



Youth Tennis San Diego Junior Tennis News

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MatchPoint Ball "Rodeo at the Ranch"

On September 8 Fairbanks Ranch Country Club was the venue for friends, family, community leaders and tennis advocates to support Youth Tennis San Diego. Guests gathered up at the YTSD Rodeo at the Ranch. Lovely ladies and handsome men enjoyed "The Kickin' Mule" cocktails, the décor was ranch ready and you could feel the beat of all the line dancing cowpoke. **JP Hunten** and his musicians offered an array of music from the upbeat 1960's to country classics.

The evening was made special by co-chairs Cindy Driver and Leslie Evans, and our graphic artist Kathy Jones. It was a night filled with great food and amazing auction items. Most guests left with an exciting item—a trip to the French Open—*ooh la la*, a vacation house on the beach, or a great bottle of wine. Mark Thomas returned as our Emcee and auctioneer, adding FUN to the fundraising.

Ivan Thamma returned to share his experiences as a past YTSD junior player and now into his second year of college. He

was joined by Larry Belinsky, our keynote speaker, who shared his views on tennis in his life, family, and the life lessons tennis teaches. The Belinsky Family supported YTSD with a major donation that evening.

Funds raised will help support After School Tennis, community outreach programs, tournaments and scholarships for San Diego Juniors. We would like to thank all those who sponsored the event, attendees, and especially our Diamond Sponsor—Wendy Doheny McWethy and our Gold sponsors Leslie and Rick Evans, Cindy and George Driver and Kathy and Rob Jones. Together our community of donors can make a difference in children's lives.



TOP LEFT: The Belinsky Family.
TOP RIGHT: David Chalmers, Bill Kellogg and Ruth Jorgensen.
CENTER LEFT: Event Co-chairs Leslie Evans and Cindy Driver.
CENTER RIGHT: Brenna Baringer, Anne Rosser, Kelly Mitchell with Kathy and Larry Willette.
BOTTOM LEFT: Speakers Ivan Thamma and Larry Belinsky.

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My Point

By Kerry Blum, Executive Director, YTSD

Beautification and Financial State

As our community and the country continue to deal with the current economic crunch, nonprofits of all types are being affected. Youth Tennis San Diego has been affected directly by this uncertainty as traditionally reliable donors feel the pinch and decrease their giving.

Yes, our financial assets may be a bit lower than they were last year. But the long-term nature of our mission and our objectives as well as the needs of and promises to our kids, our programs and our partners dictates that we react but not over-react to economic fluctuations. The challenges we are addressing together are urgent, which is why YTSD's Board of Directors help set specific goals, objectives and time lines to achieve our goals.

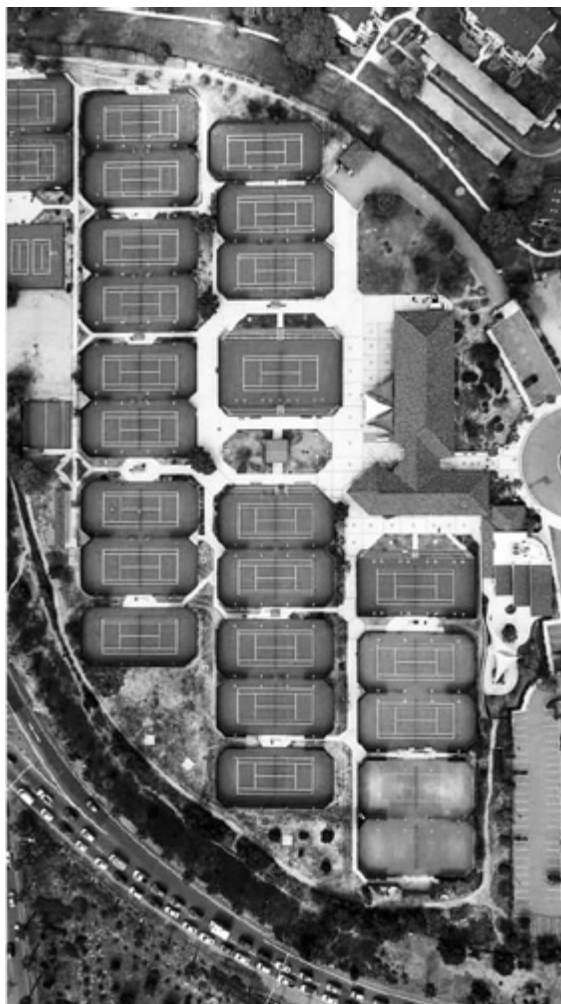
During this uncertain time I want you to know one thing that is certain: We will maintain the quality and level of our programs and all existing commitments through 2018. We expect our program budget for Barnes Academy, Educational Outreach, and After School Tennis programs to be approximately the same as previous years, unless future financial circumstances warrant a course correction.

We have also made a commitment to continue to provide a safe-haven, state of the art, youth facility. This summer the Barnes Center began its focus on the beautification and continued safety of youth on the grounds. Perimeter fencing and a new front gate are all being addressed. The Center Pavilion invites our youth to play and relax on the newly laid astro-turf. The entry ways and open space are all being cleared and replanted with succulents and drought resistant plants.

Our continuing challenge is to "find" the funds to support the 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 also have YTSD's Annual Giving Program supporting program scholarships and financial assistance. 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.

With your help, we look to increase our volunteer base, while continuing to streamline our procedures to increase productivity offering the best programs in town at the best facility in town.



Help us continue to maintain the Barnes Center and provide programs and opportunities for our youth. Consider giving an annual gift, sponsoring a tournament, or donating to one of our programs.

Life of Tennis Through the Eyes of Ivan Thamma

by Ivan Thamma



I could barely see over the net. Spending time with my parents, my first goal was to suppress my boredom as I watched them continuously hit a ball over the net for hours on end. Eventually, I wanted to be a part of my parents' club. After swinging around a racket, my dad started tossing a ball to me, and only being 4 inches taller than the net, I was surprised to see the ball go over.

By the time I was six years old, my parents used my new found passion for the sport as a means of structured safety in City Heights. They enrolled me in the After School Tennis Program at the Urban Village Tennis Center. From Rosa Parks Elementary, me and my first tennis family would walk to the After School Tennis Program.

Despite the love I had already felt for tennis, I was unaware of the community I was about to be a part of. At nine years old I was encouraged to apply for a scholarship with Youth Tennis San Diego. With the help of Kerry Blum and the Barnes Tennis Center, I was able to embark on a journey that would carry me to playing Division One tennis at UC Davis.

I started in the competitive program every Tuesday and Thursday. I was taught new tactics and was able to build the confidence that helped me eventually compete at the highest level. Competition began small — I started playing local tournaments around San Diego. Then, as the number in the 'wins' column increased, I was able to optimize the scholarship with Barnes Tennis Center and expand my travel radius. I began competing with other juniors around Southern California to see how I matched up with them — the training at Barnes Tennis Center had served me well. Moving up in the rankings, I found myself at the number one rank-

ing spot in the Boys 12 and unders. By this time, the coaches at Barnes decided it was time for me to see if my success would continue onto a national level.

Youth Tennis San Diego helped me set the stage for my tennis career by helping fund my first out of state trip to Florida for the Little Mo Internationals and the Junior Orange Bowl Championships. This perspective altering experience was a driving force behind the eventual

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travel that would take me to Kalamazoo, Michigan where I would experience one of the biggest wins of my life. At one of the most prestigious tournaments in the nation, my partner and I were crowned champions in the Boys 16's division. This accomplishment could not have been

reached without the help of Barnes Tennis Center and Youth Tennis San Diego.

This huge accomplishment helped me get recruited by colleges that I only dreamed of going to. The school that stuck out to me was UC Davis. I fell in love with the beautiful campus and great coaching staff. In March of my junior year of high school I committed to play tennis at their amazing program. I was beyond excited to continue my tennis to the collegiate level and see what was in store for me.

I had an unforgettable freshman year of college. Traveling around the country and playing some of the best colleges in the nation. There were a lot of ups and downs during the year. I learned so much playing at the number one spot in singles and doubles. It really helped me bring my game to the next level and compete against the best players in the country. I was honored Big West Freshman of the Year after my first season. I can't wait to see what's in store for me down the road.

Ivan is giving back to YTSD by interning at the Barnes Tennis Center this summer. He is learning about our organization from behind the scenes. We are fortunate to have him back — he is able to step in where needed.



San Diego Tennis Hall of Fame Induction 2018



In November of 2005, the idea of having San Diego's own tennis Hall of Fame (SDTHOF) was imagined and after some research enthusiastically accepted. With the guidance of Larry Belinsky, founder and chairman of the SDTHOF, a selection committee was formed and in 2006 the initial inductees were chosen. They were 10 individuals who left an indelible mark in San Diego's rich and abundant tennis history. The inductees were recognized in at least one or more the following categories:

- World Class
- College Greats and Junior Stand-Outs
- Coaches, Teaching Pros and Mentors
- Community Service, Philanthropy, Officiating and Media
- Senior Success

After eight more classes of inductees were chosen, the 2018 induction ceremony was held on August 25 at Balboa Tennis Club on Morley Field Drive.

Over the past 12 years many of the inductees have been men and women who have made a great contribution to Youth Tennis San Diego and the Barnes Tennis Center as well as to the entire San Diego tennis community.

Larry Belinsky the Founder has been a member of the YTSD Foundation Board for years and The Belinsky Family has been one of the organizations greatest supporters.

The 2018 inductees are: Dick Doss, Gene Garrett, Kristen Kremmer, Ros Fairbank Nideffer, and David Sanderlin.

David Sanderlin has been an excellent player since he was six years old. He was a very strong junior player, part of the 1965 UCLA National Championship team with David Reed, Charlie Pasarell and Arthur Ashe, and reached the round of 16 in the US Open.

David continued to play—and teach tennis—throughout his life. The game was part of his family's fiber. David participated in and won tournaments with his Father, Mother, daughter, sons and grandsons.

David and his family have been long time YTSD tournament sponsors and have helped YTSD players in all things tennis. Congratulations David—keep playing!

Pro Shop



Did you know that the Barnes Tennis Center's Pro Shop has 25 of the newest season's tennis racquets available for demo, including the NEW Head Speed Series! We currently have in stock a variety of tennis accessories from over-grips to the most current tennis bags. Come visit us today, we would love to fit you with the tennis gear you need to elevate your game.

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at the time of sale

NOTE: Ineligible for any of the Barnes Tennis Center services (ineligible services are any Barnes Tennis Center Junior Program classes and clinics, CDEP classes, Adult classes and clinics, any tournament fees or registrations, and any league fees or registrations). Expires 12/31/2018

Haiku Contest Update

Congratulations to Brian from Lorenz Advertising on your winning submission:

**Building character
Strengthening community
And having a ball**

This haiku perfectly sums up our community outreach programs.

FALL is Approaching along with the Fall Tennis League Season

The Barnes Tennis Center is currently "Home Court" for FIVE Morning Ladies Leagues, TWO Mixed Doubles Sunday Leagues, and FOUR WTT Evening Leagues. To find out more information on renting tennis courts at the Barnes Tennis Center for your team or league, please contact Jennifer Myers at jmyers@ytzd.org or 619-221-9000



Junior Programs

Fall back into the swing of this school year with a new session of Barnes Junior Programs. Every age, ability, and tennis dream has a place within our diverse set of junior programs. Each class is a segment of our framework for the long term development of our tennis players. All of the classes contain a calculated design which focuses on the specific needs of a developing athlete at that age.

Did you know that a 6-7 year old player should only focus on a third of their structured motor development in tennis? That's about 1.5 hours per week on tactical and technical training. Exact-

ly the reason that our Rising Stars classes for that age range include a ton of variety and fun in exercises to develop dexterity, coordination and rhythm.

A few years down the road, our 11-12 year old classes (Competitive Older & High Performance) incorporate a curriculum that includes upper and lower body reaction, speed development games. Racket relaxation and acceleration, and situational training begins to imitate the challenges of competition.

Let's skip ahead to our Elite Program which primarily plays host to players 16-18 years old. Here we develop their full aerobic endurance, encourage indepen-

dence and accountability for training, and hone in on the player's ability to produce power, depth and direction on groundstrokes under competitive environmental stressors. Within the Barnes Tennis Academy Programs we genuinely care and cater to your child's best interest in every session while guiding them towards their potential long term to serve up their tennis dreams.

If you have questions about our programs or progression, please stop by the front desk or email our Program Manager, Nikolai Karnopp (nkarnopp@ytsd.org.) We hope to see you soon!

WTT Junior Nationals

July 23-26

This event, which is hosted by WTT co-founder Billie Jean King and is now in its 23rd year, is a national junior invitational event featuring 16 coed teams with players from 20 states. The teams, representing juniors ages 14-18, play the World TeamTennis format during their three days of non-elimination draw competition culminating with the Finals on the last day of the event.

Tournament participants also attended a San Diego Aviators World TeamTennis match where they met WTA Tour star, and San Diego native, CoCo Vandeweghe.

WTT Junior Nationals – Final Playoff Round

- Championship: California Coast Crushers def. Texas 48-11
3rd place: Barnes Ballers def. Southwest 44-29
5th place: Midwest/Racquet Club of Columbus def. Claim Jumpers 44-31
7th place: Eastern def. Pacific Wave 38-30
9th place: Middle States Superstars def. Nor Cal/ Laguna Creek Breakers 39-30
11th place: Northern Lights def. Orange County Breakers 38-29
13th place: New England Yellow Jackets def. Hawaii 40-38
15th place: Intermountain def. Tennessee 43-17



Barnes Ballers

Carly Schwartzberg
Kathy Wang
Zlata Bobyr
Carlos Robles
Eric Kats
Marco Alvarez

COACH:

Nikolai Karnopp

USTA Billie Jean King Girls' 16s & 18s National Championships

Barnes Tennis Center, August 4-12, 2018

Congratulations to 16-year-old Whitney Osuigwe from Bradenton, FL. Whitney came back from a 5-1 first-set deficit to defeat top-seeded Kayla Day from Santa Barbara, CA in one hour and 44 minutes to win the USTA Billie Jean King Girls' 18s National Championship. She will receive a singles main draw wild card into the upcoming US Open for winning the title.

Special congratulations to our two local players, **Thelma Sepulveda** and **Elina Shalaev** who received a wildcard opportunity to play a doubles match during the competition. Keep up the great work!



After School Tennis & Education Program – Join Today!

Fall Session: September 19 – October 24

Winter Session: November 7 – December 19

A fun way for children to learn the basic fundamentals of tennis and keep up with their homework. Held here at the Barnes Tennis Center throughout the school year.

This program is ideal for beginner to advanced beginner players. The youngsters split time between the library and tennis court. The tennis portion of this program consists of students learning the game, performing drills, and understanding the benefits of physical fitness. The library portion gives children an opportunity to get help with their homework, as well as providing students with a quiet area and books for reading.

Classes held on Mondays and Wednesdays 3-4:30pm and 4-5:30pm. Low cost, \$50 per six-week session. **Scholarship prices available for those who qualify. Please contact the Barnes Tennis Center for specific day/time for child's age/level.

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



Summer Camp Wrap Up

One more sun rotation is complete as we finished up our last week of Summer Camp on August 31. The coolest kids in town had a blast through the hot summer days. Students in San Diego and as far away as Japan joined the Barnes family to share their love of the game and train to make their mark on court. Each day was a ball on court as we bounced our way through the theme of the day concluding with the overall favorite—*Friday game and water day*. What a great way to slide into the weekend!



YTSD Super Kids rocked Junior Aces Summer Camp on the courts and in the classroom!!! Program held at the Barnes Tennis Center.

AST Outstanding Junior Coach

A special thank you goes out to **Jocelyn R.**, YTSD junior instructor for our Junior Aces Summer Camps, and AST & Education Summer Program. Jocelyn, a current student at Serra High, spent her summer months helping our kids on the court and in the classroom! Through her love for the sport she kept our littlest players motivated, helped in teaching the game, and shared with them the joy of tennis. Because of Jocelyn's dedication and love for the program, more balls are being hit, more games are being played, and more lives are being positively impacted. Thank you Jocelyn for your outstanding continued support, both on and off the court! It is instructors and volunteers like her that make our programs such a huge success.

(For more information on junior coaching opportunities, please contact Lindsey at Ivosburgh@ytsd.org)



From left to right: Lindsey Vosburgh, Nicole Lawhorn and Jocelyn Rodriguez on the court with some of our AST kids.

A Nice Surprise

Coach Frank Lucero, one of our long-time AST Coaches who is now retired, received the following message recently from a past AST Student:

Hi Mr. Lucero, I don't know if you remember me but I had you for math in 6th grade and you were my first ever tennis coach. I just wanted to say thank you for teaching me how to play. I've played after leaving Bethune and it's been so fun. So thank you for teaching me how to play. —Steffany A.

Coach Lucero says Steffany now plays for Southwestern College. He believes she is the second Bethune player at an inter-collegiate level.



Coach Lucero at Bethune with AST Students in 2010

Summer Family Fun

Families That Play Together, Stay Together!

Thank you to all who joined us for our Summer Family Night held at the Barnes Tennis Center. The night consisted of on-court fun, followed by a special movie viewing on stadium court.



Tennis and Reading – a Perfect Match!

Great job to all of our After School Tennis & Summer Book Club participants! Over 100 books were read this summer by our AST kids here at the Barnes Tennis Center. Following a one-hour tennis lesson on the courts, juniors worked in the library, reading books, completed book reports and participating in our fun “hands on” provided STEAM based activities. A great time was had by all, and the summer was filled with tennis and the joy of reading. Way to go kids!





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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



September

- 1-3 9th Annual Jim Buck Tournament
- 3 Happy Labor Day
- 8-9 YTSD Fall Novice Tournament
- 16 Barnes Cup

October

- 6-7 and 13-14 29th Annual Todd Short Memorial Open Tournament
- 8 Columbus Day
- 20 AST Field Day
- 26-28 Barnes Open Adult Tournament
- 31 Happy Halloween

November

- 3-4 YTSD Winter Satellite Tournament
- 6 Election Day
- 10-11 and 17-18 Robert J. Bohrer Thanksgiving Memorial Open Tournament
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 25 Barnes Cup

December

- 1-2 and 8-9 Homer Peabody Jr. Holiday Open
- 15-16 YTSD Holiday Satellite Tournament
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 31 Happy New Year's Eve

We appreciate you too!

