



THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club
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Partners David Cobo and Nat Bitton enjoy the sun at Northgate Country Club.



Photo by Robert Young

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Not only is it the time of the month when I must "compose my thoughts" and write my report, but it is also the time of the year when we prepare to say goodbye to the old year and to start ushering in the new year, and to think back on the year that has almost disappeared into the sands of time (WOW a literary bent or what?)



Gabe Goldstein
2005 WCRC President

Firstly a word of congratulations to **Marty Riffel's** 3.0 senior ladies for going all the way to Nationals. From what I have heard you had a lot of fun, but also ran into some very tough opponents, who got in the way of your achieving the ultimate success at Nationals. Well done to all of you – you have achieved something that many of us have yet to do!!!

I am happy to be able to announce to you that **Shari Gonzales**, our Website guru has graciously agreed to be President for 2006. Shari has been on the Board for a number of years, and, under her skillful leadership our website has become something that we can all be very proud of, and which is the envy of many other volunteer organizations. The Board leadership is in very good hands for 2006. All of the very best to you, Shari!!

Being President brought lots of challenges to me, but it has also confirmed to me what I already have known for the years that I have served on this Board, namely what a talented, competent, caring, energetic and committed set of colleagues I have on the Board.

It has been my privilege to work with all of the Board members, to enjoy the work we did together and the laughs that we shared. A great big thank you to all of you for helping to make my job easy and enjoyable.

I am also happy to say that a large number of the Board members will be remaining on the Board for 2006, but we would love to see some new faces for 2006, so, lets hear from you!!

Don Loeffler reports that the Turkey Tournament went off very well and was enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Don and his helpers, **Carolyn Spady** and **Arlene Acosta**.

The next big event is the **Awards Night/Casino Banquet on January 20, 2006**. A fun-filled event is being planned, with good food, some beverages?? And more gaming tables than last year. So.... Make a great big note on your calendar to ensure that you and as many of your friends, spouses and significant others join us for a great evening of fun and laughs

See y'all on the courts.....Soon

Gabe Goldstein



**New Member
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Turkey Tournament Recap...

We had a decent turnout, 20 total entrants with 12 ladies and 8 men. We began at 9am and finished around 12:30 when a complete Turkey dinner was served.

Thanks to **Don Loeffler**, **Carolyn Spady** and **Arlene Acosta** for all their efforts to pull this off.

1st Place Woman - **Debbie Hellmann**

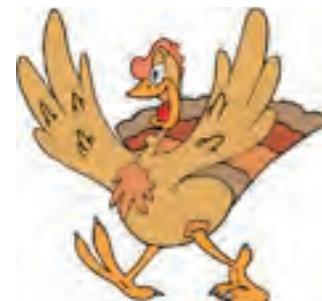
1st Place Men - **Kevin Meyer**

2nd Place Woman - **Lorayne Campbell**

2nd Place Men - **Mike Balg**

D.A.L. Woman - **Sally Van Oosbree**

D.A.L. Man - **Nick Wong**



An additional 4 bottles of wine were given as “door” prizes along with numerous “Turkey Day” gifts ensuring that almost no one went home empty handed.



From the Pro . . .

Last week I was in Golfsmith, the place that used to be called Don Sherwoods, I was looking over new racquets, talking with **Denny** and of course, picking on **Leonard!** For those of you who don't know the place or the people mentioned above, you should hang around the pro shop more often--it would be good to see some new faces with all of the rain. Anyway, I ended up in a conversation with a guy about how he hits his forehand. He had a demo and proceeded to show me how he's been practicing his open-stance (pro-style) technique. Unfortunately, he was using a continental grip. It doesn't matter if you don't know that the continental grip opens the racquet face, and that trying to hit an open-stance forehand with this grip would probably put you in the same league with Barry Bonds, because you can definitely get the ball over the fence this

way. What should matter is that you're aware of the grips you use and what their intended purposes are. This got me thinking, (uh-oh, means I'm gonna lose more hair), how many people are doing just what the above mentioned person is doing? Attempting to perform a certain technique or stroke, while using the wrong grip? We all know of at least one person who hits a terrific stroke using the wrong grip they developed when they had carpal tunnel. Yup, and this is the same person using their right foot for the gas and their left foot for the brake, wondering why car maker's put the pedals so close together? So here's my attempt, without an excel slide-show, at helping you find and understand the basic grips used by most club players.

For the Forehand; place the racquet on the ground with the bottom of the handle facing you, pick it up at the bottom of the handle and make no adjustments, you're now holding the Semi-western grip or something like it. This keeps the racquet face slightly closed or level, and it's good for FOREHANDS!

For the one handed Backhand; hold your forehand grip and place the head of the racquet underneath the arm-pit of your other arm. Make sure the racquet handle is sticking out in front of you not down at your side. Rotate your hand left or right until your wrist and hand are flat, this is the Eastern backhand grip, and it's good for ONE HANDED BACKHANDS!

For the two handed Backhand; while holding your racquet with your forehand, turn the racquet in your hand to the point where you're holding it somewhere between the forehand and backhand grips. Add your opposite hand next to but not on top of your other hand, they should touch. This is the Continental grip or something like it, and it's good for TWO HANDED BACKHANDS.

Due to a limited amount of hair, enough already! Just don't try hitting Andy Roddick forehands with Jack Kramer grips and you'll have a better chance of doing what where all trying to do--get it in.

Coach Mac

WCRC Men's & Women's 2006 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	_____	_____
2005 League Player	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 3.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 3.0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 4.0 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 3.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 4.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's 4.0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's 5.0/5.5 | <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):

- * \$32 per team (both Walnut Creek Racquet Club Members)
- * \$42 per team (one WCRC Member, one non-member)
- * \$52 per team (both non WCRC members)

On-Line Registration will remain open until **December 30th, 2005**. If you would like to register by mail, return this form by **December 24th, 2005** with a check for registration fees (payable to WCRC) to: WCRC, 76 Chancellor Court, Alamo, CA 94507

Questions? Call Pam Maloney at 925-939-1403 or via e-mail pam4tennis@hotmail.com

New Rules for 2006: 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 not playing below 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.

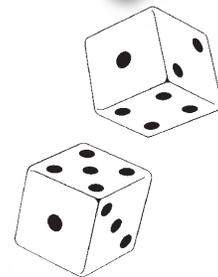
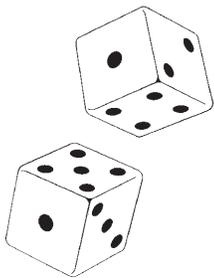
Once League play is complete and registration for the end-of-League Tournament begins, a player may enter the Tournament at more than one level. However, if scheduling problems arise the Tournament Director will require the player with a conflict to forfeit the division of his/her choice. **No exceptions will be made for match rescheduling if this situation arises.**

Annual Awards Banquet & Casino Night

When: Friday, January 20th • 6:30 -10:30

Where: Shadelands Art Center (111 N. Wiget, WC)

Cost: \$30 (includes chips) Additional chips will be available



Sponsorships & Prizes Needed

Once again, we are offering sponsorships for the 2006 Annual Award Banquet (and Casino night!). Sponsorship donations which will benefit a local needy high school tennis program. In appreciation of your sponsorship you will receive the following recognition:

Signage at the party during the event. (Attendance is estimated at over 100).

Marketing materials can be made available during the event at the special “sponsors” table.

A thank you in the Court Reporter prior to and following Casino Night.

If you are interested in sponsoring a gaming table please contact **Jennifer Scriabine** at 457-5794 or by email at scriabine@astound.net.

We are also looking for prizes for the raffle. For prize donations please contact **Tammy Chan** at 324-0524.

Casino Night RSVP

Or sign up on line at www.wcrc.net

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

No. of reservations: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please send check to:

WCRC c/o Jennifer Scriabine
2416 Encinal Drive • Walnut Creek, CA 94597

Questions? Call Jennifer at 457-5794
or email her at: wcrc@astound.net



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Walnut Creek Racquet Club



Annual Fundraising Drive

The Walnut Creek Racquet Club, a local non-profit organization, is holding its annual Awards Banquet and Fundraising event this January. Every year the WCRC hosts an annual banquet and donates a portion of proceeds to a local youth tennis program. I am contacting you on behalf of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club fund raising team to request your support in the form of a tax-deductible donation.

For those of you who are not familiar with our organization, the Walnut Creek Racquet Club (WCRC) was founded in 1969 as a public courts tennis club and is sponsored by the City of Walnut Creek. WCRC is one of the largest and most active public court tennis clubs in Northern California. The club's purpose is to promote the game of tennis in Walnut Creek by providing a wide variety of tennis activities including league play, tournaments, clinics and special events. WCRC is open to both residents of Walnut Creek as well as non-residents as per its charter. Club membership, numbering over 800 tennis enthusiasts, is comprised of players of all ages and skill - all sharing a passion for the game.

I am asking you to help us out this year by purchasing a tax-deductible sponsorship for our annual Awards Banquet and Fundraising event. We work very hard to provide a significant contribution to a local youth tennis program each year and I hope we can count on you to purchase one of our sponsorship packages. However, please note that any donation amount is always welcomed.

If you require additional information about the Walnut Creek Racquet, please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. You may also visit www.wcrc.net online or contact us via email at wcrc@astound.net.

The Walnut Creek Racquet Club annual Awards Banquet is January 20th, 2006, so if it is at all possible, please return the donation by January 10th. Thank you for your consideration.

We are asking that all contributions be sent by January 10th to the following address:

WCRC / Jennifer Scriabine
2416 Encinal Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94597
Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Gabe Goldstein

Gabe Goldstein
President, Walnut Creek Racquet Club

Sponsor Benefits	Title Sponsor \$1,500	Plus Sponsor \$500	Standard Sponsor \$250
1/2 page ad in our monthly newsletter (3 months)	✓		
Signage (banner) at the Walnut Creek Tennis Center (Heather Farm Park)	✓		
Complimentary tickets to the Banquet	4	2	2
Web link - logo	✓	✓	
Distribution of Sponsor Materials at Banquet	✓	✓	
Mention in all press releases	✓	✓	
Logo on promotional materials	✓	✓	✓
Signage (banner) at the annual Awards Banquet and Fundraiser	✓	✓	✓



Walnut Creek Racquet Club



Sponsorship Form

Sponsor Information (please print or type)

Company Name _____

Billing address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact Person _____

Telephone (home) _____

Telephone (business) _____

Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Sponsorship Information

Sponsorship Level:

- Title Sponsor - \$1,500 (first come basis)
- Plus Sponsor - \$500
- Standard Sponsor - \$250

Credit card type _____

Credit card number _____ Expiration date _____

Authorized signature _____

Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements:

- I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

**Please make checks payable to WCRC.
Send payment, with completed sponsorship form to:**

**WCRC c/o Jennifer Scriabine
2416 Encinal Drive
Walnut Creek, CA 94597**

WANTED

If you are looking to advertise, submit an article or photograph for an upcoming newsletter, please contact Tammie Snyder at 925-957-0604 or email her at tammie@gte.net.

Deadline for the January issue is
Monday, December 26th.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein

Income Statement:
as of October 31, 2005



Income

Awards Banquet	4,760.00
Club Championships	350.00
Winter Doubles League	4,700.00
Interest	21.77
Advertising Income	805.00
Membership Dues	13,328.00
Board Dinner	25.00
Summer Singles League	8,330.00
Calcutta Tournament	3,170.00
Valentines Tournament	140.00

Total Income **\$ 35,629.77**

Expenses

Paypal Fees	378.43
Club Championships '05	1,683.55
Court Rental - CCTA	120.00
Nationals - 6.0 Seniors	500.00
Winter Doubles League	4,003.70
Awards Banquet '05	4,625.69
Awards Banquet '06	300.00
Club Championships '04	294.19
Turkey Tournament	8.66
Winter Doubles '04	104.50
Donations	662.43
Dues & Subscriptions	25.00
Light Fund Payment	3,000.00
Membership Brochures	345.72
Member Directory	1,434.85
Newsletter	4,494.29
Non-Profit Fees	-10.03
Postage	1,315.44
Post Office Box Rental	58.00
Supplies	1,484.51
Website	884.95
Summer Singles	3,698.33
Commission	11.15
Calcutta Tournament	3,538.21
Valentines Tournament	158.03

Total Expenses **\$ 33,119.60**

Profit (Loss) **\$ 2,510.17**

Balance October 31, 2005 **\$13,183.39**



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