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Newsletter of the
Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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Teammates Mary Waltz serves while Sheila Ross waits for the return. They play on Myrl Kan's 3.0 B team and are vying for a playoff position.

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What's New?

It is shaping up to be a very busy summer of tennis at Heather Farms and the outlying courts. As many of you know, CCTA kicked off their League Season the last weekend of June with 8 WCRC teams participating and the courts at Heather were packed with lots of good tennis being played. USTA Adult and Super Senior seasons are winding down but USTA Fifty Mixed has begun and Seniors is right around the corner. Remember to check our online calendar for scheduled play and that Thursday evening at Heather is almost always taken by League play.



Pam Maloney
2004 WCRC President

Busy courts mean heavy usage and **Jim Farber** and his team are doing their usual great job to keep the courts in the best possible shape. If you haven't been up to Arbolado recently, check out the new surface on the courts! Please remember not to take drinks that might leave a sticky mess if they happen to spill onto the courts. In keeping with the court maintenance schedule, the following courts will be out of commission for resurfacing:

- **Larkey Park**, starting August 30
2 courts will be shut down for 3-4 weeks
- **Heather Farms**, September 7 through 13
courts 4 & 5 will be out of service
- **NorthGate**, starting August 30
lower 4 courts, will be shut down for 3-4 weeks

I think we've all been waiting to hear bulldozers running, signifying the building of the skate park but we've gotten a bit of a reprieve. Our contact at the City of Walnut Creek tells me that construction has been delayed and won't start until November. There's some question that it will even happen then.

Lastly, I'm working with Jim and our contact at the City who are eager to improve the gravel area at Heather where the big oak tree used to be. We think a shade structure and some picnic tables would be a great improvement and get lots of use. If it can be done for a reasonable price, we may hold a fund-raising tournament to help move the project along.

Time and space is running out, sosee you on the courts!

Pam

Seeds Dominate at 2004 Mixed Doubles Club Championships

7.0 Mixed Consolation

Everett Thomas and Myrl Kan d. Irv Pearlstein and Pauline Hanley 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

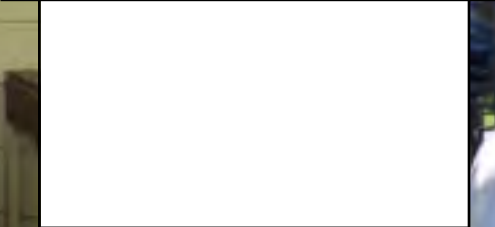
8.0 Mixed Consolation

Stan Smallwood and Lori Sakamoto d. Bret Jones and Liz Riddle 7-6 (10-8), 3-6, 6-4.



9.0 Mixed

Melanie Pizzoli-Beardslee and Martin Dunlap (let) d. Denny Santos and Chris Pearlstein (below) 0-6, 6-2, 6-4.



8.0 Mixed

Number 1 and 2 seeds met in the finals with Brad and Heidi Belton (above) d. Brian Kuritsubo and Kim McIntosh (right) 6-7 (7-5), 6-3, 6-4.



6.0 Mixed

Justin and Tammie Snyder (left) d. Robert Goldstein and Helen Cavin (below) 6-1, 3-6, 7-6 (7-0).

7.0 Mixed

Number 1 seed Peter and Debbie Hellman (above) d. Stephanie Law and John Gavello (right) 6-3, 6-3.





Tennis News



Bench Dedication

If you are familiar with Ladie's Day and **Dorothy Butler** (who's been running it for 35 years), you'll be pleased to know that there's been a group of women who have been trying for four years to have the City



acknowledge her. It has finally happened! On Friday, June 11th, the City installed a bench and plaque in her honor at WCTC outside the Pro Shop. A small dedication ceremony followed. Dorothy is a charter member of the club and also served as secretary. In fact, she signed the original petition for the courts.

Spring League Update:

The WCRC A-2 Contra Costa Spring League team



co-captained by **Kathy Leahy** and **Sue Walmsley** finished the season undefeated. This is the first win at A-2 Spring League for the Club in at least 18 years.

Team members include **Rosemary Brown, Randy Chen-Tse, Bernice Chinn, Marilyn Concepcion, Mary Donaldson, Hazel Fairies, Nancy Gates, Judy Griffith, Donna Hambrick,**

Linda Hawk, Gisela Hendrickson, Mimi Howard, Karyn Hoyer, Linda Jones, Sue Kidd, Mary Mark, Jo McCulley, Marsha Penning, Yvette Pezzaglia, Yumi Suzuki, and Joan Yao.

Super Senior Playoffs

Fran Bagnasco's 3.5 A team finished their season with a 10-0 record. Next up they will play the #4 team Harbour Bay. Assuming they beat Harbour Bay, their next match will be the 2nd week of July where they will meet either Walnut Creek B (**Janet Couchot's** team) or Berkeley. It will be a 9:00 a.m. start at Heather Farms. They are planning a little "fun" tournament right after with their old wooden rackets.

WCRC Mixed 7.0 Team Headed to Great Lakes

After compiling a 12-1 regular season record, the WCRC's Mixed 7.0 teams captained by **Craig Kirk** and **Bob Deinhammer**, rolled through local, district and sectional playoffs without losing a match, earning a trip to Minnesota and the Mixed Western Regionals. The Minnesota tournament represents "Nationals" for the Mixed league.

The team took first place in the always-tough Diablo North league, then beat **Debbie Hellmann's** 7.0 WCRC team and a Lafayette squad by identical 3-0 scores. In districts, WCRC defeated teams from Sunnyvale and Solano Athletic Club before facing Sun O a k s (Redding) in the final match of the round-robin playoff. After the first t w o m a t c h e s split, the duo of **Sue Sells** and **Tony Ashe** captured the deciding point



*Backrow: Greg Lane, Patti May, Captain Kirk, Andy Henderson, Todd Tuinstra, Tony Ashe, Paul Tomaska; Frontrow: Sue Sells, Lisa Leach, Araceli Ramariz-ashe, Carla Kirk, Laurie Brunkow
Not Pictured: Co-Captain Bob Deinhammer, Eric Belusa, Wendy Burman, Kathleen Chaffee, Laura Hooper, Kurt Nesheim, Jayne Rescoe, Todd Sells*

Tennis News

at #1, with a tight 7-6, 7-6 win.

Sectional play proved not to be quite as "nail biting" as WCRC piled up three wins against Roeding Park (Fresno), Westlake Park (San Francisco) and Lakeridge El Sobrante to earn their ticket to the mid-west.

Volunteers needed for August Club Championship tournament!

We need help setting up, cleaning up, cooking and running the tournament desk for August 7-8, 14-15. If you are available and willing to help out, even for just one morning, please contact **Jennifer Scriabine** at 925-939-4328 or scriabine@astound.net.

Got Logos?

While sitting around the courts the other day, **Leonard Young** suggested it might be fun to start a



new tradition at WCRC. Using the model of most colleges, we could publish pictures of our members while

wearing one of our many shirts or hats with the WCRC logo while on vacation in memorable places.

To start things off, here is a picture of **Meredith and Robert Young** at the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, RI just after playing some tennis on the grass courts.

Friday Night Drop-In Is Fun

We held 2 drop-ins during June. Thanks to **Carolyn Spady, Bob Walgren** and **Jeri Gooner** for being great hosts and running these two events. **Shirley Nagle** will be hosting the July 2 event and we still need volunteers for July 16 and 30. Contact **Pam Maloney** if you can help.

Remember it's a fun night and it's just \$2 to join in. We start at 6:30 and play mixed doubles (usually) until people don't want to play any longer. Come on out!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein



Income Statement:
as of May 31, 2004

Income

Awards Banquet	3,106.00
Siebel Bus Trip	2,015.00
Little Siebel Tournament	200.00
Winter Doubles League	1,975.00
Interest	9.39
Advertising	780.00
Membership Dues	8,010.00
Silent Auction	1,610.00
Board Dinner	270.00
Summer Singles	25.00
Calcutta Tournament	1,610.00
Valentines Tournament	485.00

Total Income **20,095.39**

Expenses

Siebel Bus Trip	2,898.50
Little Siebel Tournament	94.82
Turkey Tournament	327.76
Winter Doubles	5,552.50
Awards Banquet	3,428.71
Donations	943.80
Light Fund	3,000.00
Membership Brochures	54.13
Membership Directory	1,326.06
Newsletter	2,824.86
Non-Profit Fees	20.00
Postage	620.91
Printing/Duplicating	29.86
Supplies	579.63
Website	206.40
Board Dinner	705.54
Calcutta Tournament	2,131.64
Valentines Tournament	216.81

Total Expenses **24,961.93**

Profit (Loss) **-4,866.54**

Balance May 31, 2004 **\$7,682.53**

**2004
CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Men's Singles
Women's Singles
Men's Doubles
Women's Doubles**



**August 7-8 &
14-15, 2004**

WHEN: August 7-8 & 14-15, 2004
WHERE: Walnut Creek Tennis Center
DIVISIONS: Men's A (4.5+) Women's A (4.0+)
 Men's B (4.0) Women's B (3.5)
 Men's C (3.0-3.5) Women's C (3.0-)

FEES: \$10/person - Singles; \$16/team - Doubles

***Entry fees include tennis balls, BBQ, individual trophies for winners. Participants are guaranteed at least two matches -- consolation rounds will be held (some may be held at satellite sites).*

Note: You must be an active member of the WCRC to play in the Club Championships.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Must be received by
Friday, July 30th, 5pm

'03 CHAMPIONS:

Women's A Singles	Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein
Women's B Singles	Shari Huber Gonzalez
Women's C Singles	Sybil Schmidt
Women's A Doubles	Kim Lackey & Chris Ramsower-Pearlstein
Women's C Doubles	Laura Hooper & Kristen Ray
Men's A Singles	Chris Bown
Men's B Singles	Charles Kearney
Men's C Singles	Ron Helgesson
Men's A Doubles	Chris Bown & Ron Hidayat
Men's B Doubles	Mike Druding & Craig Simmons
Men's C Doubles	Debashis Panda & Tony Kim

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ Rating _____

Email _____

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Email _____

Please check the appropriate event(s)/division you would like to play:

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| <input type="radio"/> Male | <input type="radio"/> Singles | <input type="radio"/> Men's A | <input type="radio"/> Women's A |
| <input type="radio"/> Female | <input type="radio"/> Doubles | <input type="radio"/> Men's B | <input type="radio"/> Women's B |
| | | <input type="radio"/> Men's C | <input type="radio"/> Women's C |

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I love the Game of Doubles *by Carl Fernandes, November 1997*

I do so enjoy the game of doubles in tennis,
For you see, I've never lost a match.
My partner has, and with some regularity, I sadly say.
But I, of course, am always without blame.
The fault lies with my partner, for I play without error or defect.

It is my partner you see who always misses the crucial volley.
And it is he who invariably caresses that touch shot into the net.
Again it is he who smashes the easy overhead against the back fence.
And sadly it is also he who too often double faults at game point.
My partner is the one who lumbers across the back court unable to make the easy "get".
And it is also he who casually saunters to the net behind a whimpy second serve,
Only to see the return bounce off the soles of his \$95 hightops.

I must say my partner does dress well, outfitted in the latest from Nike or Tachini.
He is also volunteers to serve from the sunny side,
And allows me to play the forehand court, from where I do excel.
And he regularly provides a new tube of Dunlops for each match.
And brings enough bottled Evian for both of us.
Now all this I do appreciate.
But my gawd, why can't he play more like me!

My partner's name, you ask?
Well, I don't have one at the moment.

Are you paired off with anyone right now?

