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Loyal Ones: CCTA Women's 3.5 Regular Season Champs

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I'm Worried....



Pam Maloney
2004 WCRC President

That's right and it's not because the rain is coming too early this year, or that my dog is aging, or that I haven't mopped the kitchen floor in a while. I'm worried because I don't know who among you is going to step up and help run WCRC in 2005. Last month I asked volunteers to contact any of us on the Board and, hard as it is to believe, we didn't hear from anyone! Yikes, do you all really think it's that bad? Let me tell you what we do and I'm sure your interest will kick in.

The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month from about 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Since we are a not-for-profit organization with a charter and rules, the President runs the meeting. We usually open with approving the minutes from the prior month, and then hear the Treasurer's and Membership Reports. We've been making so many fantastic changes to our website that the Web Administrator usually has lots of great stuff to share as well. Then we go through current business associated with USTA, CCTA, InterClub, Summer Singles, Winter Doubles, Tournaments and, of course, what is new with the City. It's not glamorous but needed. Board members alternate bringing food and drinks. So, what are you waiting for? Give one of us a call!

You may not be aware of this, but our very own Robert Young is running for a position on the USTA Nor Cal Board of Directors. Some folks think Robert is a little soft in the head for wanting to take on that role, but I believe he would make a valuable addition to their Board and so we're giving him all our votes. We'll keep you posted on whether or not his wish comes true, and if it does, we'll all have another Club member to give our feedback to. I'm assuming you all know that Dave Sperry is already on the Nor Cal Board.

There's lots going on at WCRC in the next couple of months so be sure to check the web site, www.wcrc.net, for updates!

See ya on the courts,

Pam



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SUMMER SINGLES LEAGUE

The 2004 Summer Singles League, co-sponsored by the WCRC and Contra Costa Tennis Association (CCTA) ended its seventh year with a seven-day tournament, held September 30 - October 2 & October 8-10 at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center. The tournament included over 150 of the league's 325 total participants, each who played at least six regular season matches to qualify. Special thanks to **Mike Jetland, Bob Walgren and Tammy Chan** for running this year's event. On a related note, the league will be run solely by the Walnut Creek Racquet Club (WCRC) in 2005 as coordinator and league founder **Kent Lindeman** has announced his retirement after seven years at the helm.

MEN'S 3.0

In the Men's 3.0 division, #4 seed **Justin Snyder** of Martinez won four consecutive matches without dropping a set, completing the run with a 6-0, 6-1 whitewash of #3 seed Daniel Haight in the final. Snyder's toughest competition came against top-seeded Dave Engle in the semifinals where Snyder prevailed in a tight 6-4, 7-6 (1) contest.



- Q Engle (1) d. Borostyan 6-1, 6-2
- Q Snyder (4) d. Hunt 6-2, 6-3
- Q Haight (3) d. Paulsen (10) 6-3, 6-2
- Q Streegan (2) d. Scudiere 6-7 (0), 6-4, 6-1
- S Snyder d. Engle 6-4, 7-6 (1)
- S Haight d. Streegan 6-1, 6-2
- F Snyder d. Haight 6-0, 6-1

MEN'S 3.5

Third-seeded **Mario Rizzo** posted an unblemished 8-0 regular season record in the Men's 3.5 division, however, struggled through tough three-set matches in the quarterfinals against Charlie Price and semifinals against #2 seeded Mark Traylor. He had a little easier time in the final and beat surprise finalist Darrell Cordry 6-4, 6-1.

- Q Cordry (15) d. Charters (6) 2-6, 0-5 ret.
- Q St. Marie (5) d. Van Oosbree (4) 6-2, 7-5
- Q Rizzo (3) d. Price (10) 7-6 (2), 4-6, 6-2
- Q Traylor (2) d. Green (8) 6-1, 6-1
- S Cordry d. St. Marie 6-3, 7-6 (1)
- S Rizzo d. Traylor 4-6, 6-3, 6-2
- F Rizzo d. Cordry 6-4, 6-1

MEN'S 4.0

Charles Kearney returned to his form of years past and streamrolled four straight opponents to win the Men's 4.0 division. He lost no more than 6 total games in each of his victories,

including a convincing 6-0, 6-3 triumph against #13 seeded Bill Ogden in the final.



- Q Zhu (6) d. Sipos (1) 7-4, 6-4
- Q Kearney (4) d. Simmons (5) 6-4, 6-2
- Q Hoenecke d. Caspi (3) 2-6, 6-1, 6-3
- Q Ogden (13) d. Dasso 6-0, 7-5
- S Kearney d. Zhu 6-1, 6-1
- S Ogden d. Hoenecke 7-6 (3), 7-5
- F Kearney d. Ogden 6-0, 6-3

MEN'S 4.5

Each year there is always at least one strange occurrence in the tournament and in 2004, it happened several times over in the Men's 4.5 division where the winner didn't have to swing his racket in the final to pick his prize money. Called the "trainwreck" division by tournament organizers, it did feature the match of the tournament where the winner didn't end up advancing - after 2 1/2 hours of play and consecutive tiebreak sets in the quarterfinals, Mike Willis was leading #3 Jackson Riker 5-2 in the third but defaulted on match point as he couldn't play the scheduled semi-final match. Same went for Rich Cerutti in the semifinal and the "default-fest" was complete when Riker pulled out of the final with an injury, leaving #1 seed **Henry Cruz** at the top of the heap.

- Q Cruz (1) d. Wheeler 6-4, 7-5
- Q Perry (14) d. Corcoran (5) 6-7 (4), 7-5, 6-2
- Q Riker (3) d. Willis (7) 6-7 (6), 7-6 (5), 2-5 ret.
- Q Cerruti (8) d. Morra 6-2, 6-2
- S Cruz d. Perry 6-4, 6-0
- S Riker d. Cerruti def wd
- F Cruz d. Riker def wd

MEN'S 5.0-5.5

Defending champion Ron Hidayat seemed poised to claim his second straight Men's 5.0-5.5 crown, after surviving a tough three-set quarterfinal against Jeff Judson and rallying from 2-5 in the third set against #5 seed Kent Lindeman in the semis. Hidayat opened strong in the final against #2 seed **Wayne Hagstrom**, however, couldn't hold his momentum as Hagstrom rallied to avenge his only regular season defeat in 2004.

- Q Hidayat (1) d. Judson (6) 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-4
- Q Lindeman (5) d. Peterson (4) 7-6 (4), 6-1
- Q Lum (3) d. Bown 6-3, 1-6, 6-2
- Q Hagstrom (2) d. Dunlap 6-2, 6-0
- S Hidayat d. Lindeman 7-6 (3), 3-6, 7-5
- S Hagstrom d. Lum 6-1, 6-3
- F Hagstrom d. Hidayat 5-7, 6-2, 6-4

WRAPS UP SEVENTH SEASON

WOMEN'S 2.5

#4 seeded **Chris Rasclé** carefully made her way through the top-half of the Women's 2.5 division, with three consecutive straight-set wins before meeting #3 seed Lisa Fabian in the final. Fabian won the first set and led late in the second set before Rasclé turned it around and won the third set going away 6-3 for her first tournament win.

- Q Van Oosbree d. Langenbahn (1) 7-6 (8), 6-4
- Q Rasclé (4) d. Holmes 6-1, 6-3
- Q Fabian (3) d. Fryer (7) 6-4, 6-1
- Q Driscoll (8) d. Choi (2) def wd
- S Rasclé d. Van Oosbree 7-5, 6-2
- S Fabian d. Driscoll 6-0, 6-2
- F Rasclé d. Fabian 4-6, 7-5, 6-3



WOMEN'S 3.0

Top-seeded **Helen Rasmussen** bounced back from a shaky first-set in the semifinals to upend #5 seeded Kris Karr and then defeated #2 seed Tammie Snyder in the finals 6-4, 6-4.

- Q Rasmussen (1) d. Fries (6) 6-1, 6-4
- Q Karr (5) d. Huang (4) 6-4, 6-2
- Q Tang (3) d. Colson 6-0, 6-2
- Q Snyder (2) d. Bergmann def wd
- S Rasmussen d. Karr 1-6, 6-1, 6-4
- S Snyder d. Tang 6-4, 7-5
- F Rasmussen d. Snyder 6-4, 6-4

WOMEN'S 3.5

Diana Darab-Davaran was the only one of the top four seeds left by the semifinals, where she outlasted Michelle McDonagh 6-4, 7-5. The #2 seeded Darab-Davaran then rallied from a 4-1 deficit in the deciding set to beat #5 seed Linda Richardi 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

- Q Kiefer d. Anderson 2-6, 6-3, 6-4
- Q Richardi (5) d. Andre (4) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2
- Q McDonagh d. Fong (7) 6-1, 6-3
- Q Darab-Davaran (2) d. O'Neil (8) 6-4, 7-5
- S Richardi d. Kiefer 6-3, 6-0
- S Darab-Davaran d. McDonagh 6-4, 7-5
- F Darab-Davaran d. Richardi 6-2, 3-6, 6-4

WOMEN'S 4.0

Top seeded **Marilyn Faye** won each of her three matches in straight sets, culminating in a 6-2, 7-5 victory over #2 ranked Tifanie Steele in the final.

- Q Faye (1) d. Yates 6-1, 6-2
- Q Ley d. Widjaja (4) def wd
- Q Ko (3) d. Redsun 6-4, 6-1
- Q Steele (2) d. Suh 4-6, 7-5, 6-3
- S Faye d. Ley 6-0, 6-3
- S Steele d. Ko 6-4, 6-2
- F Faye d. Steele 6-4, 6-2

WOMEN'S 4.5-5.0

Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein continued her domination of the Women's 4.5-5.0 division with a convincing 6-0, 6-2 win over Marianne Dundon in the finals. Ramsower-Pearlstein has never dropped a match in Singles League play over a five-year span and has three titles to her credit.

- S Ramsower-Pearlstein (1) d. Weinshelbaum 6-0, 6-0
- S Dundon (2) d. Suzuki 6-2, 6-1
- F Ramsower-Pearlstein d. Dundon 6-0, 6-2



It's Party Time.....Reserve
January 14 on your Calendar

We've begun planning our annual dinner dance, so be sure to put **Friday, January 14, 2005** on your calendar for a fun evening of dinner, dancing and stories about WCRC's 2004 tennis events. If you joined us last year, you'll remember an evening of masks, games, prizes, great food, fabulous company and lots of dancing. Don't miss this year which is shaping up to be even better! We've reserved the Civic Arts facility again so it's convenient, with lots of parking.

Auction Items Needed.....

We're hoping to have another stellar year of raising money from a silent auction at the January 14 event. You'll recall that the money we raise is given to a needy local school to improve their tennis program. If you have something to donate, please contact **Pam Maloney** at pam4tennis@hotmail.com, or call her at 939-1403. Anything will be appreciated and use of your mansion in Hawaii (or wherever) will help bring in the big bucks!

Walnut Creek Racquet Club

Men's & Women's 2005 Winter Doubles League

League Season	January 3, 2005 - April 3, 2005
Entry Fee	\$32 per team (both Walnut Creek Racquet Club Members) \$42 per team (one WCRC Member, one non-member) \$52 per team (both non WCRC members)
Format	Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles 12-Week League Season (Players grouped by NTRP Level)
NTRP Levels	Men's 3.0-5.5 & Women's 2.5-5.0
Match Scheduling	12 matches to be completed over 12-week season. Players responsible for scheduling own matches. Players will have website access to contact information for all league participants.
Match Format	Best two-out-of-three, 12-point tiebreaker, both teams responsible for bringing balls to match; winners receive unopened can.
Reporting Scores	The winning team is responsible for entering match scores on the WCRC website at http://www.wcrc.net/events/index.asp or alternatively reporting the score to their respective league coordinator by email or phone.
Standings	Match scores and league standings will be updated in real-time and available on the WCRC website.
Tournament	End of season tournament with draw determined by the league standings to be held in April. To qualify for the tournament, players must have completed and reported at least 4 matches during the regular league season. Depending on the number of entrants, tournament play may include Friday night play. In addition, draws with large numbers of players may be required to play matches prior to the tournament weekend.
Tournament Date	April 8-10, 2005
Court Usage	Matches may be played at any site mutually agreed upon by opponents. To play matches at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center, both players must have an active Court Usage card or pay the appropriate Daily Use Fee. League fees do not include usage of the tennis courts at the Heather Farms tennis center.
T-shirt/Tank Top	All participants will receive a towel with the WCRC Winter Doubles Logo
Entry Deadline	On-line: Thursday, Dec. 30th, 2004 By Mail: Friday, Dec. 24, 2004
Registration	NEW! Register and pay on-line at http://www.wcrc.net/events/index.asp or mail the registration form on the next page to WCRC, 1535 Siskyou Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94598 - make check out to WCRC.
Questions	Direct to Judy Stillman, (925) 933-9351, jstillma@pacbell.net . All league information will be distributed via email.

WCRC Men's & Women's 2005 Winter Doubles League Registration Form (Now also available at www.wcrc.net)

PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

Name	_____	_____
Mailing Address	_____	_____
City	_____	_____
ZIP Code	_____	_____
Home Phone	_____	_____
Work or Cell Phone	_____	_____
E-mail address	_____	_____
NTRP level	_____	_____
2004 League Player	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
WCRC Member?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Division for which you are registering (please check one): NTRP (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 3.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 2.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 3.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 3.0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 4.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 3.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 4.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 4.0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 5.0/5.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 4.5/5.0 |

Registration Fees (note - if you are interested in joining the Racquet Club, please download a membership form from <http://www.wcrc.net/about/membership.htm> and return it with this application):

- * \$32 per team (both Walnut Creek Racquet Club Members)
- * \$42 per team (one WCRC Member, one non-member)
- * \$52 per team (both non WCRC members)

On-Line Registration will remain open until **December 30th, 2004**. If you would like to register by mail, return this form by **December 24th, 2004** with a check for registration fees (payable to WCRC) to: WCRC, 1535 Siskyou Drive., Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Questions? Contact Judy Stillman at (925) 933-9351 or via e-mail jstillma@pacbell.net

Renew Your Membership On-Line at www.wcrc.net

Last month we launched our new on-line membership area and hope that you've been enjoying some of the new functionality. We now have on-line membership renewal available. Our method of receiving payments is currently PayPal, so you'll have to have an active PayPal account or open an account in order to renew on-line. There's no extra charge to renew your membership on-line.

We'll also be sending out renewal invoices in the mail as well, so if you'd like to renew by US postal services, that option will be available as well.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you have a family membership and want to renew on-line, the family administrator must login and renew through their account. If you have a question about who the family administrator is or need to change the administrator please contact us at webmaster@wcrc.net.

To renew on-line use the following steps:

- _ Login to the membership system from www.wcrc.net
- _ Click on the Pay Membership Dues link under My Membership (see below)

My Membership (Shari Gonzalez)

- [Change Name & Address Info](#)
- [Change Username/Password](#)
- [Pay Membership Dues](#)

- _ Select the invoice (see below) and click Continue

This feature of the Member's Area allows you to pay your membership dues through PayPal.

If you would like to renew your membership in **Walnut Creek Racquet Club**, select an invoice if necessary and click on the Continue button below. Repeat this process as necessary if you have multiple unpaid invoices...

Invoice to Apply Payment to: © 25.00 - Due Date: 12-02-2004, Amt: Due: 25.00

[Continue >>](#)

- _ Click the Renew My Membership button
- _ Login to PayPal or create a new account
- _ Pay the membership fee
- _ Click Continue when finished
- _ You will be redirected back to the WCRC website and your payment will be processed.

Did You Know?

That our membership and our leagues systems are separate systems. This means that you need different login IDs and passwords to access these systems. Once you're logged into to either system you can reset your passwords and login IDs to be the same in both systems for ease of use.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein

Income Statement:
as of September 30, 2004



Income

Awards Banquet	3,106.00
Singles/Doubles Club Championships	810.00
Siebel Bus Trip	2,015.00
Little Siebel Tournament	200.00
Winter Doubles League	1,975.00
Interest	13.58
Advertising	780.00
Membership Dues	10,448.00
Silent Auction	1,610.00
Board Dinner	270.00
Summer Singles	25.00
Friday Night Team Tennis	52.00
Calcutta Tournament	1,610.00
Valentines Tournament	485.00
Mixed Doubles Club Championships	420.00

Total Income 23,819.58

Expenses

Siebel Bus Trip	2,898.50
Singles/Doubles Club Championships	1,020.39
Little Siebel Tournament	94.82
Turkey Tournament	327.76
Winter Doubles	5,552.50
Awards Banquet	3,428.71
Dues & Subscriptions	25.00
Donations	943.80
Light Fund	3,000.00
Membership Brochures	54.13
Membership Directory	1,326.06
Newsletter	4,750.71
Non-Profit Fees	55.00
Postage	1,228.31
Printing/Duplicating	121.39
Supplies	763.65
Website	492.08
Board Dinner	705.54
Friday Night Drop In Tennis	21.65
Calcutta Tournament	1,631.64
Valentines Tournament	216.81
Mixed Doubles Tournament	564.80

Total Expenses 29,223.25

Profit (Loss) -5,403.67

Balance September 30, 2004 \$7,145.40

2004 Turkey Tournament

The Gobbler Invitational

Mixed Doubles Format (change partner)

When: Saturday, November 20, 2004

Where: Walnut Creek Tennis Center

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Players: Tournament for 64 Players

Lunch: 12:30 p.m. Turkey (of course)

Cost: \$12.00/per person



Hurry and sign up for this year's Turkey Tournament, the "Gobbler Invitational." The format is mixed doubles (change partner). We'll play in 6.0, 7.0, 8.0+ and Novice divisions. Everyone plays! If you are new to tennis please feel free to sign up in the Novice division.

Here are some of the events highlights:

- 6.0 & 8.0+ play at 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lunch at 12:30 pm

- 7.0 and Novice play at 1:00 pm

Tournament Director: Karen Hirtzel

Sign-up Form (you don't need a partner but it helps)

Player #1

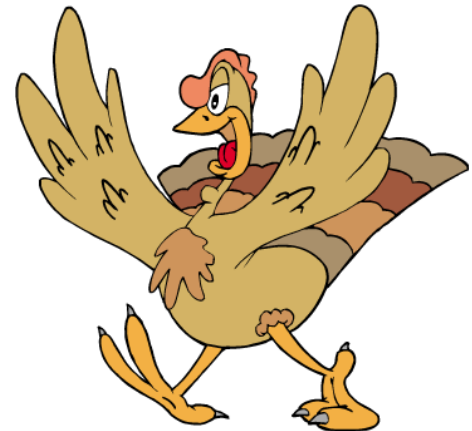
Name: _____

Phone: _____ Rating: _____

Player #2

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Rating: _____



Make check payable to WCRC and mail to: Karen Hirtzel, 22 Tweed Lane, Danville, 94526
Questions? Please call Karen Hirtzel at: 925-362-1585 or email her at hirtzel@NORCAL.usta.com



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SINGLE EVENT FEE

A few months ago, the Board decided to allow a non-member to pay a "single event fee" if she wanted to participate in something we were sponsoring without joining WCRC. For example, if someone wants to play on a USTA team and not be a WCRC member, she must pay a \$10 fee. If she wants to be on two teams, she must pay a \$10 fee for each team. Of course, in that instance a membership is probably the more economical way to go but it's up to the individual. We are not publishing the form in this newsletter because if you are getting the newsletter you are a WCRC member. If you are the Captain of a team playing out of our Club and have a player who wants to take advantage of this, please refer to our web site where the form will be posted. If someone wants to enter one of our tournaments without being a WCRC member, the tournament director will handle the form.