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Even with a handicap of -18, the Calcutta team of Kent Lindeman and Liz Riddle still managed to make their way to the finals...

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's Summer...

As I write this note, the weather seems to have reverted to summertime early morning fog, clearing to bring in the sun. One problem, we're waiting for the sun! Anyway, with the arrival of warm weather and longer daylight, we are starting the much-asked-for **FRIDAY NIGHT DROP-IN TENNIS**. So, if you want to meet some people, play some tennis and have a fun Friday night, come join us on one or more of the following **Fridays at 6:30 p.m.: June 4 & 18, July 2, 16 & 30, August 9 & 23**. Bring \$2 to cover court reservations and light fees.



Pam Maloney
2004 WCRC President

If you haven't taken a look at the bulletin boards over the water fountains at Heather recently, please do. We're going to try and use that space to keep you more up-to-date on what's going on with WCRC and issues that should be important to you. Let me hear from you if you've got ideas to communicate there.

As this newsletter is going to press, we are also mailing a flyer to folks who were 2003 Club Members but who did not renew and, therefore, are not in our 2004 Directory. If we get a big response from that mailing, the Board will decide whether to publish an addendum to the 2004 Directory or republish it in its entirety. Please encourage folks you know to be responsive....this is our last effort to reach out to them.

See you on the courts.....

Pam

ACE IT! - June 26th Tournament to Benefit Breast Cancer



The Susan G. Komen
Breast Cancer Foundation



June 26, 2004 - A Tennis Benefit For Breast Cancer Awareness Presented By Orindawoods Tennis Club and Friends!

You are invited to participate in the second annual tennis benefit day at Orindawoods ~ this year's benefit organization is Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation San Francisco Chapter.

For more information, email Linda Richardi at monalinda@jps.net or visit our website at www.wcrc.net.



Tennis News



WCRC Nixes Combo League Teams

After seeking feedback from club members about NorCal's TPI score entry system and the requirement that it be in use prior to participating in 2004 Combo Leagues, the WCRC Board has decided not to sponsor Combo teams this year. Since the only difference between Combo from 2003 and 2004 is TPI, we believe NorCal will notice our absence.

You may recall that in 2003 **Marty Tedlock's** Combo team went to State Championships. The Board hopes NorCal sees this action as a strong protest message, not of Combo Leagues but TPI. We believe that initiating TPI is not helping NorCal achieve its goal of growing the game of tennis and refuse to participate in a system that defeats that goal.

The Board appreciates the support of those of you who communicated with us about this issue.

Captaining Guidelines

Below are some of the guidelines and rules that apply to all USTA or CCTA teams that are Sponsored by WCRC & WCTC:

1. All team members, including captains, must be a member in good standing of WCRC prior to playing a match. This applies regardless of whether the individual is playing a match at home or away.
2. All team members should have a valid WCTC court usage card. If a team member does not have a valid court usage card, the appropriate fee shall be paid prior to playing a home match.
3. When home matches are played at Heather Farms, prior to the start of match the Captain is responsible for providing a written list of players to the office, along with the players' court usage numbers and any fees owed for players without a court usage card. Failure to provide the list and any fees due could result in immediate loss of courts causing the team to default.

To see the full list of Captaining Guidelines visit our website at: <http://www.wcrc.net/usta/captains.asp>

Those \$%&! 10 point tie breakers

The WCRC 6.0 team learned the importance of tie breakers at the recently concluded Pleasanton District Championships. We played a total of 9 individual matches, five of which ended in 10 point breakers. The WCRC group lost a total of 4 out of 5 super tie breakers. As a result, the Diablo North 6.0 Mixed Champions will not be progressing to the Sectionals.

However, we did learn two important lessons at

Districts - practice and re-practice your tie breakers every time you have an opportunity. Also, never assume that the team that beat you can not be beaten.

We lost our first match with our big 3 of **Dave Sperry** and **Carmen Duarte**, **Francis Crusit** and



Kathleen Pruden, **Panda Debashis** and **Lori Fries**, as we were upset 1-2 dropping two super tie breakers. The next day playing without all of our big 3, Solano beat us 1-2 with, you guessed it, a win in a super tie breaker.

But on the brighter side - the following played some great matches and got to experience the exhilaration, pressure and, yes the nervousness of Districts: **Marti Kohen**, **Jay Evans**, **Anna George**, **Gerry Brown**, and **Myrl Kan**. Teammates **Barbara Carrigg**, **Pam Maloney** and **Marie Murphy** got to brave a very cold and windy 8:00 AM first match to see some great tennis.

Congratulation are also in order to **Irv Pearlstein**, **Dale Crabtree**, **Judi Collins**, **Scott Winburne**, **Kelly Annoni**, **Kerry Benthall**, **Ron Huxley** and **Anna Huley** for their contributions in helping the team win the Diablo North League Championship and qualifying for the Districts.

Also thanks to all of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club and its members who supported the team throughout the year. And as they say - just wait till next year !!!!

USTA Update:

Signups are now going on for the Fifty Mixed teams. Walnut Creek is showing a 6.0 and a 7.0 team at this time.

At present, WCRC is fielding 18 teams for the regular Adult season with 10 women's teams ranging from 2.5 through 4.0 and 8 men's teams from 3.0 to 5.0. It looks like a strong season with some early leaders from our ranks. Keep up the good work. Play also started for the Super Senior teams on April 12 and four Walnut Creek teams are participating. **Fran Bagnasco's** 3.5 super seniors are undefeated at this time taking out the number one Berkeley team in a close match. **Harry Hutton's** 3.0 men are closing in on the number one Crow Canyon group. Tied at 4-2, Hutton's team is only 2 sets behind the leader with still lots of play left to move into first.

For those of you who enjoy watching good tennis, come on out to Heather on any Saturday or Sunday afternoon and see the teams play. There is always USTA action on the courts at this time of the year.

Calcutta Party Tournament Highlights



Once again the Calcutta was a smashing success. The Friday evening party was well attended both by players and many other club members looking to get in on the action.

We did have fewer players this year and were able to keep the draw down to 32 teams (we had 44 last year). Even with the smaller draw, the total amount spent to buy teams on Friday night topped out at over \$3,000! A record was set when year's winner **Chris Ramsower** and **Don Loeffler** went for \$510. Of the first 15 first round matches, 9 of the winning teams had the higher handicaps. By the time we had reached the semi-finals we had the three teams with -10, -17 and -18 handicaps (next year we'll have to take away even more points!!). The only team to reach the semis with a positive handicap was **Helene Redsun** and **Len Grose**.



In the end we had some great matches, **Lorayne Campbell** and **Pat Beauchemin** played some amazing tennis to win their semi-final match against Chris Ramsower and Don Loeffler. They then went on to defeat one of the other high priced teams of **Kent Lindeman** and **Liz Riddle** in the final. The syndicate that owned of Campbell/Beauchemin walked away with over \$900 on a \$290 investment.

In the consolation draw we had some newcomers to Heather Farm make it deep into the draw. A very young and energetic **Kevin Meyer** (son of **Leslie Lippman**) was paired up with **Judy Stillman**. They had a very entertaining semi-final match against **Sally Van Oosbree** (another new face at Heather) and **Brad Belton**, with Kevin running down every lob that hit the



baseline. In the end Van Oosbree and Belton prevailed. In the finals they met up with **Pauline Hanley** and **John Williams** who, after losing in the first round to Chris Ramsower and Don Loeffler, had come through strong to reach the finals. Hanley and Williams were able to triumph.



Thanks to everyone that helped out with running the tournament and the party: **Gabe Goldstein, Tammy Chan, Shari & Jesse Gonzalez, Kristen & Lauren Curry, Meredith Young** and especially **Tammie Snyder** who jumped in at the last minute to help out up at Northgate. Good work everyone!!



**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 |

Make checks payable to WCRC and send to:

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 Questions? Call (925) 939-4328 or email scriabine@astound.net

on-line registration available at www.wcrc.net



**New Member
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein



Income Statement:
as of April 30, 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	8.12
Advertising	780.00
Membership Dues	6,480.00
Silent Auction	1,610.00
Board Dinner	270.00
Valentines Tournament	485.00

Total Income 16,929.12

Expenses

Siebel Bus Trip	2,898.50
Little Siebel Tournament	94.82
Turkey Tournament	327.76
Winter Doubles	5,301.36
Awards Banquet	3,307.17
Light Fund	3,000.00
Membership Brochures	54.13
Membership Directory	1,326.06
Newsletter	2,419.86
Non-Profit Fees	20.00
Postage	607.40
Printing/Duplicating	29.86
Supplies	395.61
Website	107.70
Board Dinner	705.54
Calcutta Tournament	1,050.00
Valentines Tournament	216.81

Total Expenses 21,862.58

Profit (Loss) -4,933.46

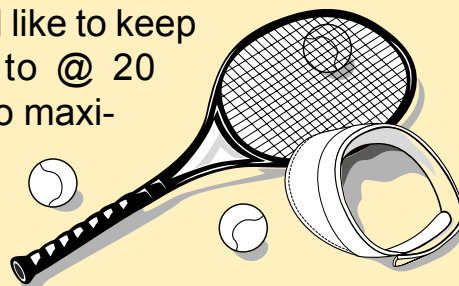
Balance April 30, 2004 \$7,615.61

WOMEN PLAYERS NEEDED FOR 3.5 CCTA TEAM

Sally Gearhart is interested in putting together an additional 3.5 Women's team for the 2004 CCTA league. We are anticipating a lot of participation in this year's league and to give everyone the chance to play more matches, Sally is willing to field another team.

Please contact Sally at 925-935-6973 or at salgea@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.

We would like to keep this team to @ 20 members to maximize play.



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Calendar of Events



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1** WCRC/CCTA Summer Singles Leagues Begin
- 4** Friday Night Drop-In Tennis
- 12-13** WCRC Club Championships - Mixed Doubles
- 18** Friday Night Drop-In Tennis



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2004 Mixed Doubles Club Championships June 12 -13

When: June 12 - 13
 Where: Walnut Creek Tennis Center
 Deadline: **Saturday, June 5**
 Divisions: Mixed 6.0 Mixed 8.0
 Mixed 7.0 Mixed 9.0+
 Entry Fees: \$20 per team*

2003 Defending Champions

6.0 Francis Crusit & Kathleen "Pru" Pruden
 7.0 Jay Hoyer & Umeko Nishimura
 8.0 Tom Jur & Veronica Roussel
 9.0+ Melanie Pizzoli & Martin Dunlap

Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____ Rating _____

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Please check appropriate division you would like to play: 6.0 7.0 8.0 9.0+

Make checks payable to WCRC and send no later than June 5, 2004 to:

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