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Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Have you heard?



Jennifer Scriabine
2003 WCRC President

There is talk of putting a skateboard park at the corner of Marchbanks and Heather Drive.

It has been almost 30 years since the original 25 year master plan for Heather Farm Park was approved. Now the city of Walnut Creek Parks and Recreations Department is developing a new plan. This planning began over three years ago. As you may remember, our then President Kent Lindeman approached the commission to reopen the issue of building two more tennis courts. These courts were included in the original master plan, yet were never funded by the city. At that time we were told they would not tamper with sand volleyball court and picnic area. There was concern over losing grassy areas and trees.

Now the Parks and Recreation Department is reviewing multiple sites for a new skateboard park in Heather Farm Park and the location nearest to our tennis facilities was one of two locations that received the most points as a "favorable location". It is also the preferred location by the city of Walnut Creek Police Department.

There was a public hearing held at City Hall on Monday, June 16th. Several members of our board attended along with Jim Farber of the Walnut Creek Tennis Center. We raised our objections to placing a skateboard park so close to the tennis facility. Objections were also made by the tenants of the nearby office/medical facility, many residents of the neighborhood, a representative from St. John Vianney Church and many other concerned citizens. Despite all the objections the commission voted 7-0 in favor of the Marchbanks/Heather Drive location.

If you would like to voice your opinion on this matter you can email Gary Pokorny at pokorny@walnut-creek.org and /or stop by the tennis center to sign a petition.

See you on the courts...

Jennifer Scriabine



Tennis News



A Few Bad Apples

Most USTA players and captains have been very good about ensuring that all team members are also WCRC members but because of "a few bad apples" The WCRC and WC Tennis Center (WCTC) have decided that we must formalize the rules around being on a USTA or CCTA team. We regret the need for this step but need it to ensure everyone is treated equally. Some key points are below, but the complete document is now posted on the WCRC web site. These rules become effective immediately.

➡ All team members, including captains, must be a member in good standing of WCRC prior to playing a match. This applies regardless of whether the individual is playing a match at home or away.

➡ All team members should have a valid WCTC court usage card. If a team member does not have a valid court usage card, the appropriate fee shall be paid prior to playing a home match, regardless of where the home match is played, i.e. Northgate, Larkey, Rudgear, etc. **(the above is a new rule).**

➡ WCRC and WCTC will be monitoring USTA and CCTA web sites to ensure that the rules are followed and in the event they are not, invoices for monies owed will be sent to players and captains, if necessary.

WCRC Teams Head into USTA Playoffs

As usual, WCRC has a terrific number of teams who have made it into local league playoffs. There will be some great tennis going on the weekends of July 12/13, 19/20 and 26/27. Take a look at the web site to see who's playing where and go out and cheer a team on to victory. Congrats to the following teams who will be in playoffs:

- Deanna Fong's Women's 3.0
- Stephanie Law's Women's 3.0
- Terri Hernandez Women's 3.5
- Jane Ladrech's Women's 3.5
- Fran Bagnasco's Super Senior Women's 3.5
- Judy Griffith's Women's 4.0
- Don Loeffler's Men's 3.5
- Nick Scriabine Men's 4.0

CCTA Kicking Off July 19 & 20

The new adult CCTA League tennis is kicking-off a little later than planned so if you aren't on a team - why not start one. There's still time, just go to the ccta.cc web site to sign up and start recruiting your team. The format is Men's and Women's tennis with 2 singles, 3 doubles and should be a lot of fun as the season ends in October with a tournament where the winner takes all!

Let There Be Lights

The Walnut Creek Racquet Club received a note of thanks for our support of Jim and Rita Utz's effort to restore the lights at the College Park High School community tennis courts. Many of our members contributed and our board was very supportive of their efforts. On June 12th, the Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park district board accepted a bid for the project. Installation is expected to begin in July and should be completed by the end of the summer. There is a celebration planned for this fall. Again, thanks to all our members who supported this effort.

Bay Area Team Tennis a Go!

It looks like Bay Area Tennis will move forward with their Team Tennis concept. They would like to put together two teams for Walnut Creek. One 3.5 team; one 4.0 team. Format for team tennis is as follows: one set of men's singles, one set of women's singles, one set of men's doubles, one set of women's double, and one set of mixed doubles. Matches will be on Friday evenings. For more information please contact John Bondon by email at: JBondon@BrwnCald.com or by phone at 925-672-4109 or 925-210-2242.

Thank You...

Dearest Friends,

"It takes a minute to know a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but an entire lifetime to forget them."

Thank you all for your love, caring, support, and prayers that you have extended to me during this special time.

Fran Rowley

TOURNAMENTS - 2003 WINTER DOUBLES

Winter Doubles Tournament Completed...In June!!!

After being rained out in the first weekend of May, the Winter Doubles Tournament was finally concluded in the sizzling heat on June 1st. Play started at 2 p.m. in the hot sun with semifinals and the last finals match finished under the lights in much cooler temperatures at 9:30 p.m.

Men's 4.5 finished first on Court 4 in front of an appreciative crowd with **Jim Landry** and **Greg Lane** defeating **Brian Kuritsubo** and **Jesse Gonzalez** 6-4, 6-2. The 4.5+ women were exciting to watch on Court 5 with **Leslie O'Keefe** and **Pashi Vakiva** defeating **Mary Green** and **Tammy Chan** 7-6, 6-3.

The 4.0 men fought a tough battle with **Joe Grillo** and **Craig Walker** defeating **Gary Harris** and **Todd Mollenhauer** 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. The 4.0 women were not able to start their match until almost 7:30 because of a long 3-set semifinal match. When they did it was another long 3-setter with **Randy Chen-Tse** and **Laurie Brunkow** edging out **Aurelia Palciauskas** and **Maria Yum** 6-0, 4-6, 7-5. At the end of the 3rd set the lights went off and play had to be delayed a few minutes until they came back on. Only a few spectators were left to watch the conclusions of this nail-biting match until 9:30 p.m.

The 3.5 men and women had lots of viewers on Courts 1&3 (if only we had bleachers there!). **Hilda Bernardi** and **Yumi Suzuki** had a slow start, but gained momentum to best **Louise Joss-Moore** and **Daryl Dunn** 0-6, 6-1, 6-4. On Court 1 the young team of **Tony Kim** and **Debashis Panda** proved too much for **David Cobo** and **Nat Bitton** and they retired in the 3rd set after a 6-3, 3-6 start.

The 3.0 women finished off their play with **Lynda Fong** and **Helen Cavin** defeating **Jean DeVinney** and **Jeanne Ballard**, 6-1, 6-3.



Men's 4.5 Finalists - Jim Landry, Greg Lane, Jesse Gonzalez, Brian Kuritsubo



Men's 4.0 Finalists - Craig Walker, Joe Grillo, Gary Harris, Todd Mollenhauer



*Men's 3.5 Winners
Debashis Panda
and Tony Kim*



*Men's 3.5 Finalists:
Nat Bitton and
David Cobo*

WINNERS CIRCLE



*Women's 5.0 Finalists
Tammy Chan, May Green, Pashi Vakiva, Leslie O'Keefe*



*Women's 4.0 Finalists - Randy Chen-Tse, Laurie Brunkow
Aurelia Palciauskas, Maria Yum*



*Women's 3.5 Finalists - Hilda Bernardi, Yumi Suzuki,
Louise Joss, Daryl Dunn*



*Women's 3.0 Winners
Lynda Fong and
Helen Cavin*

MIXED DOUBLES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

There was perfect weather for our 2003 Mixed Doubles Club Championships. Twenty-two teams battled it out for the coveted Club Champion title.

In the 6.0 division, **Francis Crusit** and **Kathleen Pruden** had a easy time of it, only losing 5 games to two matches to take the title 6-0, 6-1 over **Tammie and Justin Snyder**.

The 7.0 finals were a family affair. Mother and son, **Karen and Jess Hoyer** took on Dad, **Jay Hoyer** and his partner **Umeko Nishimura**. It was the third match of the day for both teams. Jay and Umeko had the edge since Jess and Karen had played two really tough matches to get to the finals and they had only lost 6 games in their two matches. The second set was a nail biter but Jay and Umeko pulled it out 6-1, 7-5.

The 8.0 final was pitted **Tom Jur** and **Veronica Roussel** against **Greg Lane** and **Patti May**. Greg and Patti won the first set, but Tom and Veronica pulled out the second. After getting off to a slow start in the third, they were down 0-2, Tom and Veronica turned it on and won the match 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

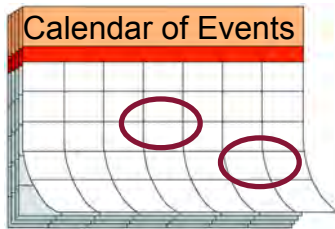
The 9.0 matches were by the the most closely contested of the day. Each of the matches went to three sets with **Martin Dunlap** and **Melanie Pizzoli** repeating as champions over **Tammy Chan** and **Kent Lindeman** 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. Winners will receive their trophies at the annual awards banquet in January.

CONTRA COSTA
CCTA Tennis Association
CCTA KICKOFF WEEKEND
SLATED FOR JULY 19-20

The Contra Costa Tennis Association's (CCTA) league Kick-off Weekend will be held July 19-20 at ClubSport Valley Vista in Walnut Creek. To date, seven (7) WCRC teams have officially signed up with several more expected by the team registration deadline of July 1. They will be competing against teams from clubs around the county including: ClubSport Pleasanton, ClubSport San Ramon, ClubSport Valley Vista, Concord Tennis Club, Crow Canyon Country Club, Lafayette Tennis Club, Oakhurst Country Club, Pleasant Hill Tennis Club, Rancho Colorados and Sleepy Hollow Swim & Tennis Club.

The "Kickoff" will include league matches, a BBQ, team pictures and T-shirts for all players and members. The CCTL league season will run a total of 11 weeks, ending the week of September 29. The "team tournament," for which each CCTL-participant team is eligible, will be held October 11-12 and/or October 18-19, 2003. Special thanks to the CCTA's title sponsor Richlen Construction, whose president, Rich Zavala, is a WCRC member and plays at Heather Farm.

If you would still like to participate by forming a team or have any questions, please contact Kent Lindeman at jkindeman@astound.net or via phone at (925) 472-5900.



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

JULY

- 2-7** USTA Adult Local Playoffs - Round 1
- 7-11** USTA Super Seniors Local Playoffs
- 11** WCRC Friday Night Drop-In Tennis
- 11-13** USTA Adult Local Playoffs - Round 2
- 12-14** Walnut Creek Cracker 5.0 & 5.5 Playoffs
- 14-18** USTA Super Seniors Local Playoffs
- 18-20** USTA Adult Local Playoffs - Round 3

AUGUST

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

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.

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**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

Gabe Goldstein



Income Statement:
as of May 31, 2003

Balance - May 1, 2003 **11,778.88**

Income

Little Siebel Tournament '03	500.00
Awards Banquet	2,500.00
Bank Interest	11.45
Advertising Income	780.00
Incentive Award-USTA	1,355.00
Membership Dues	8,800.00
Silent Auction	1,741.00
Board Dinner	230.00
Siebel Open Trip '03	2,994.00
Winter Doubles League '03	6,500.00
Calcutta Tournament	4,124.50

Total Income **29,535.95**

Expenses

Little Siebel '03	211.22
Bank Service Charge	0.00
Donations	785.00
Light Fund Payment	3,000.00
Insurance	325.00
Member Directory	56.83
Newsletters - Court Reporter	2,732.23
Postage	607.40
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	3,819.46
Calcutta Tournament	6,166.23
Club Championship '02	828.60
New Member Night Mixer	96.15

Total Expenses **26,486.21**

Profit (Loss) **3,049.74**

Balance - May 31, 2003 **14,828.62**



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NTRP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE • 2003

July 11-13

YUBA CITY NTRP
MW (3.0-5.5) sd, W (3.0-4.5) sd, MX (3.0-4.5) d
Lakeridge Tennis Club
Entry deadline: July 1
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500011103

July 12-14

GILROY GARLIC NTRP
MW (3.0, 4.0-4.5) s, MW (4.0-4.5) d, MX (4.0-4.5) d
Gilroy High School
Entry deadline: June 29
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500011303

July 12-14

WALNUT CREEK CRACKER 5.0 & 5.5 NTRP
MW (5.0-5.5) sd, MX (5.0-5.5) d
Walnut Creek Tennis Center
Entry deadline: June 30
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500011403

July 12-13, 19-20

CUPERTINO SUMMER CLASSIC 3.5 NTRP
MW (3.5) sd; MX (3.5) d
Cupertino Sports Center
Entry deadline: June 30
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500011503

July 18-20

MCKINLEY PARK NTRP
MW (3.5-5.5) sd, MX (3.5-5.5) d
McKinley Park
Entry deadline: July 3
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500012103

July 25-27

SONOMA TACO SHOPS SUMMER NTRP
MW (3.0-5.5) sd, MX (3.0-5.5) d
Sonoma State University
Entry deadline: July 14
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500012403