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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy Holidays!



Pam Maloney
2004 WCRC President

Hopefully your Thanksgiving turkey is long gone and you're ready to welcome the Christmas and Hanukkah season with open arms and empty stomach! This time of year as the temperature drops, the leaves change color and blow away, and the tennis courts become less crowded, I love it all and get a little sentimental over the past year. WCRC has made some great strides in 2004 and I'm happy to have been a part of a great Board that's worked hard to continue bringing fun tennis events to your doorstep. 2004 is almost over though, and so is my year's commitment to the position of President. I think the normal process would be for me to proudly announce your new President for 2005 but I can't do that just yet because we're still looking for someone to step up to the plate. What an opportunity!

So now, a little club news. Karen Hirtzel, Turkey Tournament Director Extradonaire, reports that despite a few hiccups the folks who played in the tournament had a great day. Thanks to Karen and all the other volunteers who helped pull this event together!

Judy Stillman reports that sign-ups for our winter doubles is off and running. The new, easy-to-use system Shari Gonzalez created on wrcr.net is working smoothly and taking a lot of the manual work out of this very popular event.

The Kirk's 7.0 Mixed from 2004 went to Nationals in late November which was a tremendous accomplishment. Based on the web site, it looks like they met an extremely tough team in the semi-finals so I hope they've submitted an article so we can read about their experience. Congratulations are in order for their tremendous effort and skill which took them through a season most of us only dream about!

Last, the Board met in early December to make final decisions on the January 14 party. There's a flyer in this newsletter and a sign-up form will be on the web site soon. It's going to be a BLAST so please put the date on your calendar and plan on joining us to start the new year out right.

See ya on the courts!

Pam



**New Member
Information
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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"/> Men's 3.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's 4.0
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's 4.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Men's 5.0/5.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 2.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's 3.0
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's 3.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's 4.0
<input type="checkbox"/> Women's 4.5/5.0 |
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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 94596

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

REPORT FROM THE USTA NORCAL ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.

You might think from the title and agenda of this meeting it was intended as a venue for USTA Member Organizations to come together once a year and review the past year's accomplishments and listen to input from member organizations to plan next years projects. The reality of it is far from that.

Here is a copy of the agenda so you can keep score...

USTA Northern California 2004 Annual Meeting

Marriott Fremont, Fremont CA • 46100 Landing Parkway
November 6, 2004 1 PM



Agenda

1. Roll Call of Active Organization Members
2. Introduction of Guests, including USTA President-elect Franklin Johnson
3. Reading of Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Reports of Committees
7. Old and New Business
8. Election of Directors
9. Adjournment

1: The roll call consisted nothing more than the statement *"We have a quorum"*.

2: Mr. Johnson gave a short speech about the goals of USTA, explained why the "Welcome Centers" weren't a great success last year, and took questions from the floor. With the exception of one question concerning how out of whack the ratings are, all questions were about the need for USTA to support the Tennis Channel. I don't know where this concern about the Tennis Channel came from, but it sure took up the majority of time.

3: As with most meetings, the minutes were handled without much ado.

4: The Secretary's Report was so unmemorable, I don't even remember it happening.

5: The Treasure's Report was nothing more than stating "We are on budget" and "If you would like a copy of the printout, we have them at the desk". Nothing was brought up about how much money was lost to NorCal because of TPI, or anything else as a matter of fact.

6: We were given copies of reports from various committees summing up their accomplishments for the year. I immediately turned to the report from leagues to see what was said about TPI. While the committee felt *"...many programs and initiatives were accomplished, some had great outcomes and some were less successful and very trying for staff, committee members and, ultimately, the players...."*, was the only comment about the TPI pilot resulting in a 60% drop of player participation in Combo League.

7: None

8: With the opening statement *"Now we get to the real reason we are all here today, can we agree to keep the election down to 60 minutes?"*, a whole new world opened up to me.

At first I thought it a strange request, but as time passed I began to see just how the system of electing board members works. The rule is if you aren't present at the meeting, you can't vote. The election of NorCal board members does not happen by clubs simply casting their votes, but by those same clubs transferring their proxies over to people to vote for them. What in affect happens is proxies are turned over to people who have been at it a long, long time. A single club's vote means little as this small group, having been at it for years, is armed with enough proxies from larger member organizations to pick whoever they want to be on the board.

The power brokers are Jim Bedilion, Fred Tierney (with Kim Fuller's backing), Paul Kepler and Rosie Bareis and Mark Manning. New junior members to this group are Philip Stromer and Jean Hassoun. These are the people who decided who sits at the board table. I was amazed to watch the process unfold throughout the hour. People huddle in groups to decide if their favorites have enough votes to guarantee a seat on the board. This year the magic number was 10,000 votes. Private lists of votes were tabulated and when it was determined all the power brokers had enough votes for their favorite people, they voted.

From the looks of the huddled groups, it was decided long ago who was going to be on the 2005 board. Despite coming to the meeting with more than 3,000 votes from local clubs, including WCRC, PHTC, Big C, Rancho Colorados, Round Hill, SVTC and half of WCTC votes, without the early blessing from a power broker, I could not get elected. It was a great learning experience, something I'll probably not try again.

See ya on the courts
Robert Young

Annual Awards Banquet & Casino Night

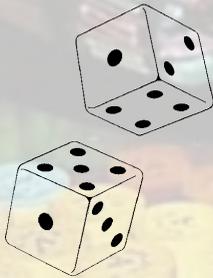
When: Friday, January 14th • 6:30 -10:30

Where: Shadelands Art Center (111 N. Wiget, WC)

Cost: \$25/in advance • \$30/at the door*

Questions: Tammy Chan at 324-0524

***(includes \$25 chips) Additional chips will be available**



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

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Email: _____

No. of reservations: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send check to:

WCRC c/o Tammy Chan
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Questions? Call Tammy at 324-0524
or email her at: tammychan@sbcglobal.net

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein

Income Statement:
as of August 31, 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	14.48
Advertising	780.00
Membership Dues	11,048.00
Silent Auction	1,610.00
Board Dinner	270.00
Summer Singles	2,025.00
Friday Night Team Tennis	52.00
Calcutta Tournament	1,610.00
Valentines Tournament	485.00
Mixed Doubles Club Championships	420.00

Total Income 26,420.48

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	5,270.17
Non-Profit Fees	44.92
Postage	1,266.14
Printing/Duplicating	146.86
Supplies	956.87
Website	569.58
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
Awards Banquet '05	1,095.00
Nationals - 7.0	500.00

Total Expenses 31,661.65

Profit (Loss) -5,241.17

Balance September 30, 2004 \$7,307.90



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HELP WANTED

Looking for a fun way to spend the second Tuesday evening of each month?

Here's your opportunity to join at least 12 other folks for a lively evening. Just join the WCRC Board for the 2005 year and the possibilities are endless. There's no pay, no perks, no glory but **WE NEED YOU!**

No matter what your skills, we can train you.

Contact any Board member with questions or just to say yes!