



THE COURT REPORTER

**Spencer Wong lines up a
forehand during the Men's 3.5
Local Playoff match vs.
Clubsport Valley Vista**

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FROM THE PRO

Competing for Success

Competition is good for you; it is a natural step in your growth as a tennis player and as an individual. To see how your performance stacks up against that of others can build your confidence and help you become an even better player. The best way to achieve the highest level of refinement in your game is through competition. Furthermore, if you learn how to be successful in a sport, you may apply the mechanics of success to many other life situations.

When you compete, always set your mind to being successful. You must know how to use all the skills and strategies you have already learned and also be able to stay motivated while using additional strategies specific for competitive situations. If you are in a league and on a team, you have an additional obligation to help your teammates focus their minds on the common goal of making well-executed shots and to behave in a manner that will enhance performance.

When you're between competitive sessions, be prepared! The objective of proper preparation is to remove any potential barriers to your success. Knowing that you are not prepared can shake your confidence; knowing that you could have worked on your serve, but neglected to do so, is self-defeating. Give your self-image a break! Be prepared and know that when the match begins you're prepared!



Coach Mac

CALENDAR

JUNE 21- AUGUST 9

Summer Team Tennis

AUGUST 10-11 & 17-18

Club Championships

Singles & Doubles

SEPTEMBER 27-30

Summer Singles

League Tournament

NOVEMBER 16

Turkey Tournament

JANUARY 25, 2003

Annual Awards Banquet & Silent Auction

FEBRUARY 14, 2003

Siebel Open Bus Trip (quarterfinals)

The club's purpose is to promote the game of tennis in Walnut Creek by providing a wide variety of activities (tournaments, league play, clinics and social events) for enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels.

President's Message

Say hi to WCRC's newest member...

With the premature death of the well-used grill at Heather, the WCRC board stepped forward and allocated funds for a replacement. Speed was paramount, as we only learned of the untimely demise on Tuesday night and the replacement was needed in time for the Friday Night Team Tennis. After a few hours of research at Costco, Home Depot and Smart and Final, the team at Barbeques Galore in Walnut Creek came



Robert Young

through for us. We all hope this newest member of the club has a long life, filled with wonderful foods from around the world. Speaking of foods from around the world, last week's Middle East cornucopia of tasty delights at the Friday Night Team Tennis was a

great follow-up to the previous week's culinary trip to Italy and a precursor to this week's anxiously anticipated Thai cuisine. Friday Night Team Tennis is a great experience, don't miss out on it next year. Be sure to sign up early, as the teams fill quickly. Oh.... BTW.....there is also lots of fun tennis being played - you've never played REAL tennis until you've tried it!

During a meeting with Kern Hildebrand and Jeff Tarpley of the Park and Recreation Department, I learned that the City is moving ahead with the plan to install stands next to Court 1. I brought up the idea of lowering the fence on Court 1 at the same time for better sight lines and they seemed to agree that this was a good idea. Preliminary work of rerouting any irrigation pipes must be completed before the concrete base can be poured, and of course, funding needs to be allocated. Let's hope we can enjoy the stands by the time the Winter USTA season comes along.

Does anyone have an idea for which school/organization should be the recipient of funds raised during our Silent Auction in January 2003r? Last year we gave the Northgate High School tennis program \$1,750 to help with the cost of stands for their tennis courts. I'm sure this year's silent auction will generate an equal amount for us to donate. Drop me a line with your ideas. See ya on the courts.

-Robert





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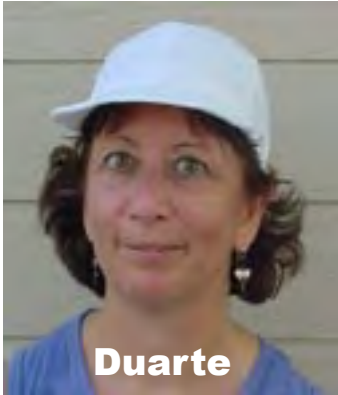
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MOONLIGHT MIXED DOUBLES TOURNEY

The Concord Tennis Club is holding its 35th Annual Moonlight Mixed Doubles Tournament on Saturday, August 24 at Willow Pass Park. A full afternoon and evening of fun, food and tennis starts at 2:30 pm. For more information, please contact Lorayne Campbell at 672-4081.

WCRC Crashes Lakeridge Tourney



Duarte



Fung-A-Ling



Suh



Wong

Over 20 WCRC members made the four-hour trip to Reno to compete in the Lakeridge NTRP at the Lakeridge Tennis Club over the July 4th weekend - several returned home with tournament hardware. In a rematch of the 2001 Summer Singles League tournament final, Carmen Duarte defeated Linda Richardi 7-6 (5), 6-2 to capture the Women's 3.0 championship. Duarte and Richardi then teamed to win the Women's 3.0 Doubles. Martinez-Valerie Fung-a-Ling continues to be mentioned in this column on a regular basis as she racks up more tournament wins. This time out, she dominated the Women's 3.5 bracket by not losing a set in three matches and beat Auburn's Colette Skaggs 6-1, 6-2 in the final.

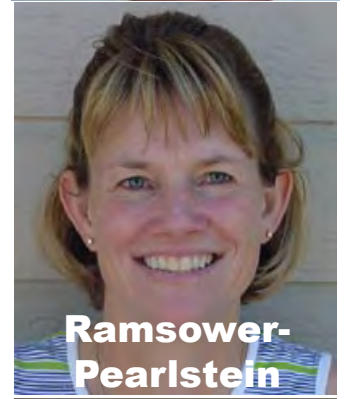
In the Women's 4.0 division, Claudia Suh upset #2 seed Garbo Berger 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 in the first round before eventually dropping the final to USTA teammate Marie-Josée Parayre of San Ramon 6-2, 6-4. In the all-WCRC Women's 4.0 doubles final, Liz Riddle and May Wong narrowly defeated Suh and Parayre 6-2, 1-6, 6-4. Walnut Creek's Arlene Acosta won the Women's 4.5 Singles crown with a 6-1, 6-2 win over San Leandro's Phillis Storrs.

At the 25th Annual Beringer NTRP, held July 4-6 in Napa, #3 seed Ron Helgesson overcame a shaky first set before overcoming unseeded Matthew Skahill of San Leandro and captured the Men's 3.5 title, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-1. Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein teamed with Kim Lackey to upset the top-seeded duo of Johnson/Nichols to win the Women's 40 Doubles at the Marin Senior Championships, held at the Mill Valley Tennis Club on June 19-23.

Several WCRC members earned victories at the Walnut Creek Cracker NTRP, held July 14 & 15 at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center. Benicia's Chris Bown teamed with Jim Cushing to win the Men's 5.5 Doubles title with a 6-4, 6-0 win over Tom Armstrong and Peter Strotz of Oakland Hills. Mary Green won both the Women's 5.0 Doubles and Mixed 5.0 Doubles. She and partner Rick O'Brien easily handled the Campbell husband-wife team of Darryl and Stacy Hein 6-1, 6-0 to claim victory.



Helgesson



Ramsower-Pearlstein

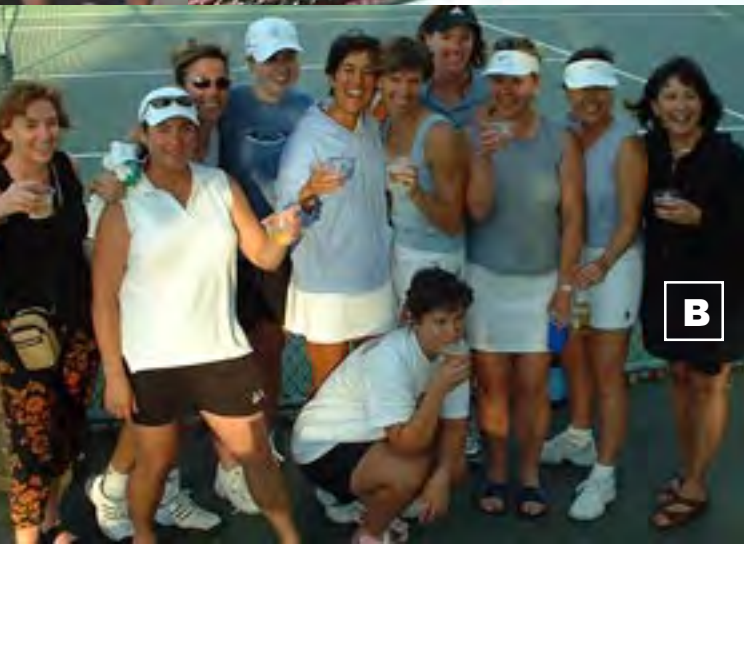
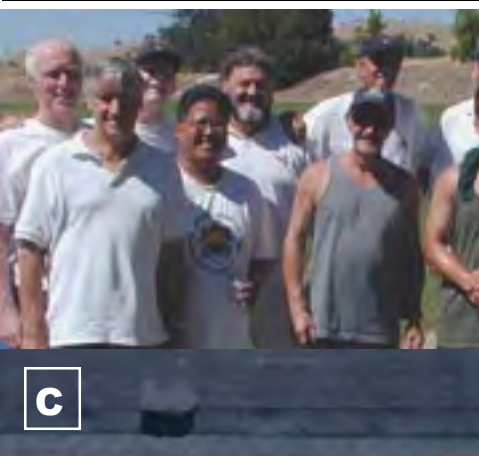


Bown



Green

PLAYOFF GALLERY
A - Brian Italia hits a crosscourt backhand during a 3-2 team loss to Moraga; **B** - The Women's 3.5 team celebrates after advancing to Districts for the second straight year; **C** - Nat Bitton flattens out a backhand against Clubsport Valley Vista; **D** - Don Loeffler's Men's 3.5 team pose before taking care of business at Rudgear Park.



2002 Summer Singles League ¥ STANDINGS

as of July 27, 2002

Men's 3.5

1	Jay Nichols	8	1	9.089
2	Jerry Garcia	7	0	8.050
2	Ronald Knibbs	7	0	8.050
2	Bernard Wolf	7	0	8.050
5	Jon Van Oosbree	7	2	7.978
6	Chris Rauen	7	1	7.975
7	Tony Kim	6	0	7.000
8	Eun Kim	6	1	6.907
9	Peter Hellmann	5	0	6.000
10	Roy Corona	5	1	5.833
10	Robert Goldstein	5	1	5.833

Women's 3.0

1	Elizabeth Lee	6	1	6.907
2	Hilary Anderson	5	0	6.000
2	Jean Johnson	5	0	6.000
4	Therese Segaud	5	2	5.764
5	Sonia Almeida	4	0	5.000
5	Almarie Nefdt	4	0	5.000
5	Jennifer Oyoung	4	0	5.000
8	Julie Ann Lee	4	2	4.667
9	Sunun Faulkner	3	0	4.000
9	Cheryl Fredricks	3	0	4.000
9	Debby Grauman	3	0	4.000
9	Kathleen Pruden	3	0	4.000
9	Patricia Thornburgh	3	0	4.000

Men's 4.0

1	Stanley Smallwood	8	0	9.100
2	John Bondon	7	3	8.000
3	Bret Jones	6	1	6.907
4	Mike Joe	5	0	6.000
4	Bob Walgren	5	0	6.000
6	Peter Shumaker	5	1	5.833
7	Rick Chan	4	0	5.000
8	Ken Bakar	4	2	4.667
8	John Chew	4	2	4.667
10	Roger Stone	4	3	4.621

Women's 3.5

1	Susan Benterou	8	1	9.089
2	Dana Greason	6	2	6.850
2	Lisa Warren	6	2	6.850
4	Rosemary Brown	5	0	6.000
5	Nancy O'Neil	5	1	5.833
5	Jennifer Scriabine	5	1	5.833
7	Kimberly Wirtz	5	2	5.764
8	Janine Martello	5	3	5.725
9	Daryl Dunn	4	0	5.000
9	Gillian Foong	4	0	5.000

Men's 4.5

1	Steve Andrews	8	1	9.089
2	Michael Paden	7	0	8.050
3	Kevin Schweigert	6	1	6.907
4	Scott Engstrom	5	0	6.000
4	Jackson Riker	5	0	6.000
6	Charles Kearney	4	0	5.000
7	Peter Beernink	4	1	4.800
7	Stephen Braithwaite	4	1	4.800
9	Dennis Miller	4	2	4.667
10	Mike Willis	3	0	4.000

Women's 4.0

1	Eileen Ko	7	0	8.050
1	Marinette Woodruff	7	0	8.050
3	Maria Ley	6	3	6.867
4	Aurelia Palciauskas	5	0	6.000
5	Shari Huber	4	4	4.600
6	Heidi Belton	3	3	3.500
6	Sharyn Lawrence	3	3	3.500
6	Emilie Murillo	3	3	3.500
9	Carla Grier	2	1	2.667
10	Lili Smith	2	4	2.333

Men's 5.0-5.5

1	Eric Peterson	5	1	5.833
2	Robert Hout	4	0	5.000
3	Kent Lindeman	3	0	4.000
3	Michael Rizarri	3	0	4.000
5	Joe Perry	3	1	3.750
6	David Helfer	3	2	3.600
7	Kevin Easterly	2	0	3.000
8	Steve Robinson	2	1	2.667
8	Derek Shendell	2	1	2.667
10	Wynn Tamura	2	2	2.500

Women's 4.5-5.0

1	Kirsten Riker	4	2	4.667
2	Deborah Lau	3	0	4.000
3	Marianne Dundon	3	1	3.750
4	Jackie Thomas	2	0	3.000
5	Karen Presnell	2	1	2.667
6	Susan Roach	1	0	2.000
6	Karen Spinardi	1	0	2.000



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August 24-25, August 31-September 2

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MW (4.5-5.5) sd, MX (4.5-5.5) d
Golden Gate Tennis Club
Entry deadline: August 12
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500024502

September 6-8

THIS IS FAIRFIELD NTRP
MW (4.0-5.0) sd, MX (4.0,5.0) d
Solano Athletic Club
Entry deadline: August 24
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500025102

September 7-8 & 14-15

WALNUT FESTIVAL NTRP
MW (3.5-4.5) sd, MX (3.5-4.5) d
Walnut Creek Tennis Center
Entry deadline: August 26
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500025602

September 21-22 & 28-29

SAN LEANDRO TENNIS CLUB 5.0 NTRP
MW (5.0) sd, MX (5.0) d
San Leandro Tennis Club
Entry deadline: September 9
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500026302



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