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Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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Meredith Young keeps her eye on the ball while lining up her two handed forehand.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Love is in the Air!



Jennifer Scriabine
2003 WCRC President

For those of you that don't keep up with these things, you'll be interested to learn we had four engagements this winter, all as a direct result of playing tennis at Heather Farms.

Bret Jones and **Terri Hernandez** met through tennis in 1998 when Terri took over their mixed team as the captain. Although Bret was dating someone else at the beginning of the season, by the end, he and Terri were an item. This winter, the day before leaving on their Christmas vacation (Terri's birthday), Brett surprised her with a ring. He even made special arrangements with the jeweler to open early the next day for sizing so she could wear it home to see her family. They are thinking about getting married in May of next year, but haven't decided on a location.

After speaking to her parents in South Africa to let them know what he had planned, **Glenn Azcueta** surprised **Gillian Foong** with a gorgeous engagement ring. They spent much of the next few days giddy and making phone calls to their families in Hawaii and South Africa. Their wedding is planned for November 15, 2003 at the Westin Maui. Gill and Glenn met in 2001 when they both played on the powerhouse 7.0 mixed doubles team captained by Everett Thomas.

Shari Huber and **Jesse Gonzalez** also met playing Mixed Doubles. Jesse proposed in Monterey at a restaurant overlooking the ocean. It was the day before Valentine's Day. When Shari was returning from the ladies room, the lounge had been reconfigured to force her to walk through there to get back to their table. She was about to complain when she saw Jesse sitting by the fireplace with 2 glasses of champagne and a really nervous look on his face. The rest is history. Their wedding date is set for February 15, 2004 in Kauai, HI.

Although **Dave Sperry** & **May Wong** had known each other for years from playing tennis at Heather Farm, it wasn't until Dave was hired to remodel her kitchen that they really got to know each other. What started out as dinner every once in awhile, turn into a full-fledged romance. This winter, over the Christmas holidays Dave asked May to marry him. They are still in the early planning stages and haven't decided on a date or a location.

Congratulations to you all and to those couples that I missed as well.

See you on the courts...

Jennifer Scriabine

Tennis News

It's a Lob-ster-fest at Ygnacio Valley High School

Robert Young

A ball launching Lob-ster rolled on the tennis courts at Ygnacio Valley High School last month, just in time to help tune up the men's and women's players coming out of the rainiest spring we've seen



(l-r) Alvin Duong, Jared Vergati, Emerson Croxtion, John Tirrhaler, Alex Pristinsky, Derrick Wong, Robert Young.

for a long time.

When we asked what WCRC could donate for the high school, Coach Ray Lucas didn't hesitate a moment in saying, "We need a ball machine!" With the profits from our annual silent auction fundraiser, we were able to purchase a Lob-ster 401

Tournament Model plus enough pressureless practice balls to last a full season. This model promises to give many years of service with a minimal amount of service, perfect for a high school environment.

Bank of the West Classic

The 2003 Bank of the West Classic returns to Stanford University's Taube Family Tennis Stadium, **July 21 - July 27**, for seven days of world-class tennis. Last year's Bank of the West Classic proved to be an exciting event when the tournament set record marks in attendance with 8 sellouts.

This year's playing field which includes **Serena Williams, Jennifer Capriati, Lindsay Davenport**, and **Kim Clijsters**. Group ticket discounts will again be available for groups of 10 or more, Monday through Thursday only. Additionally, for the first time, skyboxes will be offered for individual sessions Monday through Thursday. These covered skyboxes seat 30 and include complimentary refreshments and programs. For group ticket and skybox information please contact **Hunter Sims** at 415-227-8003.

Friday Nite Team Tennis CANCELLED

With only 28 of the 72 needed players signing up for the Friday Nite Team Tennis, we have made the decision to return everyone's entry fee and cancel the event for this year.

Hopefully, next year, there will be a better turnout, and the Friday Nite Team Tennis will return!

Friday Night Drop In Tennis

BRING \$1 (for balls) AND A SNACK (potluck)

To promote more "fun" tennis events, the WCRC is sponsoring **Friday Night Drop In Tennis**. Drop in doubles tennis begins Friday, June 27th from 6pm - 9pm **ALL LEVELS WELCOME**. Sign ups are on a first come first serve basis. This event promises to fill up quickly so arrive early to assure a spot!

WCRC Member Passes Away

Long time Walnut Creek Club member, **Warren Gray**, 58, left us on Saturday, May 24th. His wife Penny, is also a WCRC member. Our heartfelt wishes extend to his family during this difficult time.

USTA Nifty Fifty Season Begins

Last year was the first year for this USTA League and "Nifty Fifty" is just a nice way of saying seniors. WCRC has just a couple of teams registered and the rosters are over-flowing.

Unfortunately, the captains have had to turn lots of folks away since so few NorCal teams are registering. If you didn't get on a team this year, think about being a captain and forming your own team for next year. Better yet, there's still time to register a team with the CCTA for the season starting in late June.

Nagle's 3.0 Senior Women's Team Travels to Fresno for Sectionals

With a 3-0 District win under their belts, Shirley Nagle's 3.0 team went to Fresno with high hopes and a winning attitude. The first day of play was rained out, but they completed all three matches on Sunday winning 2 out of 3. Some of the other teams didn't complete all their matches so which team goes to Nationals is still up in the air. Because of the one loss, however, the team isn't overly optimistic. It was a great run by a great group of women - give them a congrats when you see them.

The team members who are responsible for a 12-0 regular season, 2-0 in playoffs are: Shirley Nagle, Captain, Pat Brown,

Rosemarie Frances, Michelle Gold, Kathy Hammons, Karen Hirtzel, Myrl Kan, Carol Kennedy, Mary Jane Kiefer, Pam Maloney, Sidney Russell, Sam Vanacek, Mary Waltz, Meredith Young.



(back row:) Michelle Gold, Kathy Hammons, Pat Brown, Mary Jane Kiefer, Sidney Russell
(front row:) Karen Hirtzel, Pam Maloney, Shirley Nagle

Belton & Ramsower-Pearlstein Record Calcutta Win

In the WCRC's long Calcutta history, there have been very few instances where the team with the most collective talent ends up winning the tournament. The 2003 edition was one of those exceptions as the team of [Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein](#) and [Brad Belton](#) overcame their highest in the tournament -15 handicap to win six consecutive matches, including a victory over the scrappy tandem of [Shari Huber](#) and [Leonard Young](#) in the final.

The event, held May 9-10, began Friday night with over 100 players, fans and friends attending the Party and Team Auction held at the Shadelands Arts Center. With the help of master auctioneer Nat Bitton, a record \$3,800 was raised in the Silent Auction, which included two teams that commanded \$300+ bids.

Thanks to the following people who made the tournament a success: [Jennifer Scriabine](#) (tournament director), [Tammy Chan](#) (registration collection), [Kent Lindeman](#) (Northgate desk and auction preparation), [Karen Hirtzel](#) (Northgate desk and Calcutta insights), [Judy Stillman](#) (tournament desk), [Brad & Heidi Belton](#), [Al Johns](#) (food preparation), [Shari Huber & Robert Young](#) (food), [Greg Lane](#) (drinks), [Marty Tedlock](#) (bartender), [Julie O'Keefe](#) (auction cashier), [Nat Bitton](#) (auctioneer), members of the WCRC Board (handicapping) and all the players who served as volunteer scorekeepers during the day.

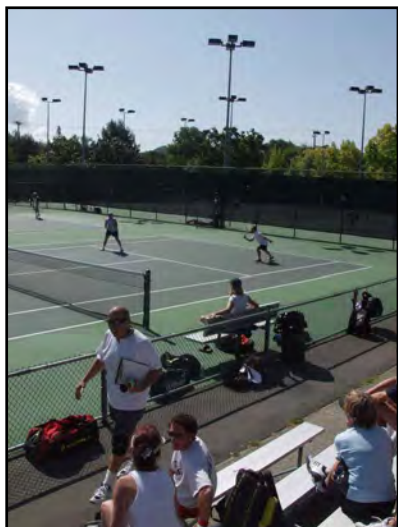
Winners (and their team handicaps)

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND : 1st - Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein and Brad Belton (-15), Irv Pearlstein, owner; **Finalist** - Shari Huber and Leonard Young (-6), Leonard Young & Friends, owners

CONSOLATION ROUND : 1st - Vicki Majhor and Pat Beauchemin (-3), Cynthia Lonergan, owner; **Finalist** - Jason Ogden and Anne George (1), Irv Pearlstein, owner



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WCRC vs. WCRC Matches

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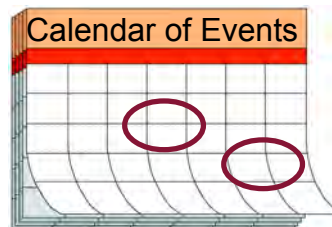
5.0A	vs	5.0B	Thursday	6/12/03	6:30 pm
4.0A	vs	4.0B	Sunday	6/22/03	2:30 pm
5.0A	vs	5.0B	Thursday	7/17/03	6:30 pm

WOMENS

4.0B	vs	4.0C	Thursday	6/19/03	6:30 pm
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SUPER SENIOR WOMENS

3.5A	vs	3.5B	Tuesday	6/10/03	9:30 am
3.5A	vs	3.5B	Wednesday	7/16/03	9:30 am



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
- 23-26** Men's Open Pre-Qualifying (\$50,000 Seascape Challenger)
- 27** WCRS Friday Night Drop-In
- 30** USTA Adult Season Ends

JULY

- 2-7** USTA Adult Local Playoffs - Round 1
- 7-11** USTA Super Seniors Local Playoffs
- 11-13** USTA Adult Local Playoffs - Round 2
- 12-14** Walnut Creek Cracker 5.0 & 5.5 Playoffs
- 14-18** USTA Super Seniors Local Playoffs
- 18-20** USTA Adult Local Playoffs - Round 3

AUGUST

- 1-3** USTA Adult District Championships
- 11** USTA Combo League Begins
- 16-17** WCRC Club Championships - Singles/Doubles
- 22-24** USTA Adult Sectional Championships
- 23-24** WCRC Club Championships - Singles/Doubles

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 Court Usage Fees Increase Effective July 1st!

To help keep pace with the cost of providing tennis related services, some fee increases are necessary. Beginning July 1st the following fees increases will be in effect.

Tournament/court/hour	\$9.00
Individual reservation/court/hour	\$9.00
Adult yearly card (resident)	\$150.00
Adult yearly card (non-resident)	\$175.00
Junior yearly card (resident)	\$95.00
Junior yearly card (non-resident)	\$115.00
Daily/person-weekday 8am-5pm (resident)	\$8.00
Daily/person-weekday 8am-5pm (non-resident)	\$9.00
Daily/person-weekday 5-10pm (resident)	\$8.00
Daily/person-weekday 5-10pm (non-resident)	\$9.00
Weekend (resident)	\$8.00
Weekend (non-resident)	\$9.00
Lights/hour	\$4.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein



Income Statement:
as of April 30, 2003

Balance - April 1, 2003 **23,382.71**

Income

Little Siebel Tournament '03	500.00
Awards Banquet	2,500.00
Bank Interest	9.49
Advertising Income	780.00
Incentive Award-USTA	1,355.00
Membership Dues	6,415.00
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 **23,024.49**

Expenses

Little Siebel '03	211.22
Bank Service Charge	5.00
Donations	785.00
Light Fund Payment	3,000.00
Insurance	325.00
Member Directory	56.83
Newsletters - Court Reporter	2,082.73
Postage	607.40
Supplies	36.96
Website	100.00
Awards Banquet '03	2,250.42
Board Dinner Expenses	707.54
Siebel Open Trip '03	4,238.90
Winter Doubles League '03	2,340.74
Club Championship '02	828.60
New Member Night Mixer	96.15

Total Expenses **17,944.35**

Profit (Loss) **5,080.14**

Balance - April 30, 2003 **28,462.85**

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NTRP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE • 2003

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

June 14-15

PACIFIC TIGERS NTRP CHALLENGE
MW (3.5-5.0) s, MX (3.5-5.0) d
UOP Hal Nelson Tennis Courts
Entry deadline: June 4
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50009203

June 27-29

PENINSULA CHALLENGE CUP NTRP
MW (3.5,5.0) sd; MX (3.5,5.0) d
Leo Ryan Park (Shell Courts)
Entry deadline: June 9
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #5000010203

July 4-6

26TH ANNUAL BERINGER NTRP CLASSIC
MW (3.5-5.0) sd, MX (3.5-5.0) d
Vintage High School
Entry deadline: June 20
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500010503

July 11-13

LAKERIDGE NTRP TOURNAMENT
MW (3.0-5.0) sd, MX (3.0-5.0) d
Lakeridge Tennis Club
Entry deadline: June 26
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500011003

July 11-13

YUBA CITY NTRP
MW (3.0-5.5) sd, W (3.0-4.5) sd, MX (3.0-4.5) d
Lakeridge Tennis Club
Entry deadline: July 1
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500011103