



# Youth Tennis San Diego Junior Tennis News

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## 10th Annual BARNES BASH and Ball Drop

The Barnes Bash on May 26th included nearly 100 San Diego juniors celebrating Youth Tennis San Diego. Over 2500 tickets were sponsored for the Ball Drop. These donations benefit YTSD junior programs, equipment, scholarships, and financial assistance.

Juniors from all over San Diego were welcomed on Stadium Court to this free community event. They began rotating

courts experiencing drills, games, and meeting new friends. The event concluded with the Ball Drop followed by free time on the inflatable double slide. Congratulations to Anna Lisa R. whose ball landed ON the marked target, making her the recipient of \$250!

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who helped make this community event a day to remember.



Ball Drop winner Anna Lisa Robbins



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# My Point

By Kerry Blum, Executive Director, YTSD

**Y**outh Tennis San Diego (YTSD) has been nationally recognized for providing creative programming solutions to challenges facing the youth of San Diego since 1953. With a focus on our mission, programs provide a safe haven during critical hours after school. Fun and friends is the vehicle that attracts students to learn the game. Participation ensures that ideals of health and fitness will become a lifestyle and that the value of education will be learned in concert with tennis fundamentals. As programs at the Barnes Tennis Center fill to capacity YTSD outreach programs will further expand to serve the future needs of our growing and diverse populations. The vision is YTSD will continue to evolve into a nationally recognized model for excellence; investing in our youth through accessible and affordable tennis and educational activities. The overarching objective is to impart the valuable life skills and experiences which tennis offers, replacing discouragement with dreams, apathy with achievement and that when you try your best, success is the outcome. Here are just a few highlights from last month and a glimpse in to the busy summer ahead at the Barnes Tennis Center.

## May

After School Tennis Celebrated 27 years of programming in San Diego County. On Saturday, May 26th juniors from all of the After School Tennis programs throughout San Diego and participants in the Barnes Academy were invited to the End of the Year Field Day and 10th Annual Barnes Bash at the Barnes Tennis Center. Players ages 5 to 16 came out

to participate in on-court games, prizes and tournament play. Immediately following on court fun was the—"One Ball Wins It All" BALL DROP. Participants also enjoyed snacks and friendly races down the inflatable slide, as well as a few round of Marco Polo in the bounce house.

Over 500 juniors participated in the Esmé Pearson Memorial Open Tournament held during two weekends at Barnes. Upcoming stars battled their way to the finals on May 20th.

Our Junior Aces concluded their year-long program at the end of May. Graduation ceremonies included classroom and on court activities, as well as a new tennis racquet.

USTA and Ad-In Ladies Leagues filled the courts with match play four days a week at Barnes.

## June

We look forward to the courts overflowing with juniors as summer approaches. Full and Half Day Camps begin June 11 and run through the end of August. All levels of camp from beginner to national level of play are provided. Introducing our youngest players to the game, specialized camps for Junior Aces, ages 3–5, are scheduled for once a month throughout summer. LEGO ROBOTICS and MINDSTORM Camps will once again be provided in the afternoons. Approximately 800 juniors will participate in summer programs at Barnes.

Tennis & Education Book Club will kick off the first week in June. Players will spend an hour on court improving their tennis skills before heading into

the classroom. A goal of reading five new books per participant over the summer break has been set—Wow!

June 1–3 the courts were echoing with the sound of balls as the National Father/Daughter, Mother/Son Tournament took place. Thanks to Todd and Sue Sprague, for bringing the tournament back to San Diego and the Barnes Center. Immediately following this event beginning early Monday, June 4 and running through Thursday, June 7 was the Police and Fire Department's Tennis tournament. The four-day event introduced over 100 new players to the Barnes Tennis Center.

Concluding the month of June is the YTSD Satellite tournament taking place June 22–24.

## July

The Wilbur Folsom Memorial Open Tournament leads us into the month of July. More than 450 matches will be held over the five-day tournament beginning on July 2.

On July 14 and 15 the Angel Lopez Satellite tournament will take place followed by the Barnes Cup introductory tournament series on Sunday, July 22.

Sixteen coed junior tennis teams with players representing 20 states will compete for a national title at the 2018 World TeamTennis Junior Nationals hosted by Billie Jean King, July 24–26. The junior invitational event which was created by King and is now in its 23rd year, is a showcase for many of the nation's promising junior tennis players. Team matches consist of eight events; with two sets each of boys' singles, girls' singles, one set of boys' and girls' doubles, and two sets of mixed doubles.

## MatchPoint Ball 2018

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### Saturday, Sept. 8 ★ Fairbanks Ranch Country Club

Round up your friends, grab your dancing boots, and prepare to help us raise a fistful of dollars for the children at Youth Tennis San Diego. The MatchPoint Ball supports the programs and scholarships of Youth Tennis San Diego and the Barnes Tennis Center. Join us for a night of special stories, celebration, great food and amazing auction items.

**YOU can help us MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

For more information call Linn Walker at

**619-221-9000**

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Educational seminars are conducted during lunch. Teamwork, leadership and sportsmanship are key areas of focus for the three-day event.

#### August

Our summer starts to wrap up with the newly named Billie Jean King Girls' 16 & 18 National Championships taking place August 4-12. The nation's top junior girls' tennis players will compete for prestigious titles and U.S. Open wild cards at the 2018 USTA Girls' 16 & 18

National Championships. Almost 400 participants from all over the U.S. will travel to the Barnes Tennis Center to compete for the title.

The dust barely clears from the Girls' Nationals before the courts are filled again with the 34th Annual San Diego Doubles Championships on August 18 and 19 followed by the Syril Press Memorial Satellite August 24-26.

School has or will be starting again mid-August for some of our districts and others will begin in September. Before

heading back to school, the After School Tennis and Outreach instructors will all participate in an In-Service Training at Barnes. This will be the 29th year of conducting After School Tennis programs in San Diego. Each quarter, one to two new school sites join our already existing AST program offering 100+ classes throughout the county. This year, we again hope to reach over 7,500 kids in the AST program.

As you can see, we are in for a busy summer. Hope to see you on the courts!



# YTSD Appreciates Our Junior Volunteers

Each week the Pedroza sisters, Stephanie and Yasbet, give back to their community by volunteering their coaching skills with our San Ysidro AST Program. The girls happily volunteer for the program that started them in their tennis journey. After many hours of hard work on the courts, with much improvement, they have “graduated” out of the beginner AST class, and now take the more advanced tennis lessons with their AST coach, Greg Hasterok. Coach Greg voluntarily provides this more advanced program to his AST students each week at the San Ysidro Recreation Center. As his players graduate out of the basic AST program, he encourages them to not only continue their tennis game at a higher level, but to help the younger players along the way. As he says, “There is no better way to learn than teach it yourself.” So as a team, Coach Greg and the Pedroza sisters instruct the younger kids on the courts, teaching the basic fundamentals of tennis and sharing their joy for the sport along the way. Thank you Stephanie and Yasbet for your time, energy and love you give to the After School Tennis Program. Your love for tennis and love for your community truly shines on and off the court. You are great role models for the students in San Ysidro and throughout the San Diego Community.

If you are a high school student looking for opportunities to volunteer with one of our many AST Programs throughout the community, please contact Lindsey Vosburgh at (619) 221-9000 x104 or [lvosburgh@ytsd.org](mailto:lvosburgh@ytsd.org)

# Summer Doesn't End the Tennis Fun



Youth Tennis San Diego happily provided over 100 summer camp scholarships to After School Tennis participants. AST coaches throughout the county were given the opportunity to choose a deserving student from their program and award them with a fully paid summer camp scholarship. Congrats to all scholarship recipients! We look forward to seeing you on the courts this summer at the Barnes Tennis Center.

# After School Tennis Celebrates Another Great Year

Every weekday afternoon, after the school bell rings, somewhere throughout the community, kids run excitedly to their After School Tennis (AST) program. With a smile they greet their coach, grab a racquet, and share the joy of tennis

From San Ysidro, to Jamul, to La Jolla, we have programs in almost every area of San Diego — this results in more than 7,500 juniors participating in AST each year. Juniors play onsite at their local schools, parks, and recreation centers. Many programs do not have tennis courts; we play on blacktop surfaces using portable tennis nets. YTSD provides an instructor, and all needed equipment for the program. Students play throughout the school year, and join us at the Barnes Tennis Center five times a year for a variety of tournaments and field days.

It is because of our dedicated AST coaches, volunteers, and generous donors that we are able to fulfill our mission of encouraging youth participation, personal integrity, leadership, and competitive spirit in a friendly environment that builds responsible citizens. Thank you to everyone who has helped our program thrive throughout the 2017-2018 school year.



**Newest AST Sites - Field Elementary and Bird Rock Elementary. Welcome to the fun! Instructors Santiago Jaquez and Greg Hasterok**



**Innovation Middle School Instructors Ben Vosburgh and Alan Pleat: “YTSD kindly thanks our Barnes Ad-In League Ladies. Your kind donation provided two local AST sites with equipment wagons.” Kids at Innovation M.S. say “Thank you for making life a little easier, we can now carry all our equipment to the courts in one trip! More time for tennis fun!”**

# Run for Fun!

The next time you visit our center, please feel free to take a stroll or run around our track. Our After School Tennis juniors have helped paint signs and rocks for your enjoyment along the way. Have fun!



## How many books can you read this summer?



**Kids that play tennis together, stay together.** These tennis friends met each other on the courts in AST—they have been best buds ever since. Join the fun today.

Join our After School Tennis Summer Book Club to find out! A fun way for children to learn the basic fundamentals of tennis and continue with their reading throughout the summer. This program is ideal for beginner to advanced beginner level of play. The youngsters split time between the library and the tennis court. Our program is designed to teach your child the basic fundamentals of tennis, as well as encourage them to continue reading throughout the summer months. Juniors will be given 30 minutes of work time after each lesson where they can choose to read, work on a book report, or participate in a fun STEAM based provided project. Prizes will be awarded for each completed book report, and together as team we will work towards an Ice Cream Party.

**5-WEEK SESSION: June 20–July 25, \$50**

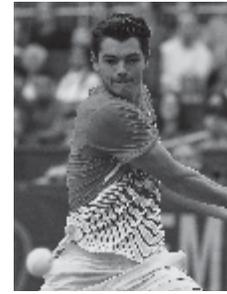
**Wednesdays (All ages)**

3:00pm–4:30pm or 4:00pm–5:30pm

(Scholarship prices available for those who qualify, please visit front desk for registration)



## Taylor Fritz Joins the San Diego Aviators



Congratulations to **Taylor Fritz** for landing a spot on the San Diego Aviators. Growing up in San Diego, Taylor played many matches here at the Barnes Tennis

Center. Taylor's parents are both tennis players and have been part of our YTSD family. We look forward to cheering Taylor on this season!

YTSD was quite lucky to have **Akane Mizoguchi**, a student at Shirayuri University in Japan, intern with us at the Barnes Tennis Center in the spring. Akane's major is English Language and Literature. Thank you for all your assistance, Akane!



**Akane helping refurbish trophies used at our AST Doubles event.**

# Tournaments

The Barnes tournament series is off and running for 2018, with already hosting tournaments containing 300, 400, and 500 competitors. Before participating in an Open or Satellite tournament, we suggest players learn the basics of tournament play through the Barnes Cups. Our latest Barnes Cup was booming with over 30 competitors. This introductory tournament has players competing in all divisions (Red, Orange, Green Dot, and Regulation Ball)! The progression method allows competitors to develop their technical and tactical tennis abilities at a much younger age. Because the depressurized balls provide additional time and a reduced bounce height, Barnes coaches are able to advance our players' technique and keep their skill development on schedule for success. Check out the results our Barnes Tennis Academy players have achieved on their home courts:

## 84th Harper Ink Junior Open Tournament (Level 3)

- [Steven Montiel](#) B10 Semifinalist & Doubles Winner
- [Andrew Li](#) B12 Quarterfinalist
- [Arman Izmilian](#) B12 Quarterfinalist
- [Nelson Alapi & Adrian Cousin](#) B12 Doubles Finalists
- [Irene Torres & Amy Pallencoe, Angella Jooste & Kate Prichard](#) G12 Doubles Semifinalists
- [Carly Swartzberg](#) G16 Quarterfinalist
- [Winta Woldeab](#) G18 Semifinalist & Doubles Winner
- [Sara Beckham & Olivia Madarang](#) G18 Doubles Finalists



**Harper Ink Jr. Open Tournament B10**  
Champion [Stephen Montiel](#) (R)



**Harper Ink Jr. Open Tournament G18**  
Finalist [Mckenna Mountain](#) (L)



**Dr. Sheposh Memorial Satellite B14**  
Champion [Peter Boyd](#) (L) with [Alejandro Daniel](#)

## Dr. Sheposh Memorial Satellite (Level 6)

- [Andrew Beciero](#) B12 Champion
- [Peter Boyd](#) B14 Champion
- [Jake Goldin](#) B14 Finalist

## 47th Annual Maureen Connolly Memorial Junior Open (Level 4)

- [Stephen Montiel](#) B10 Champion
- [Andrew Li](#) B12 Quarterfinalist
- [Nelson Alapi & Andrew Li](#) B12 Doubles Finalists
- [Kate Prichard](#) G12 Quarterfinalist
- [Elina Shalaev](#) G14 Quarterfinalist
- [Mckenna Mountain](#) G18 Finalist

## Junior Team Tennis

This season of JTT at the Barnes Center was one of our best yet. Of five teams, two qualified for the Sectional Championships in Irvine where they competed against all the top teams in their division from across Southern California. Our 10 & under orange ball group finished as Finalists in a tough battle against a team from Tustin. Our 10 & under green dot team, featuring seven of the finest young stars from our competitive younger program, finished as Sectional Champions. We are proud of all of our fine competitors who participated this season, and look forward to starting back up again in the Fall!



## Program Roundup

As summer approaches, we are wrapping up another great year of junior programs here at the Barnes Tennis Center. From the youngest rising star to college freshman preparing to go Division 1, Barnes students are finding their stride. We are excited and impressed with the improvement our students have made. Rising Stars blossomed into Competitive players and even a few from Competitive got their first taste of the High Performance program.

Barnes is proud to announce the return of the Elite Program. Coach Bane Jetic, a former professional player from Serbia, is leading the change in developing our oldest and advanced Barnes Academy players. We are excited to have his experience and passion for the game. If you have questions about the Elite program, contact Nikolai Karnopp, [nkarnopp@ytsd.org](mailto:nkarnopp@ytsd.org). Elite Program is scheduled Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3:30-6:30pm all summer, and 4:00-7:00pm starting in the fall.

If you are aspiring to someday participate in our advanced programs, this summer is the perfect time to fine tune your skills in our fun and exciting summer camps. Many future champions get their tennis feet wet at our summer camps — check the website or contact the Pro Shop to ensure your family doesn't miss out on the fun!

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## What is the Women's Ad In Doubles League?

It's a doubles league open to all women tennis players. The league meets every Thursday morning and our season runs for 7 to 9 weeks. Ad In offers three different divisions — A, BB and B. The cost is \$65.00 per player and includes organization of league play, tennis court fees, Penn tennis balls, morning snacks/coffee, and our End of Season Luncheon with opportunity drawing.

For more information please contact Jenni Myers at the Barnes Tennis Center 619-221-9000 or [jmyers@ytsd.org](mailto:jmyers@ytsd.org). The upcoming Fall Season starts on Thursday, Sept. 13th.

Congratulations to First and Second place winning teams from Winter Season — great job ladies!

### A Division:

**First Place Team** – Yuka I. & Karla E.

**Second Place Team** – Glee S. & Cheryl J.

### BB Division

**First Place Team** – Julie M. & Kathy L.

**Second Place Team** – Alicia B. & Shelly P. + Christian T. & Masae B.

### B Division

**First Place Team** – Gini H. & Sandy L.

**Second Place Team** – Michiko P. & Yuki K.

## Girls National Championships/ Billie Jean King

The USTA Girls' 16 and 18 National Championships will be renamed The USTA Billie Jean King Girls' 16 and 18 National Championships presented by adidas beginning with the 2018 tournament in August. The Barnes Tennis Center has hosted this historical tournament since 1990. Beginning in 2010, the age groups were combined and played at the same site. This tournament is the premier national championships for American girls and award US Open main-draw wildcards to their 18s singles and doubles champions.

The 18s tournament dates back to 1918, and its list of champions includes legends such as Chris Evert, Tracy Austin, Lindsay Davenport and Jennifer Capriati, as well as current rising stars Catherine Bellis, Sofia Kenin and Kayla Day.

The 2018 Tournament starts August 3 and runs through August 12 at the Barnes Tennis Center.

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## Giving Back



High School Senior and Barnes Tennis Academy Elite participant, Carlos Robles, is lending a hand to the Barnes community. Carlos will be competing at Sonoma State University in the Fall. Over the last few weeks, he has spent hours updating a gloomy storage space into an orga-

nized, and functional part of our facility. Hundreds of pounds of unused items were removed to make way for efficient use of the room's design. Cabinet space was maximized to house supplies for future events, camps, and clinics. He has turned a collection of well-used training equipment into an organized training facility for our juniors to compete at a higher level physically. Barnes is thankful to receive the love and support of its current and former players like Carlos Robles.

**“I decided to do my senior project at Barnes because they have helped me out so much through the years, so it means a lot to give back as I prepare to take my next steps.” –Carlos Robles**



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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

- 1-3** USTA Father/Daughter & Mother/Son Tournament
- 10** BTC Spring Novice
- 17** Happy Father's Day
- 22-24** YTSD Summer Satellite

### July

- 2-8** 45th Annual Wilbur Folsom Open
- 17** Happy Fourth of July!
- 14-15** Angel Lopez Satellite
- 22** Barnes Cup
- 23-26** World TeamTennis Junior Nationals

### August

- 1** USTA Girls National Championships
- 13-14** Owenita & John Sanderlin Novice
- 18-19** 34th Annual San Diego Doubles Championship
- 24-26** Syril Press Memorial Satellite



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## Haiku Creativity Contest

Submit your original haiku (encompassing what Youth Tennis San Diego means to you) for a chance to win a Barnes Tennis Center logo Dri-fit Tshirt.

Entries must be emailed to cvastola@ytsd.org before 5:00pm on Tuesday, June 26 for consideration.

### What is a haiku?

The haiku is a Japanese poem in three lines. Line one has 5 syllables, line 2 has 7 syllables and line three has 5 syllables.

### Here is an example:

Connect, learn, share, shine (5 syllables)  
 Nonprofits and charities (7 syllables)  
 Collaborate here (5 syllables)

### Have fun!

We can't wait to read your responses!