



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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Calcutta!

Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Glenn McBee
2018 WCRC President

June 2018

Hope the summer of 2018 is off to a great start for you!

So much great tennis happening at the WCRC. We had a blast at Calcutta dinner and tourney. The Winter's Doubles tourney was equally fun. Next up is "The Longest Tennis Rally" event on June 16, Then Mid-Summer in July. Always details in our newsletter and blasted emails.

I can see that many have taken to our Summer Singles league. If you haven't signed up yet, still plenty of time as the season continues until late September. You can sign up at <http://www.wcrc.net/Leagues/Login.aspx>.

Lots of good things happening with our club! A shade structure is in the works as are 2 Pickle ball courts and a new Instructional tennis court. But your help is needed. Check into the Tennis Center and to see the plan and learn how you can help.

"OUR voice counts". Now we need to keep our voice loud and clear to the City and Lifetime and our own club. We all are eager to hear your ideas and thoughts on issues important to you. One way to voice your opinion and/or show your support is to attend Parks Recreation and Open Space meetings (PROS) or attend City Council meetings. PROS meet 1st Monday of even numbered month. City council 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, all at City Hall.

Congratulations to our WCRC teams that were winners at SECTIONALS!

W3.5 A (Daytime) - Krisztina Kohlhaas.

W4.0 A (Daytime) - Myrl Kan.

W4.0 D - Tina Sorensen Berman's team is heading to Nationals!

And the winners at the first 18-39 playoffs!
Carlos Carbajal 8.5

Be well and we will see you on the courts!

Glenn

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Our **30** New Members
Current Membership: **1335**

Isaac Benally	Concord	4.0	Peter Imburg	Piedmont	3.5
Seleste Buriani	Vacaville	4.0	Jessica Kelmon	Concord	3.5
Scot Cunningham	Moraga	4.5	Rachael Kiker	Concord	3.5
Jessica Datte	Concord	4.5	Shayne Kirk	Lafayette	3.0
Jessica de Jesus	Walnut Creek	4.5	Linda Kornguth	Orinda	4.0
Ted Dobbs	Walnut Creek	3.5	Jim Krochka	Walnut Creek	4.0
Diane Dupuy	Danville	4.0	Hosoon Ku	San Ramon	4.0
Akiva Elias	Orinda	4.5	George Lemp	Castro Valley	3.5
Demain Entrekin	Oakland	4.5	Lindsey Lim	Walnut Creek	2.5
Sally Fitzhugh	Oakland	4.0	Thomas Mcnichol	Oakland	3.5
Oscar Goodwin	Concord	3.0	Matt Nolan	Orinda	3.5
Betsy Gwynn	Walnut Creek	3.5	Kevin Pfeffinger	Walnut Creek	4.5
Jason Hsieh	Alamo	3.5	Deb Rechnitz	Orinda	4.0
			Kristine Strong	Vacaville	4.0
			Ramkrishna Vepa	Danville	3.5
			Al Vigil	Fairfield	4.0
			Alan Yee	Oakland	3.0



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Lifetime Activities **What's Happening at the Courts?**

Summer Is Here!

As temperatures heat up, Lifetime Activities would like to remind our patrons to exercise caution in the hotter weather. Sun protection (sunscreen, hats, sunglasses) and light-colored clothing are recommended. Stay safe and hydrated! See you on the courts!

Spring Classes & Summer Camps Spring and Summer registration is ongoing. Extended Care and All-Day Camp options are available. We are also offering Adult Pickleball, Youth Badminton, Youth Table Tennis and Youth Chess Combo Classes at Tice Gym. You can register and preview offerings online on our newly updated website: www.lifetimeactivities.com or stop by the office.

Monthly Pass Holder's Specials: All Court Usage Pass Holders are invited to claim a FREE CANNED SODA or WATER for the month of June. Bottled juices and power drinks are not included. One free drink per passholder please.



Want to Play with the Pro? Our USPTA Certified Pro Duncan Leiggi will be hosting Round Robin Clinics every Friday (8-10PM). Space is limited, so be sure to sign up in advance to hold your spot. (\$5.00 Pass Holders, \$10.00 Non-Pass Holders) See you on the courts!

Visit us online at lifetimeactivities.com or stop by the office at 1751 Heather Drive.
Please call with any questions at 925-945-0105.



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The WCRC is now on Facebook!

Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/WalnutCreekRC/>

Here you can find updates on:

USTA leagues and teams

WCRC leagues (Winter Doubles, Summer Singles, Fall Mixed)

Other WCRC events (e.g. Calcutta, Mid-Summer Night Tennis)

Come check us out!



40+ 4.0 Women's Team Head to Vegas Baby!

by Tina Sorensen

First of the month was our stop at Districts. Our gals fought hard and played their hearts out. We had a tough, close flight. In the end we won our flight by one individual match! Every single person's effort counted! What a win!

And then on to Sectionals!

What an amazing journey (so far-let's keep this train rollin'!) with an outstanding group of strong, fun, competitive women! Everyone gave their absolute all at Sectionals and we took the weekend 5-0, 3-2, 5-0!



Wendy Alvarado-Zheng, Monya Lane, Judy Cummins, Babe Franey, Kelly Estes, Tina Sorensen Berman, Wyler Collo, Ashley Kechter, Kim Kunst.

Not pictured: Martha Spanos, Deb Etzel, Sharon Cahill, Amanda Vannortwick, Susie Gabe and Mary Conversano.



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To get all the way to Nationals is a lofty goal and Wyler and I are so honored to be captaining this championship team! Big Shout out to all of our wonderful sideline supporters that trekked up to Sac to cheer us on: Todd, Bill, Bernie, Bob, Joan and Susie. And a HUGE special Thanks to our coach, Taylor Long! Just Do It Tay! On top of that we ALL thank our dear, supportive WCRC family for cheering us on and through and for the many congratulations! It's such a fantastic club! Next stop: VEGAS BABY!

Right: Deb Etzel, Monya Lane, Ashley Kechter, Wyler Collo, Tina Sorensen, Wendy Alvarado-Zheng, Martha Spanos, Kelly Estes, Kim Kunst, Sharon Cahill, in front Judy Cummins

Not pictured: Susie Gabe, Babe Franey, Amanda Vannortwick, Mary Conversano

Below: Judy Cummins, Wendy Alvarado-Zheng, Tina Sorensen, Kelly Estes, Ashley Kechter, Wyler Collo, Martha Spanos, Monya Lane, Kim Kunst, Sharon Cahill



Nationals!





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40+ 4.0 Women's Daytime Goes for 4 Sweeps!

by Leonard Young & Myrl Kan

The Walnut Creek 40+ Women's Day team had a fairly successful regular season. They finished 7-3 in 2nd place. Oakhurst Country Club completed their season with a shining 10-0 record. Though 10-0 sounds pretty intimidating, Oakhurst CC won 8 of their matches 2-1 and had 2 at 3-0. Walnut Creek also had 2 at 3-0 and the remainder of their matches decided by 1 match difference. So practically every match was close. Oakhurst CC seemed to be the strong favorite in our playoff since they had defeated WC twice in the season. Well, 3 times the charm. WC defeated Oakhurst 2-1 to advance to the NorCal Sectionals at Gold River Racquet Club in Sacramento.

The playoff upset definitely set the stage for an incredible weekend. Through all of our seasons, Captain Myrl and I know the 1st round on Friday will dictate the destiny of a team. An 0-3 sweep would make it nearly impossible to make it through the flight to reach the finals. A 2-1 victory would be great start and keep us in the hunt. With 2 lines battling toe to toe in deciding super tiebreakers, we happily opened with a 3-0 sweep. On Saturday, we had 1 line extended to a super tiebreaker but we prevailed with another 3-0 win. We then worked out all the math for the 3rd match and figured that we needed 1 line to win to advance the team to the finals. So we decided not to take any chances. Myrl wore her lucky shoes since day 1 and I wore the same socks as Saturday.



We maintained not just our winning ways but also our string of sweeps. The finals had 1 line breeze through 2 sets but the remaining 2 lines grinded out super tie breakers. Just like in the movie, "Silver Lining Playbook", I would move Mike Schmidt from chair to chair (a private joke). Dolores was told by her opponent that she



noticed how Dolores really picked up her game since Mike changed chairs.

I felt a combination of our talented players, superstition and irony all were a part of our success this weekend. In 1987, my 3.5 mens team from Napa made it to Sectionals at Gold River Racquet Club. On the day of the finals, our 1st singles player, Mark, couldn't play due to his wedding in Hawaii. We ended up winning and played Nationals in Las Vegas. Well, Saturday nite, on Facebook, I happen to see Mark is in Hawaii. Hmm.. Gold River, finals, Hawaii and Vegas for Nationals this year? History repeated itself. We won the



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finals with a bang, ending our season with the 4th 3-0 sweep in a row. The only down side is that all of the other winners in the Night leagues are advancing to Las Vegas for Nationals. It's not offered to Day leagues yet. What an unbelievable way to close the post season. Four sweeps in Sectionals is extremely rare.

We're very proud of the



team. Not only for their skill and talent, but for the exceptional camaraderie and support of each other. Thank you all for making it happen - Vickie Barclay, Elinor Axup, Garbo Berger, Devon Brodhead, Jennifer Caruso, Mary Conversano, Jessie Due, Lee Ann Gove, Laurie Lowery, Pam Maloney, Lisa McGuinnesses, Sally McKay, Nancy Oneill, Karen Pearson, Laura Rathkamp, Casey Sasner, Dolores Schmidt, Nancy Wilson, Margaret Worden.

Way to go CREEK!

Sectionals

Gold River (Moon River) by Leonard Young

Gold River, we drove for 60 miles
You brought alot of smiles Sunday.
From dream maker to winning tiebreakers
It seemed all of our matches were going our way.

Creek ladies played Sectionals,
They were exceptional each day.
We're all chasing the same silver plates,
Given at the end,
My Daytime 4.0 friends
had finished 1st place.



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The Good Times Keep Rolling as Daytime 3.5 Women Win Sectionals

Walnut Creek's Daytime 3.5 Women, AKA Team Good Times, won the NorCal Sectional to keep the Walnut Creek winning streak going! This was the second victory in a row for captains Krisztina Kohlhaas and Susan Sovik, who also swept the Daytime 6.5 Combo Sectional for the win last season.



Good Times duked it out in a nailbiter Sectional Final against Bay Club Ross Valley. Despite their singles ringer who was 22-0 at 3.5 and 6-2 at 4.0 for the year, our very own Diane Maas showed her who was boss in a supertie to win the match.

On line 1 doubles Susan Sovik and Deidre Rubcich lost their first set ever out of 20+ matches, but came back to secure the win in a supertie, as well. On line 2 doubles, Robin Elawady and Krisztina Kohlhaas beat



a pair of undefeated gals who were certainly surprised at the outcome. Another Good Times sweep for the prize!

Thanks to all of our amazing players for an awesome season: Debbie Alster, Terri Coleman, Robin Elawady, Regina Hughes, Betsy Kemp, Marije Kentie, Soyoun Kim, Krisztina Kohlhaas (Captain), Somi Lim, Diane Maas, Esther Parti, Kim Phillips, Claudia Polidori, Ali Rago, Deidre Rubcich, Susan Sovik (Co-Captain), Shawnley Walton

Laissez les bon temps roulez!



Sectionals



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40+ 3.5 Men Come Up Just Short...

Our team had a hecka' season! We enjoyed our three days at Broadstone for Districts.

Coulda' been a different story as we did so well to get to 10 STB, but only won 2... Next year guys!

Joshua Aroner, Rajan Balasubramanian, Tony Belbis, Reid Cooper, Bob Garrett, Joe Ibrahim, Richard Jung, Greg Kalustian, Robert Lugo, Pat Lyon, Greg Maroulas, Glenn McBee, Greg McWard, Ahmed Murad, Eric Olson, Franz Riedel, Mark Vella, Corey Wilson, Patrick Wu, Ken Young.



Sectionals





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18-39 League: A HUGE SUCCESS

8.5 Crowned NorCal Champs

7.5 and 9.5 made it to PLAYOFFS

This was a new league that USTA introduced this year, and we are so happy to be able to participate. The season wasn't always smooth sailing; with rain outs, reschedules, multiple defaults by opponents, and even a NO SHOW by the opponents at Playoffs. While Walnut Creek 7.5 A and 9.5 A did not make the championship weekend during the end of April, we had a great run and a very competitive season. The 8.5 team went on to compete during the Championship weekend on April 28th and 29th at St Mary's College. After a couple of very close matches, we were crowned NORCAL CHAMPS for the 8.5



NorCal 8.5 Champs: (from L-R) Amanda Hanley, Alyssa Hilgen, Mariah Mandt, Isabella Galang (Co-Captain), Carlos Carbajal (Captain), Ryan Meganck, Elliot Feinberg. (Not Pictured: Devon Brodhead, Natalie Chan, Danny Geren, Carlos Gonzalez, Dan Pottorff, Majid Qureshi, Chris Seta, Melissa Heng Steele)

(Above): Mariah's Run Club came to cheer her and Melissa on during the 2nd match. They had the best cheers and signs!

(Right): Members of the 8.5 and 9.5 teams at Mariah and Kehl's house for an end of season party!





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This June, we will hold our third annual The Longest Day®, a fundraising event benefiting the Alzheimer's Association and to honor a caregiver, a person living with the disease or someone they've lost, while raising funds and awareness. There are 2 options to support.

First, you can join us in our Longest Tennis Rally event which will be held on Saturday 6/16 from 4pm to 8pm at the courts at Heather Farm. The purpose of the day is a fundraiser to advance Alzheimer's care, support and research. Last year we were the #1 tennis fund raiser in the nation! We will have food, drink and lots of entertaining colleagues. If you want to participate in tennis (round robin style) you must donate a minimum of \$50 @ http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=10935&pg=personal&px=12062397 and send me an email (glennmabee@gmail.com). Participation will be limited to 48 players. We will form mixed teams for an evening of fun tennis.

Second, if you can't join us for the tennis rally then please donate today and show your love for the 47 million people living with Alzheimer's worldwide, and the generous caregivers.

Visit my fundraising page @ http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=10935&pg=personal&px=12062397 and make a secure credit card donation today. Your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Thank you for your support!

Glenn McBee





Calcutta





Friday night fun





Saturday Tournament



Saturday Tournament

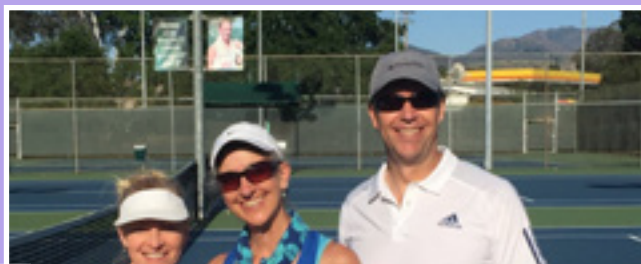


Saturday Tournament



Calcutta Results

In the Main Draw: Brian Farr bought the winning team of Dexter Loo and Krisztina Kohlhaas with a +7 handicap for the bargain price of \$75. The finalist team of Peter Lowden and Lynelle Boorey (who won the consolation round last year) came up just short with a 23-31 loss. Brian came out ahead with a check for \$1,320! Dexter and Krisztina split \$360 while Peter and Lynelle shared \$280. Peter and Lynelle's owner Teri Frangie brought home \$800 for her \$60 investment.



In the Consolation Draw: Brian Italia bought the winning pair of Shri Swaminathan and Richelle Buchholz (+10 handicap) for \$80 and took home \$600. Shri and Richelle split \$240 for their efforts against consolation finalists Pat Beauchemin and Daljeet Singh (-3 handicap). This match was so tight and exciting it went down to 30-30 before Richelle and Shri finished off the match! Team KK bought Pat and Daljeet for \$240 and his team split \$280 for owning the finalist team. Pat and Daljeet split \$120 for their efforts.





Heads vs Tails

A Tennis Parable

by Steve Dellanno

The tennis gods that sit high upon the mountains surrounding Indian Wells decided to have some fun and play a little game with the mortals competing at the BNP Paribas Open this year. The main match for the day was between Jimmy Heads and Bobby Tails in Stadium 1. The gods would flip a coin to decide which player won each point during the match and see what would happen. This was particularly amusing to the gods because Jimmy Heads and Bobby Tails had a long history of playing each other and were for all practical purposes equal in all ways. With a coin toss there was a 50/50 chance of winning or losing each point regardless of who was serving and receiving, which wasn't very far from the truth of the matter.

The match started on Stadium 1 to a full crowd, and as you would expect, the first set was very close. Heads took the early lead going up 3-1, but Tails fought back to even it up at 3-3. After exchanging games the score was 5-5 until Heads put some shots together and prevailed winning the last two games with a first set score of 7-5.

After giving the first set all he had, Bobby Tails went down fast in the second set losing the first four games to Jimmy Heads who took control and won the set going away at 6-1. Final score Jimmy Heads over Bobby Tails 7-5,6-1. A strong win for Heads.

During the post match press conference, Jimmy Heads was very happy and felt he played the best tennis of his career dispatching his nemesis in a decisive victory. Bobby Tails felt terrible and could not understand why he played so poorly in the second set and vowed to practice harder and longer.

The gods just laughed. They had their fun with Jimmy Heads and Bobby Tails. They flipped the coin 110 times with Heads coming up 67 times and Tails 43 times. The result: 7-5,6-1.

So the next time you play poorly against that player that is equal to you in ability, maybe you didn't play so badly, but maybe the tennis gods were just flipping a coin and having fun with you.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

2018

Jun

Jun 3-8	USTA 65+ Team Playoffs Round 2
Jun 11	USTA 55+ Team Season Opens
Jun 16	WCRC Longest Day Alzheimer Tournament
Jun 18-20	USTA 65+ Team Sectionals
Jun 24	USTA 18+ Team Season Closes
Jun 25	USTA 18+ Mixed Team Season Opens
Jun 29-Jul 1	USTA 18+ Team Playoffs Round 1

Jul

Jul 13-Jul 15	USTA 18+ Team Playoffs Round 2
Jul 16	USTA Combo Team Registration Opens

Aug

Aug 3-5	USTA 18+ Team Districts
Aug 13	USTA Combo Team Registration Closes
Aug 17-19	USTA 18+ Team Sectionals

Sep

Sep 2	USTA 55+ Team Season Closes
Sep 16	USTA 18+ Mixed Team Season Closes
Sep 17	USTA Combo Team Season Opens

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tammie Snyder
as of April, 2018



Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit and Loss

April 2018

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
League Dues	0.00
Summer Singles League	715.93
Winter Doubles League	<u>95.59</u>
Total League Dues	\$ 811.52
Membership Dues	<u>2,509.72</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 3,321.24</u>
Gross Profit	\$ 3,321.24
Expenses	
District Fees	990.00
Postage and Delivery	35.00
Sectionals Fees	330.00
Website	<u>109.85</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 1,464.85</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$ 1,856.39</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 1,856.39</u>

Balance as of April, 2018 \$39,473.29

Summer Singles League - Standings

Men's

	W	L
3.0		
Cy Lucas	2	0
3.5		
Fernando Saenz	8	0
4.0		
Charan Sarjapur	4	1
Fraser Ireland	4	1
Jerry O'Neal	4	1
4.5		
Jeff Magidson	4	1

Women's

	W	L
3.0		
Mendy Gonzales	3	0
3.5		
Thanh Dinh	4	1
4.0		
Diane Maas	1	0
Stacey Blackman	1	0