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Newsletter of the
Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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Ron Rose gets down low for a volley during a 7.0 Mixed Doubles match this last season



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Heather Farm Court Usage In Full Swing!



Jennifer Scriabine
2003 WCRC President

Isn't it great the courts at Heather Farm are packed? Doesn't it stink the courts at Heather Farm are packed? As with most things, it depends on your point of view. If you have to wait forever to get a court or you don't like playing with balls flying in from all sides, then you are probably not enjoying Spring at Heather. However, if you love watching a good match while waiting for a court, catching up with what all the teams are doing and belonging to a club where there is a ton of great tennis then you are in heaven right now.

One reason for the increase in court usage is our USTA Adult league teams. As usual, everyone is out to field strong teams and there is a lot of recruiting of players outside of our club. Just a reminder to all the captains (and players) everyone on your teams must belong to the Walnut Creek Racquet Club AND pay any and all court fees associated with both practices and matches. Everyone can help by reminding their fellow teammates, especially those from outside our club. The Tennis Center and the WCRC Board are discussing new ways to ensure all teams are following the rules. If you have any suggestions, please let a board member know.

One last reminder, if you've let your Heather Farm court usage card expire, prices are going up this summer so now is a good time to renew.

Jennifer Scriabine



Coach Mac

FROM THE PRO...

**Look for a new
article from
Coach Mac in
the June Issue...**



Tennis News



USTA Adult and Super Senior Season Begins

Pam Maloney

The new season is in full swing with teams playing matches already. WCRC had 29 teams register this year which could be a record. Home matches will be played at Heather, Rudgear, Larkey and NorthGate, so check the web site for match times of teams you are following and go cheer them on.

Note to all Captains: The combination for the lock on the portable bathroom at NorthGate is available through the Tennis Center office....Pam

2003 Calcutta Tournament LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

**Friday, May 9, 2003 - Calcutta Party & Team Auction
Moved to: Shadelands Arts Center,
111 North Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek**

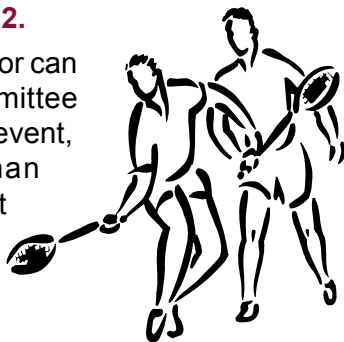
**Saturday, May 10, 2003 - Tournament
Walnut Creek Tennis Center & Northgate High School**

Here's your last chance to enter the most popular tournament that the WCRC offers each year — the 2003 Calcutta. The event is limited to the first 32 women and 32 men who register.

Cost is \$20 per person (covers the Friday night party and Saturday tournament in which you are guaranteed a minimum of two matches). Guests may attend the Friday night party at no charge.

Entry deadline is May 2.

If you have any questions or can assist the Tournament Committee with various aspects of this event, please contact Tammy Chan (email preferred) at tammychan@sbcglobal.net or via phone at 837-0227. All tournament participants must be current WCRC members.



To obtain a registration form, please visit:
<http://www.wcrc.net/Calcutta.gif>

Winter Doubles Tournament Rescheduled

Judy Stillman

The tournament for the Winter Doubles League was rained out on the weekend of April 11-13. Only a few matches were played on Friday evening before the rains came on Saturday and Sunday. Now tournament participants have been asked to complete Round of 16 and Quarterfinal matches prior to the rescheduled tournament which will take place at **Heather Farm Park on Sunday, June 1st**. Play starts with Semifinals scheduled at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. with the Finals at 6 p.m.

A BBQ for players and spectators will start at 3 p.m. and continue into the afternoon. For those who played in the League and have not yet collected their caps or visors, you may stop by the desk and claim yours.

For everyone planning on playing in or watching the match: **This weekend is the Walnut Creek Art and Wine Festival, so parking will be a problem.** Give yourself plenty of time to walk a few blocks, ride your bike or have someone drop you off.

Need more information? Go to the website www.wcrc.net or contact **Judy Stillman 933-9351 or jstillma@pacbell.net**.

Friday Night Team Tennis COORDINATOR(S) NEEDED

One or two players are needed to run the program which runs 9 Friday nites. The coordinator seeks out captains for 4 or 6 teams, depending on number of sign ups, collects money and signups, meets with the captains and chooses team members, coordinates which team plays which team for each Friday nite, do court assignments, does calendaring of when teams play and have a bye, and does food assignments.

On the actual Friday nite, coordinator gets lineup from the team captains and keeps the courts running, putting players on as courts become empty — i.e., find players and tell them where to go. They also make sure everyone plays at least twice in one night, and gets scores from each team and tabulates totals for each Friday nite.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact **Gwen Bennett at 925-283-6116 or by email at tennislover4030@yahoo.com**.

WCRC FRIDAY NITE TEAM TENNIS

JUNE - AUGUST 2003

Friday Nite Team Tennis. Instead of being a couch potato, one can play all kinds of tennis (singles, doubles, mixed doubles, and triples!) and indulge in gourmet dining for nine Friday nites June - August. Depending upon number of signups, each team will only play tennis on 6 Friday nites, but everyone eats on all 9 Friday nites. Subs will come from the "bye" teams. All this for \$60 WCRC members and \$80 for nonmembers. Signups limited to a maximum of 36 females and 36 males.

REGISTRATION - SIGN ME UP!

Name _____

Current USTA Rating _____

Address _____

I want to play: (check all that apply)

City/Zip _____

Singles Doubles Triples

Home Phone _____

Mixed Chef

Work Phone _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

Email _____

\$60 per person WCRC member

\$80 per person Non-member

Registration Deadline is May 23, 2003. Please make checks payable to WCRC and send to:
Robert Young at 47 Chaucer Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Questions? Call Robert at (925) 906-0614 or email him at robert@canterburytrails.com.



2003 Mixed Doubles Club Championships

June 14 -15

When: June 14 - 15
Where: Walnut Creek Tennis Center
Deadline: **Saturday, May 31**
Divisions: Mixed 6.0 Mixed 8.0
 Mixed 7.0 Mixed 9.0+
Entry Fees: \$20 per team*

2002 Defending Champions

- 6.0 Jim & Pat Brown
- 7.0 Jay Hoyer & Rosemary Brown
- 8.0 Allen & Barbara Uzzell
- 9.0+ Martin Dunlap & Melanie Pizzoli

Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____ Rating _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Rating _____

Please check appropriate division you would like to play: 6.0 7.0 8.0 9.0

Make checks payable to WCRC and send no later than May 31, 2003 to:
Jennifer Scriabine, 2416 Encinal Drive • Walnut Creek, CA 94597
Questions? Please call Jennifer at 939-4328 or email her at scriabine@mindspring.com

*Entry fees include tennis balls, BBQ, individual trophies for winners.
You must be an **active member** of WCRC to play in the Club Championships.

TOURNAMENT SUMMARIES

3 WCRC Teams Advance to Districts

As the USTA Senior Men's/Women's and Mixed teams completed local play, three Walnut Creek's squads advanced to District play with hopes of making it even further.

Shirley Nagle's 3.0 Senior Women's team played just one round in Elk Grove the weekend of April 12 before getting rained out. They won the first round and return to Elk Grove April 26 & 27 to play two more rounds. The picture shows just a few of the outstanding team of women on this team!



Shirley Nagle's 3.0 Senior Women's

Shirley Nagle, Sidney Russell, Mary Jane Kiefer, Karen Hirtzel, Michelle Gold and Pam Maloney. (not pictured: Kathy Hammons & Pat Brown).

Rita Utz's 3.5 Senior Women's team got in two winning rounds



Rita Utz's 3.5 Senior Women's

Front row: Joan Yao, Shari Wiseman, Rita Utz, Captain with new license plate frame from the team, Margaret Boehler, Umeko Nishimura, Kathy Lee. Second Row: Fran Rowley, Karyn Hoyer, Julie O'Keefe, Gisela Hendrickson.

Bret Jones and Terri Hernandez - finished the regular season with a hard fought 13-2 record. Next stop is Districts at Harbor Bay in Alameda during the weekend of May 17 & 18. Matches are at 8 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. It would be terrific to see some familiar WCRC faces on the sidelines so come on out and cheer the team to victory!

the weekend of April 12 before being rained out in Carmel. They've got one more match the weekend of April 26-27. Their photo shows the players who are leading the team to victory!

The **Mixed 7.0 team** - led by captains

Interclub News

Rita Utz, Interclub Chair

Congratulations to our A-3 B.A.L.L. team who came out on top in their division. **Jo McCulley** was the captain, and **Donna Hambrick**, co-captain. Jo said her MVP award goes to **Joan Yao** who played all 8 matches and had an 8 and 0 record.

Janet Neilsen's Senior B.A.L.L. team won the B-1 division. They were in 3rd place in December but forged ahead and beat out Crow Canyon and Round Hill to end up in the number one spot with everyone contributing to the victory!

Diana Fernandes' A-2 Senior B.A.L.L. team won their division by at least 20 points. Diana said they had a cohesive, reliable team of "all stars." Congratulations to these winning teams for 2002-2003.

Also a special thanks to all the captains for Women's Leagues 2002-2003: B.A.L.L. - **Jo McCulley, Susie Dunlap** (Susie's B-1 team also high on the list at a close second place). Senior B.A.L.L. - **Diana Fernandes, Hazel Faries, Janet Neilsen and Mary Locke**. Fall League - **Hilda Bernardi, Rita Utz and Marty Riffell**. Spring League - **Kathy Leahy and Shirley Nagle** for two of the teams. For the third Spring League team **Heidi Christen, Rita Utz, Maggie Masta, Judy Stillman, Pam Palitz & Maria Caven** split the chores of captaining.

We appreciate all the captains who gave their time and effort to a great tennis season and our thanks to the 120 or so women who participated.

USTA Mixed 7.0 Team Headed to Districts for 2nd Year

Congratulations Team on another successful mixed season. The WCRC's Mixed 7.0B team – led by captains **Bret Jones and Terri Hernandez** – finished the regular season with a hard fought 13-2 record. Local league playoffs were equally as challenging with both playoff round matches coming down to a third set 10-point tie break – Brad Belton & Darcy Lopes pulled out the pivotal win vs. Clubsport Valley Vista and Francis Crusit & Susan Smith pulled out the other pivotal win vs. Round Hill Country Club – to clinch the Diablo North League Mixed 7.0 title. Like last year, this year's successful results have been a total team effort with great tennis playing and team support on the part of everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS 

TOURNAMENT SUMMARIES

WCRC 8.5 Men's Combo Team Falls Short at Sectional Championships

It seems to be a reoccurring theme with WCRC USTA teams, the "super-tie breaker" just doesn't add up. Co-captained by **Brian Italia** and **Mike Willis**, the 8.5 team rolled through the regular season, dropping just one match.



(l-r): **Brian Italia**, **Mike Willis**, **Rich Miller**, **Marty Tedlock**, **Greg Lane**, **Eric Ladrech** and **Nick Scriabine**.

Hosted by the Sierra Sport, Fresno, the Men's team came to play and expected tough competition. First up was the home team, losing 3-0 but 2 of the matches were determined by super tie-breakers. Determined to get back in the winning column, the afternoon match was against Rengstorff Park-Mountain View. This time around, 2 matches went WCRC way in the super tie-breaker while the 3rd point was a straight set victory.

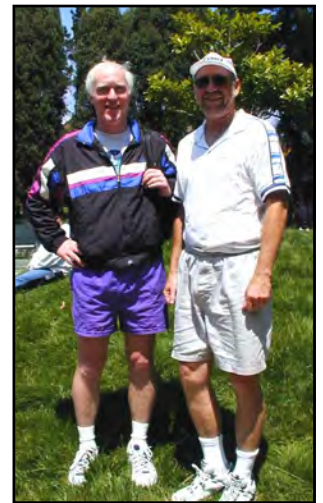
Coming into the final match on Saturday, 8.5 team needed help but never got it. Taking care of team from Fremont winning 2-1 was just not enough as the host team Sierra Sport was the sectional champion. They went on to win the state championships against the Southern California team. All in all, a very successful first year by the combo team with the majority of the members just 4.0 players.

Nationals Reinstated - or More Twists to Come?

According to the USTA NorCal website, the NorCal Board and the USTA Board have resolved the TennisLink situation that previously would have prevented any NorCal team from advancing to Nationals. Officially, the release stated, "NorCal's league players will be competing in the National championships and will be using the NorCal league entry system to register for leagues and to record league matches."

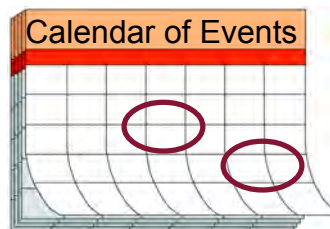
Young and Hoyer Make it Two in a Row

Robert Young and **Jay Hoyer** won their second consecutive Men's 3.5 Doubles championship of 2003 on their home courts, taking the title at the Walnut Creek NTRP Spring Fling, held March 22-29 at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center. The second seeds upset the #1 North Bay tandem of **Fischer/Weller** in the final 6-0, 7-6 (8-6).



Jay Hoyer and Robert Young

Benicia's **Chris Bown** and long-time partner **John Soto** captured the Men's 5.5 Doubles crown with a convincing 6-3, 6-2 win over WCRCers **Mark Litzau** and **Tony Lum**.



MAY

- 2-4** USTA Senior Sectional Championships
- 9-10** WCRC Calcutta (Party 9th, Tennis 10th)
- 16-18** USTA Mixed District Championships

JUNE

- 2** WCRC Summer Singles Leagues Begins
- 6-8** USTA Mixed Sectional Championships
- 14-15** WCRC Club Championships - Mixed Doubles
- 16** USTA Fifty Mixed League Begins
- 20** WCRC Friday Nite Team Tennis
- 23-26** Men's Open Pre-Qualifying for the \$50,000 Seascape Challenger
- 27** WCRC Friday Nite Team Tennis
- 30** USTA Adult Season Ends

The WCRC's purpose is to promote the game of tennis in Walnut Creek and Contra Costa County by providing a wide variety of activities (tournaments, league play, clinics and social events) for enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels. The club is sponsored by the City of Walnut Creek.



**New Member
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WCRC vs. WCRC Matches

MENS

3.5B vs 3.5C	Saturday	5/3/03	12:15 pm
5.0A vs 5.0B	Sunday	5/4/03	11:30 am
3.5A vs 3.5D	Sunday	5/11/03	9:00 am
5.0A vs 5.0B	Thursday	6/12/03	6:30 pm
4.0A vs 4.0B	Sunday	6/22/03	2:30 pm
5.0A vs 5.0B	Thursday	7/17/03	6:30 pm

WOMENS

3.5B vs 3.5D	Thursday	5/1/03	6:30 pm
4.0C vs 4.0D	Sunday	5/4/03	12:15 pm
3.5A vs 3.5C	Sunday	5/4/03	2:30 pm
4.0A vs 4.0B	Sunday	5/4/03	3:30 pm
3.5C vs 3.5E	Wednesday	5/7/03	9:00 am
4.0B vs 4.0D	Saturday	5/10/03	12:15 pm
4.0A vs 4.0D	Thursday	5/29/03	6:30 pm
3.0A vs 3.0C	Saturday	5/31/03	2:30 pm
3.5A vs 3.5E	Saturday	5/31/03	12:15 pm
4.0B vs 4.0C	Thursday	6/19/03	6:30 pm

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein



Income Statement:
as of March 30, 2003

Balance - March 1, 2003 **15,074.77**

Income

Little Siebel Tournament '03	500.00
Awards Banquet	2,500.00
Bank Interest	6.99
Advertising Income	780.00
Incentive Award-USTA	1,355.00
Membership Dues	6,085.00
Silent Auction	1,741.00
Board Dinner	230.00
Siebel Open Trip '03	2,994.00
Winter Doubles League '03	6,500.00

Total Income **22,691.99**

Expenses

Little Siebel '03	211.22
Light Fund Payment	3,000.00
Insurance	325.00
Member Directory	56.83
Newsletter - March	1,593.71
Postage	600.00
Supplies	36.96
Website	25.00
Awards Banquet '03	2,250.42
Board Dinner Expenses	707.54
Siebel Open Trip '03	4,238.90
Winter Doubles League '03	413.72
Club Championship '02	828.60
New Member Night Mixer	96.15

Total Expenses **14,384.05**

Profit (Loss) **8,307.94**

Balance - March 31, 2003 **23,382.71**

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NTRP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE • 2003

May 16-18

AD IN WOMEN'S DOUBLES NTRP
W (3.0-4.5) d
Sunnyvale Tennis Center
Entry deadline: May 7
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50007103

May 23-26

AVAC DOUBLES CLASSIC NTRP
MW (3.0-5.0) d; MX (3.0-5.0) d
Almaden Valley Athletic Club
Entry deadline: May 1
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500007303

May 31, June 1, 7-8

HIDDEN HILLS NTRP
MW (3.0-4.5) sd
Hidden Hills Racquet Club
Entry deadline: May 21
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50007903

June 6-7

GILROY JUNE 3.0 & 3.5 NTRP
MW (3.0-3.5) sd
Gilroy High School
Entry deadline: May 24
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50008503

June 7-8

SACRAMENTO CAPITALS NTRP CHAMPIONSHIPS
MW (3.0-3.5) sd, MX (3.0-5.5) d
Auburn Racquet & Fitness Club
Entry deadline: May 27
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50008603

June 13-15

SONOMA STATE SUMMER NTRP CLASSIC
MW (3.0-5.5) sd, MX (3.0-5.5) d
Sonoma State University
Entry deadline: June 2
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50008903

