



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club
September, 2021

Long time WCRC member, board member and photographer Bobby Satcher competes at the 65+ men's sectionals in August.

photo by Robert Young

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy September!



Sally Krapf
2021 WCRC President

It's been a busy summer with a lot of tennis going on between USTA, WCRC Leagues, practices and events.

We were able to hold our annual Mid-Summer tennis social on August 7th and it was a great turn-out! Per usual the weather was HOT but everyone played amazing and had so much fun! It was also the first year where we had a TIE for the winning team! Photos on pgs 6-13.

September 17th and 18th we will be hosting our annual **Calcutta Event** and the tournament is fully booked. We are looking forward to a fun event with a lot of friendly yet competitive tennis! If you weren't able to get a spot to play come socialize at the party Friday night at Heather on courts 4 & 5 (bring a chair) and bet on any of the teams, or stop by anytime Saturday for the matches. Registration for the party/auction is still open (log in to membership and go to events), or you can RSVP to Tammie at tammie4tennis@gmail.com.

Congratulations to all the teams who made playoffs as well as those heading to sectionals GOOD LUCK!!!

Playoffs -

- 3.5W Daytime - Lisa Italia
- 3.5W - Tammie Snyder, Lisa Italia
- 3.0M - Patrick Forden
- 3.5M - Alan Roth, Patrick Forden
- 4.0M - Kevin Kyono
- 4.5M - Brian Italia

Sectionals -

- 2.5W Daytime - Elaine Marshall
- 4.0W - Tammie Snyder

Next up for USTA is combo, 55+ mixed and 70+!

Have fun and see you on the courts!

Sally Krapf

M EMBERSHIP

Welcome to Our **19** New Members
Current Membership: **1455**

Alex Baier	Pleasant Hill	4.5	Mike O'Brien	SAN RAMON	4.0
Judy Blond	Alamo	4.0	Bilal Pasha	Pleasant Hill	2.5
David Bogdonoff	Berkeley	3.0	Cecilia Pasha	Pleasant Hill	
Daniel Chui	Walnut Creek	N/A	Julian Pasha	Pleasant Hill	
Massimo Donati	Walnut Creek	4.0	Jeffrey Mark Paull	Walnut Creek	3.0
Lara Flowers	Alamo	4.0	Cindy Rountree	Alamo	4.0
Ian Lochen	Pleasant Hill	3.5	Stephanie Shapiro	Albany	4.0
Stephen Maher	Danville	4.0	Todd Trimble	Brentwood	4.5
Drew Nelson	Walnut Creek	4.0	Dan Vongtama	Brentwood	4.5
John Nicolini	Walnut Creek	3.5			



Membership questions contact:
Pam Maloney at 925-787-3970 or
email at: pam4tenis@gmail.com



Lifetime Activities

What's Happening at the Courts?

OPERATING HOURS AT WCTC

Monday – Friday: 8am-10:00pm • Saturday & Sunday: 8am-8pm

Masks Rules at the Courts

Masks are recommended to be worn by all patrons. Masks are no longer required to be worn by vaccinated patrons. Please be safe and we're excited to see the smiles of all our vaccinated patrons!

Masks are required for everyone when entering the Pro Shop!

Labor Day Pro Shop Sale!

We are doing a 1-day sale for Labor Day on 9/6!

20% OFF Pro-Shop Equipment

Offer valid only 9/6/21 at any Lifetime Activities location. In-stock, regular priced items only, no special orders. Excludes balls, string/string labor, ball machine, passes, rentals, classes, snacks/drinks, SF apparel/accessories.

Northgate High School

For information on our Fall hours please call our office at (925)945-0105 or email laithk@lifetimeactivities.com.

Fall Youth and Adult Class Registration

Fall Session 1 Starts 8/30! There's still time to sign up and secure your spot in one of our amazing classes! Spots are limited though so sign up online or in the pro shop today!

Missed out on Fall Session 1? No worries, there are still plenty of spots in our Fall session 2 classes that you can still sign up for, and start classes on 10/23!

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

Martha Spanos

Life is Like a Game of Tennis!

Interview and article by Sally Krapf

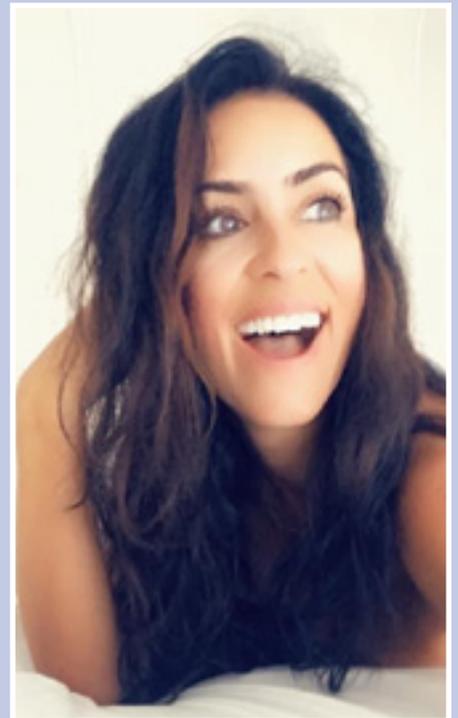
As an effort to get to know our membership the Board has decided to start a new monthly column "Member Spotlight". We will be interviewing WCRC members and getting to know them. This article will help us find out how they got introduced to tennis, their background, any favorite memories, etc. We hope you enjoy this new commentary.

If you've been to Heather Farm over the last 6 years you've probably seen Martha playing in a practice or a match. Tennis is her favorite activity aside from nature photography, Bar Method, hiking the East Bay Hills, or recharging on the beach of Tulum. Martha wasn't always a tennis player, born in Bucaramanga, Colombia she and her family relocated to Burlingame in 1992. At the time her Grandfather was President of the House of Representatives in Colombia, where he was kidnapped and later returned to his family. After his return, all of his family, including Martha's parents, began receiving threats including calls/letters that they would kidnap their entire family including Martha and her 3 sisters. With these threats it was a common occurrence that Martha and her sisters would have to be secretly evacuated out of school hidden inside a car. After her Aunt and Uncle were kidnapped for over 6 months and assumed dead (as was typical in Colombia if you are gone for over 90 days), her Dad applied for political asylum and moved his family to Burlingame. Thankfully Martha's Aunt and Uncle managed to escape with the help of a guard and were evacuated out of the country under political asylum where her uncle became the Colombian Ambassador of Bulgaria.

Martha navigated her new home in the U.S., learning English and going to school. She landed her first job working at SFO airport for Virgin America where she was a customer service agent taking calls. But it wasn't an easy feat still not being 100% with her English and people calling in from all over the world with different English accents!

Martha eventually moved on to becoming a Dental Hygienist and a Mom of 4 amazing kids; Bobby, Mia, and twins Alejandro and George.

Bobby is 23, graduated from UCSB and is now working as an accountant. He loves surfing and writing music for his band where is lead singer and guitarist, as well as putting on shows over the weekends. Mia is 16 and a social butterfly like her Mom. She is a straight A student at San Ramon Valley High School and passionate about choir. She made the chambers choir as a sophomore, which is extremely rare and is now working for the Danville Girls' Choir as their lead high school helper. George and Alejandro are identical twins with different birthdays! Born before and after midnight, they are about to turn 8 on November 25 and 26. They are busy monkeys that keep Martha on her toes constantly. They are loving, funny, sweet and non-stop energizer bunnies that just started 2nd grade at Saint Isidore's Catholic School; which is fitting because they need the fear of God in their lives!



Martha started playing tennis at Heather in 2012 but she started at Crow Canyon in 2009 as a 2.5. She discovered that she really liked to play singles but it was hard to find others to hit with. She heard about WCRC Summer Singles, so she signed up, played a lot of matches, and played in the semi-finals against her friend Denise Maloney back in 2013. It was an email from Moe Satcher that convinced her to play USTA at Heather and she has been playing here every season! She loves playing at HF as she has made life-long friends, including her soul sisters Melissa and Sally, and enjoys meeting people and seeing new faces. Tennis really helped Martha find her people; her chosen family.

One of Martha's favorite tennis experiences was going to Nationals in Vegas with her 4.0 team in 2018 where she got to play singles and of course have a great time! She also started playing WCRC Mixed with Garvin Tom in 2018, where prior to that she hadn't been playing much mixed. She enjoyed it so much she and Garvin played every year and still do. It was at one of their matches where she played against Matt Matrisian and he accidentally hit her with his serve. She was so mad and she looked at Garvin and said "they're going down!", and then she aced him and they took the match! She also took his heart and they have been dating ever since!

If Martha were able to give a new player or her beginner self some tennis advice she would say that there's always someone better than you and it's okay to lose. Just do your best, have fun and respect the game as well as your opponents; just like in life. Because life is like a game of tennis!



Mid-Summer Tournament

I'd like first off thank everyone who participated, those who helped put this tournament together including shopping - Sally Krapf & Priyanka Holmes, Cara Mia Barnacascel who ran the tournament desk, Bobby Satcher who took amazing photos of the event, the Lifetime staff including Laith who gave us 8 courts to use which kept us on time, the players who came as back ups to fill in and play last minute: Sally Krapf, Rachel Shippee, Glenn Teixeira, Garvin Tom, Kevin Kyono and Arlene Acosta! Thank you to those who helped set up and clean up making my life easier!

Tournament Results:

Group A (2.5-4.0 level players)

In 4th place was team ORANGE with 33 total points

In 3rd place was team PURPLE with 47 points

In 2nd place was team YELLOW with 52 points

In 1st place was team WHITE with a whopping 60 points!

Group B (3.5 - 4.5 level players)

In 4th place was team RED with 45 total points

In 3rd place was team PINK with 47 points

Tied for 1st place was

team GREEN and team BLUE with 50 points

All in all a good time was had by everyone.

Looking forward to next year's event!



Tammie Snyder



GROUP A

TEAM WHITE

Chandra Mundra
Sally Krapf
Arwa Kaddoura
Steve Buchholz



TEAM YELLOW

Chris Lau
Cherie Charbonneau
Rachel Shippee
Patrick Wu



TEAM PURPLE

Reid Cooper
Teri Frangie
Tila Parker
Jeff Bennett



TEAM ORANGE

Ricardo Alfonso
Rebecca Kay
Catherine Sampietro
Think Vo



GROUP B

TEAM RED

Mike Yurkus
Pru Pruden
Martha Spanos
Byron Bardy



TEAM PINK

Steve Wheeler
Jill Van Slyke
Robin Elawady
Matt Matrisian



TEAM GREEN

Kevin Kyono
Arlene Acosta
Lena Larionova
Justin Snyder



TEAM BLUE

Glenn Teixeira
Priyanka Holmes
Tammie Snyder
Garvin Tom





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Photos by Bob Satcher



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Mid-Summer Tournament

**Group A Winner
TEAM WHITE**

Chandra Mundra, Steve
Buchholz, Sally Krapf and
Arwa Kaddoura



Tournament organizer Tammie Snyder
with Cara Mia Barnacascel who ran
the tournament desk!

**Group B Winners
TEAM GREEN**

Kevin Kyono
Arlene Acosta
Lena Larionova
Justin Snyder

TEAM BLUE

Glenn Teixeira
Priyanka Holmes
Tammie Snyder
Garvin Tom





Martha Spanos defeated her opponent but still made her do her signature move.



Heidi Belton battling at singles.

18+ 4.0W Sectionals!



Lena Larionova, Hilary Anderson, Jill Van Slyke, Mary Conversano, Donna Himenez, Janell Mollenhauer, Tammie Snyder, Heidi Belton, Robin Elawady, Athena Lofquist, Kristin Westergard, Martha Spanos, Priyanka Holmes & Jessie Thomas not pictured: Voleta Franco, Ellie Kann, Laurie Lowery, Melissa Steele Congratulations to Sharleen Houston, Jennie Kessinger & Jenna Kim who are heading to Nationals on their Diablo South team.



Dinner out at Bacchus House Wine Bar & Bistro



**Heidi & Tammie
Co-Captains for life**



18+ 4.0 Women's Team

back row: Ellie Kann, Mary Conversano, Hilary Anderson, Melissa Steele, Tammie Snyder, Heidi Belton, Donna Himenez, Athena Lofquist, Kristin Westergard, Lena Larionova, front row: Jill Van Slyke & Martha Spanos



**Fire in Vacaville
on the way home.**



**Tammie with
team captain gift!**



**Lunch with the crew and spouses
at Los Reyes Restaurante Y Cantina**

2021 WCRC Fall Mixed Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at www.wcrc.net)

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 Lynne Weinshelbaum: 925.285.9503

DATES August 1, 2021 – January 26, 2022

ENTRY FEES

WCRC Members	
On-Line Registration:	(\$40 per team)
Mail In Registration:	(\$50 per team)
Non WCRC Members	
On-Line Registration:	(\$60 per team)
Mail In Registration:	(\$70 per team)

FORMAT Mixed Doubles
(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.
A super tiebreaker can be played if all players agree, otherwise full third.
Both teams responsible for bringing balls to match; winning team gets the 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 Feb 4–6, 2022* dependent upon court scheduling and weather. To qualify for the tournament, teams must have completed and reported at least 6 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 of the top 4 teams in each division. The more matches you and your partner play, the higher your ranking will be. A minimum of 4 teams are required to generate a draw.



*Teams with ratings more than 1 full step apart (i.e. 3.0 & 5.0 to make up an 8.0 team) are not eligible to play the end of season tournament.

***Tournament Dates are tentative as of 7/28/21**

WCRC Men's & Women's 2021 Winter Doubles League Registration Form (Also on-line at www.wcrc.net)

PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

Name	_____	_____
Mailing Address	_____	_____
City	_____	_____
ZIP Code	_____	_____
Home Phone	_____	_____
Work or Cell Phone	_____	_____
E-mail address	_____	_____
NTRP level	_____	_____
WCRC Member?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Division for which you are registering (please check one): NTRP (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 3.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 2.5/3.0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 3.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 3.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 4.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 4.0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 4.5/5.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 4.5/5.0 |

Registration Fees (note - if you are interested in joining the Racquet Club, please download a membership form from <http://www.wcrc.net/about/membership.htm> and return it with this application):

- * \$50 per team (both Walnut Creek Racquet Club Members) • [\\$40 per team for on-line registration](#)
- * \$60 per team (one WCRC Member, one non-member) • [\\$50 per team for on-line registration](#)
- * \$70 per team (both non WCRC members) • [\\$60 per team for on-line registration](#)

If you would like to register by mail, return this form with a check for registration fees (payable to Walnut Creek Racquet Club **NOT** WCRC) mail to: Walnut Creek Racquet Club, 224 Farm Ln., Martinez, CA 94553.

Questions? Call Garvin Tom at (209) 969-5445 or via e-mail gtom12@hotmail.com

League Information: Players may enter the WCRC Winter Doubles League in more than one division (i.e. 3.0 and 3.5), as long as he/she is playing at or above his/her level. If a player is entering in more than one division, he/she may enter with the same partner or a different partner but may not enter with different partners at the same level.

The league runs from March 22, 2021 - September 24, 2021. The tournament is scheduled for October 1-3, 2021.

Once League play is complete and registration for the end-of-League Tournament begins, a player may **NOT** enter the Tournament at more than one level. **No exceptions will be made.**

CALENDER OF EVENTS 2021

Sept

Sep 3-5	USTA 40+ Sectionals (W2.5DT, W3.0, W3.5DT, W4.0DT, M4.5)
Sep 5	USTA Mixed 18+ Season Closes
Sep 9-12	USTA 40+ Sectionals (W2.5, W3.5, W4.0, W4.5, M3.0, M3.5, M4.0)
Sep 9-12	USTA Mixed 18+ Team Playoffs
Sep 13	USTA 70+ Team Season Opens
Sep 13	USTA Mixed 55+ Team Season Opens
Sep 13	USTA Combo Team Season Opens
Sept 20-26	WCRC Summer Singles Round of 64
Sep 23-26	USTA Mixed 18+ Team Sectionals
Sep 27-Oct 3	WCRC Summer Singles Round of 32

Oct

Oct 1-3	WCRC Winter Doubles Tournament
Oct 4-10	WCRC Summer Singles Round of 16
Oct 11-22	WCRC Summer Singles Quarter Finals
Oct 23-24	WCRC Summer Singles Semi's/Finals

WCRC LEAGUES

Summer Singles April 17 - September 12

Winter Doubles March 22 - September 24

Fall Mixed Doubles August 1 - January 26

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel

January 1 - July, 2021



Income

League Dues	
Summer Singles League	3,425.72
WING singles	507.40
Winter Doubles League	2,953.04
Total League Dues	\$6,886.16
Membership Dues	7,485.65
Tournament Dues	0.00
Mid-Summer Night Tournament	20.00
Total Tournament Dues	\$20.00

Total Income \$14,391.81

GROSS PROFIT \$14,391.81

Expenses

Board Meeting	153.96
Captains Meetings	456.19
Equipment	42.39
League Expenses	0.00
Total Summer Singles Expenses	\$667.64
Total Winter Doubles Expenses	\$538.73
Total League Expenses	\$1,206.37
Office Supplies	228.64
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$163.05
Rental Deposit	500.00
Rental Fees	800.00
Sectionals Fees	600.00
Taxes	25.00

Total Website \$849.65

Total Expenses \$5,025.25

Net Operating Income \$9,366.56

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Balance through June, 2021 \$59,592.78

Summer Singles League - Standings

Men's

	W	L
3.0 Matthew Derby	5	0
3.5 Doug Tambling	7	5
4.0 Jeffrey Smith	10	4
4.5 Jeff Magidson	5	0
50+ Michael Rogers	2	0

Women's

	W	L
3.0 Karlene Steelman	6	0
3.5 Andra Lee	2	0
4.0 No matches played yet		
4.5/5.0 No matches played yet		

Winter Doubles League - Standings

Men's

	W	L
3.5 Michael/Zakari	4	1
4.0 Lehmer/Buchholz	4	1
4.5 Lehmer/Lehmer	3	0

Women's

	W	L
3.0 Weiss/Sanchez	6	1
3.5 Snyder/Kim	3	0
4.0 Spanos/Westergard	2	0
4.5/5.0 No matches played		