



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the
Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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**Spencer Wang
sets up to hit a
backhand winner
down the line.**



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WCRC vs WCTC



Jennifer Scriabine
2003 WCRC President

Do you know the difference between the Walnut Creek Racquet Club and the Walnut Creek Tennis Center? Most people confuse the two, and in some cases, are not even aware that they are two separate entities. In general, the Walnut Creek Tennis Center manages all of the city of Walnut Creek's public tennis courts and the Walnut Creek Racquet Club runs leagues and tournaments utilizing those same courts.

This newsletter is one benefit of being a member of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club. In addition, you are eligible to compete in many tournaments: Valentine's Day, Calcutta, Mixed Doubles Club Championship, the Men and Women's Club Championships, and the Turkey Tournament. We also sponsor all of the USTA tennis teams that play on the Walnut Creek public courts. Currently, the most successful programs we offer are the Winter Doubles League and the Summer Singles League, each with over 400 participants. Membership is a bargain at \$25 for Walnut Creek residents and \$30 for non-residents. Renewals are \$15/20 per year respectively and that's for an entire family. As **Judy Stillman**, former membership chairperson, used to say, "How often do you write a check for \$25?"

One thing that is not included in the Walnut Creek Racquet Club membership is court fees for the Heather Farm tennis courts. That's because the courts are managed by the Walnut Creek Tennis Center. The Tennis Center staff, led by **Jim Farber**, has been contracted by the city to manage all of Walnut Creek's public tennis courts. The city sets the rates for light fees, daily court use fees and the yearly court usage cards. Only a very small percentage of the court usage cards revenue goes to the Tennis Center, all of the other revenue goes directly to the city. Be sure and buy a yearly card and keep yours current.

The Walnut Creek Tennis Center runs four USTA sponsored tournaments every year: the Spring Fling, the Walnut Festival, the Cracker tournament and the Qualifier. They also offer lessons, both private and group, for all ages in addition to youth summer camps. Every Friday, you'll see one of the staff (usually **Dave Sperry**) making the rounds to the outlying courts (Rudgear, Larkey, Northgate & Arbolado) to blow them, check the nets, empty the trash and to do any other necessary maintenance. The Tennis Center is also a bargain, at just \$150 per year for a court use card, which is what many people pay monthly at a private club.

If you have any other questions you can always contact anyone on the WCRC Board or contact the Tennis Center at 925-945-0105.

Jennifer Scriabine



**New Member
Information
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Tennis News



2003 Club Championships

Volunteers needed to help run the 2003 Club Championships on August 16-17, 23-24! We need assistance with food shopping, food preparation, tournament desk, set up and clean up. If you are interested please contact either **Kent Lindeman** at 925-943-5745 or **Jennifer Scriabine** 925-939-4328.

WCRC Teams “Kickoff” Inaugural CCTA Season

Six WCRC teams participated in the Contra Costa Tennis Association’s (CCTA) “Kickoff Weekend”, held July 19-20 at ClubSport Valley Vista. Despite temperatures in the mid-90s (and an on court reading of 120 degrees!), players enjoyed friendly team competition, a BBQ, T-shirts and a tennis trivia contest.

Women’s 3.5 play dominated the event as 11 teams from around the county are entered in this division. **Carolyn Spady’s “Loyal Ones”** squad opened the weekend with a 4-1 loss to a tough Crow Canyon CC team, which was followed by a 4-1 win by **Karen Hirtzel’s “Retrievers”** against Oakhurst CC. **Tammie Snyder** picked up a key 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 win at #2 singles to help clinch the win. **Susie Dunlap’s “Creekers”** gained a 4-1 decision over ClubSport San Ramon while **Carmen Duarte’s “Tiebreakers”** dropped a tough 3-2 decision to ClubSport Valley Vista, which won both of their opening weekend matches.

On the Men’s side, **Robert Goldstein’s 3.5 “Strings”** team lost 4-1 to ClubSport Valley Vista, with the single WCRC point secured by **Pete Fong** and



The Loyal Ones

Debashis Panda at #1 doubles by a 7-6 (8), 6-4 tally. Despite straight set wins by **Mike Joe** at #1 Singles and **Robert Young** and **Tosh Kuritsubo** at #2 Doubles, **Gerry Brown’s** 3.5 team lost 3-2 to Pleasant Hill TC. A Men’s 3.0 team, captained by **Stuart Levitas**, will also represent the WCRC in the CCTA, however they did not see action during the “Kickoff.”

The league’s regular season will last through the end of September, with a team tournament scheduled for October 11-12 & 18-19 at St. Mary’s College. The CCTA’s title sponsor is **Richlen Construction**, whose president, **Rich Zavala**, is a regular at Heather Farm. For more information about the league or CCTA, please contact **Kent Lindeman** at (925) 472-5900 or info@ccta.cc.

2003 WCRC Club Championships

Men’s & Women’s Singles and Doubles
August 16-17 & 23-24, 2003

Register now for the most prestigious WCRC tournament of the year – the 2003 Club Championships! Winners will receive prizes, their name on the permanent trophy plaques in the Tennis Center and special recognition at the club’s Annual Winter Party in early 2004. However, if you don’t care about all that – just play it to have some fun and enjoy the BBQ! Remember, you must be a current WCRC member to participate.

LOCATION: Walnut Creek Tennis Center



The Creekers



Tennis News



ENTRY FEES: \$12/person Singles; \$20/team Doubles

DIVISIONS: Men's A (4.5+)
Men's B (4.0)
Men's C (3.0-3.5)
Women's A (4.0+)
Women's B (3.5)
Women's C (3.0)

ENTRIES BY: Monday, August 11

Choose one of four easy ways to register!

- Register on-line with a credit card at:
<http://www.tennisinformation.com/tourny/4/7/1/6/4/9/7/default.asp>
- Download a registration form at:
http://www.wcrc.net/2003_Club_Championships.pdf
- Complete the registration form found on page 7 in the this issue of The Court Reporter
- Fill out a registration form at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center

If you have any questions, please contact **Kent Lindeman** at jkilindeman@astound.net or via phone at (925) 943-5745.

WCRC Teams Head to USTA District Playoffs

Two WCRC teams will be headed to USTA District Playoffs on August 8-10 at Round Hill Country Club after completing successful regular seasons and navigating the treacherous waters of Local Playoffs.

Jane Ladrech's Women's 3.5 team rolled through the regular season with an unblemished 10-0 record and continued their dominance with a 4-1 win over Orindawoods in the opening round of Local Playoffs, led by singles wins by **Suzanne Beck** and **Valerie Fung-a-Ling**. The doubles tandems of **Ladrech/Gill Foong** and **Shari Huber/Darcy Lopes** spearheaded a 4-1 win over Moraga Country Club in Round #2, leading to a showdown with **Terri Hernandez's Women's 3.5** team for a ticket to Districts. Hernandez's squad had finished with a 10-1 regular season record and secured the top seed in their flight. Ladrech's team prevailed in a hard-fought 3-2 match, played at St. Mary's on July 25.

Nick Scriabine's Men's 4.0 team, which consists

of many of the same players who advanced to Sectionals in 2001, compiled a solid 8-0 regular season record and easily breezed through Local Playoffs with 4-1 wins against Round Hill and then Valley Vista. This time around, they look to avoid the controversial roller coaster ride of two years ago when the team finished second in round robin play but advanced to Carmel when the winning team's singles player was DQ'ed for playing out of class.

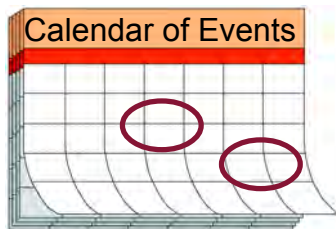
Other teams still fighting for a spot in districts at press time were **Stephanie Law's Women's 3.0** team, which had won two rounds of playoffs and facing Oakhurst Country Club for the right to advance and **Tammy Chan's Men's 5.0** team, which had leapfrogged **Martin Dunlap's Men's 5.0** squad with a strong end of season winning streak to make playoffs with a 9-3 record.

Additional WCRC playoff results...**Laurie Brunkow's Women's 4.0** team (7-4) upset **Judy Griffith's** previously unbeaten **Women's 4.0** team (11-0) in the opening round of Local Playoffs, with key wins by **Garbo Berger** at #2 singles and **Marybeth Kolding/Janet Gee & Randy Chen-Tse/Wendy Chow** in doubles. In the process, they avenged an earlier season 5-0 loss to Griffith's team but could not keep the momentum going the following week, as they traveled to Round Hill and lost, 4-1... **Ritz Utz's Women's 3.5** team made the playoffs with a solid 7-3 record, but were overmatched against Hernandez's 3.5 team, dropping a 4-1 decision in the first round...**Don Loeffler's Men's 3.5** team, which was the sole WCRC representative at Sectionals in 2002, was beaten 3-2 in the second round by Pinole Park, a team that had also defeated them in the regular season.

WCRC Team Young & Hoyer Win Another One...

Robert Young and **Jay Hoyer** did it again in winning the Sonoma Taco Summer NTRP tournament in Men's 3.5 Doubles. While winning the final 6-0, 6-1 wasn't that interesting, Robert having to play with a borrowed racquet was.

Seems he backed his Mustang over his tennis bag, crushing all three of his racquets just before the match. Jay, being the supportive partner, remained calm and commented, "It might be a good time to demo some newer racquets".



W C R C
**MARK YOUR
 CALENDAR**

AUGUST

- 8-10** USTA Adult District Championships
- 8** Friday Night Drop-In Tennis
- 11** USTA Combo League Begins
- 16-17** WCRC Club Championships - Singles/Doubles
- 22** Friday Night Drop-In Tennis
- 22-24** USTA Adult Sectional Championships
- 23-24** WCRC Club Championships - Singles/Doubles

SEPTEMBER

- 6-7** Walnut Festival NTRP
- 8-9** USTA Super Seniors Sectional Championships
- 13-14** Walnut Festival NTRP
- 14** WCRC Summer Singles Leagues Ends
- 23** 2003 USTA Senior Season Begins
- 26-27** USTA Fifty Mixed Sectional Championships
- 26-28** WCRC Summer Singles Tournament - Round

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.

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**. The next Drop in doubles tennis will be August 8th, 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!

Other upcoming drop-ins:

August 22nd



**TREASURER'S
 REPORT**

Gabe Goldstein



Income Statement:
 as of June 30, 2003

Balance - June 1, 2003 14,828.62

Income

Little Siebel Tournament '03	500.00
Awards Banquet	2,500.00
Bank Interest	13.28
Advertising Income	780.00
Incentive Award-USTA	1,355.00
Membership Dues	9,615.00
Silent Auction	1,741.00
Board Dinner	230.00
Siebel Open Trip '03	2,994.00
Summer Singles League '03	100.00
Winter Doubles League '03	6,500.00
Calcutta Tournament	5,919.50

Total Income 32,247.78

Expenses

Little Siebel '03	211.22
Donations	785.00
Light Fund Payment	3,000.00
Insurance	325.00
Membership Brochures	42.22
Member Directory	1,477.61
Newsletters - Court Reporter	3,302.71
Postage	1,207.40
Printing & Duplicating	25.97
Supplies	181.08
Website	454.18
Awards Banquet '03	2,250.42
Board Dinner Expenses	707.54
Siebel Open Trip '03	4,238.90
Winter Doubles League '03	4,117.75
Calcutta Tournament	5,666.23
Club Championship '02	828.60
New Member Night Mixer	96.15

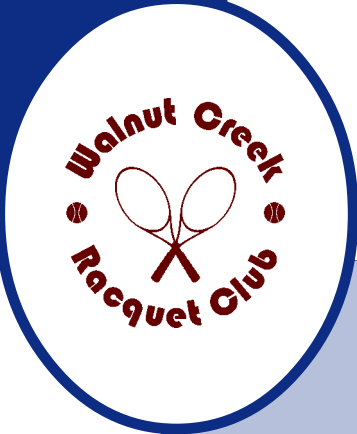
Total Expenses 28,917.98

Profit (Loss) 3,329.80

Balance - June 30, 2003 18,158.42

**2003
CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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



**August 16-17 &
23-24, 2003**

WHEN: August 16-17 & 23-24, 2003

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: \$12/person - Singles; \$20/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
Monday, August 11

'02 CHAMPIONS:

Women's A Singles	Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein
Women's B Singles	Valerie Fung-a-Ling
Women's A Doubles	Kim Lackey & Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein
Women's B Doubles	Jane Ladrech & Valerie Fung-a-Ling
Men's A Singles	Kent Lindeman
Men's B Singles	Long Nguyen
Men's C Singles	Philip Hensley
Men's A Doubles	Chris Bown & Mark Litzau
Men's B Doubles	Greg Lane & Eric Ladrech
Men's C Doubles	Bill Conk & Tom Whittington

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ Rating _____

Email _____

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Email _____

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

Male Singles Men's A Women's A
 Female Doubles Men's B Women's B
 Men's C Women's C

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NTRP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE • 2003

August 1-3

JOHNSON RANCH ROUND UP NTRP
MW(3.5-5.5)sd, MX(3.5-5.5)d
Johnson Ranch Racquet Club
Entry deadline: July 17
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500013103

August 9-10, 16-17

CLUBSPORT PLEASANTON AUGUST NTRP
M(3.0, 5.0)s, W(3.0-4.5)s, M(3.0-5.0)d, W(3.5-4.5)d
ClubSport Pleasanton
Entry deadline: July 25
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500013603

August 9-10, 16-17

CUPERTINO 3.0 NTRP
MW(3.0)sd, MX(3.0)d
Sunnyvale Tennis Center
Entry deadline: July 28
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500013703

August 23-24, 31 - September 1

SOUTH BAY NTRP CHAMPIONSHIP
MW(3.0-4.0)sd; MX(3.0-40)d
Sunnyvale Tennis Center
Entry deadline: August 11
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500014703

August 23-24, 31 - September 1

101ST ANNUAL SF CITY NTRP CHAMPIONSHIPS
MW(4.5-5.5)sd, MX(4.5-5.5)d
Golden Gate Tennis Club
Entry deadline: August 11
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500014503

August 30 - September 1

34TH ANNUAL NTRP TOURNAMENT
MW(3.5-5.0)sd, MX(3.5-5.0)d
Sonoma State University
Entry deadline: August 15
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500014903