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WELCOME

New Tennis Members

Michael Payton

The Byrum Family:
Gary & Garrett

The Carranza/Denick Family:
Miriam, Scott & Eric

The Kim Family:
Moonhee, Mihaes, Eugene
& Mia

Gym Members

Claudia Amador
Catalina Arango
Ann Robinson



HELLO MEMBERS!

Summer is just around the corner and the Seal Beach Tennis Center started the year with a very busy Spring and it's going to stay that way for the rest of 2017. We started the first quarter with a Junior Novice Tournament, Super Bowl Party, Winter Warm-up Club Round Robin and a Pickleball Round Robin. The new gym is open and work has started on our new recreation center; watch for the variety of classes that will be offered there! We have a new tennis instructor, Carrie Vaughn, please see her bio on the next page. She is already making a great impression with our players.

I plan to continue adding activities for everyone to participate in. They have already started this quarter with the first round (May/June) of our Summer Ladies League. This is a great opportunity to sharpen your tennis skills, meet new friends and introduce your friends to the Seal Beach Tennis Center. You can sign up as a sub today for this session, and sign up to play as a regular in our July/August round. Our next Club Round Robin, the Summer Sizzler will be on June 10. Now's the time to sign up and ask your friends to join as well. If you have or know any young novice players that are interested in playing a beginning tournament, we will be having 2 this summer, June 3 & July 29. The round robin formats provide a positive introduction to competition for the kids 16 and under. Pickleball has now become a part of the Seal Beach Tennis Center. We had our first round robin of the

Exciting News at the SBTC

year on April 29, and will be having 3 more this year, the next on July 15. If you haven't tried it, we have paddles and balls to borrow in my office.

Our Junior Program is going strong and continuously growing. The Junior Academy will be running on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00pm-6:00pm through June. The Weekly Tennis Camps will begin June 19th, from 9:00am-12:00pm Monday through Friday, and will run through August. We have had a very busy Spring USTA Junior Team Tennis season. Beau Berglund coached the 14 and under advanced players, 14 and under intermediate players, and our new 10 and under orange ball teams. Ryan Blanchette has been coaching the 14 and under beginning team. Junior Team Tennis includes practice on Fridays with matches on Saturdays. Fridays also include Match Play for the players that are not on a team but want to come out and just play tennis for a few hours. It's a great addition to the skill building a player learns in the Seal Beach Tennis Center Junior Academy. If you have been thinking about tennis for your junior player, contact the Seal Beach Tennis Center and we will get them playing. Our USPTA/PTR Certified Instructors will take players as far as they want to go.

I have personally enjoyed watching all the improvements over the last 2 years. I hope you all know that I listen to your comments and you are all part of the growth and success of the Seal Beach Tennis Center.
- Brenda

Round Robin

March 4th was a great morning of tennis for our members and their friends that played in our Winter Warm-Up Club Round Robin, on Saturday March 4th. 32 players divided in to 4 teams battled it out on the courts to earn the most points and bring home the team win. With a difference of 3 points the White Netters came in first place, it was a battle to the end! The morning of tennis was followed by the always delicious BBQ of hamburgers and hotdogs prepared by our treasured guy, Saul. Congratulations to the winners! Pictured from left to right: Stephen Lee, Dennis Dill, Bob Kunkel, Mark Rasmussen, Kris Vogt, Alice Bailey, Ray Ybaben and Malcolm Green. Mark your calendars today, our next Round Robin will be on Saturday, June 10th, I hope to see your name on the sign up sheet.



Pickleball Growth



It is said that Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the World; that certainly is the case for the Seal Beach Tennis Center. Our latest Round Robin Tournament was on Saturday, April 29, with 11 courts filled with players. We had 4 divisions, each division Winner and Finalist were awarded gift certificates to the SBTC Pro-Shop. The Yellow Group ended with a 4 way tie, which led to a 10 point play off game that was filled with action. Mark your calendar now for our next Round Robin on Saturday, July 15. Weekly organized play times at the SBTC are Monday through Friday afternoons from 4:30-7:30pm, Wednesday through Friday mornings from 8:30-11:00am and Sunday mornings from 9:00-12:00pm. If you have your own group, the courts are open to the public daily beginning at noon. We have pickleball memberships available.

Proud of Our Pac Sun Teams!

Congratulations to all of our Pacific Sun Tennis Teams for completing the 2016-2017 season. We had a stand out performance by the D3 team that won their division, 3 weeks prior to it being over. What a great job by Captain Angie Garcia and her team; they will now be moving up to the D2 division this fall, so look out D2's! The Senior 1 team, captained by Nancy Beesley, also had another solid performance ending the season in 2nd place. Nancy has been asked to be on the Pacific Sun Board of Directors, we will miss her as captain. I would like to thank all of the captains for their hard work, especially with the challenges of rain make ups that had to be scheduled this past season.

It's not too soon to think about the upcoming season beginning in September. The SBTC has the following teams: B1, B3, C3, D2, SR1 & SR2. If you are interested in playing on a team please contact Brenda Danielson at 562-598-8624.



Friends of the SBTC awarded SCTA Grant

On May 4th I attended the 2017 Southern California Tennis Association CTA Partnership Grant distribution luncheon. I am happy to report that they awarded the Friends of the Seal Beach Tennis Center non-profit \$3,000. These funds will go towards funding tennis scholarships to the SBTC Junior Academy. Andres Roe was our first academy scholarship recipient; he had a winning 2016-2017 tennis season at Cypress High School. As a sophomore, he played varsity tennis all season with a 90% singles winning record. Both Andres and his Coach Joe Paul have seen his tennis game improve and appreciate the support of the SCTA CTA Program and the SBTC Junior Academy.

On the capital improvement side of Friends of the Seal Beach Tennis Center, I am currently working on two goals. The two projects are awnings for the tennis courts and a donor recognition board for the club house. I have applied for additional grants for the awnings and am hoping for success. For the donor recognition board, I am waiting on the financial budget. I do know that it will be something that is updated one to two times per year. We would love to have your name on it and always appreciate donations towards both the scholarship and capital improvement funds. Funding takes time, but I haven't taken my eye off the goals.

SBTC EVENTS



CIF Individual Boys Tennis Championships
JUNE 2 & 3

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OCCTA Seal Beach Tennis Center Junior Novice Tournament
JUNE 3

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Summer Sizzler Club Round Robin
JUNE 10

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Pickleball Round Robin
JULY 15

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OCCTA Seal Beach Tennis Center Junior Novice Tournament
JULY 29

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Pickleball Round Robin
SEPTEMBER 23

Welcome Carrie Vaughn



We have a new tennis instructor at the Seal Beach Tennis Center named Carrie Vaughn. Carrie comes to the center with a lot of tennis experience. Carrie played college tennis at California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo, and as a Cypress High School teacher, she was the Head Tennis Coach for 7 years. Her teaching career transitioned into becoming a Cypress High School Guidance Counselor. Carrie has kept herself connected to the tennis world by teaching private lessons over the years and working in tennis camps during her summer vacations. We are lucky to have Carrie at the Seal Beach Tennis Center with her enthusiasm, skill and love of the game. She works in the Junior Academy, will be running the Monday evening drop in drill and teaching private lessons. Please be sure to introduce yourself when you see Carrie!