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Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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**Gary Kaiser lines up
a forehand during the
2003 Club Championships.**

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Important Changes You Need to Know About



Pam Maloney
2004 WCRC President

There's something about us humans that seems to dislike change, or at least be uncomfortable with it at first. So, we want to give you plenty of notice that we are making some changes that we hope will be embraced by you because we feel they will benefit the Club.

First, you'll see in this newsletter the announcement that we are adding a new feature to our web site. **Shari Gonzalez** has put in a tremendous amount of time and energy into finding a partner to host a password protected section of the site where we will have on-line membership, tournament sign-up and a few other bells and whistles. We are hopeful this new feature will be a welcome change for you; it will certainly make some of the jobs we do easier! Please give Shari a great big thanks when you see her!

With the addition of this new feature to our web site, we also decided to make a few changes related to membership. First, beginning immediately, we are reinstating something the Club previously had which is an "event fee" for non-WCRC members. If a non-member wants to play on a USTA or CCTA team, or wants to play in a Club tournament, he/she can do so without joining the Club but paying the \$10 "event fee." The individual will not receive our newsletter, nor be included in any membership communication. The fee will cover one event only. For example, if the individual wants to play on a mixed and adult USTA team, the fee is \$10 for each team.

The Board also decided that with the reinstatement of the event fee, beginning with the Senior and Mixed USTA season, courts will be given out ONLY when all team members are either WCRC members or have paid an event fee. So, if you are going to Captain a team, be sure you're ready to cover any outstanding fees owed by your team members when you come to the Captain's meeting.

Lastly, we're raising membership fees with the launch of on-line sign-up. For those of you reading this, you won't be affected until your membership for 2005 is due. 2005 renewals for Walnut Creeks residents will be \$20 and \$25 for non-WC residents. The increase in the membership fee is not so the Board gets to vacation in Tahiti, but to cover the increased costs associated with mailing our newsletter, producing the directory and adding the new feature to the web site.

Another topic of discussion at the July meeting was the Directory. While we have had almost 200 people added since it was published, we decided that with the introduction of the new web site feature, publishing an addendum or another whole Directory would put an unnecessary financial burden on the Club. The new web site is going to be very cool...we hope you are as excited about it as we are!

There are two other things I need to share with you. First, we've had too many instances of a Team Captain reserving courts for a match and then not showing up. You can imagine the problems this creates in the Tennis Center when they kick people off the courts and then the Team doesn't show up. Second, I've been told that a Team Captain kicked players off the Rudgear Courts telling players they had a reservation when in fact they did not. This is NOT what any of us want to hear about club members and if it continues the Board will take action. Please be respectful of each other. Whether you are a 2.5 or 5.0 player, the rules are the same.

Pam

Coming Next Month to www.wcrc.net: On-Line Membership

On August 27, 2004 the Walnut Creek Racquet Club will launch its long awaited on-line membership area. The area is restricted to members only and will require you to login to the system to access any of the following information. Some of the features that you can expect to see and use are:

EVENT CALENDAR

WCRC will maintain an up to date calendar of events that will list details associated with each event including:

- ☆ Event Date & Description
- ☆ Event Contact
- ☆ Event Time
- ☆ Event Location & Directions

The event calendar area will also include a monthly calendar of WCRC events and will be available to all WCRC members.

EVENT REGISTRATION

On-line registration will be available for all WCRC events. You will be able to sign-up for events, view event details, and pay registration fees. WCRC will continue to offer event sign-up through the monthly newsletter as well.

MESSAGE BOARDS

Tournament administrators will maintain message boards for upcoming events where you'll be able to see any recent announcements and you'll also be able to ask the event coordinator questions.

ON-LINE TOOLS

A number of on-line tools will be available to you for administering your membership and for contacting other members. These tools include:

- ☆ An On-Line Membership Directory
- ☆ An area to update your Personal Information
- ☆ An On-Line Membership Renewal Form

ON-LINE POLLS

WCRC will periodically conduct polls regarding current topics that affect our members. You'll be able to login and provide us with your opinion on the topic of the day.

OPT-OUT POLICY

Any member not wishing to have their information published in the WCRC on-line directory should contact **Marty Tedlock** at marty.tedlock@jmmhdhs.com. Please keep in mind that only WCRC members will be able to access the on-line membership directory and that if you opt not to have your information published in the on-line directory it will also not be published in the annual printed directory.

WHAT'S NEXT

- ☆ The site will be launched on August 27 at which time you'll be able to login from www.wcrc.net to the on-line membership system using your login information.
- ☆ Sometime after the launch of the site you will receive your login information to the membership website via email.
 - ☆ If you have a SPAM blocker installed you will have to check your Bulk Email In-box for the email.
 - ☆ For multiple family memberships, you will receive emails for each family member.
- ☆ A complete users manual for the site will be published in the September newsletter.
- ☆ Please contact **Shari Gonzalez** at webmaster@wcrc.net if you have any questions or feedback.



Tennis News



USTA Update

Adult season is winding down and playoffs are happening at courts all around our area. Walnut Creek Racquet Club made a strong showing this year. In the 3.5 women's division, **Terri Hernandez's** team made the top four in flight 2. **Carolyn Spady's** team made the top four in flight 1. **Myrl Kan's** 3.0 women's team made the playoff round as well as **Heidi Belton's** 4.0 girls. It wasn't to be this year for our ladies to advance as all went out in the first round of play-offs. We were well represented throughout the season by all our teams and especially by these teams that finished at the top. Congratulations!

As of this deadline, **Marty Tedlock** and **Jesse Gonzalez's** men's 4.0 teams are competing this weekend to represent the area at the district championships. This is a "win-win" contest for Walnut Creek Racquet Club. **Tammy Chan's** 5.0 men's team is headed for the second round of playoffs. Good luck and congratulations to both groups for a great season!

The super senior season is over. **Fran Bagnasco's** team finished 10-0 in regular season! What a winning group she put together and when Berkeley came calling for the playoffs, Fran's team gave them quite a fight. Unfortunately, after beating Berkeley twice during regular season, our team went down in very close matches. Fortunately, this Walnut Creek team got a wild card to advance to sectionals which will be played later this year.

Fifty Mixed season is in full swing and **Jim Brown's** 6.0 team is currently in second place.

Don't forget that sign-ups are going on for seniors and mixed teams. Play will begin in September. Also, for those who like to watch competitive tennis, mark August 6-8 on your calendars as St. Mary's is hosting part of the district adult play. Log on to the website for more details.

Volunteers needed for August Club Championship tournament!

We need help setting up, cleaning up, cooking and running the tournament desk for August 7-8, 14-15. If you are available and willing to help out, even for just one morning, please contact **Jennifer Scriabine** at 925-939-4328 or scriabine@astound.net.

Super Senior Playoffs

Fran Bagnasco's Walnut Creek 3.5A Super Senior team. After beating Harbor Bay 3-0 in the first round of playoffs, played their final playoff game on July 13 at Heather Farms.

Berkeley came to play after they had beaten them twice in regular season play. A win was not to be on this day and Berkeley beat them 2-1. Every match was close, as two of the matches went to third sets. They will now represent Walnut Creek at the sectionals as a wild card.



*Walnut Creek 3.5A Super Seniors
back: Linda Dow, Judy Stillman, Marty Riffell,
Kathy Gray, Elizabeth Baxter
Front: Jan Neilsen, Ernie Scrimshaw, Claire Fong,
Joy Monroe, Fran Bagnasco (captain).
Not pictured: Barbara Forester, Daphne Stoermer and Carolyn Spady.*

Following the playoff match with Berkeley, the Walnut Creek team invited everyone to lunch before the big "wooden



rackets" tournament. Everyone was paired up with a partner and a wood racket (some with the original gut!). About 15 ladies had a fun single elimination tournament. Winners were **Judy Stillman** and **Fran Bagnasco**. Runners up were **Jan Couchot** and **Marilyn Baker**.

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Tennis News



WCRC members enjoy an evening of fun watching the Sacramento Capitals team tennis match.

Haiku *by Carl Fernandes*

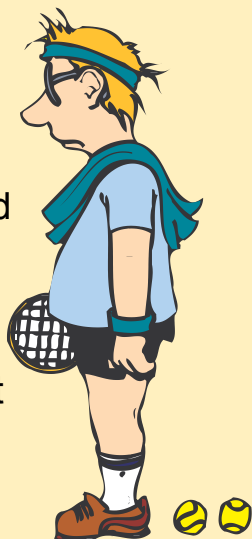
The Lob

The bright yellow ball sails high overhead,
It falls to earth just inside the line
The point is yours

MEN PLAYERS NEEDED FOR 4.0 SENIORS TEAM

Robert Young has put together a second men's senior 4.0 team on the NorCal site and is looking for players.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Robert at 925-963-2388.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein



Income Statement:
as of June 30, 2004

Income

Awards Banquet	3,106.00
Siebel Bus Trip	2,015.00
Little Siebel Tournament	200.00
Winter Doubles League	1,975.00
Interest	10.45
Advertising	780.00
Membership Dues	9,215.00
Silent Auction	1,610.00
Board Dinner	270.00
Summer Singles	25.00
Calcutta Tournament	1,610.00
Valentines Tournament	485.00

Total Income **21,301.45**

Expenses

Siebel Bus Trip	2,898.50
Little Siebel Tournament	94.82
Turkey Tournament	327.76
Winter Doubles	5,552.50
Awards Banquet	3,428.71
Donations	943.80
Light Fund	3,000.00
Membership Brochures	54.13
Membership Directory	1,326.06
Newsletter	3,247.11
Non-Profit Fees	55.00
Postage	620.91
Printing/Duplicating	121.39
Supplies	671.64
Website	353.38
Board Dinner	705.54
Calcutta Tournament	1,631.64
Valentines Tournament	216.81
Mixed Doubles Tournament	564.80

Total Expenses **25,814.50**

Profit (Loss) **-4,513.05**

Balance June 20, 2004 **\$8,036.02**

**2004
CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Men's Singles
Women's Singles
Men's Doubles
Women's Doubles**

**LAST
CHANCE
TO SIGN UP**

**August 7-8 &
14-15, 2004**

WHEN: August 7-8 & 14-15, 2004
WHERE: Walnut Creek Tennis Center
DIVISIONS: Men's A (4.5+) Women's A (4.0+)
Men's B (4.0) Women's B (3.5)
Men's C (3.0-3.5) Women's C (3.0-)

FEES: \$10/person - Singles; \$16/team - Doubles

***Entry fees include tennis balls, BBQ, individual trophies for winners. Participants are guaranteed at least two matches -- consolation rounds will be held (some may be held at satellite sites).*

Note: You must be an active member of the WCRC to play in the Club Championships.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Must be received by
Friday, July 30th, 5pm

'03 CHAMPIONS:

Women's A Singles	Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein
Women's B Singles	Shari Huber Gonzalez
Women's C Singles	Sybil Schmidt
Women's A Doubles	Kim Lackey & Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein
Women's C Doubles	Laura Hooper & Kristen Ray
Men's A Singles	Chris Bown
Men's B Singles	Charles Kearney
Men's C Singles	Ron Helgesson
Men's A Doubles	Chris Bown & Ron Hidayat
Men's B Doubles	Mike Druding & Craig Simmons
Men's C Doubles	Debashis Panda & Tony Kim

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ Rating _____

Email _____

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Email _____

Please check the appropriate event(s)/division you would like to play:

- | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Male | <input type="radio"/> Singles | <input type="radio"/> Men's A | <input type="radio"/> Women's A |
| <input type="radio"/> Female | <input type="radio"/> Doubles | <input type="radio"/> Men's B | <input type="radio"/> Women's B |
| | | <input type="radio"/> Men's C | <input type="radio"/> Women's C |

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on-line registration available at www.wcrc.net



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WCRC Friday Night Drop-In Fun Tennis

During June, July and August, WCRC will sponsor these Friday night events for current club members. We'll reserve 3 courts. Bring a snack for potluck. Here are the details:

Where: Heather Farms Courts
When: July 30
August 13 & 27
Format: Mixed doubles, "King of the Court"
Time: 6:30 PM
Cost: \$2 (includes light fees, court reservations and balls)

Requirements: **Must be a 2004 WCRC member;**
if you don't have a Heather court usage card
you must pay their fee.

