



# Youth Tennis San Diego Junior Tennis News

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## MatchPoint Ball 2011—Thank You Dick Enberg

**O**n November 12, Youth Tennis San Diego hosted its 23rd MatchPoint Ball at the Five Star resort—The Grand Del Mar Hotel. This year's event honored world renowned Sports announcer DICK ENBERG.

The silent auction was held in the Italian classically designed ballroom and the over 300 guests enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and drinks graciously underwritten by Papa Doug Manchester.

Scott Kaplan and Billy Ray (BR) Smith were the Masters of Ceremonies for the

evening. Scott and BR are the morning hosts on XX1090 Sports Radio and are also founders of "Great Friends Foundation", serving military families.

The Live Auction was spirited and included dinner at Mille Fleurs with Dick Enberg, and a trip to the 2012 US Open and Wimbledon. Also included was a week at a Martha's Vineyard estate and the final item—a trip to The Masters 2012. The auction was closed with an energetic Raise the Paddle generating funds for the Barbara and Dick Enberg Scholarship.

We especially want to thank the hard working co chairs of the event, Terri and Todd Anson, Margo and Scott Rogers, and Chris Swortwood.

This year's MatchPoint Ball was truly a community effort with numerous volunteers and wonderful sponsors. YTSD thanks Wendy Doheny McWethy, Larry Willens, and Bob Bowden for their ongoing support of all our kids.

The funds raised at the MatchPoint Ball will be used to continue providing excellent tennis and educational opportunities to ALL children.



Top left photo: (From left to right) Katrina Cord, Samantha Stollenwerk, Chris Cord, Wendy McWethy, Will Doheny, Libby Doheny;  
Top right photo: Tina and Jim Benedict (YTSD donor and volunteer); Bottom left photo: Dick and Barbara Enberg with 'Papa' Doug Manchester;  
Bottom right photo: Scott Kaplan, Dick Enberg, and BR Smith

# My Point

By Kerry Blum, Executive Director, YTSD



**1 Giving kids the advantage.** Over fifteen years ago we made a promise to build a place where children have priority. The Barnes Tennis Center is a safe place to learn and play. It is time to ask, "Have we achieved our goal?" I think we have. Every six weeks we have hundreds of children from our After School Tennis Program participate in different

special events and tournaments on the 21 hard courts. Each event is followed by a shopping spree at the "free store" where they select gently used clothing that has been donated throughout the year. Over 500 youngsters improve or learn to play tennis in our junior programs. A complete pathway for all levels of play has been established. We are host to over 40 tournaments annually involving nearly 1,000 players. During the summer 900+ kids participate in camps. Our High Performance classes have afforded us the opportunity to become a USTA Regional Training Center. Our outreach and free homework assistance programs are flourishing with new enrollment daily.

**2 Serving the Future.** Now we ask, "What lies ahead?" We add a focus on the education component of our mission. Currently the 11,000 sq. foot Betty Bizantz Youth Building houses the Maureen Connolly Brinker Learning Center. It is the heart of YTSD's lively educational programs. Monday through Thursday, the learning center is busy with students from elementary school through high school using free homework assistance, tutorials, and computers. Children from Monarch School visit two times a week. A program for pre-schoolers engages youngsters 3-4 years old in an entertaining introduction to tennis and

education. The library doubles as a study space where award winning children's literature and an extensive collection devoted to tennis fosters the imaginations of our young readers. A generous gift made recently by Lee and Steve Booth will expand our educational emphasis in a number of new directions. Consisting of three classrooms and a computer lab all surrounding a central art and reception area, the Booth Education Building is planned to break ground before the end of the year.

**3 Investment in success.** Gauged by any measure, Youth Tennis San Diego is a success. Our community programs encourage youth participation, personal integrity, leadership and competitive spirit in a friendly environment that fosters responsible citizens. Meeting the needs of our children and the community requires YTSD to keep moving. We began as a grass-roots group, organized during informal meetings around a kitchen table. Through philanthropic investment and private support we have transformed into a community asset. Philanthropic support is the only realistic source of additional funding, without having to charge fees and cut back on tournaments or educational programs. Our continuing challenge is to "find" the funds to support programs as well as the general maintenance of the Barnes Tennis Center. Like a home, only on a much larger scale, we have water, electricity, and maintenance bills that need to be paid each month. Without a membership fee to the Barnes Center, we do not have a regular source of income. What we do have is people like you who appreciate the Barnes Center and all it offers. 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.



## AST Quotes from the Students:

"I like tennis because it is fun and I play with my brother."

—Pablo, age 9

"I love tennis because it is fun, you get healthy, and it is exciting."

—Alia, age 8

After School Tennis Star Site: San Ysidro Recreation Center.  
Instructor: Alberto Le Duc, AST Instructor since 1991

# Tournament Director's Report

By Anne Podney



I recently read an article about the value of coaching. ("Personal Best," by Atul Gawande, New Yorker, Oct. 3, 2011 issue) Gawande is a doctor and Harvard Medical School professor who had many fascinating things to say about the value of coaching. He begins by saying that coaching is a distinctly American development—

Britain had long established sporting culture but its aristocratic origins originally frowned on coaching as "unsporting." But America, being a more competitive society, had no such compunctions!

Gawande goes on to say, "The concept of a coach is slippery. Coaches are not teachers, but they teach. They're not your boss...but they can be bossy. They don't even have to be good at the sport....Mainly, they observe, they judge, and they guide....Good coaches know how to break down performance into its critical individual components. In sports, coaches focus on mechanics, condition, and strategy, and have ways to break each of those down, in turn.

The coach provides the outside eyes and ears, and makes you aware of where you are falling short....Good coaches... speak with credibility, make a personal connection, and focus little on themselves." The majority of Gawande's article deals with how coaching can be used in many fields and should not be limited to sports. He writes at great length about how he decided to ask a retired surgeon to observe his surgeries and "coach" him, even though he was a highly regarded long-time surgeon.

Where did he get this idea to expand coaching to other fields? Well, Gawande had been a good (not great) junior ten-



**From left to right: Girls' 10's Champion Michelle Lopez and Finalist Katelyn Weber, with Tournament Sponsors Melanie Silva and Angel Lopez**



**From left to right Girl's 18's Finalist Kelsey Richer, tournament sponsor Ben Press, and Champion Amanda Presar.**

nis player! Years later, as an adult on a business trip with time to spare, he hired a local pro to hit with him. Here's what he writes: "You know, he [the pro] said, you could get more power from your serve. I was dubious. My serve had always been the best part of my game. But I listened. He had me pay attention to my feet as I served, and I gradually recognized that my legs weren't really underneath me when I swung my racquet up into the air. My right leg dragged a few inches behind my body, reducing my power. With a few minutes of tinkering, he's added at least ten miles an hour to my serve...." From this one tennis lesson, came his idea to use coaching to improve his surgery!

I think we can all agree that having a good tennis coach is crucial. Many tennis professionals belong to either the USPTA or USPTR and are truly "professionals" with all that that implies. But whether or not your coach belongs to one of these organizations, having an adult who understands the importance of proper coaching is vital. Although individual coaching lessons can be costly, group drills and NJTL junior league teams offer less expensive ways to receive help that can improve a junior's game. So, a big thank you to all the San Diego coaches who work with our juniors!

Looking towards the new tournament year, I am excited that we have a number of new tournaments in the county: Lake Murray in East County will host an Open, Pacific Beach will add satellite and novice tournaments, and North County will host new novice tournaments at Del Norte High School.

Finally, a head's up to all juniors playing 10-and-under tournaments in 2012—Open, satellite and novice. You will be using green balls, but still playing on a regulation, 78 foot court. This is mandated by the USTA. Prepare yourselves by practicing with these balls!

# 2012 SCTA Rule Changes Bring “Green-Ball” 10-and-Under Tennis to All 10-and-Under Tournaments

The 2012 tournament calendar year is much anticipated, with groundbreaking changes to the rules of competitive tennis for younger kids. Beginning in 2012, all 10-and-under events will utilize the 10-and-under “green ball”.

These balls are quickly being accepted by the majority of younger players,

their parents and coaches. In fact, these balls have been used in many 2011 higher-level events, including the 10’s Exchange held at the Barnes Tennis Center in September.

Bouncing lower and slower, these balls minimize the “moon-ball”, maximize opportunities for driving the ball and encourage kids to develop an

all-court game by making it safer to approach the net.

Tom O’Brien, Programs Manager at the Barnes Tennis Center, says, “These balls get kids playing real tennis, instead of “moon-ball” tennis. At the Barnes Center, we say ‘no’ to the moon-ball, and say ‘yes’ to the green-ball!”



## USTA Jr. Team Tennis Fall 2011 Season Nets Nine Teams from the Barnes Tennis Center!

### 10-and-Under “Green-Ball” Junior Team Tennis a HIT for the Smaller Kids!

Bigger and better than ever, the Barnes Center is proud to field a record number of teams for the fall 2011 Junior Team Tennis (JTT) season! While the current season is in full-swing, so are our teams with a whole bunch of great tennis and a number of our teams vying for first place in their divisions.

From 10-and-under teams utilizing the Quickstart “green-ball” to 12’s Advanced and 14’s Advanced teams playing high-caliber “So-Cal” tennis, USTA JTT provides team-tennis competition for kids of all ages and levels.

Come out any Sunday afternoon and check-out the great tennis ACTION!



**THE 2012 USTA TT 12’S NOVICE “FLYING ACES”**  
From left to right: Deniz Guzeldere, Arielle Valera, Vivien Bockenbauer, Tom O’Brien, Noah Hocker, Dylan Leff, Coach Nic Izumi, Joshua Kim, Gil Carpenter and Allan Esses.



## 10’s Exchange Camp

The annual camp for 10-and-under players took place at the Barnes Center September 24-25. The top six ranked boys and top six ranked girls from the Pacific Northwest, Inter-mountain, and Northern California and Southern California sections participated. The teams from each section played the other sections in team matches consisting of singles, gender doubles, and mixed doubles. The Southern California team won all of their team matches.

For the first time, the green dot ball (mandated for all 10 and under play starting 1/1/2012) was used, and the Southern California players learned to adapt their strokes and tactics to the new ball.

The Southern California players were: Govind Nanda, Stefan Dostanic, Zachary Svajda, Siem Woldeab, Emilio Nava, and Ethan Ha (boys) and Olivia McIntosh-Adams, Jenna Sloan, Amanda Tabanera, Eryn Cayetano, Maliah Pierribia, and Colbey Shae Emery (girls). Two of the boys, Zachary Svajda and Siem Woldeab, are from the San Diego area. The Southern California coach was Eric Mann and Ai Takamori Malawy (from the Southern California Tennis Association) was the administrator. The 10’s Exchange Camp is an opportunity for the top ranked 10-and-under players in the country to come together at the Barnes Center to meet and to play with each other.

## Support the Troops Through Tennis!!!

Youth Tennis San Diego has teamed up with the United States Tennis Association to “Adopt-A-Unit” overseas. This is a wonderful program that will help deliver needed personal supplies to the troops, as well as portable tennis equipment that the troops can use for recreation and stress relief while they are deployed.



On Saturday, October 15th, 20 juniors and their parents joined us at the Barnes Tennis Center for our first ever “Adopt a Unit” Family Night. Music echoed throughout the tennis center as families played together on the courts. Cookies and refreshments were served, juniors were given a chance to “hit for prizes”, and money was raised for needed supplies through an opportunity drawing. Thank you to all the families who participated in the evening. Stay tuned to hear news regarding our unit we will adopt and the fun they are sure to have with their new tennis equipment!!!



## Torrey Pines Captures 22nd Straight CIF Title

With a weekends’ rain delay, the Barnes Center once again played host to the 2011 San Diego Girl’s Section Championships, Monday November 7th.

With a special “kudos” to the Torrey Pines varsity squad and head coach Anne Meigs for securing their 22nd consecutive CIF Title, congratulations are in order to all of the Finalists and Champions:

**Division III:** La Jolla Country Day School defeated La Jolla High School, 10-8.

**Division II:** Cathedral Catholic High School defeated Canyon Crest Academy, 15-3.

**Division I:** Torrey Pines High School defeated La Costa Canyon, 12-6.



Legendary Torrey Pines Coach Anne Meigs with her Varsity Tennis Squad and 22nd consecutive CIF Title.

## Tennis and Physical Development at the Barnes Center for The Monarch School Students

For years, the Barnes Center has worked in conjunction with the Monarch School providing tennis and physical activity for their students.

During the 2011/2012 school year, the Barnes Center continues to make strides in supporting the schools’ mission, which is to educate students impacted by homelessness, and to help them develop hope for a future with the necessary skills and experiences for personal success.

“These kids bring an energy and an enthusiasm to our tennis courts that is unlike any other group of kids that we teach,” says Coach and Program Manager, Tom O’Brien. Along with coaches Nic Izumi and Alex Nguyen, Coach O’Brien continues to love working with the Monarch kids.

“They are as grateful a group as I’ve seen in my 25 years of teaching,” says Coach Tom. “Teaching tennis to the Monarch students is a win for the kids, the school, and us here at the Center. I’m honored to work with them!”

Stop-by the center on most Thursdays and Fridays at 3:30 p.m. for a chance to meet the extraordinary Monarch School Kids!



# Movement and Motion Makes Learning Fun!

One only has to be in the presence of preschool age children for a few short moments to notice that they move a lot! Youth Tennis San Diego (YTSD) recognized this and created The Barnes Tennis and Education Program for Preschoolers. This is the first tennis and education program for 3 to 5 year olds in San Diego.

The program is based on the philosophy of learning through movement. We use movement and motion in the classroom and on the tennis court to improve the important brain body connection. Our program is a balance be-

tween fun, developmentally appropriate activities, academic learning and character development.

Tamsin Woolley reflects on the importance of our program for her preschool age child by saying, "We LOVE the Tennis Center for so many reasons. Our middle child has sensory processing disorder, and I can't tell you what a tremendous help the Education Program (for preschoolers) has been for him. The kinesthetic work with tennis has helped us make a real turnaround with him."

YTSD also finds that this program for preschool age children brings families

to the tennis center for other programs. Tamsin goes on to say, "We can't do without the Tennis Center! Both my oldest kids have taken the tennis camp, and just finished the four week tennis lessons. They had a great time and really got some skills. Thank you!" The Barnes Tennis Center is a dynamic place for families as we continue to provide many programs that allows kids to do what they do naturally—move!

For more information on the Barnes Tennis and Education Program for Preschoolers contact Megan Crim at 619-221-9000 ext. 108 or mcrim@ytsd.org.

## YTSD Junior Player Council

Lori Faierman hands over the reigns as the Advisor of the YTSD Junior Player Council (JPC) to Gigi Kuo. Gigi, mother of 5 tennis playing children, is excited to take on the task of leading the JPC.

The 2011-2012 Junior Player Council provides leadership and community service to the San Diego tennis community. In addition to producing the annual awards banquet, past and present JPC projects include: serving as court monitors for Barnes tournaments, donating a new drinking fountain to the center, packaging and delivering food to shelters, and supporting Adopting a Family through the Holidays. This year the JPC has big plans again. Their goal is to refurbish and repaint the Players' Lounge at the center.

### Youth Tennis San Diego welcomes this great group of High School kids as the 2011/2012 YTSD Junior Player Council:

Ibrahim Akbar	Marion Bouillion	Lindsay Brown	Dominique Cetale
Steven Chen	Jacob Karnopp	Allison Klein	Emily Kuo
Martin Marin	Jana McCord	Taylor Mohrhardt	Peter Trhac
Nicole Yermanos			



## Financial Assistance Grants



Youth Tennis San Diego awarded over \$11,000 in financial assistance grants in 2011. Individuals may apply for a financial assistance grant to participate in a tennis program in their community or at the Barnes Tennis Center. An application can be found on the Barnes Center website: [www.barnestenniscenter.com](http://www.barnestenniscenter.com) key word: Financial Assistance. The next funding deadline is April 30, 2012.

## College Scholarship Seminar

Informative College Scholarship Seminar presented by Mark Winters from Southern California Tennis Association will be held on April 11th, 2012 6:30pm at the Barnes Tennis Center. RSVP is not necessary.

# Barnes Center Novice and Satellite Tournament Results

## YTSD Fall Classic Novice Championships

Girls' 10's	Champion Michelle Lopez	Finalist Katelyn Weber
Girls' 12's	Champion Polina Raizer	Finalist Kyndall Stance
Girls' 14's	Champion Alexis Mertz	Finalist Erica Letzring
Girls' 16's	Champion Sydney Bovender	Finalist Olivia Wei
Boys' 10's	Champion Joe Altaffer	Finalist Johnik Moores
Boys' 12's	Champion Clay Adams	Finalist Colton O'Connell
Boys' 14's	Champion Roman Carballo	Finalist Jhaymeon Drummond
Boys' 16's	Champion Kevin Qian	Finalist Manuel Silva

## Syril Press Memorial Jr. Satellite Tournament

Girls' 10's	Champion Isabella Jones	Finalist Elizabeth Goldsmith
Girls' 12's	Champion Brett Berger	Finalist Amanda Cook
Girls' 14's	Champion Carolyn Brooner	Finalist Annie Andriasyan
Girls' 16's	Champion Camila Garcia Wright	Finalist Danielle Sheikholeslami
Girls' 18's	Champion Amanda Presar	Finalist Kelsey Richer
Boys' 10's	Champion Leonardo Mark	Finalist Erik McCutchen
Boys' 12's	Champion Leo Santos	Finalist Michael Anderson
Boys' 14's	Champion Ryan Ghassemi	Finalist Michael Bell
Boys' 16's	Champion Omar Jimenez	Finalist Dylan Wong
Boys' 18's	Champion Steven Lee	Finalist Vicente Bahena Lopez

## Angel Lopez Jr. Satellite Tournament

Girls' 10's	Champion Lexie Shomo	Haley Giavara
Girls' 12's	Champion Jasmyn Gordon	Finalist Taylee Shomo
Girls' 14's	Champion Kristen Venter	Finalist Sheyda Khonji
Girls' 16's	Champion Carlin Tou	Finalist Anna Kaplan
Girls' 18's	Champion Anya Tugucheva	Finalist Sharlene Coleman-Battle
Boys' 10's	Champion Jerry Huang	Finalist Erik McCutchen
Boys' 12's	Champion Kiev Moores	Finalist Ian Mottale
Boys' 14's	Champion Harry Wang	Finalist Andres Martinez Milan
Boys' 16's	Champion Jaime Vallecarrvajal	Finalist Alex Wong
Boys' 18's	Champion Sean Bentley	Finalist Zachary Ostapchenko

## 2012 Winter/Spring Barnes Junior Tournaments

For a full 2012 tournament calendar, go to [www.barnestenniscenter.com](http://www.barnestenniscenter.com) and click on tournaments

12/27	Coach Norm Pollock Holiday Vacation Jr. Satellite Tournament
1/21	SCTA Novice Jamboree
2/4	Owenita and Johnny Sanderlin Memorial Novice Tournament
2/18	San Diego Metropolitan Jr. Open Tournament
3/10	YTSD Spring Classic Novice Tournament
3/17	Harper Ink Jr. Open Tournament

## San Diego Rotary Donates to After School Tennis

A check for \$2,500 was presented by Bob Witty to Kerry Blum, Executive Director of Youth Tennis San Diego, on court at the Barnes Tennis Center. The San Diego Rotary has been a big supporter of our After School Tennis program for many years. Thank you San Diego Rotary for your generous gift to this important program for kids!



## Women's Doubles League

A Women's Doubles League is open to all women tennis players. The Ad-In Winter Women's Doubles League starts January 11th, 2012. All matches start at 9:00 A.M. at the Barnes Tennis Center. Please contact Anne Podney at the Barnes Tennis Center (619) 221-9000 if you are interested in playing.

Youth Tennis San Diego is pleased to announce the new Junior Team Tennis coordinator, **Conan Lorenzo**. If interested in forming a team or want to contact Conan his email is [clorenzo@ljbtc.com](mailto:clorenzo@ljbtc.com).



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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.



**Winter Calendar of Events**

**December**

- 9 . . . . . AST Singles Event
- 10-11, 17-18 . . Homer Peabody Holiday Jr. Open
- 26-30 . . . . . Coach Norm Pollock  
Holiday Satellite

**January**

- 1 . . . . . Happy New Year!
- 14 . . . . . AST Doubles Event

**February**

- 4-5 . . . . . Owenita & John Sanderlin  
Memorial Novice
- 11-12, 18-19 . . San Diego Metropolitan  
Tournament
- 14 . . . . . Happy Valentines Day!

**Holiday Tennis Camps Bring Tennis-Cheer to Kids and Families**

From advanced and elite players to novice “Rising Stars”, the Barnes Tennis Center holiday camps provide world-class competitive tennis camp opportunities and fun entry-level camps for kids of all ages.

The Monday–Friday a.m. camps the week before or after Christmas is a great chance to improve skills and keep kids busy!

See below for a list of Holiday Camp options, or visit our website at [www.barnestenniscenter.com](http://www.barnestenniscenter.com) and click on programs to register!

**December Holiday Camps:**

Dec. 19-23, 2011	9 a.m. - Noon	\$200.00 per week
Dec. 26-30, 2011	9 a.m. - Noon	\$200.00 per week

**Happy Holidays!**

