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Walnut Creek Racquet Club

President's Message



Kent Lindeman

As your outgoing president, I want to take this opportunity to thank the members and Board of Directors for their support and participation in club activities over the past year. To our members, thanks for showing a strong interest in the various events, leagues, and tournaments that we staged over the past 12 months. As for the WCRC

Board, I thank you for your dedication and hard work - without your energy, none of the above would have been possible. Jennifer, Tammy, Alice, Judy, Sean, John, Marilyn, Shari, Robert, Nat, Karen, Claudia, Bill, Sue and Rita - I truly enjoyed working with you in 2001.

I am happy to report that the WCRC has had another productive year. We raised \$3,000 to benefit the Los Lomas High School varsity tennis programs, cheered one USTA league team to Nationals and several to Sectionals, initiated the Winter Doubles League, witnessed the highest level of participation in Summer Singles League history, introduced on-line score reporting and standings for both of these leagues, purchased scorecards for league and tournament use, held a successful Olympics event after a multiple year absence and continued an unprecedented string of seven years with at least one USTA NorCal Grand Prix champion from the club.

I look forward to passing the Presidential torch to Robert Young at the Annual Awards Banquet and Silent Auction on January 19. The club will certainly continue to grow under his enthusiastic leadership. If you don't know Robert, take a minute to read the profile included on page 3.

See you on the courts!



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Francis Crusit serves as partner Alyce Shikano prepares to volley during 2001 Calcutta.

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HOLIDAY SALE

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See Jim or Dave in the Walnut Creek Tennis Center
for more details. Sale ends January 30, 2002.

**Thanks to Jim Farber for his support of the
WCRC Silent Auction**

CALENDAR

JANUARY 7 - MARCH 31

WCRC Winter Doubles League

JANUARY 12

Little Siebel Mixed Tournament (6.0, 7.0 & 8.0)

JANUARY 19

Annual Awards Banquet & Silent Auction
Heather Farm Community Center

FEBRUARY 16

Valentine's Day Tournament

MARCH 1

Siebel Open Bus Trip (quarterfinals)
Compaq Center at San Jose

APRIL 5-7

WCRC Winter Doubles League
Tournament

MAY 3-4

Calcutta

JUNE 3 - SEPTEMBER 15

WCRC Summer Singles League

JUNE 7-9

Club Championships
Mixed Doubles

AUGUST 10-11 & 17-18

Club Championships
Singles & Doubles

SEPTEMBER 27-30

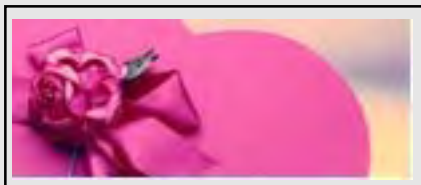
WCRC Summer Singles
League Tournament

NOVEMBER 16

Turkey Tournament

*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.*

Find a sweetheart and enter the 2002



VALENTINE'S DAY TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 16

- WHERE:** Walnut Creek Tennis Center
COST: \$20 per team - sign up with a partner
DEADLINE: February 9
START: Times posted at WCTC on Wednesday, February 13 after 4:00 pm.
FORMAT: Winner of each flight will be the pair who win the most games combined with the games won by their "secret lovers" in another flight. Results will be announced at the end of the event. Food and drink will be provided.
ENTRIES: Send a sheet with both players' names, phone numbers, emails and ratings, then make checks payable to WCRC and send to Josh Svendsen at 3606 Bickerstaff Street, Apt. C, Lafayette, CA 94549.
QUESTIONS: Call Josh at 962-1782.

**Thanks to
John Rushworth
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**for donating a new
Force 3 Titanium
Longbody racket for the
WCRC Silent Auction**

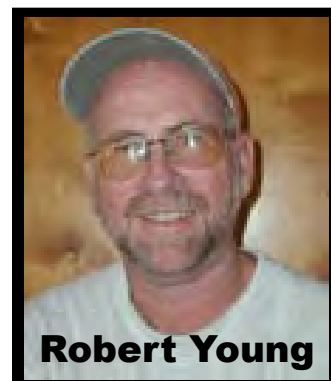
WCRC 2002 Leadership

Young to Assume WCRC Reins

Robert Young will become the WCRC's 2002 president when he is installed during the Annual Awards Banquet and Silent Auction on January 19 at the Heather Farm Community Center. A 13-year member of the club, Young has previously served as Newsletter editor and Website/Publicity chair. He is employed as Operations Manager for the Walnut Creek Printing Company, publisher of *The Court Reporter*.

Young didn't play much tennis growing up and only became interested in the sport after his mother dragged him out to the courts as a form of rehabilitation for a shoulder injury in the early 1970s. A ten-year veteran of USTA League play with a current 3.5 rating, he has been a member of squads from Pleasant Hill and Orindawoods and is currently captain of one of the WCRC's Mixed 6.0 Doubles teams.

He also continues a trend of WCRC presidents who met their future mates through tennis. Robert and Meredith have been married for seven years, after initially checking out each other's games at a local social event. In choosing a wife and life-long Mixed Doubles partner, Robert contends that it didn't hurt that Meredith has a wicked two handed forehand and a nice wide serve.



Robert Young

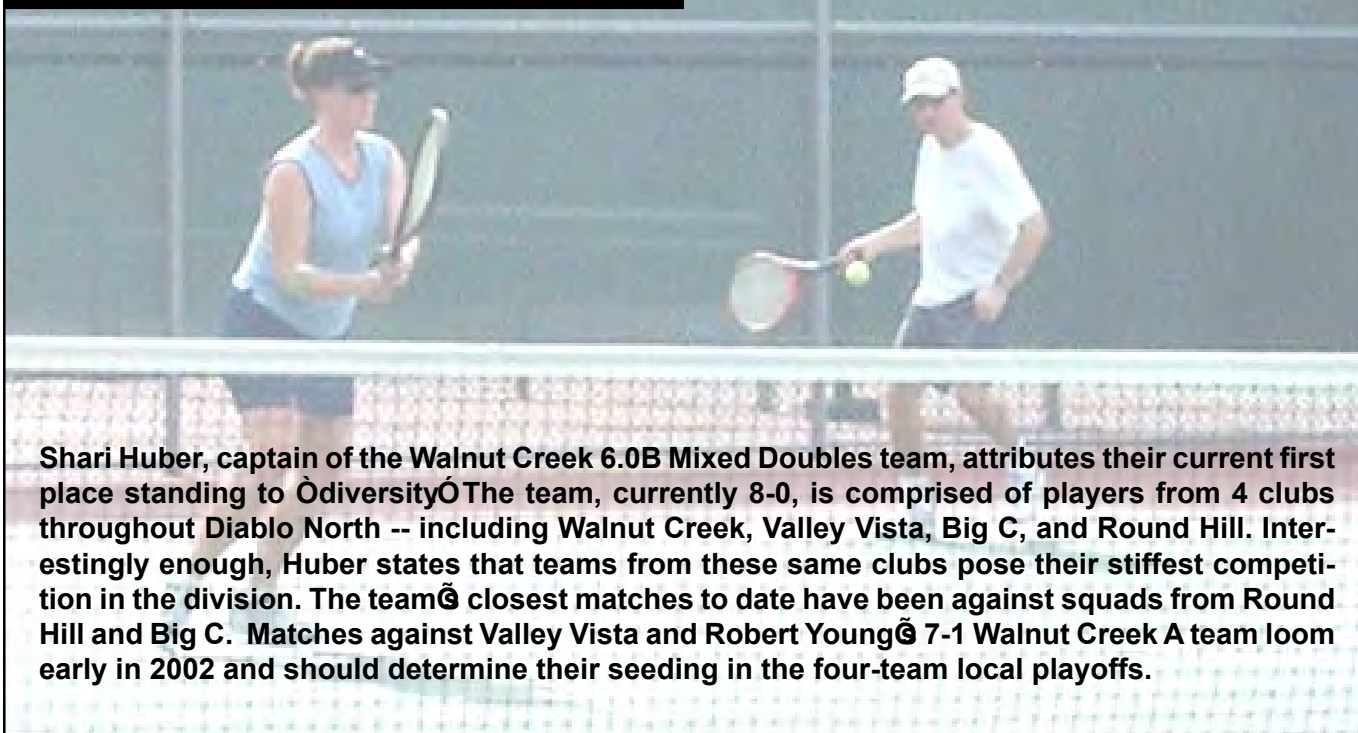
Robert states that his favorite WCRC tournament is the Calcutta since there is a lot of money at stake and the outcome is usually unknown until the last few points. He fondly recalls making it to the Finals several years ago with partner Arlene Acosta and winning enough to buy a new racket.

Asked why he enjoys tennis, he says, "I like the challenge of figuring out how to beat the person or persons on the other side of the net. It's like a chess game sometimes, each player countering the other player's moves. Even in losing, you can come away with a good feeling (although it may take a few hours) if you've played your best."

Young states that "it was an honor to be asked to run for President and is counting on the support of the club membership at large to ensure a successful year. Events don't just happen without a lot of planning and follow through," says Young. "I know with everyone's help throughout the year, we'll have many successful events, plus a lot of fun along the way."



Mixed 6.0 Team Pushes Toward Playoffs



Shari Huber, captain of the Walnut Creek 6.0B Mixed Doubles team, attributes their current first place standing to diversity. The team, currently 8-0, is comprised of players from 4 clubs throughout Diablo North -- including Walnut Creek, Valley Vista, Big C, and Round Hill. Interestingly enough, Huber states that teams from these same clubs pose their stiffest competition in the division. The team's closest matches to date have been against squads from Round Hill and Big C. Matches against Valley Vista and Robert Young's 7-1 Walnut Creek A team loom early in 2002 and should determine their seeding in the four-team local playoffs.

Friday, March 1

Tickets for Siebel Trip Now Available

The Siebel Open (formerly Sybase) is coming to the Compaq Center in San Jose February 25 - March 3, 2002. This year, the tournament will feature U.S. Open Champion Lleyton Hewitt, world #2 Andre Agassi, teen sensation Andy Roddick, defending champion Greg Rusedski, Jan-Michael Gambill and French Open Doubles Champs Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Peas.

The WCRC is again organizing a bus trip on Friday evening, March 1st during the quarterfinal round. Buses will leave the Walnut Creek Tennis Center at 5:30 pm on Friday and return at the conclusion of evening session play. This year, tickets will be \$57 per person, which include Lower Reserved Sidelines seats. Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis -- we only have 80 total, so sign up early!



To reserve your tickets, please make a check out to "WCRC" and send to: Kent Lindeman, 1889 Appia Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. If you have any questions, please contact Kent at 943-5745 or via email at jkindeman@earthlink.net.

Saturday, January 19

Original Agassi Print to Headline Silent Auction

An original picture of Andre Agassi taken at the 1999 French Open will be one of the top items available for bid at the WCRC's Annual Awards Banquet and Silent Auction, to be held Saturday, January 19 at the Heather Farm Community Center in Walnut Creek. The photo, taken by Tennis Express owner Mark Lyons who also doubles as an official ATP and WTA photographer, was captured during Agassi's historic run at Roland Garros that resulted in a championship and a "career" Grand Slam. Enlarged, framed and matted, this print is sure to be a great conversaton piece for a home or office.

Participants will be able to bid on over 30 items, including:

- ¥Autographed Stan Smith wooden racquet
- ¥Three night stay at the Inn Marin
- ¥Weekend stays at the Crowne Plaza Cabana Palo Alto, Concord Hilton, DoubleTree San Jose and Quality Suites - Silicon Valley
- ¥One night stay at the Westin Palo Alto
- ¥Doubles Tournament for 16 friends
- ¥Prince Force 3 Titanium Longbody racket
- ¥Siebel Open - Lower Reserved Tickets
- ¥Digitally Printed Business Cards
- ¥Wilson Pro Tennis Bag
- ¥Magnum of Frog Leap Wine
- ¥Ceiling Fans
- ¥Computer Consulting
- ¥Restaurant Certificates
- ¥Automotive Repair
- ¥Tax Preparation

Proceeds from the event will benefit both the boys and girls tennis programs at Northgate High School as well as fund improvements to the Tennis Center. Last year, the WCRC was able to contribute \$3,000 to the Las Lomas varsity program as well as purchase scorecards for league and tournament play as a result of the auction.

Tickets for the event are \$30 per person which includes dinner, drinks and dancing. To sign up, please complete the enclosed registration form. If you have any questions about the Awards Banquet, please contact Tammy Chan at 837-0227 or via email at tammychan@telocity.com.



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2001 WCRC CHAMPIONS

Club Championships

Mixed 7.0 Doubles Darcy Lopes & Bret Jones
 Mixed 8.0 Doubles Veronica Roussel & Mike Druding
 Mixed 9.0 Doubles Marianne Dundon & Tom Jur

Women's A Doubles Lynne Weinshelbaum & Tiffany Fong
 Women's B Doubles Valerie Fung-a-Ling & Jane Ladrech
 Women's A Singles Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein
 Women's B Singles Jane Ladrech

Men's A Doubles Chris Bown & Mark Litzau
 Men's B Doubles Rich Miller & Marty Tedlock
 Men's A Singles Kent Lindeman
 Men's B Singles Eric Ladrech

Summer Singles League

Women's 3.0 Carmen Duarte
 Women's 3.5 Shari Huber
 Women's 4.0 Eileen Ko
 Women's 4.5-5.0 Mary Green

Men's 3.5 Ron Helgesson
 Men's 4.0 Bob Walgren
 Men's 4.5 Anton Guliaev
 Men's 5.0-5.5 Peter Lindstrom

Winter Doubles League

Women's 3.0 Karen Hirtzel & Lisa Leach
 Women's 3.5 Gisela Henrickson & Joan Yao
 Women's 4.0 Liz Riddle & Chloe Etienne
 Women's 4.5-5.0 Mary Green & Tammy Chan

Men's 3.5 Francis Crusit & Ted Karwoski
 Men's 4.0 Garry Harris & Jesse Gonzalez
 Men's 4.5 Steve Murillo & Mike Armijo
 Men's 5.0 Chris Bown & John Soto

Little Sybase Open

Mixed 6.0 Patti May & Perry Class
 Mixed 7.0 Genny DeCoste & Nat Bitton
 Mixed 8.0 Liz Riddle & Dave Berlier

Calcutta

Championship Umeko Nishimura & Dan Danner
 Consolation Darcy Lopes & David Kurtzman

USTA NorCal - Class Grand Prix

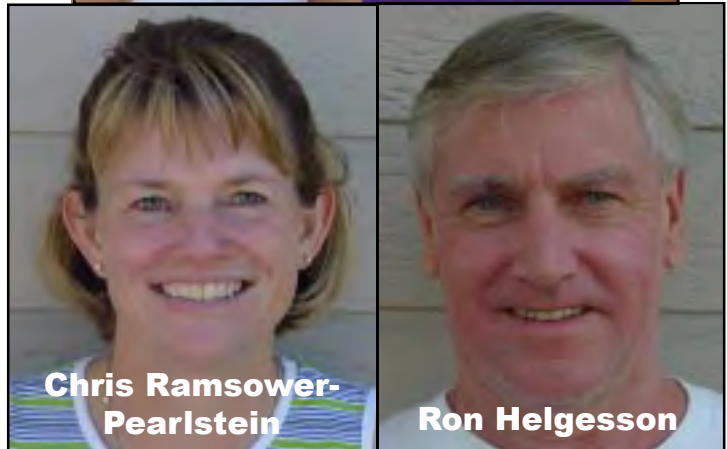
Mixed 3.5 Doubles Heidi Belton & Brad Belton

Intraclub Circuit

Women's 3.0 Anita Huxley & Lynda Schweid
 Women's 3.5 Ernie Scrimshaw & Dee Karwoski



Jane Ladrech & Valerie Fung-a-Ling



Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein

Ron Helgesson



Shari Huber

Nationals

Men's 4.5 Wynn Tamura, captain

Sectionals

Senior Men's 4.0 Jim Farber, captain
 Senior Women's 3.5 Rita Utz, captain
 Senior Women's 3.5 Charlette Elste, captain
 Mixed 7.0 Everett Thomas, captain
 Men's 4.0 Marty Tedlock, captain
 Super Seniors 3.0 Joanne Kildare, captain

Women's Interclub

B-1 BALL Marty Riffell, captain
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January 27-28, February 3-4

CHABOT CANYON 5.0 NTRP (Rockridge, Oakland)
5.0ÑMS, MD, WS, WD, MXD
Entry fee: Singles-\$24.00, Doubles-\$30.00/team
ENTRIES OPEN: Dec 28 - CLOSE: January 15
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50103

January 27-28, February 3-4

LAKE MERCED 3.5, 4.5 NTRP (San Francisco)
3.5, 4.5ÑMS, MD, WS, WD, MXD
Entry fee: Singles-\$28.00, Doubles-\$34.00/team
ENTRIES OPEN: Dec 28 - CLOSE: January 15
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50104

January 27-28, February 3-4

CLUBSPORT FREMONT 4.0 & 3.0 NTRP
3.0, 4.0ÑMS, MD, WS, WD, MXD
Entry fee: Singles-\$30.00, Doubles-\$40.00/team
ENTRIES OPEN: Dec 28 - CLOSE: January 15
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50105

February 10-11, 17-18

11TH ANNUAL SOLANO CHAMPIONSHIPS (Fairfield)
3.0 - 5.5ÑMS, MD, WS, WD, MXD
Entry fee: Singles-\$24.00, Doubles-\$36.00/team
ENTRIES OPEN: January 8 - CLOSE: January 29
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