmaurice received the YTSD Achievement Award. It was a terrific time celebrating our youth!



Lindsey Vosburg, After School Tennis Coordinator, and Brian Finete, Belinsky Family Award winner for Outstanding Sportsmanship



YTSD Yearbook Has Gone Green!

Just a reminder that if you wish to continue to receive our YTSD Newsletter and Junior Tennis Yearbook (which can be viewed on our website: www.barnestenniscenter.com/btc/links/YTSD.asp) please be sure to send an email to cvastola@ytsd.org and request to be included on our email list. Don't miss out on special event notifications, tournaments, programs, rankings and more. Sign up today!





Partnerships Make the World Go Round

The San Diego tennis community is one big family. And, with a 15 year existence, the Barnes Tennis Center is the youngster in the San Diego District. Like all new arrivals we were welcomed with open arms when we opened. Having a home of our own meant that youth tournaments no longer had to impact Morley Field or play at various sites throughout the county. Youth Tennis San Diego (YTSD) tournaments could be held at one location and our children now had a “home of their own.” Yet, having our own home has brought new responsibilities. We have always had to budget carefully in order to keep the Barnes Tennis Center in good repair and to serve the junior tennis community. I am proud that we have been able to hire a quality staff. Most of us work for the love of the tennis and the kids. While recently applying for a new grant, I had to document the percentage of money we pay in salaries. YTSD used only 17 % of our funds to pay salaries.

All the organizations in the San Diego tennis community share the common goal of growing the game of tennis. YTSD tries to reach that goal with a variety of programs for children. The San Diego District Tennis Association (SDDTA) promotes adult programs and activities. The Greater San Diego Tennis Council focuses on renovating aging public courts. Together we blanket San Diego County, and we often have to share resources. Communication is a must. We have worked hard to keep open lines of communication. SDDTA member and past president, Anne Podney also serves as the YTSD tournament director. She has an insider’s view of both organizations. Geoff Griffin, USPTA member and SDDTA president, has also given amazing support to our programs and he is a member of our Community Development Committee. Our relationship with the universities and colleges in San Diego is reflected in the many events we host at our facility in their names. We believe that the combined efforts of the District and our organization are leading to an increase in the number of active tennis players of all ages in San Diego. We enjoy the collaboration and success that comes with being part of a family.

In December of 2009, the Point Loma Association (PLA), the Rock Church, and Barnes Tennis Center began another type of partnership. Together, we started a community project

to clean up the outside fences of the Barnes Tennis Center. Over 50 volunteers converged on the site between Nimitz Blvd. and Barnes Tennis Center. The area adjacent to Barnes Tennis Center—home to numerous homeless encampments, trash, weeds, and overgrown bushes was in desperate need of cleaning up. Due to Youth Tennis San Diego budget constraints, this area of need has been tough to fund and we were grateful for the help. The project got its start when a representative from The Rock Church contacted the PLA. PLA Beautification Team members Karen Davis, Ron Brooks and Cecilia Carrick then met with church representatives and all decided on this “entry” into Point Loma needed the attention. The clean up date was set for December 5. During the previous week, Russell Bowman, owner of Sunrise Landscape and Tree Services, was at the site with his men and their powerful chainsaws trimming the palm trees and shrubbery and making huge piles of fronds and branches. What’s more incredible is that Bowman donated all the work as well as his chipper.

These are only just a few examples of all the community partners we have at YTSD. We are grateful to all our community partners. Thank you!

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 Giscafref, will return to run the event.

Giscafref 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 on-line at www.southerncaliforniaopen.com or by calling 760.930.7032. Individual tickets are on sale now.

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

Tournament Director's Report

By Anne Podney



Romar Hernandez, pictured with tournament sponsor **Angel Lopez**, received the 2010 Bob Carrothers Sportsmanship Award, which is presented annually at the conclusion of the Harper Ink Tournament. Romar will join the ranks of some of San Diego's top sportspersons. Harper Ink winners are pictured

below; this picture will soon grace the lobby of the Barnes Tennis Center. Check out previous winners, which include such world renowned players as Maureen Connolly!

All participants will receive T-shirts for the Wilbur Folsom Memorial Tournament—a full feed-in tournament with consolation rounds that will be held June 28–July 2 at the Barnes Center. We expect a big group of players from the East Coast to participate. Let's all welcome them to our great facility!

With more than 500 singles players alone at the Harper Ink, the tournament was the largest that Youth Tennis San Diego has hosted yet. The weather was on our side so things went well. One downside was the few players who double-entered the Ink and the ITF tournament in Los Angeles. In spite of warnings, several players dropped out of the Ink (one, a #1 seed), either right before the tournament or mid-stream. I reported their names to the SCTA; the SCTA sent them letters of reprimand.

Change is on the horizon. The SCTA is adopting a point-penalty suspension system that will go into effect in 2011. Double entries in two tournaments with overlapping dates without prior written permission from both tournament direc-

Harper Ink Winners



Tournament sponsor Angel Lopez with Romar Hernandez, winner of the Bob Carrothers Sportsmanship Trophy.

tors will result in suspension points being assessed. Other point penalties will include withdrawals after the draw is publicly published (two points) and no-shows (three points). If a player accumulates six or more SCTA suspension points within a six-month period, the player will be suspended for at least one month from competition in any USTA-sanctioned events.

Suspension points will also be awarded for unsportsmanlike conduct, ball and racquet abuse, etc. The responsibility of reporting this behavior will fall on tournament directors and referees. You can be sure that I will be reporting this behavior to SCTA! The match sheets with players' names that hang by each court at Barnes Center Open tournaments serve two purposes—they let spectators know who is playing on the court and they provide a place for umpires to note unsportsmanlike conduct, ball or racquet abuse, overrules, etc. Be assured that if you play in Open tournaments at Barnes and behave inappropriately, this information will be immediately transferred to the SCTA. Forewarned is forearmed....

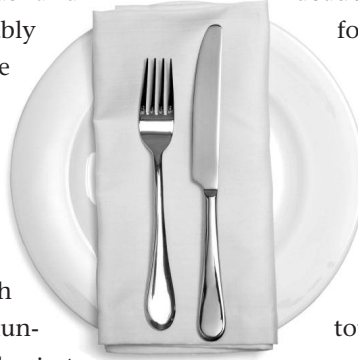
Youth Tennis San Diego recently gave numerous sportsmanship awards at the Annual Awards Banquet. Recipients were chosen based on many factors. Some are obvious; others more subtle. For example, when good sports end a game, they either hand the balls to their opponent (on a changeover) or gently hit the balls back to the server. Poor sports just hit the balls anywhere in the opponent's court, causing the opponent to have to trek all over the court to get the balls before he or she serves. While doing all this walking, they are probably planning where to serve their ace!

The 2010 USTA Girls' 16 & 18 National Championships

Lunch at the Nationals

From August 8-15, 400 of the top 14-18 year old girls in the United States will be coming to the Barnes Tennis Center to participate in the USTA Girls' 16 & 18 National Championships. This is the most prestigious and important tennis event that these girls probably ever play and we are excited to be hosting the event for the first time in San Diego. This will be the 20th Anniversary of the Girls' 16's Championships here, but it will be the first time ever that both events will be held simultaneously at the same site.

Putting together this type of an event is both costly and requires an enormous amount of volunteer help. We are contacting all of the tennis enthusiasts in San Diego to support this event in some manner—financially, by volunteering, or simply by coming out to watch and support the event. We have put together a wide range of sponsorship opportunities, but the following is an easy way for



you, your tennis friends, or your company to take part in the event in a unique and exciting way. We will offer a \$250, \$500 and \$1000 Lunch Package. The Lunch Packages are tax deductible and your company will receive from the following range of benefits:

- Table and lunch provided to 10 people during one of the special "Lunch at the Nationals" days during the event. Open dates are Wednesday–Sunday, August 11-15. If you would like more than 10 seats you can purchase more at a rate of \$25 per person.
- Half-page or quarter-page ad in the official tournament program for your business and/or recognition for your tennis group or organization.
- Your company or organization will be able to hang two banners (provided by sponsor), one on stadium court and the other in a high visibility location, throughout the 10 days of the event.

2010 Boy's First Serve Tournament: A Great High-School Team Event!

The annual First Serve tournament is a wonderful early-season opportunity for CIF High School teams and coaches to come together for a day of fun dual-match format play against other schools.

Coaches like Tom O'Brien, the Francis Parker Varsity Coach, use this event to learn about his players in early-

season competition, identify team leaders, and experiment with doubles pairings. "It is a fun event, and a great way to get to know your team, on and off the court. Parker kids love this event!"

Be on the lookout for the 2010 Girl's First Serve Tournament scheduled for the Fall 2010.



2010 Boy's First Serve Champions are The Cathedral Catholic team led by Coach Ron Marquez (left) and Finalists are the La Jolla High School team led by Coach Matt Privedi (right rear).

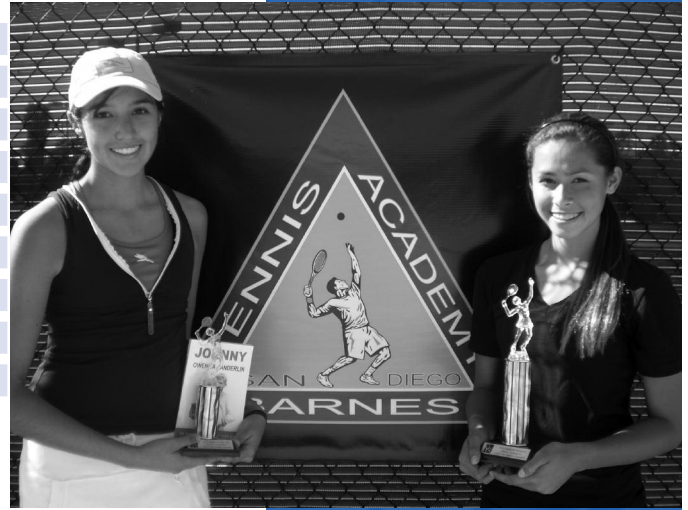
Adult Clay Court Tournament

Youth Tennis San Diego hosted the 1st Annual Adult Clay Court Singles Championships at the Barnes Tennis Center on May 21st–23rd offering men's and women's singles events in the Open, 4.5, and 3.5 divisions. Andre Marc was the Tournament Director and Eric Mann was the Tournament Referee. Though this was not a sanctioned tournament, the event was meant for players to have fun competing in clay court matches while watching the pros play during the French Open. We hope this will become the premier adult clay court event in San Diego.

Spring 2010 Tournament Results

Owenita and John Sanderlin Memorial Jr. Novice Tournament Feb. 6-7, 2010

Boy's 10's 1st: Elyas Obbad. 2nd: Peter Stratton
 Girl's 10's 1st: Shatoo Monammad. 2nd: Nayelli Juarez
 Boy's 12's 1st: Nicholas Goldentuller. 2nd: Solomon Liu
 Girl's 12's 1st: Abby Valera. 2nd: Madison Culp
 Boy's 14's 1st: Antonio Ramos. 2nd: Brian Richie
 Girl's 14's 1st: Katie Schlegel. 2nd: Isabelle Walcher
 Boy's 16's 1st: Felix Kunstmann. 2nd: Daniel King
 Girl's 16's 1st: Isabelle Poulin. 2nd: Alacielle Torres
 Boy's 18's: 1st: Eric Lopez. 2nd: Eric Gonzalez-Leon



Sanderlin Girl's 16's Novice Finalist Alacielle Torres (L) and Champion Isabelle Poulin

Y.T.S.D. Spring Junior Novice Championships March 13-14, 2010

Boy's 10's 1st: Gustav Ostermarker. 2nd: Alfonso Blancafort-Corona
 Girl's 10's 1st: Jessica Walker. 2nd: Charlotte Chavatipon
 Boy's 12's 1st: Lucas Kassman. 2nd: Emiliano Santana
 Girl's 12's 1st: Carolyn Brooner. 2nd: Katherine Finley
 Boy's 14's 1st: Nathan Cheng. 2nd: Addison Spitzer
 Girl's 14's 1st: Miya Jasso. 2nd: Tamara Zubatyi
 Boy's 16's 1st: Jonathan Lau. 2nd: William Spitzer
 Girl's 18's 1st: Nikki Marlin. 2nd: Carrie McFarland

Dr. Sheposh Memorial Satellite Tournament April 9-11, 2010

Singles:

Boy's 10's 1st: Siem Woldeab. 2nd: Yehuda Sinaga
 Girl's 10's 1st: Alana Andrews. 2nd: Brett Berger
 Boy's 12's 1st: Reid Ponder. 2nd: Mark Rhodes
 Girl's 12's 1st: Christine Birch-Araya. 2nd: Annie Andriasyan
 Boy's 14's 1st: Logan Elstermann. 2nd: Christopher Meyer
 Girl's 14's 1st: Valeria Corral. 2nd: Anastasia Trachenko
 Boy's 16's 1st: Saul Felix-Chavez. 2nd: Blake Resnikoff
 Girl's 16's 1st: Emily Olson. 2nd: Kelly Shaffer
 Boy's 18's 1st: Sean Stewart. 2nd: Tyler Low
 Girl's 18's 1st: Courtney Dewalt. 2nd: Audrey Grauer



Sheposh Satellite Girl's 14's Doubles Finalists Otilia Popa and Savannah Goode with Champions Kendall McGinnis and Camilla Garcia-Wright.

Doubles:

Boy's 18's 1st: C. Rerolle and D. Berger-Weekes. 2nd: J. Patterson and T. Lowe
 Boy's 14's 1st: C. Meyer and A. Wong. 2nd: C. Lee and S. Wheeler
 Boy's 10's 1st: J. Paintal and L. Santos. 2nd: J. Blando and M. Blando
 Girl's 16's 1st: A. Meyer and S. Cummins. 2nd: B. Rice and C. McKinley
 Girl's 14's 1st: K. McGinnis and C. Garcia-Wright. 2nd: O. Popa and S. Goode



Indian Wells Trip a Blast for Kids and Adults!

The Barnes Center offered a wonderful day-trip to the BNP Paribas Open Championships at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden on March 14th, and 50 participants had an amazing opportunity to witness some of the best tennis in the world!

Players like Rafael Nadal, Maria Sharapova, David Nalbandian, Andy Roddick and Svetlana Kuznetsova were putting their amazing skills on display for all to see, on practice courts and in matches all over the beautiful grounds of the tennis garden.

Join us next year as we journey to the desert for the 2011 BNP Paribas Open Tennis tournament!

Barnes Tennis Academy Kids “Work-Out” with West Coast Conference Players and Coaches

Our Barnes Tennis Academy kids had a great day of “target practice” with players from Pepperdine, St. Marys and other WCC schools, in a fun “meet and greet” that included free WCC t-shirts for the kids, complete with autographs from these collegiate champions.

This great mixer included a special coaching session from Pepperdine and St. Mary’s coaches, and a fun session of “hit-the-cones” with our program kids and the collegiate players. Needless to say, the kids were totally excited to “play” with the college players. It was great!

Thanks to the WCC organizers, coaches and players for making this a special day for the Barnes Tennis Academy Kids!



Ivan Thamma, YTSD Excellence Team member, happily receives an autograph from Pepperdine University player, Daniel Moss.

2010 Summer Junior Tennis Camps at the Barnes Tennis Center

From National-level competitive camps to fun recreational tennis camps, the Barnes Summer of 2010 will offer something for everyone!

Our Competitive Camp is designed to bring out the best in every player, and prepare them for tournament play. The full-day schedule includes morning drills, point play, and an afternoon of singles and doubles competition.

Our recreational Tennis and Sports Camp is for recreational players and novices, ages 4-16. This camp brings fun and fundamentals together with a “games-approach” to learning and improving basic skills. The full-day camp offers team competition in clay court, hard court, “short court”, “Beach Tennis”, badminton and “mini-tennis”.

New in 2010 are affordable “early-drop-off” and evening “extra-camp” until 5:00 p.m.

- Camp Highlights include
- The “Teen Tennis Zone” just for the older kids
 - “Barnes Bucks” and the “Barnes Store” for cool prizes!
 - Souvenir T-shirt, water bottle and group photo
 - Free tennis racquet if needed

For more information, please contact Tom O’Brien at 619-221-9000, ext. 105, or go to www.barnestenniscenter.com and click on programs, then under Junior Programs, click on “Camps”.

Test Prep At Barnes

Want to improve your SAT, AP or ACT score?

Join us for FREE Test Prep Workshops!

Conducted by Natasha Makarova an Instructor for Ivy Insiders.

1 hour workshop dates: Wednesday, June 2, 2010 3:00pm-4:00pm

Or Wednesday, June 16th, 2010 3:00-4:00pm

The 2010 San Diego Competition Training Center Team

The Competition Training Center (CTC) is a national USTA Player Development program started in 1988 to gather the best 10-13 year old junior players in each area to train together and benefit from competition, on-court coaching, the latest sports science information, and friendship building with teammates. Most of the top American professional and college tennis players have been through the CTC program. The CTC team members are selected by the Southern California Tennis Association office in January based on the year end rankings.

The San Diego CTC team offers parent education on the High Performance Profile, Player Development plans, Periodized Competition and Training schedules, strength and condition programs for junior tennis players, and the requirements to be a good tennis parent. Parent support is a big part of the success of the CTC teams.

The coaches for the San Diego CTC team are: Eric Mann (who is head coach and administrator), Eric Lawson, Nic Izumi, and Jose Torres. The players on the San Diego CTC team are: Jessica Anzo, Carissa Bernhardt, Nicole Camaratta, Ashley Chao, Kelsey Chen, Savannah Goode, Kylee Hum, Jennifer Kerr, Catherine Kreslin, Chloe Kuo, Alexandra Kuo, Emily Maxfield, Alexa Meyer, Gillian Parker, Julia Ronney, Hayley Scarano, Matilda Thomas, Carolyn Xie, Hannah Zhao, Nicholas Appel, Kalman Boyd, Jacob Brumm, Liam Caruana, Trevor Faulk, Francis Filipovich, Taylor Fritz, Allen Gao, Seth Kim, Robert Liu, Martin Marin, Charles Pei, Billy Rowe, Charlie Rowe, Alexander Rushin, Timothy Sah, Ryan Seggerman, Keegan Smith, Jonathan Sorn, and Carlos Tinoco.

2010 Scholarship Winners!

\$4,500 Awarded

Angel Lopez Scholarship: Ashley Mendoza Kirby
SDDTA Scholarship: Liliana Serylo, Danielle Ngo
Walker Family Scholarship: Rebecca Sicile-Kira
Homer Peabody Scholarship: Zubin Anklesaria
YTSD Scholarship: Mackenzie Gaura, Alex Yermanos

Summer Adult Programs at the Barnes Tennis Center

The Summer Adult Programs at the Barnes Center start June 21st and will continue until September 3rd. The Adult Programs are divided into morning and evening clinics. The evening clinics will continue largely unchanged from the spring schedule. Eric Mann will teach Luda Makarova's morning clinics during the summer while Luda is busy with the summer junior tennis camps.

New this summer will be a special Adult Clinic for Parents (of junior campers) which will meet Tuesday through Friday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Early Morning Adult Clinics (drills and match play for all levels of players) on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The morning clinics will not meet during the Girls' 16 & 18 National Championships August 9th-13th, but the evening clinics will continue during that week.

Look for the Adult Summer Program schedule on our website, www.barnestenniscenter.com. For information about the adult programs, contact Eric Mann at the Barnes Tennis Center, (619) 221-9000 or emann@ytzd.org.

After School Tennis: Field Day

Roll Out, Alligator, Jail Break, sound familiar? Well, it does for the 150 juniors who participated in the AST Field Day on Saturday, May 15th. These are



AST Single Tournament: Rosa Parks Coach Santiago Jaquez in the background.

just a few of the fun games that were played at the annual event, held at the Barnes Tennis Center. YTSD hosted the Field Day in celebration of another wonderful year of After School Tennis. Juniors of all ages and all levels of play spent the day rotating from court to court participating in a variety of tennis drills and games. Thank you to all of our AST coaches and volunteers who helped make the day a huge success!

For more information on our After School Tennis Program, please contact Lindsey Vosburgh, After School Tennis Director, (619)221-9000 x104



AST Volunteer Rachel White and Coach Jorge Torres

Thank You Community Partner

Youth Tennis San Diego gives a special thanks to Price Charities and the City of San Diego for their generous support and helping to reestablish our commitment to the AST Program at the City Heights Urban Village.



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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

June

- June 4-6 Father Daughter Nationals
- June 5 Barnes Cup
- June 21 Summer Camp begins
- June 26 YTSD Summer Classic Novice
- June 28-July 2 . Wilbur Folsom Memorial

July

- July 18 Barnes Cup
- July 23-25 Angel Lopez Satellite

August

- August 3-5 Billie Jean King World Team Tennis Nationals
- August 7-15 . . . Girls' 16 & 18 National Championships
- August 20-22 . . . Cyril Press Satellite

2nd Annual Barnes Bash Hit-A-Thon For Kids

How many tennis balls can a kid hit in a row?

The Barnes Tennis Center put participants to the test, at the 2nd Annual Barnes Bash Hit-a-thon!

Parents and supporters anted up “pledges” for their kids, and winners in the Barnes Bash Hit-a-Thon won prizes for the most “in-a-rows” in several different divisions. In-a-row winners won Belmont Park wristbands good for one day of fun! Red Division winners: Erika Ramirez and Winta Woldeab, White Division winners: Siem Woldeab and Clay Johnson, and Blue Division winners: Jacob Karnopp and Joel Garcia. Congratulations to all top winners.

Participants who hit 25 in a row were entered in a raffle drawing for additional prizes. All participants received a commemorative t-shirt, and awards were presented to top individual finishers, and top fund-raisers in each division.

Proceeds from pledges, corporate sponsorships and donations benefit Youth Tennis San Diego, for equipment, tournament scholarships, and financial assistance.

Off the court, food booths, music, prizes, face painting, and a ping-pong tournament kept the kids, parents and visitors fully entertained.

