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Faraz Fardanesh hits a sharp angle volley during the 2002 Club Championships.

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Scriabine to be WCRC Chief

Jennifer Scriabine will become the WCRC's 2003 president when she is installed during the Winter Party on Saturday, January 25 at the Heather Farm Community Center. A five-year WCRC member, Jennifer has previously served as Secretary and Vice-President. She is an Information Technology (IT) manager for Chevron in Concord and has worked for the company for the past 11 years.

A Nebraska native, Jennifer first picked up a racket seven years ago after her husband, Nick, gave her a racket and a few lessons. She has been active in USTA Adult Leagues, including captaining a WCRC Women's 3.5 team for the past three years. Jennifer says that her favorite club program is the Summer Singles League, which she has served as the sole Women's Coordinator since 2000.

A self-described "tennis diehard," she was on the court this past Spring on the day her first child, Natalie, was born. "I look forward to continuing all the club's successful programs and events in the coming year," stated Scriabine.

Valentine's Day Tournament

- When:** Sunday, February 16th
Where: Walnut Creek Tennis Center
Cost: \$20.00 per team (sign up with a partner)
Deadline: Sunday, February 9th
Start: Times posted at WCTC on Wednesday, February 12th 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 drinks will be provided.
Entries: Send a sheet with both players' names, phone numbers, emails and ratings. Make checks payable to WCRC and send to: Josh Svendsen, 3606 Bickerstaff St., Apt. C, Lafayette, CA 94549
Questions: Call Josh at 962-1782

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My Final Chapter....

Christmas music is playing, my wife Meredith is making cookies (hey, I got the mixer down!), dogs are peacefully chomping down on some bones, the rain is falling and I am reminiscing back on the last year at Walnut Creek Racquet Club. When I accepted this position a year ago, I was a little naive about what it was all about. It didn't take long to get that first wake-up call: "Someone has to decide if an overlooked entry in our Doubles League can still get in..." I've tried just to be the sounding board, and rely on the board members to make the decisions and handle the problems. I can't commend the members of the Board enough; when decisions needed to be made, they were, when things needed to be taken care of, they got done. As president, what more could anyone ask for? Thank you one and all.

During the last year, we put on our usual assortment of club tournaments, (including the introduction of Friday Night Team Tennis), and had a party or two. A few of our USTA teams made it to post-season play, and we even had one win the Nationals, a first for the club. Way to go Shari and the entire 6.0 Mixed Doubles team. We spent a little money on a barbecue and a couple of heaters, not forgetting that we donated \$1,500 to Northgate High School for some court improvements.

When we applied for the USTA NorCal "Community Tennis Association of the Year Award", the USTA committee was more than a little overwhelmed by all that we do for tennis in our community. In addition to all our club events, our Singles and Doubles Leagues impressed them. It was no contest, and our club easily won.



Robert Young
2002 WCRC President

Walnut Creek Racquet Club is incorporated now, and we have a non-profit status from the IRS, so we will be able to apply for a share of USTA grant money. I'm hoping with the available grant money we'll be able to pool funds with the city and get the courts resurfaced at Northgate.

It's been one heck of a year, and one heck of a ride. I've truly enjoyed working closely with Board and committee members throughout the year. Our club has got to be one of the best in California, and when asked what club I belong to, I'm proud to say, "I'm a member of Walnut Creek Racquet Club". I wish the best to our new president Jennifer Scriabine and the new Board.

I'll see ya' on the courts...

Robert Young

Calendar of Events



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY 6 - MARCH 30, 2003

Winter Doubles League

JANUARY 18, 2003

Little Siebel Tournament (MXD 6.0, 7.0, 8.0)

JANUARY 25, 2003

Annual Winter Party

FEBRUARY 14, 2003

Siebel Open Bus Trip (quarterfinals)

FEBRUARY 16, 2003

Valentine's Day Tournament

APRIL 11-13, 2003

Winter Doubles League Tournament

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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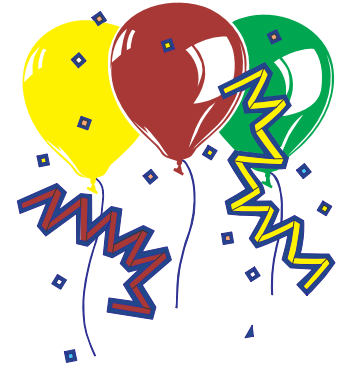
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WINTER PARTY



When: Saturday, January 25, 2003
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Where: Heather Farm Community Center

Dress: Formal (black tie optional)

Cost: \$30.00 per person (guests are welcome)

Deadline: Monday, January 20, 2003

Questions: Call Tammy Chan at 925-837-0227

Join your tennis friends and colleagues "off the court" as the WCRC celebrates its individual and team achievements over the past year. Tickets are \$30 per person and include cocktails & hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dancing and the opportunity to participate in the club's Silent Auction (to benefit the Ygnacio Valley High School boys and girls varsity tennis teams).

Schedule of Events

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Silent Auction
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Dinner
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Award Presentations
8:30 pm - 11:00 pm	Dancing

Party RSVP

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

E-mail address _____

No. of reservations _____ Amt. enclosed _____

Tickets are \$30 per person.

Guests are welcome.

Please make checks payable to WCRC

Send to: Tammy Chan, P.O. Box 221, Alamo, CA 94507.

Registration deadline is January 20, 2003.

If you have any questions or you want to reserve a table for your USTA team, please contact Tammy at 837-0227 or via email at tammychan@telocity.com.

Winter Party Silent Auction Donation List

Below is a partial list of the auction items that will be available for bid on Saturday, January 25 at the WCRC's Annual Winter Party - funds raised will go to help the Ygnacio Valley boys and girls varsity tennis programs. We are still accepting donations! If you are interested, please contact Kent Lindeman at 943-5745 or via email at jkindeman@astound.net.

WINE TASTING FOR 10	Annette D'Antonio	Value: \$500	Min. Bid: \$125
RIDE IN KGO JETCOPTER	Ed Baxter and David Rich	Value: \$300	Min. Bid: \$100
TAX PREPARATION	Gabriel Goldstein, EA	Value: \$350	Min. Bid: \$75
DOUBLES TOURNAMENT FOR 16 FRIENDS	Kent Lindeman	Value: \$150	Min. Bid: \$40
DIGITALLY-PRINTED BUSINESS CARDS	Robert Young, Walnut Creek Printing Co.	Value: \$125	Min. Bid: \$35
LESSON & SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY CONSLT.	Chris Bown	Value: \$100	Min. Bid: \$30
ACRYLIC PAINTING	Birgit Pearson	Value: \$85	Min. Bid: \$30
SIEBEL OPEN TICKETS	Walnut Creek Racquet Club	Value: \$70/set	Min. Bid: \$25
SCOTT'S GIFT CERTIFICATE	Frank & Marilyn Concepcion	Value: \$50	Min. Bid: \$15
TENNIS LESSONS	Calvin "Coach Mac" McCullough	Value: \$45/ea	Min. Bid: \$15
PENN BACKPACK	Steve King	Value: \$40	Min. Bid: \$10

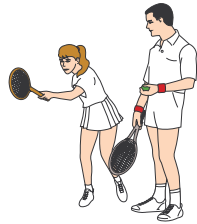


The WCRC will be holding their 3rd annual set of Siebel Open events in early 2003 -- the Little Siebel Mixed Doubles Tournament to be held Saturday, January 18 and the Siebel Open Bus Trip, scheduled for Friday, February 14. The Little Siebel has quickly become a social tournament favorite, with its round-robin format and prizes for finalists in all divisions: tickets to the Siebel Open at the HP

Pavillion in San Jose. Cost is \$25 per team -- see registration form below. **Deadline to enter is January 14, 2003.** The bus trip will feature quarterfinal action and players scheduled to appear at the 2003 tournament include: Sampras, Agassi, Roddick and Blake. Buses will leave the Walnut Creek Tennis Center at 5:30 pm and return after the completion of two quarterfinal matches that begin at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$60 per person which includes round-trip transportation, ticket (lower sideline) and food and beverage on the bus going down to San Jose. There are only 60 spots still available -- make your reservation as soon as possible by filling out the registration form at bottom.

Little Siebel Tournament Registration Form

Saturday, January 18, 2003 • 10:00 am - 3:00 pm



PLAYER 1

PLAYER 2

Name	_____	_____
Mailing Address	_____	_____
City	_____	_____
ZIP Code	_____	_____
Home Phone	_____	_____
E-mail address	_____	_____
NTRP level	_____	_____

We would like to enter the following division: Mixed 6.0 Mixed 7.0 Mixed 8.0

Finalists in each division will win tickets to early round action of the Siebel Open, February 10-16, 2003. Format will be round robin with starting times posted on the WCRC website on January 16. Cancellations after January 14 are not eligible for refunds. Please make a check for \$25 payable to WCRC and send to : Robert Young • 47 Chaucer Drive • Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. **Registration deadline is January 14, 2003.** Questions? Call (925) 906-0614 or email robert@canterburytrails.com.

Siebel Open Bus Trip Registration Form



Friday, February 14, 2003 • 5:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Name	_____
Home Phone	_____
E-mail address	_____
No. of tickets	_____

*Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first served basis. Cancellations after February 10 are not eligible for refunds unless tickets can be resold to those on a waiting list. Please make a check for \$60 per ticket payable to WCRC and send to: Kent Lindeman, 1889 Appia Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. **Registration deadline is February 10, 2003.** Questions? Call (925) 943-5745 or email jklindeman@astound.net.*

2002 WCRC CHAMPIONS!

USTA NorCal Comm. Tennis Assoc. of the Year

Walnut Creek Racquet Club

Club Championships

Mixed 6.0 Doubles	Pat & Jim Brown
Mixed 7.0 Doubles	Rosemary Brown & Jay Hoyer
Mixed 8.0 Doubles	Barbara & Allen Uzzell
Mixed 9.0 Doubles	Melanie Pizzoli & Martin Dunlap
Women's A Singles	Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein
Women's A Doubles	Kim Lackey & Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein
Women's B Singles	Valerie Fung-a-Ling
Women's B Doubles	Valerie Fung-a-Ling & Jane Ladrech
Men's A Singles	Kent Lindeman
Men's A Doubles	Chris Bown & Mark Litzau
Men's B Singles	Long Nguyen
Men's B Doubles	Greg Lane & Eric Ladrech
Men's C Singles	Philip Hensley
Men's C Doubles	Bill Conk & Tom Whittington

Winter Doubles League

Women's 3.0	Cheryl Fredericks & Helanie Yagor
Women's 3.5	Kathleen Chaffee & Patti May
Women's 4.0	Kathy Lee & May Wong
Women's 4.5-5.0	Kim Lackey & Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein
Men's 3.5	Steve King & Kurt Nesheim
Men's 4.0	Bret Jones & Alex Shafi
Men's 4.5	Frank Jones & Rich Zavala
Men's 5.0-5.5	Peter Lindstrom & Eric Peterson

Summer Singles League

Women's 3.0	Karen Sonobe
Women's 3.5	Jane Ladrech
Women's 4.0	Heidi Belton
Women's 4.5-5.0	Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein
Men's 3.5	Jerry Garcia
Men's 4.0	Bob Walgren
Men's 4.5	Jackson Riker
Men's 5.0-5.5	Shane Jones

Little Siebel Open

Mixed 6.0	Meredith & Robert Young
Mixed 7.0	Stephanie Law & John Gavello
Mixed 8.0	Jesse Inclan & Judy Griffith

Valentine's Day

Champions	Carol Kennedy & Ron Rose
Runners-up	Stephanie Law & Gabe Goldstein



Pat & Jim Brown (Mixed 6.0 Doubles)



Valerie Fung-a-Ling
(Women's B Singles)



Long Nguyen
(Men's B Singles)



Mark Litzau & Chris Bown
(Men's A Doubles)

Calcutta

Champions	Michelle Gold & Robert Young
Finalists	Bea Schmutz & Bill Bruce
Consolation	Pashi Vakiva & Phil Hammonds

USTA NorCal - Grand Prix

Women's 3.5 Singles	Valerie Fung-a-Ling
Women's 4.0 Singles	Heidi Belton
Men's 3.5 Singles	Brad Belton

Intraclub Circuit

Women's 3.0 Doubles	Pat Brown & Sidney Russell
Women's 3.5 Doubles	Dee Karwoski & Ernie Scrimshaw
Women's 4.0-4.5 Dbls	Judy Corliss & Dianna Davaron

USTA National Champions

Mixed 6.0 Doubles	Shari Huber, captain
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USTA Nationals - Gold Ball

Women's 45 Doubles	Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein & Sherri Bronson
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Sectionals

Mixed 7.0 Doubles	Bret Jones, captain
Men's Adult 3.5	Don Loeffler, captain
Super Seniors 3.5	Janet Couchot & Fran Bagnasco, captains
Senior Mixed 7.0 Dbls	Susan Smith & Barb Forrester, captains

Women's Interclub

B-1 BALL	Jackie Cowgill, captain
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NTRP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE • 2003

January 25 & 26 - February 1 & 2

CHABOT CANYON 5.0 NTRP
MW (5.0) sd; MX (5.0)
Chabot Canyon Racquet Club
Entry deadline: January 13
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500001103

January 25 & 26 - February 1 & 2

CLUBSPORT FREMONT 3.0 & 4.0
DOUBLES & MIXED DOUBLES
MW (3.0, 4.0) d; MX (3.0,4.0) d
ClubSport Fremont
Entry deadline: January 9
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50001203

January 25 & 26 - February 1 & 2

LAKE MERCED 3.5 & 4.5 NTRP
MW (3.5, 4.5) sd; MX (3.5, 4.5) d
San Francisco State University
Entry deadline: January 13
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50001303

February 8 & 9 - 15 & 16

13TH ANNUAL SOLANO NTRP CHAMPS
MW (3.0-5.5) sd; MX (3.0-5.5)
Solano Athletic Club
Entry deadline: January 24
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50001703

March 8 & 9 - 15 & 16

CLUBSPORT PLEASANTON MARCH NTRP
MW (3.0-5.0) sd; MX (3.0-5.0)
ClubSport Pleasanton
Entry deadline: February 23
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #50002703

March 22 & 23 - 29 & 30

WALNUT CREEK NTRP SPRING FLING
MW (3.5, 4.5, 5.5) sd; MX (3.5, 4.5, 5.5)
Walnut Creek Tennis Center
Entry deadline: March 10
TOUCH TONE/TENNISLINK #500003803