



# THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club  
February 2006*

**After a wet weekend in Fresno, WCRC's men's 7.5 combo team were the semi-finalists at sectionals.**



*From l-r: Doug Wisman, Peter Hellmann, Paul Morrow, Leonard Young, Mike Attiyeh, Jesse Gonzalez, Brett Jones and Brad Belton.*

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, the 2006 year is now in full swing which means that the Winter Doubles League is underway, the USTA Adult season is right around the corner, and there's a new board (well sort of...).

First things first, I'd like to extend a huge thank you to **Gabe Goldstein** who, on top of performing his regular Treasurer tasks, stepped up and took on the presidency last year. He really has done an outstanding job as Club President over the past 12 months. I'd also like to thank our outgoing board member, **Karen Hoyer** for volunteering this last year as Vice-President and the year prior as Secretary. Finally, I'd like to thank all of the board members who are staying on this year including:



**Shari Gonzalez**  
2006 WCRC President

Tammie Snyder	Vice-President & Newsletter
Marie Murphy	Secretary
Gabe Goldstein	Treasurer
Robert Young	Mailing, Photography
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Marty Tedlock	Membership
Judy Stillman	USTA Leagues
Don Loeffler	USTA Leagues
Carolyn Spady	InterClub Leagues

All of the individuals listed above have very generously volunteered their time over the past several years to ensure that we have a terrific club environment and some really fun events so, please take the opportunity to say thanks when you can.

Speaking of thank you's, **Nat & Bernadette Bitton, Tammy Chan & Jennifer Scriabine** all deserve a huge thumbs-up for making sure that our Annual Awards Banquet & Casino Night went off without a hitch. We had a great time noshing on appetizers made by Nat & Bernadette, playing Roulette, Blackjack & Craps, and enjoying the music and dinner, all of which was coordinated by Jennifer & Tammy. I'd also like to mention our title sponsor, Irv Pearlstein, for helping us sponsor this event. Irv will be opening a new sandwich store in late spring in downtown Walnut Creek, Sonny's Taste of Philadelphia, so make sure that you stop by when they open to enjoy a munchie; more details to come soon.

On a final note, I have to mention an experience that I recently had while in Fresno for the Combo Sectionals weekend. I overheard another player make a comment to a Walnut Creek team member that went something like – "It seems like there is always a Walnut Creek team in the mix at these things". After thinking about this statement, I realized how true that is. I cannot think of a District level playoff in recent years that we have not had at least one team in attendance. What a great statement to be able to make – it really speaks volumes to the level of captaining commitment and the talented players at our club. So, if you haven't yet joined a USTA team for the Adult season, get going! And if you need some help getting hooked up with a team don't hesitate to contact **Judy Stillman** or **Don Loeffler**, our USTA league coordinators. – See you on the courts



# *Award Banquet and Casino Night Highlights...*



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# Tennis News



## MEN'S 7.5A COMBO SECTIONAL RESULTS

Gerry Brown & Jesse Gonzalez's Men's 7.5 Combo team headed down to Fresno over the recent Martin Luther King weekend (January 13-15<sup>th</sup>) as the Diablo North District Champions to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Northern California Combo Sectionals tournament.

Play was scheduled to be a 3-match round-robin (2 matches on Friday, 1 on Saturday) with the winner of the flight going on to the Semi Finals on Sunday morning. The 2 Semi Finalists would go on to face each other in the Final round on Sunday afternoon to determine the Northern California Championships. Unfortunately rain delays caused the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of flight play and the Semi Finals to be played as an 8-game pro-set with a 7-point tiebreaker deciding a tie.

On Friday morning the team got the early spot at 8:30am against an 11-1 Sherwood Tennis Center team from Monterey. In the #1 spot Jesse Gonzalez & Doug Wiseman dominated the Sherwood team,



even sending one player into the fence & net several times, with well placed drop shots and lobs, and came up with a 6-4, 6-4 victory. Leonard Young and Bret Jones dropped a close match in the #2 spot 6-2, 6-3. With the match tied at 1-1, Mike Atiyeh & Peter Hellmann kept their foot on the gas pedal and cruised through their opponents 6-3, 6-2 thanks to Mike's big lefty serve and Peter's overhead.

Next up for the team, the 11-1 team from Santa Clara Tennis Club scheduled for Friday afternoon. With a crowd of about 40 watching, including the Orindawoods 7.5 Women's team who had just won their first match, Kevin Gee & Paul Morrow took on a couple of scrappy players in the #1 position. At 4-5 in the 1<sup>st</sup> set Morrow & Gee were unable to capitalize on 3 set points and the Santa Clara team was able to force the tiebreaker. Gee & Morrow turned in on, never looking back and took the tiebreaker and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> set 6-4. In the #2 position Brad Belton & Bret Jones looked strong taking the first set 6-4. Their opponents were able to rally and despite a tough performance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> set tiebreak, Belton & Jones lost the match in a 10-7 decision. With all eyes on them, the #3 line of Dave Wu & Debashis Panda did not disappoint. Up a set, the match seesawed back and forth as teams seemed to trade first breaks and then holds of serves. Co-captains Jesse Gonzalez & Leonard Young could be seen

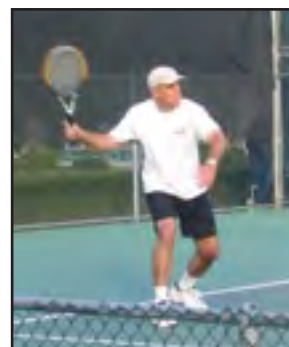


ringing their hands in the back of the crowd and sporadic chanting of "Wu-Wu-Wu" could be heard as Dave Wu fired off one top-spin lob after another. Finally during the 2<sup>nd</sup> set tiebreaker, Wu & Panda leaped out to a 6-3 lead and while the crowd watched on, the opponents managed to earn back all 3 points. At 7-7, Panda & Wu took the next 2 points using a big serve by Panda and some great steady rallying by Wu.



On day 2 the team was scheduled to play the 13-2 team from Sunnyvale Tennis Club.

Rain delays caused the format to be shortened to the 8-game pro-set format. Morrow & Gee again teamed in the #1 spot and were quickly off the court with an 8-2 victory. With Gonzalez & Wiseman at 4-2 and Hellman & Wu at 4-4 the rain settled in again causing play to be cancelled for the day.



On day 3 the team showed up at Dan Gamel Racquet Club only to find out that the Sunnyvale team had split town and defaulted the rest of the

match. This put the team into the Semi-Finals against a 14-3 team from Clovis Tennis Club. Gee & Morrow again dominated in the #1 spot taking the line with an 8-3 victory. Gonzalez & Wiseman and Wu & Hellmann came up against teams so tough that there was debate about who the higher ranked player was on each team. Both Clovis teams were able to take the 8-game pro-set and send the Walnut Creek team home with the Semi-Finalist title. Clovis ended up winning the final and will take on the Southern California Champions in Bakersfield on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

One final note, the team would like to thank all of the great support that they received in Fresno including: Victor & Janet Gee,

Ranu Panda, Gabe Goldstein & Carol Kennedy, Linda & Al Richardi, Myrl Kan, Shari Gonzalez, Randy Jang, Gaye Lierly, Tammie Snyder and the Orindawoods Women's 7.5 team.







# Tennis News



## Pat & Darcy Tie the Knot

Long time WCRC members **Pat Beauchemin** and **Darcy Lopes** got married on New Year's Day in Waikiki, Hawaii. They met on **Shari Gonzalez & Heidi Belton's** 8.0 mixed team 2 years ago. They were matched up to be partners on the court. As luck would have it they were great partners off the court as well.



WCRC members who flew out to Hawaii to witness their special day were **Shari & Jesse Gonzalez**, and **Terri Hernandez** and **Bret Jones**.

**Julia and Michael Beauchemin** (Pat's 6 year old twins) were the flower girl and ring bearer. With this union Pat also become the stepfather of Miki, Darcy's 8 year old Walkerhound.

We wish you both all the best together!



## Renew Your Membership On-Line at [WWW.WCRC.NET](http://WWW.WCRC.NET)

Last month we launched our new on-line membership area and hope that you've been enjoying some of the new functionality. We now have on-line membership renewal available. Our method of receiving payments is currently PayPal, so you'll have to have an active PayPal account or open an account in order to renew on-line. There's no extra charge to renew your membership on-line.

We'll also be sending out renewal invoices in the mail as well, so if you'd like to renew by US postal services, that option will be available as well.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you have a family membership and want to renew on-line, the family administrator must login and renew through their account. If you have a question about who the family administrator is or need to change the administrator please contact us at [webmaster@wcr.net](mailto:webmaster@wcr.net).

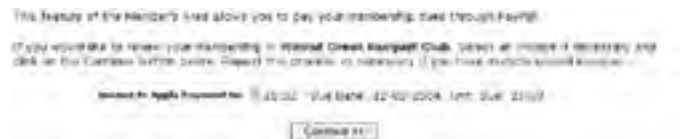
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Gabe Goldstein

Income Statement:  
as of November 30, 2005



### Income

Awards Banquet	4,760.00
Club Championships	980.00
Winter Doubles League '05	4,700.00
Winter Doubles League '06	1,312.00
Interest	23.34
Advertising Income	805.00
Membership Dues	14,358.00
Board Dinner	25.00
Summer Singles League	8,330.00
Calcutta Tournament	3,170.00
Valentines Tournament	140.00

**Total Income**

**\$ 38,603.34**

### Expenses

Paypal Fees	378.43
Club Championships '05	1,683.55
Award Banquet '06	300.00
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
Bank Service Charge	5.00
Dues & Subscriptions	25.00
Light Fund Payment	3,000.00
Membership Brochures	345.72
Member Directory	1,434.85
Newsletter	5,042.29
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	104.85
Calcutta Tournament	3,538.21
Valentines Tournament	158.03

**Total Expenses**

**\$ 33,766.30**

**Profit (Loss)**

**\$ 4,837.04**

**Balance November 30, 2005**

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