

# THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club

September, 2013

Carollyn Vogler has some serious concentration while striking a ground stroke at the 4.5W Sectionals. Post season she never lost a match and finished 11-1 for her season.



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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**Sterling Fairholm**  
2013 WCRC President

## Happy September WCRC!

August was a big month for USTA tennis as both Districts and Sectionals were played in a two week stretch. Congratulations to all our districts teams we mentioned last week, you represented the WCRC well. We had one team move on to sectionals, our 4.0 Men's team was just a couple tiebreaks away from a shot at Nationals. Great work gents.

Mixed USTA playoffs start in just a couple weeks and congratulations to **John Sovik's** 6.0 and 7.0 team, **David Lipnicke's** 6.0, **Sterling Fairholm's** 7.0, **Tammie Snyder's** 8.0 and **Fenny Widjaja's** 8.0 and 9.0 teams for making the playoffs.

The **SUMMER SINGLES TOURNAMENT** is just over a month away so there is still plenty of time to get your matches to qualify, the first weekend of the tournament is October 11-13th with the last rounds the following weekend. It's always a great tournament so make sure you get qualified.

**FALL MIXED LEAGUE** sign-ups are just getting started, you can sign up online or there is a registration form on page 12.

See you on the courts!

*Sterling*



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# Districts

## 3.5 Men's team heads to Districts!

by Kranthi Tappita

After falling short the year before and not making playoffs, I decided to form a team with some rock solid players and approached about having a strong team. Many players liked the idea. Most of the players were some very good players looking for playoff success. Team Avengers was formed with some real good players. Looking at the roster at one point straight away I knew I had a lot of challenges and it was a big responsibility. This team was built to win and nothing less than a playoff success was considered failure.

On paper at the start of season we were definitely No.3 behind a very strong Brad Swint's valley vista team and Fernando's Diamond hills team. We as a team had a lot to prove. We started off good and played great entire season except for one loss against Rancho which made me go nuts. As season kept on going we grew stronger and stronger and practices became intense. We decided to get home court advantage at least for first round of playoffs and boy did it matter. We finished strong as No.2 seed having home court for first playoff match. Teams generally don't like to play at Diamond hills for distance factor and also the crowd home court attracts. Being an away team they had at least 15 people cheering with maybe two people cheering for us. We got the lineups right against strong diamond hills and was confident of beating them before the start. All our doubles lines started slow of gates and at one point were down a set in two lines and down 1-4 at line 1. But the way we came back and finished strong speaks for the fighting spirit of players on the roster and team as a whole. We swept Diamond hills in first round to play against No.1 team.

Luck favored and some times luck favors you when you do a lot of hard work and we once again got the lineups right. There was a lot of work put into it and personally a lot of experienced captains like Gerry, Tammie helped me with their thoughts, inputs which were invaluable. After exchanging the lineup the words I said in the team huddle were "Come on guys let's do it. We are going to either Sweep, Win 4-1 or worst case win 3-2"

The final result was 3-2 win. Had Ed not cramped up after winning



the first set easily and had to retire after being up 5-4 it would have been 4-1 win. So with that win we had to book ourselves hotels in Folsom for districts.

Being at districts in itself was a victory for the team. Just the experience of being there was huge. It's here that I as a captain failed. I underestimated Wood Creek full of self-rated players and focused more on trying to beat even stronger Sunnyvale team. I completely lost the lineup war and the team narrowly lost 2-3 which kind of slowed our march towards sectionals. We beat a pretty strong Sunnyvale 3-2 and also beat Marin team 4-1 to finish strong. Had we won a crucial which we lost 5-7, 4-6 on Friday against Wood Creek we would have made it to sectionals. But the result didn't matter all of us were really proud of the way we played, the way we fought and the way we gelled as a team. In our quest for playoff success I personally wasn't able to provide playing opportunities for some very good players but I haven't heard any bickering from them and the entire team supported my decisions in the best interest of the team. I couldn't have asked for better teammates. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the players for joining this team and helping it succeed. I also take this opportunity to thank Rob who had been wonderful co-captain though out supporting me in every decision I made. Having Gerry at practices was another advantage as he constantly pushed you towards getting better. Thanks Gerry

There were numerous players individually who were a huge part of this team's success. I thank all of them for being part of this great team. I do not want to single out any players but would like to raise a toast to all the players.

While we were having our playoff success, two other WRC 3.5 teams John's team and Glenn's team were behind our back having very strong seasons. They not only had strong seasons but they were the vocal leaders supporting our team during our crucial match against Valley Vista team. That truly shows the unity and camaraderie of teams out of WRC/Heather Farms. Thanks Guys.

It was an unbelievable experience personally for me and also for the team. Who knows Avengers may or may not come back next year but it was a fun ride this season. **KK**



# Districts

## 3.5 Women Walnut Creek Crushers “Crush” their competition

by Myrl Kan

A very good season for the Walnut Creek Crushers, ending with a 13-1 record for Diablo North and #2 out of 218 teams in all sections!

We all know it's critical to win the first round at District or any post season play. Our first day at District was a heart breaking 0-5 loss, with three lines in super ties. A very close match. Due to availability issues, players were asked to play singles for the first time this year. Some of the double partnerships were split in which players teamed up with someone they had never partnered with. Whatever was asked of the team was accepted with no hesitation. With this regrouping, the team came back with a vengeance, winning the next two rounds, landing us in the #2 spot. What a come back from such a big deficit! We had “game”, just needed some Lady Luck. Even though we weren't District champions, everyone on the team is a champion in my eyes. Mahany Park, our only loss, went on to win the NorCal Sectionals.

Thanks to all our supporters - Allen Huang, Mike Attiyeh, Pam Maloney, Joe Thomas, Alfred Chiang, Jason Mitchell and our coach Leonard Young. Special thanks to Laurie Lenhart and Lisa Leach who stepped up in the twelfth hour to help out.

Thank you team, for all your hard work and your heart and soul in making this such a great group effort the entire season: **Yvette Allen, Cynthia Attiyeh, Sarah Carey, Maria Chiang, Jessie Du, Julia Fan, Tami Finegold, Karen Gee, Rebecca Huang, Shelley Jue, Akiko Kearney, Sheila Langon, Sheryl Lawrentz, Lisa Leach, Kathy Lee, Laurie Lenhart, Maria Macavinta, Tami Maxwell, Debby Rechnitz, Lisa Schaeffer, Femy Semilla, Benita Smiley, Dawn Weiss, Marina Wills, Debbie Wilson.** So proud of you!



Back row: Rebecca Huang, Myrl Kan, Sheryl Lawrentz, Kathy Lee  
Front row: Lisa Leach, Laurie Lenhart, Leonard Young, Yvette Allen, Karen Gee

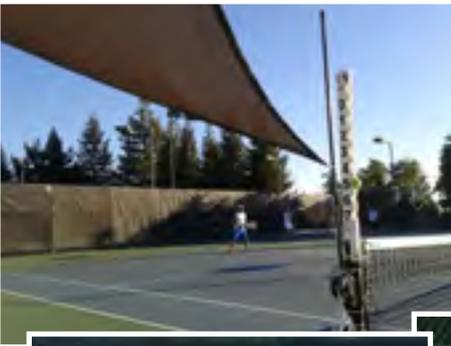


Back row: Mike Attiyeh, Jason Mitchell, Kathy Lee, Akiko Kearney, Leonard Young,  
Lisa Leach, Myrl Kan, Marina Wills, Joe Thomas  
Front row: Allen Huang, Rebecca Huang, Maria Chiang, Cynthia Attiyeh, Pam Maloney, Sheryl Lawrentz

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# Sectionals

It was a great season for our men's 4.0 team this year after avenging our loss in Districts last year we were able to pull out a win this year and advance to sectionals. Tiebreaks were the death of us as we were so close in so many matches and we just needed a ball or two to bounce our way to advance to the Nationals playoff match. We had a great group of guys as we do every year, most of us has been together for years. What a great season!



# Sectionals



# Mid-Summer Tournament





Congratulations to the winning **RED Team** of Hilde Chan, Jerry O'Neal, Richard Overby and Christine Kline.

They out lasted their competition by 8 points to take the win.

The lucky team winners got to split a case of tennis balls as their victory gift!





# WCRC Fall Mixed Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at [www.wcrc.net](http://www.wcrc.net))

We will continue to offer on-line scoring and real-time updated standings for all four (4) divisions. Don't forget that the league registration fee includes unlimited regular season doubles matches, a league gift and may include an end of the season tournament dependent upon weather and court scheduling.

**LEAGUE COMMISSIONER** Pam Maloney: 925-787-3970

**DATES** September 9, 2013 - January 10, 2014

**ENTRY FEES**

WCRC Members  
On-Line Registration: \$17.50 (\$35 per team)  
Mail In Registration: \$22.50 (\$45 per team)

Non WCRC Members  
On-Line Registration: \$27.50 (\$55 per team)  
Mail In Registration: \$32.50 (\$65 per team)

**FORMAT** Mixed Doubles, 16-week regular season  
(players grouped by combined NTRP level; ie. 7.0 can be a 4.0 man and a 3.0 woman or two 3.5 players)

**NTRP LEVELS** Mixed 6.0-9.0

**SCHEDULING** This is an open schedule. Players are responsible for scheduling their own matches. Players will be provided with a contact list of participants within their division.

**MATCH FORMAT** Best two-out-of-three set format, 12-point tiebreaker (regular scoring). No SUPERTIEBREAKERS! Both teams responsible for bringing balls to match; winning team gets unopened can. Matches should be played according to the "Rules of Tennis."

**TOURNAMENT** End of season tournament with draw determined by league standings to be held over the weekend of Jan 17-19, 2014 dependent upon court scheduling and weather. To qualify for the tournament, teams 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. Seeding for the tournament will be based on regular season standings. The more matches you and your partner play, the higher your ranking will be.



August 1, 2013



**Dear Business Owner:**

**Pleasant Hill Tennis Club was started by a few local tennis enthusiasts in the early 1970s. Members are from various communities within Contra Costa County, including Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Orinda, San Ramon, Benicia, Concord, Clayton, Martinez, Pittsburg, Antioch as well as Pleasant Hill.**

**The club is a sponsored organization of the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District, which is a separate entity from the City of Pleasant Hill.**

**PHTC is a player-friendly, inexpensive, volunteer-run club holding events on Pleasant Hill Middle School and College Park High School tennis courts. Both locations are in dire need of repair and maintenance. Our small club has worked in the past with P.H. Rec and Park and the school district to maintain and repair the courts.**

**We will be holding a very special night featuring our fundraiser Spaghetti Feed/Murder Mystery on October 19, 2013 including a silent auction in order to raise funds for repair and maintenance of the courts.**

**To help celebrate this event and promote your products and services, we hope that you will consider either of the following:**

**Monetary Sponsorship:**

**Make a tax-deductible monetary donation to Pleasant Hill Tennis Club. In return, we will provide you with ad space in our event program and bi-monthly newsletter.**

**Donations:**

**Donate gift certificates, goods or services that will be used in our popular silent action, live auction or raffle. Donations will also be featured in our event program and bi-monthly newsletter.**

**We appreciate your assistance in making this evening a success and thank you for supporting the game of tennis for all. To make your tax-deductible donation, please contact Kelly Williams at [kellyhensl@gmail.com](mailto:kellyhensl@gmail.com) or 925 787-4872.**

**Gary Smith**

**President**



**Pleasant Hill Tennis Club  
Presents**



**Murder Mystery/Spaghetti Feed  
Fundraiser**

Please join us for a fantastic spaghetti dinner and Murder Mystery Dinner Cruise. Tickets \$20 per person. No host bar and silent auction. Contact Kelly Williams at [kellyhensl@gmail.com](mailto:kellyhensl@gmail.com) or 925 787-4872 for tickets

**October 19, 2013 5:30 pm**

**Save the Date!**

Plumber's Hall – 1308 Roman Way, Martinez  
Cocktail hour with Show and Dinner following. Please dress in cruise attire. Prizes for best costumes, Murder Mystery solver and more



## What's Happening at the Courts?

### Registration for Fall Classes

We are currently accepting enrollment for our Fall Classes that begin on September 16th. Classes do fill up quickly, so stop by the office at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center to reserve your spot, or go online at [lifetimetennis.com](http://lifetimetennis.com).

### Monthly Pass Holder Specials

1. Throughout the month of September all current Pass Holders may use the ball machine for FREE.
2. All Pass Holders are welcome to join us on Friday, September 20th for our Tennis Social, from 7:30-9:30pm. All levels of play are welcome and light refreshments will be provided. This event is FREE to Pass Holders, \$20 for Non-Pass Holders. Sign up in the office at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center.



### Private Lessons & Friday Night Round Robin



Private lessons for September are filling up quickly. Have one of our tennis instructors take a look at your game and tune it up for your upcoming matches. You can also join Coach Joe during the Friday Night Round Robin with the Pro. This sells out quickly, so remember to sign up in the office at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center to reserve your spot. This is offered most Friday nights, 8:00pm-10:00pm, Pass Holders \$4, Non-Pass Holders \$8.



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# CALENDER OF EVENTS

## Sept

Sep 2	USTA Mixed Doubles 40+ Season Opens
Sep 8	USTA Adult 55+ Season Closes
Sep 8	USTA Mixed Doubles 18+ Season Closes
Sep 9	USTA NorCal 70+ Season Opens
Sep 16	USTA Combo Doubles Season Opens
Sep 27-29	USTA Adult 55+ Playoffs Round 1
Sep 27-29	USTA Mixed Doubles 18+ Playoffs Round 1
Sep 30	WCRC Summer Singles League Ends

## Oct

Oct 4-6	USTA Adult 55+ Playoffs Round 2
Oct 4-6	USTA Mixed Doubles 18+ Playoffs Round 2
Fall TBA	Adult 40+ Nationals
Fall TBA	USTA Adult 18+ Nationals
Oct TBA	USTA Adult 55+ Sectionals
Oct 11-13	USTA Mixed Doubles 18+ Sectionals
Oct 11-13	WCRC Summer Singles Tournament
Oct 19	WCRC Summer Singles Tournament

Email Tammie Snyder at [tammie@gte.net](mailto:tammie@gte.net) to place articles, photos or advertising in the October issue of the Court Reporter!

Deadline for the **October** issue is **Wednesday, September 25th.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Tammie Snyder

as of July 31, 2013



### Walnut Creek Racquet Club Profit and Loss Standard January through July 2013

	<u>Jan - Jul '13</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Advertising Income	450.00
League Dues	7,658.65
Membership Dues	11,127.83
Tournament Dues	3,614.12
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>22,850.60</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
Bank Service Charges	20.00
Board Meeting	318.69
Calcutta Expenses	6,925.26
Captains Meetings	103.00
Contributions	1,500.00
Dues and Subscriptions	135.00
Fall Mixed Tournament Expenses	2,337.51
Gifts	75.95
Locks	15.91
Member Services	226.00
Miscellaneous	180.00
Office Supplies	11.91
Porta-Potty	156.57
Postage and Delivery	531.49
Printing and Reproduction	993.87
Professional Fees	525.00
Tennis Balls	118.59
Tournament Food	1,002.26
Website	429.55
Winter Doubles Expenses	3,601.02
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>19,207.58</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	3,643.02
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
Other Income	
Interest Income	7.52
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>7.52</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>7.52</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>3,650.54</u></u>
<b>Balance as of July 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$39,121.43</b>



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## Summer Singles League - Standings

### Men's

<b>3.0</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>
Douglas Fish	4	1
<b>3.5</b>		
Charan Sarjapur	17	2
<b>4.0</b>		
Brian Mcconnell	10	2
Lars Barfod	10	2
<b>4.5</b>		
Shashi Kamath	9	2

### Women's

<b>2.5</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>
Tracy Yong	3	1
<b>3.0</b>		
Sara (min) Zhao	6	0
<b>3.5</b>		
Elizabeth Brathwait	5	0
<b>4.0</b>		
Nancy O'Neil	14	1
<b>4.5/5.0</b>		
Lilana Spindler	6	1