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Seventh Annual Barnes Bash Hit-A-Thon Honoring San Diego Military Families

The Barnes Bash on May 30th, highlighting After School Tennis (AST) and Barnes Tennis Academy, encouraged over 300 San Diego juniors to learn about exercise, healthy choices, and community spirit. Proceeds from pledges, corporate sponsorships and donations benefit YTSD for junior programs, equipment, tournament scholarships, and financial assistance.

The event kicked off with a special Field Day for our AST participants, rotating courts being introduced to new skills, drills and games, then meeting on Stadium Court for a ceremony including Sponsors, Donors, Volunteers and San Diego Military Families participating in our outreach programs. Participants then enjoyed hitting for prizes and

lunch before a well-deserved break.

That afternoon, juniors from all over San Diego joined in to see if they could top their "In-A-Row" from last year. All junior participants received a commemorative Barnes Bash t-shirt. Medals were presented to top "In-A-Row" individuals in each division: Red—Kaiden Miller and Talia Barella, White—Lauren Ferrell, and Blue—Nikita Marchinko and Michael Bell!

The top pledge earners each received a session scholarship to One Barnes Tennis Academy Program or One week of Summer Camp! Congratulations to Tai Macdonald and Noah Macdonald.

Thank you to our local military families for joining us and to our many volunteers who helped make this community event a day to remember.

Barnes Bash Sponsors, your support is greatly appreciated:

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Off court fun in the obstacle course with a camo theme, and other participants ready for Barnes Bash fun!

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My Point

By Kerry Blum, Executive Director, YTSD

Happy 20th Birthday!

Happy 20th Birthday Barnes Tennis Center! Yes, it has really been 20 years since we opened the doors of the Barnes Tennis Center. The official day was July 25, 1995. We had a grand celebration, with many of the wonderful friends whose support made it possible to build this special place for the children of San Diego County, in attendance.

It's time to ask "have we achieved our goal—our campaign promise to build a place where children have court priority—where families play together?" I think so. Of course the work is never done, but we are well on our way. The players and families are enjoying the attention our architects paid to the court layout—allowing for front row viewing from every court. Every six weeks over a hundred children from our After School Tennis Program play tennis on 23 courts followed by a shopping trip to our "free Store" (in the banquet room) for gently

used tennis clothing donated throughout the year. During the summer over 800 youngsters storm the courts for tennis camp. The Barnes Center is also home to hundreds of kids each week for tennis programs from the beginners to the elite players. Wheelchair tennis clinics fill courts two evenings a week. The Girls 16 & 18 National Championships, the WTT Junior National Championships, 5 Novice, 7 Satellite and 9 Open tournaments are all hosted at the Barnes Tennis Center. Educational Seminars for parents and juniors are regularly conducted free of charge. Homework assistance and academic classes for all ages are provided in our new Booth Education Center. The Barnes Center has something for everyone.

Our continuing challenge is to "find" the funds to support ongoing maintenance of the Barnes Center. Like a home, only on a much larger scale, we

have water, electricity, gardening, maintenance, etc. bills that need to be paid every month. Because there is no membership fee at the Barnes Center, and our commitment to providing free courts for youth, we do not have a regular source of income. What we do have—is all the people who appreciate the Barnes Center for all it offers to each of us. These are the "Friends of the Barnes Center" who support the Center with an annual gift of \$50 or more. We have also just introduced "Friends of the Facility", a monthly contribution of \$100 provides you with a weekly clinic and unlimited court usage (conditions apply). There are many opportunities to sponsor a tournament, donate to the After School Tennis outreach program or provide assistance with college and program scholarships. We need your help in continuing to offer the state of the art facility for our youth to play.

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 \$1,500 was awarded. Congratulations to the outstanding 2015 recipients: Cassidy Ferrell, Isabel Lee, and Charles Pei.

In the first funding period for 2015, YTSD Grant and Financial Assistance Committee awarded over \$5,000 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 "YTSD, Financial Assistance" or in the Pro Shop at the Barnes Tennis Center.



JOIN US beginning September 8 for some exciting updates in our Junior Programs!

We encourage you to follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/barnestenniscenter where we post weather updates, upcoming events and announcements. Join us on Instagram and Twitter too! ([barnestennisd](#))



Tournament Director's Report

By Anne Podney



Although our numbers were slightly lower this year at the Esmé Pearson Memorial, I am pleased to say the tournament ran smoothly with lots of terrific play. The numbers were down because the tournament no longer offers national points (except for doubles).

Alec Horton and Bruce Hunt of the Southern California Tennis Association

(SCTA) hosted a “town hall” meeting at the Barnes Center to answer questions about the point system and tournament levels of play. I commend those parents and players who made the effort to come and share their thoughts. It’s not enough to tell me your thoughts on these issues—you must convey them to those who make the final decisions. In addition, players and their families can evaluate various Southern California tournaments and send their comments to Alec at SCTA.

At the recent meeting, a player spoke about how she played a semifinal match at a satellite site in Los Angeles where the courts were so poorly maintained that they were dangerous. These are the types of things that should be expressed to the SCTA. In San Diego, if you are dissatisfied with a local tournament (e.g., courts, seeding, scheduling), you can complete an evaluation form and return it to the Youth Tennis San Diego (YTSD) Tournament Committee. We need your feedback as we want all our tournaments to be quality events! The form is available online at our website (barnestenniscenter.com) under “Facility / Tournaments.” The form is at the bottom of that page.

It was great having Competitive Edge Video at the Pearson tournament. Every match was filmed and available for purchase. Tournament sponsor, Russ Pearson, came to the tournament to present the trophies, as he does each year. His presence adds a special touch to the tournament.



At the Harper Ink: Boys 14 winner and finalist, Siem Woldeab and Eshan Talluri

Many players helped supervise the desks at alternate sites and served as court monitors, so a big thank you to all of you, including: Reina Chu, Kelsey Chen, Kylie Hum, Cameron Mofid, and Shayee and Jwany Sherif. If you are interested in helping at tournaments, please contact me. It is a great way to earn community service hours as well as a chance to give back to your community.

Congratulations to the many fine junior players who received awards at the recent Junior Player Banquet. The guest speaker was Dr. Richard Lederer, a renowned “wordsmith” who entertained the audience with his knowledge about the origin of tennis terms. For example, about the word “seed”, he says, “Despite the fact that this word is often erroneously spelled ‘cede’, what we have here is an agricultural metaphor. In tennis tournaments the highest ranked players are separated like seeds drawn from a husk and then strewn around the field of entrants.” I loved that explanation! Another interesting one is the word, “serve”. This comes from the French servir, “to labor as a servant”, attesting to the relative unimportance of the first shot in a point in the early days of tennis. Clearly this term was coined before the careers of Andy Roddick and Venus Williams!

Once again, I want to warn all players not to enter two tournaments with overlapping dates without **prior written permission from both tournament directors**. Many players are receiving five penalty points for doing this, even if the times don’t conflict and one tournament director says he will work around the other tournament director’s times. It has become easy for tournament directors to report this violation. Ten penalty points accrued can mean a three-month suspension from all USTA-sanctioned play. This is serious!



At the Esme Pearson: Girls 16 Doubles winners and finalists, Sophie Raiszadeh, Alex Kuo, Julia Deming and Julia Haynes

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 in the joy of tennis.

From San Ysidro, to Jamul, to Poway, we have programs in almost every area of San Diego—this results in more than 10,000 juniors participating in our AST Program 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. YTS provides an instructor, and all needed equipment for the program. Students play throughout the school year, and join us here at the Barnes Tennis Center five times a year for a variety of tournaments and field days.



AST Students at Cabrillo Elementary School



AST Students at March Team Tennis Event held at the Barnes Tennis Center

It is because of our dedicated AST coaches and volunteers that we are able to fulfill our mission and encourage youth participation, personal integrity, leadership, and a competitive

spirit in a friendly environment that builds responsible citizens. Thank you to everyone who has helped our program thrive throughout the 2014-2015 school year.

YTS Appreciates Junior Volunteers



Coach John Betlejewski and Youth Tennis San Diego would like to acknowledge La Jolla High School student Caitlyn Maisel for her efforts in assisting with the After School Tennis (AST) Program at Muirlands Middle School. Coach John says “Caitlyn was a participant in my AST Program for all three of her years at Muirlands. She now attends La Jolla High and is a player on the school’s tennis team. Caitlyn has generously offered her time to assist with the two AST classes which take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons throughout the school year. She assists with running tennis drills, monitoring play, assisting individual students and participating in many of the games we play. Caitlyn is a huge help, as our classes range in size from 12-15 students. The kids really look up to her and appreciate her input and friendly nature. I am very grateful and proud of this fine young lady for the helpful and caring way that she has given back to her school. Thank you Caitlyn for your time and energy you give to the After School Tennis program. You are a great role model for the students at Muirlands Middle School 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.



How Many Books Can You Read This Summer?

Join our After School Tennis Summer Book Club to find out. 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. Juniors will be given 30 minutes of work time after each lesson where they can choose to read, work on a book report, or share their thoughts about the book they are reading. (Book Club will be a “story time” for non-readers.) Prizes will be awarded for each completed book report, and together as a team we will work towards an “Ice Cream Party”.

6 week session: June 17 – July 22

\$50 per session. Scholarship prices available for those who qualify.

Wednesdays: Grades K-4, 3:00pm–4:30pm
Grades 5–8, 4:00pm–5:30pm



For more information please contact Lindsey Vosburgh, AST Coordinator (619) 221-9000 x104 or lvosburgh@ytsd.org.

Annual Giving Campaign

The Time is Now—to Serve the Future

This campaign is the foundation of Youth Tennis San Diego's annual fundraising activities and allows us to promote the educational, physical, and social development of all youth through organized tennis and educational activities.

Our community programs encourage youth participation, personal integrity, leadership, and competitive spirit in a friendly environment that builds responsible citizens.

Thanks to many supportive friends like you, thousands and thousands of children will use the lessons learned on a tennis court to achieve a better tomorrow.

Consider YTSD's Annual Giving Campaign as part of your charitable contributions this year. Impact your community. Your donation will support After School Tennis, College Scholarships, Financial Assistance, Camp Registration, Equipment, and General Operating Support. Please send donations to: YTSD, Attn: Annual Giving, 4490 W. Point Loma Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92107.

Thank You 2015 Donors:

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THANK YOU to Steve and Anne Furgal—**International Tennis Tours, Inc.** for thinking of Youth Tennis San Diego as the recipient of your generous donation, including a very large assortment of new logo clothing items and hats, that will benefit participants of our After School Tennis Program.



Junior Aces



Congratulations to our Junior Aces 2015 program graduates.

Angel Lopez Receives UT Award

The Youth Tennis San Diego Board of Directors is proud to announce that on April 2, Angel Lopez received the UT San Diego Latino Champions award. Angel has been an integral part of our organization for years and a fervent believer in providing fun, healthy, after school activities for Latino children. This is shown in his ongoing personal and financial support of the programs.

Congratulations Angel!

Summer Camp

Barnes Tennis Center's popular Summer Camp is here again! Between the dates of June 15 and September 4, kids of all levels and ages enjoy tennis and sports camps with some of the best pros and counselors in San Diego. Camps are a great way for kids to stay happy and healthy throughout the summer months. We have a camp for every child and will make sure they are placed at the appropriate level and feel as comfortable as possible. Our camps include:

- Recreational Tennis & Sports Camp
- Tennis & Robotics Camp
- Junior Aces Camp for Ages 3-5
- Competitive Tennis Camp
- High Performance Tennis Camp
- Afternoon High School Tennis Workout
- Afternoon Elite Tennis Workout

Summer Camps are reasonably priced with an emphasis on coaching, fun and safety! We also offer early drop-off and after-care for an additional cost. For more info please check out our website at www.barnestenniscenter.com or email our Programs & Facility Director Darren Miller at dmiller@ytsd.org.

2015 CIF Championship Results



CIF Singles Winner Keegan Smith

CIF was very exciting and did not disappoint the families, friends and fans who came out to watch the Team and Individual Championships held in May at the Barnes Tennis Center. Hundreds of players from teams located all over San Diego County arrived ready to challenge each other for the honor to be called Champions. After a rain delay and postponement of matches, the team finals took place on Monday, May 11.

Division I: La Jolla Country Day

Division II: Vincent Memorial

Division III: San Diego

On almost any other day, Coronado junior Billy Rowe and Point Loma sophomore Keegan Smith practice tennis together. However, on Friday, they played against each other for the title to be called the San Diego Section Boys Singles Champion. The match turned into quite a friendly battle. They went back and forth for 2 hours, 55 minutes before Smith finally prevailed 7-6 (7-3), 3-6, 6-4. Third and fourth place finishes went to Rae Lan of Westview and Ivan Thamma of Point Loma.

Exciting doubles matches filled the tournament as well. Liu-Pei from Torrey Pines had a great 3-set win over Shengkirk-Williams from Canyon Crest Academy.

Congratulations to the Torrey Pines Falcons 2015 CIF SoCal Boys Tennis Champions!

San Diego Aviators

Coming July 2015

This season, the San Diego Aviators are set to serve up North County in style. All seven home matches will take place at the prestigious Omni La Costa Resort & Spa, featuring marquee player, Madison Keys, and San Diego native and #1 ranked Junior, Taylor Fritz. Raven Klassen, Kveta Peschke, and Chani Scheepers round out the lineup. Legendary tennis player and broadcaster John Lloyd is the Aviators head coach and San Diego's Jim Ault is his assistant. Join us for an exciting World Team Tennis season.

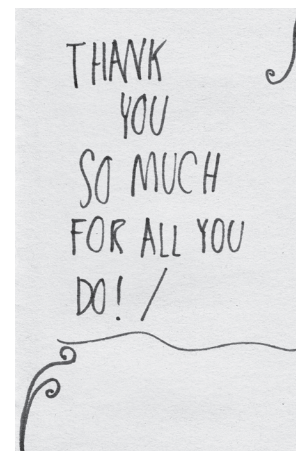
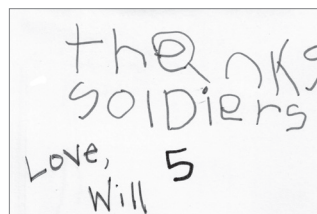
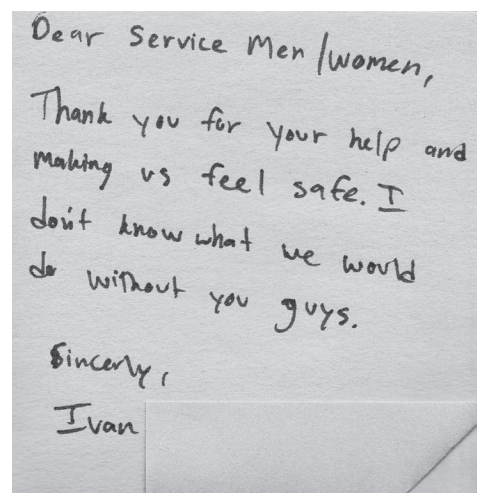
In addition to exciting tennis there will be a myriad of interactive booths, music, video features, food and beverages from San Diego's best cuisine, and a "kids kourt" for instruction and play.

Tickets are on sale now at:
www.sandiegoaviators.com



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Writing appreciation letters to our military friends.



Junior Tennis Awards Banquet

The 2015 Junior Player Council was pleased to present this year's Junior Tennis Awards Banquet on April 26.

The evening was quite festive, with a "Polynesian" theme. Awards were presented to many deserving tennis players for their 2014 achievements, including Players of the Year, Most Improved and many Sportsmanship awards.

Special thanks to Richard Lederer for being our guest speaker, and thanks to the Junior Player Council for putting together such a wonderful event. Abby Valera and Kelsey Chen served as Masters of Ceremony, with support from Gigi Kuo and Lori Faierman, Adult Advisors.

Here's a complete list of the award recipients:

Service to Tennis

Olive R. Pierce: Larry Willens

Bill Dudash Memorial: Cameron Mofid

After School Tennis Program Awards

Angel Lopez Sportsmanship: Evan Hueso

Chabot Family Leadership: Alana Reyes

Belinsky Family Sportsmanship: Ryan Bell and Ashley Cuin

YTSD Sportsmanship: Isaac Chavez and Robert McIntock

Sportsmanship Awards

Sophie Custado Sportsmanship: Abby Valera

Southwest Trophy Sportsmanship: Eshan Talluri and Megan Tran

Margaret Weckerly Sportsmanship: Cassidy Ferrell

Roland Brock Sportsmanship: Matthew Lee

Bob Carrothers Memorial Sportsmanship: Billy Rowe

Jean Kremm Sportsmanship: Conan McCormack and Katherine Hui

Wilbur Folsom Most Improved Players

18s: Alafia Ayeni and Kelsey Chen

16s: Timothy Sah and Nicole Mossmer

14s: Siem Woldeab and Britt Pursell

Junior Players of the Year

18s: Taylor Fritz and Jessica Failla

16s: Jacob Brumm and Hannah Zhao

14s: Brandon Nakashima and Cali Jankowski

YTSD Award

George E. Barnes Family Junior Tennis Award: Alex Herrada and Winta Woldeab



Congratulations award recipients!

Betty Peabody Receives California Woman of the Year Award



Betty Peabody has been a member of the Youth Tennis San Diego Foundation Board for eight years. Betty and her husband, Dr. Homer Peabody, were a

driving force in the development of the Barnes Tennis Center. This March, in Sacramento, Betty was honored at the annual *Woman of the Year* ceremony. For the past 30 years, Betty has worked toward the success of San Diego's treasured Balboa Park. She has served on the Boards of the Balboa Park Millennium Society, the Museum of Man, and as a member of the central Balboa Park Association. She has been honored by the Mayor, Girl Scouts, AAUW, San Diego Rotary, and the Salvation Army Women of Dedication.

Betty is an active, charming lady, who shares her wisdom and experience easily—usually with a dose of her wonderful sense of humor.

Youth Tennis San Diego is proud to call Betty one of our own and congratulates her on this prestigious honor.

Camp Scholarships

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.



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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

- 6-7** YTSD Spring Novice
- 13-14** Little Mo Tournament
- 21** Happy Father's Day!
- 26-28** YTSD Summer Satellite
- 29-July 3** Wilbur Folsom Open

July

- 4** Happy Independence Day!
- 11** 1st Annual ProAm Championship
- 17-20** Angel Lopez Satellite
- 26** Barnes Cup
- 27-30** Billie Jean King World TeamTennis
- 31-August 9** Girls' 16s & 18s National Championships

August

- 14-16** San Diego Doubles Championships
- 21-23** Jim Buck Tournament
- 28-30** Syril Press Satellite
- 30** Barnes Cup

September

- 7** Happy Labor Day!
- 20** Barnes Cup
- 26-27** YTSD Fall Novice



Happy 4th of July!



SAVE THE DATE!

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 3,
2015**

MATCHPOINT BALL THE ROARING TWENTIES

**Celebrating 20 Years of the
Barnes Tennis Center**

If you have a topic or event you would like to see included in our community newsletter, please let us know. Email suggestions to: cvastola@ytsd.org