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Junior Tennis Awards Banquet

The 2013-2014 Junior Player Council was pleased to present this year's Junior Tennis Awards Banquet on May 18.

The evening was quite stylish, with a "Reaching for the Stars" theme. Awards were presented to many deserving tennis players for their 2013 achievements, including Players of the Year, Most Improved and many Sportsmanship awards.

Special thanks to Ryan Redondo, University of the Pacific's Director of Tennis and Men's Tennis Head Coach, for being our guest speaker, and thanks to the Junior Player Council for putting together such a wonderful evening. Steven Chen and Emily Kuo served as Masters of Ceremony, with support from Gigi Kuo, JPC Adult Advisor.

Here's a complete list of the award recipients:

Service to Tennis

Olive R. Pierce: Gigi Kuo

Bill Dudash Memorial: Steven Chen

After School Tennis Program Awards

Angel Lopez Sportsmanship: Azam Bobokhojueva

Chabot Family Leadership: Riley Lenahan

Belinsky Family Sportsmanship: Jesus Romo Carranza and Monserrat Oliverez

YTSD Sportsmanship: Maxx Brady

Sportsmanship Awards

Sophie Custado Sportsmanship: Isaiah Strobe

Southwest Trophy Sportsmanship: Kiev Moores and Isabella Harvision

Margaret Weckerly Sportsmanship: Isabel Lee

Roland Brock Sportsmanship: Tom Witteveen

Bob Carrothers Memorial Sportsmanship: Lindsay Brown

Jean Kremm Sportsmanship: Zachary Svajda and Winta Woldeab

Wilbur Folsom Most Improved Players

18s: Henry Ji and Karla Dulay

16s: Ivan Thamma and Valeria Corral

14s: Brandon Nakashima and Cali Jankowski

Junior Players of the Year

18s: Taylor Fritz and Monica Robinson

16s: Kalman Boyd and Jessica Failla

14s: Timothy Sah and Jennifer Kerr

YTSD Awards

YTSD Special Achievement: Walter Nesses

George E. Barnes Family Junior Tennis Award: Martin Marin and Jwany Sherif



Award winners with presenting Junior Player Council members.

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My Point

By Kerry Blum, Executive Director, YTSD

Courting a Lifetime

In May of 2008, the USTA introduced Quick Start Tennis, now referred to as 10 and Under Tennis. The logic behind the idea was that two-thirds of all new tennis players are children.

Kids need immediate success to stay interested in a sport. Most other sports start children on size appropriate playing fields and with modified equipment. Tennis finally came to the realization that children are not just mini-adults. Using 10 and Under equipment and courts make it easy for each child to be successful from Day One.

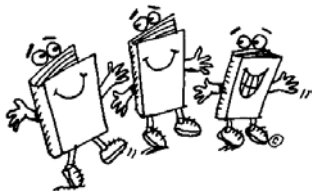
Yes, there are some issues and there are some people who still haven't bought into transitional equipment and courts, but our sport is growing again. Unfortunately, the increase in junior numbers is being off-set by the loss of older players. This translates into a loss of revenue and clout for the sport of tennis.

If the shoulder pain and knee replacement generation would take a look at the success of short court tennis, tennis might see its largest numbers ever. Pickleball has begun to steal our grandparents. It is played on a short court with modi-

fied equipment. It is easy on the body and easy to play successfully. Even scarier is that Pickleball is beginning to steal our tennis courts. The combination of the loss of players and courts directly affects us all.

So what can our kids teach their Grandparents? We need to support a move to short court tennis for adults who no longer can run and be successful on a full-size court. By using the same equipment and courts that the 10 and under kids use, we get more use of the short courts and we keep tennis players on the court for a lifetime.

The Barnes Center Library: "A Hidden Jewel"



The Barnes Center Library houses a comprehensive collection of reading and media resources that is at your fingertips! If the door is open, you are welcome to browse or just sit and gaze at the shelves

stacked with knowledge that will attract your curiosity and expand your mind. If the door is locked, a request to the front desk will open this corner that deserves more attention.

A brief overview will acquaint you with the following sections and genres: Preschool to Middle School age books, teacher's resources and Adult novels. Tennis related items: Youth Tennis San Diego Junior Yearbooks, USTA Yearbooks, USPTA and USPTR resources, magazines and books, as well as miscellaneous subjects, and assorted videos.

An "honor system" has been implemented for check-out and will allow interested individuals to register on a clipboard inside the library. Name, check in and check out dates, and contact information is required.

The Education Committee of Youth Tennis San Diego also encourages you to take "free books" that will be displayed at tournaments, future events, and activities at the Barnes Tennis Center.

"Tennis adds years to your life and life to your years" — Roy Wilder

Submitted by: Anne Rosser, YTSD Board Member

Save the Date!

MatchPoint Ball 2014 Dinner in the City

Saturday, October 11
Fairbanks Ranch Country Club



Honorary Host:
Steve Fisher
SDSU Basketball Coach

Tournament Director's Report

By Anne Podney



The San Diego tennis community lost a dear friend on April 12 when Thuan Pham passed away from a hiking accident. Thuan, 49, is the father of former junior players Tyler and Tom Pham* (former #1 players at Rancho Bernardo High School), and the husband of Tammy Pham. Thuan and his family came to the United States from Vietnam when he was

10. He was one of nine children and graduated from UCSD.

Thuan was popular in his Rancho Bernardo neighborhood—he was known as the man who could “fix anything.” He loved tennis and had recently taken up hiking. “He lived life to its fullest and didn’t take anything for granted”, said close friend Carolyn Bernhardt, as she remembered a recent hike she had taken with Thuan and his wife. Carolyn spoke to me about how friendly and fun he was. Together they coached a Junior Team Tennis team that won the prestigious Gar Glenney Cup in 2004.

To me, Thuan was an ideal tennis parent—a wonderful role model. One friend remembers being impressed by a time, years ago, when he was watching a match that Tyler was playing. Thuan called to his son, “Tyler, you need to give your opponent that point. The ball was good.” Now, of course, I don’t encourage parents talking to their children during tournament play, but this remark of Thuan’s summarized how, above all, he wanted his sons to be good sports and play fair, which they did! I asked Coach Lee Merry to share some of his memories of Thuan and below is his heartfelt contribution.

“I am thankful to Tammy and Thuan Pham for giving me the privilege of working with their sons, Tyler and Tom, beginning when they were nine years old for over 10 years. It was a blessing for me to be a small part of their family. While it was wonderful to see the boys develop into championship tennis players and fine young men, the special bonus was that I got to spend time with Thuan for all those years. He was dedicated to his sons and so proud of them. He would arrange his work schedule so he could bring them to their lessons with me. In my profession, parents can be a handful. In all my years of coaching I have never known a better tennis parent.



The Phams

Thuan had a love for the game and understood it far better than most of the tennis community. He cared about all my students and all the families he touched in Southern California. I loved being on the court with him and his boys. We worked as a team. I am a better coach because of him. His understanding, dedication and love for the game is why the boys are so successful. Often I would catch myself thinking, “Why can’t more tennis parents be like Thuan?” In physical stature I am a tall man, much taller than Thuan. But there was never a day that I was not looking up at him.

Thuan loved the outdoors and was an avid hiker. As difficult as it is to lose Thuan, it is comforting to know he passed doing what he loved. He will be missed by all who knew him. Thuan, thanks for all the wonderful memories.”

**Tom, Thuan’s oldest son, received a tennis scholarship to Santa Clara University and graduated last year. He holds the all-time record of wins in Santa Clara tennis history. Tyler, Tom’s younger brother, received a tennis scholarship to UC Irvine and plays at the top of the team. He is a two-time San Diego CIF singles champion.*



Blake and Russ Pearson present trophies to Girls 14 Doubles winners at the recent Esme Pearson Memorial Tournament.



Steve Brown has compiled a wonderful photo album to commemorate events held at the Barnes Center in 2014. Check it out in the Pro Shop. Thanks, Steve!

After School Tennis Continues Through Summer

Thanks to our generous supporters of After School Tennis and their continued funding, Youth Tennis San Diego is able to provide summer programming at seven recreation centers through the summer months. Programs are held in a variety of areas throughout San Diego County from San Ysidro to Poway. Sites include: San Ysidro Park, Las Palmas Park, El Toyon Park, Mountain View Sports and Racquet Club, Colina Del Sol Recreation Center, Urban Village Recreation Center and 4S Ranch Sports Park. All programs are low cost and available to all members of the community. For more information on registration, please contact Lindsey Vosburgh – After School Tennis Coordinator at lvosburgh@ytsd.org or (619) 221-9000 x104.

FREE Summer AST Program at Colina Del Sol Recreation Center

Youth Tennis San Diego (YTSD) has partnered with the Greater Tennis Council and San Diego Tennis District Association to bring the love of tennis to the Colina Del Sol community. With excitement for newly resurfaced courts, YTSD has happily provided FREE summer tennis lessons for all youth at the Colina Del Sol Recreation Center. Coach Winston Strozier is on court every Tuesday and Saturday afternoon through the summer, from 1:00-2:00pm. This program is ideal for all ages and levels of play.

Our community programs bring fun tennis to the San Diego area, as well as encourage youth participation, personal integrity, leadership, and competitive spirit in a friendly environment that builds responsible citizens. Please stop by to join the fun. For more information on registration, please contact Lindsey Vosburgh – After School Tennis Coordinator at lvosburgh@ytsd.org or (619) 221-9000 x104.



Coach Winston Strozier volunteering at the recent AST Field Day.

How Many Books Can Our AST Kids Read This Summer?

Participants in our After School Tennis & Education Book Club, held at the Barnes Tennis Center, will let us know.

The program is designed in a fun way for children to learn the basic fundamentals of tennis and continue with their reading throughout the summer. The AST Book Club is ideal for beginner to advanced beginner level of play. The youngsters split time between the education room and the tennis courts. Juniors are given 30 minutes of work time after each tennis lesson where they can choose to read, work on a book report, share their thoughts about the book they are reading, or participate in a structured “hands on” activity provided for the day. Our goal is set for 75 books read as a team. If our goal is met, participants and coaches will celebrate with an ice cream party. Program runs through the end of July. For more information on registration please contact Lindsey Vosburgh, AST Program Coordinator at lvosburgh@ytsd.org or 619.221.9000.



Thank You Frank Lucero!

A Big THANK YOU goes out to Frank Lucero for more than 25 years of service as an After School Tennis (AST) Instructor. Coach Lucero started as an AST instructor when the program began back in 1989. Since then he has coached thousands of our AST juniors. Many of his players went on to play high school tennis and even college level. Coach Lucero has been a wonderful asset to our AST Program. He has continuously taught and fine tuned his students tennis skills, all while keeping the game exciting and fun! Many of his players regularly join us at our AST events and tournaments held throughout the year—and many walk away with a trophy in hand. Frank Lucero will be greatly missed in the classroom and the on court by his students, as well as all of us here at Youth Tennis San Diego. We kindly thank you, Frank Lucero, for all your hard work, time, dedication and love you have continuously given to the program.

Enjoy Your Retirement!

2014 USTA Father-Daughter and Mother-Son National Championships

Including a Pilot Grandfather-Granddaughter Championship

Traditions continued at the Barnes Tennis Center, May 30-June 1, as we crowned new champions and honored several return champions. Special "congratulations" for five-time Super Senior Champions Herman Ahlers and Krista O'Connor, and six-time consecutive 80-and-over Champions Carolyn and Graydon Nichols. These are two extraordinary accomplishments!

This year we also had the opportunity to field one of the strongest draws ever in the Father-Daughter Senior event. Many considered this draw as tough, or tougher than the Open event! Kudos and congrats to all of our participants, especially the following Gold and Silver winners!

Mother-Son Open

Champions Lisa Naumu and Miles Seemann

Finalists Carolyn Dadian-Bernhardt and Christopher Bernhardt

Father-Daughter Ultra Senior (Father 80+)

Champions Graydon and Carolyn Nichols

Finalists Enver Mehmedbasich and Susan Wright

Father-Daughter Super Senior (Father 70+)

Champions Herman Ahlers and Krista O'Connor

Finalists Robert and Danielle Ouwendijk

Father-Daughter Senior (Father 60+)

Champions John and Hannah Holladay

Finalists Jerry and Becky Morse-Karzen

Father-Daughter Open

Champions Greg and Jessica Failla

Finalists Gerrit and Shene Disbergen

Grandfather-Granddaughter Pilot Event

Champions Joe and Katie Chang

Finalists Dean and Madelyn Corley

Congratulations to our Junior Aces Graduating Class of 2014



After School Tennis at Carlton Hills Elementary

In an effort to recruit more kids to After School Tennis (AST), Coach Lexi Provancha and I volunteered to teach an AST clinic at Carlton Hills Elementary in Santee. Our first day, in late May, turned out to be an unexpected adventure

When we arrived we discovered a great group of potential tennis stars awaiting Lexi and me at Carlton Hills. These kids are very enthusiastic about tennis, they are coordinated and athletic (I really think most kids are all of the above) and with just a little instruction, Barnes' AST program has widened its horizons.

The class is from 2:15 to 3:15pm, and this past week, we added two more potential tennis stars, for a total of six great kids. Their having fun is infectious. We warm up with a jog around the basketball courts, then review forehands and backhands. After playing *Jailbreak* and *Catch-it*, Coach Lexi introduced forehand volleys. No problem there: all were extremely competent.

All balls were recovered, after water and bathroom breaks, the kids headed to the front of the school where their parents were waiting. All in all, a rewarding hour of tennis. Next week, the overhead and the serve!

Submitted by Ammy Provancha, YTSD Board Member



CIF Boys Doubles Championships

The third-seeded team of Point Loma freshmen Keegan Smith, and our very own Ivan Thamma, topped the No. 2 duo of Torrey Pines sophomore Sreeganesh Manoharan and freshman Tim Sah 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.



Sixth Annual Barnes Bash Hit-A-Thon for Kids

The Barnes Bash on May 3rd encouraged nearly 200 San Diego juniors to learn about exercise, healthy choices, community spirit, and offered a unique opportunity for them to help raise funds for all Youth Tennis San Diego (YTSD) Programs. Proceeds from pledges, corporate sponsorships and donations benefit YTSD for junior programs, equipment, tournament scholarships, and financial assistance.

Juniors from all over San Diego turned out to see if they could top their "In-A-Row" from last year. All junior participants received a commemorative t-shirt. Medals were presented to top "In-A-Row" individuals in each division: Red – Elliot Gilbert with 40, White – Hermon Teklu with 137, and Blue – Winta and Siem Woldeab with 174!

The top three pledge earners each received a session scholarship to One Barnes Tennis Academy Program or One week of Summer Camp! Congratulations to Alexa Meyer, Ian Meyer, and Jake Kagnoff.

Thank you to our many volunteers who helped make this community event an afternoon to remember.

Barnes Bash Sponsors, your support is greatly appreciated:



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Billie Jean King and World TeamTennis Are Coming to The Barnes Tennis Center

On July 29th Billie Jean King arrives at the Barnes Tennis Center to kick off the Junior World TeamTennis National Championships. The WTT Junior Nationals, which is hosted by WTT co-founder Billie Jean King, is an invitational national junior event featuring 16 coed teams from throughout the United States. The teams use the World TeamTennis format during their three days of non-elimination draw competition. Each day the team matches will be held in the morning and afternoon, culminating with the final play of matches on July 31st.

Youth Tennis San Diego Provides College Scholarships, Grants and Financial Assistance



Youth Tennis San Diego (YTSD) has been presenting college scholarship awards to deserving high school seniors since the early 1970's. This year, thanks to the continued generosity of our donors over \$3,000 was awarded.

Congratulations to the outstanding 2014 recipients: Steven Chen, Lindsay Brown, Emily Kuo, Emily Vastola and Cameron Wilkinson. Please keep in touch, we can't wait to see where life takes you.

In the first funding period for 2014, YTSD Grant and Financial Assistance Committee awarded \$5,300 to juniors participating in tennis programs and tournaments throughout San Diego County.

In addition to the community funding, \$6,000 in scholarships for summer camps were awarded to outstanding After School Tennis participants.

The Grant and Financial Assistance Committee meet twice a year, once in April and again in August, to review all applications. Only requests submitted on the official grant/financial assistance application are considered for funding. Applications are available on our website www.barnestenniscenter.com under "Hot Links" or in the Pro Shop at the Barnes Tennis Center.

Start Planning Now for Back-to-School Tennis!

Barnes Tennis Academy Programs For Kids of Every Level

From Rising Stars to the Elite Team Training Program, the BTA provides the full progression of development for kids of all ages.

Rising Stars: Our Sports Skills and Rising Stars classes provide novice and advanced-beginner classes to kids ages 4-14. Utilizing Ten and Under Tennis tools and methods, we provide sound fundamentals instruction and get kids rallying and playing at a very early stage.

Competitive Program and High School Competitive: Designed for kids who want to compete, the Competitive Programs are for kids ages 8 and up who are beginning to approach competitive play. The Competitive 8-10 year old program (us-

ing low-compression balls to fine-tune rally skills) the Competitive 10-14 year old program, and High School Competitive programs help to develop the confidence needed to begin competitive play.

High Performance Program: The Barnes Tennis Academy "HP" High Performance program is designed for competitors who want to win more. Focusing on the physical, technical and tactical aspects of the game, the goal is improving tournament performance. Barnes Tennis Academy Elite Program provides training for future collegiate and professional players. By invitation only, this program challenges the strongest players, and brings goals of collegiate play into focus.

Elite Team Training Program: The Elite program is for those who are already competing well at the regional and national level. These players work on their individual style of play and "weapon" development. Practices and physical conditioning become more demanding and specialized around the national and sectional tournament schedule. Training is carried out on a weekly periodization schedule combining interval, speed and explosiveness, with balance, core and strength conditioning.

For more information regarding Barnes Tennis Academy programs, please contact Tom O'Brien, Programs Manager, tobrien@ytstd.org.



Girls Nationals Are Coming!!

Barnes Tennis Center Set to Host Top American Junior Tennis Players at United States Tennis Association Girls' 16s & 18s National Championships, July 31-August 9, 2014

This year marks the fifth year the combined USTA Girls' 16s & 18s National tournament will be played at the Barnes Tennis Center.

"We are honored to host this prestigious junior tennis event," said Kerry Blum, Executive Director of Youth Tennis San Diego, which owns and operates the Barnes Tennis Center. "Events such as the Girls' Nationals affirm our mission to promote the educational, physical, and social development of all youth through organized tennis and educational activities."

Nearly 400 girls aged 16 and 18 and under will compete for the title of National Champion, as well as a Wild Card entry into the singles main draw of the US Open Women's Championships (for the 18s Champion) and a Wild Card into the US Open Junior Championships (for the 16s Champion). The 18s Doubles Champions will also receive a Wild Card into the US Open Women's Doubles main draw.

Save the date to come out and watch great tennis.

Summer Camp is In Full Swing at the Barnes Tennis Center!



Tournament Champions

YTSD Spring Jr. Novice Tournament

Boys 10s	Champion Araz Maronesy	Finalist Antonio Luis Valladolid Carrillo
Boys 12s	Champion Exekiel Strode	Finalist Elad Ben-Moshe
Boys 14s	Champion Ryan Rafferty	Finalist Cameron Ezeir
Boys 16s	Champion Steven Sleed	Finalist Tyler Hodges
Girls 10s	Champion Aranxta Mendiola	Finalist Nitya Yerabandi
Girls 12s	Champion Thelma Sepulveda	Finalist Asha Gidwani
Girls 14s	Champion Ali Youel	Finalist Kiana Nguyen
Girls 16s	Champion Michelle Kutsanov	Finalist Tiana Tate

Dr. John G. Sheposh Memorial Satellite

Boys 10s	Champion Alejandro Rovira	Finalist Julio Salazar
Boys 12s	Champion Ryan Phillips	Finalist Jake Kagnoff
Boys 14s	Champion Danny Goldin	Finalist Vansh Vermani
Boys 16s	Champion Joon-ha Bae	Finalist Brandon Wong
Girls 10s	Champion Liora Langman	Finalist Carolyna Fowler
Girls 12s	Champion Ayline Samardzic	Finalist Emily Fowler
Girls 14s	Champion Gillian Hooper	Finalist Carla Hansen
Girls 16s	Champion Shayla Parthasarathy	Finalist Reina Chu

YTSD Summer Jr. Satellite Tournament

Boys 10s	Champion Ezekiel Strode	Finalist Hunter Lynch
Boys 12s	Champion Derek Sung	Finalist Dante Schrantz
Boys 14s	Champion Alexander Strumlauf	Finalist Dean Zoglio
Boys 16s	Champion Riley Lenaway	Finalist Alex Schuster
Boys 18s	Champion Cesar Nava	Finalist Jonathan London
Girls 10s	Champion Isabella Foshee	Finalist Asha Gidwani
Girls 12s	Champion Kennedy Urcelay	Finalist Lillian Lin
Girls 14s	Champion Carmina Migoni	Finalist Heidi Shen
Girls 16s	Champion Maria Morgan	Finalist Julia Gonda
Girls 18s	Champion Veronica Chandler	Finalist Leah Stern



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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

July

- 4** Happy Independence Day!
- 5-6** YTSD Summer Novice
- 12-13** Hendrickson Wheelchair Tournament
- 13** Barnes Cup
- 18-21** Angel Lopez Satellite
- 28-31** World TeamTennis
- 31-August 10** Girls' 16s and 18s National Championships

August

- 15-17** San Diego Doubles Open
- 22-25** Cyril Press Satellite
- 30-September 1** Jim Buck Team Tournament

September

- 1** Happy Labor Day!
- 6** First Serve High School Tournament
- 7** Barnes Cup
- 20** AST Field Day
- 21** Barnes Cup
- 27** YTSD Fall Novice

October

- 4-5 and 11-12** Todd Short Memorial
- 11** MatchPoint Ball at Fairbanks Ranch Country Club
- 13** Happy Columbus Day!
- 19** Velasquez Memorial Novice
- 31** Happy Halloween!

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