



THE COURT REPORTER

*Newsletter of the Walnut Creek Racquet Club
October, 2022*

Mid-Summer



Tournament

Walnut Creek Racquet Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy October!

Halloween is around the corner then the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays will be here in no time. What happened to 2022?

The **Summer Singles league** is winding down. Please mark your tournament status online if you plan on playing the end of season tournament. The semi's and finals will be held at Heather Farm on October 29th and 30th.

If you haven't signed up for the **WCRC Fall Mixed League** you still have time, this is a fun league where you can sign up for 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 or 9.0-or a combination of them as some players do. Of course we will have a fun tournament at the end of the season with food, drinks, and League gifts. As with all WCRC Leagues the finalist and winners get to choose a cool gift. Just a fun League to play more tennis! Sign up at www.wcrc.net

Congratulations to **Jill Van Slyke's** 40+ 9.0 mixed team who is heading to sectionals October 7-9. Good luck!!

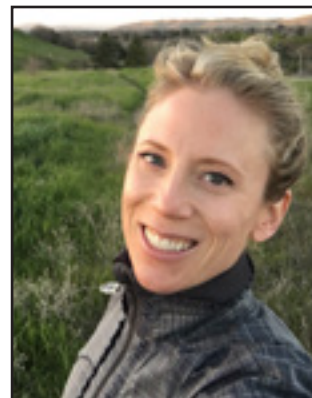
USTA is just about halfway through the 70+, 55+ mixed and combo seasons.

Check out the photos from last month's Mid-Summer Tournament (found on pages 6-10).

Looking forward to the upcoming holidays!

See you on the courts!

Sally Krapf



Sally Krapf
2022 WCRC President



M E M B E R S H I P

Welcome to Our 26 New Members
Current Membership: 1243

Reuben Antman	Orinda	3.5	Ellie Kann	Lafayette	4.0
Timothy Baldocchi	Danville	4.0	Nancy Levin	Danville	4.0
Margaret Barry	Walnut Creek	4.5	Sreeviskah M	Walnut Creek	3.5
Thomas Beatty	Walnut Creek	3.0	Dan Madison	Concord	3.0
Daniel Carter	Walnut Creek	3.5	Rob McKie	Pleasant Hill	4.0
Benjamin Cha	San Ramon	3.5	Laura Norden	Palo Alto	4.5
Gina Chen	Fairfield	3.5	Dorukhan Oguz	Walnut Creek	3.5
Jenny Chen	Fairfield	4.0	Anne Poirier	Alamo	4.0
Claudia Del Rosso	San Ramon	4.5	Alex Poorta	Walnut Creek	5.0
Casey Harrington	Walnut Creek	N.A.	Jackie Thomas	San Ramon	4.5
Raymond Hool	Livermore	3.5	Kimba Warford	Pleasanton	3.5
Robin Hultgren	Concord	3.5	Joshua Wortsman	Oakland	3.5
Scott Judy	Brentwood	4.0	Tony Xiong	Alameda	4.0



Membership questions contact:
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Lifetime Activities

What's Happening at the Courts?

OPERATING HOURS AT WCTC

Monday – Friday: 8am-10:00pm • Saturday & Sunday: 8am-8pm

Court Reservation Cancellation Policy - If you need to cancel a court reservation that was made online, in person, and/or over the phone, we encourage that you do so a minimum of 4 hours before your reservation is scheduled to start.

If you do not cancel your reservation by its start time and you do not show up within 15 minutes of the reservation starting, a note will be added to your account indicating that you were a "no call and no show" for said reservation. If you receive more than 3 "no call no show" marks within a 6-month period, then you may lose your online reservation privileges for a period of time.

This policy is being put into place to encourage all patrons to inform us, with advanced notice, when they will not be able to use their previously scheduled reservation. COMING SOON you will have the ability to cancel your court reservation online. Once this feature has officially been released you will receive messaging informing you of the ability to cancel reservations online. We hope that the addition of this feature will add more convenience to the reservation cancellation process.

If you have any questions about the policy, please reach out to General Manager David at davidr@lifetimeactivities.com.

Ball Can Limit - Individuals and Groups may now purchase up to 4 cans of tennis balls.

BECOME A SUBSTITUTE COACH! - Lifetime Activities is looking for substitute tennis coaches. If you or someone you know would be interested in a great opportunity to give back, please email us at subsprogram@lifetimeactivities.com.

Visit us online at www.lifetimeactivities.com or stop by the the office at 1751 Heather Drive.
Please call with any questions at 925-945-0105.

Member Spotlight

Inch by Inch: Ian McLaughlin

Interview and article by Glenn McBee

As an effort to get to know our membership the Board has decided to have a monthly column "Member Spotlight". We will be interviewing WCRC members and getting to know them. This article will help us find out how they got introduced to tennis, their background, any favorite memories, etc. We hope you enjoy this commentary.

This is the story of Ian McLaughlin. Ian was born in San Leandro in a Navy hospital, but his roots are deep in Walnut Creek. Both of Ian's parents grew up on Walnut Blvd in Walnut Creek, Ian's parents moved their family to Santa Rosa where Ian spent his childhood. After graduating from Law School and spending a few years at a law firm in San Francisco he decided that he wanted a different path, he wanted to be a Lawyer in Paradise, he took a job in Micronesia where he could do good and oh, dive in the prestigious world class waters of Palau. After 2 years he moved to Hawaii and worked for the Senate. And it was there, in Oahu, that he met his wife Starr. Soon after they married, had two boys, Sam and Charlie and moved back to Santa Rosa



His family would often come to see his grandparents in the Walnut Creek area.

"Hola mi hijo, did you bring your racquet?" This is how "Papa", Juan Carlos, would greet Ian every time Ian and family arrived to visit him and his grandma Nini. Papa had built his own court in the back of his property where he helped Ian hone his skill and further develop the love of the game. Papa and Jimmy Connors were his tennis idols. Ian played tennis throughout his life, wherever he was, he found new friends to play tennis with. In 2005 Ian joined USTA in Santa Rosa and In 2007 Ian contacted the WCRC about playing tennis at Heather Farm. He connected with Tammie Snyder, made it to a practice and soon found his way on to multiple teams. One of his favorite WCRC monuments was teaming up with Matt Starke to win the WCRC Double title in 2016 over teammates Rob Corder and Terry Hill.

Ian was a machine, played singles and doubles and was dubbed "elevation sensation" by his teammate Sean Barnacascel.

In 2016 while making a presentation on Public health for the Non Profit that Ian worked for, he suffered multiple strokes. He has since fought a long and difficult battle on his road back, but he has never lost his appreciation for what he has, nor his sense of humor. When Ian first returned to the Bay Area his first stop was a Kaiser hospital in Vallejo. And as fortune would have it, the very first person Ian would see was his tennis teammate who was a Doctor at the facility, Scott Philipp. It was





warming to see a familiar face who provided a warm smile. After Scott reassured him that he was in good hands, he said “sorry, there is no ESPN on the TV.” They both laughed, which was the first for Ian in a long while, but far from his last.

Ian worked as a Lawyer in the nonprofit sector and has been an active member of the community, having been a member of the Parks Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Committee for the city of Walnut Creek. He has recently rejoined the community service ranks as a member of the County Transportation Advisory board. In addition, he is the author of the Member Spotlight for the WCRC.

Ian has made friends. long lasting ones throughout his life. One of his passions is backpacking. Often he would find his way to the trails with family and friends. One of Ian’s plans for next summer is to head up to the highlands in the summer of 2023 where he will be joined by some 20 guys from all eras of his life: school, college, professional. It’s easy to understand how easy it is to be friends with this guy. A Son, a Grandson, a Father, a Husband, a Lawyer, a tennis player, a fighter and a survivor.

Inch by Inch. It has become Ian’s recovery motto and was coined by good friend Sean Barnacascel. ❖



Mid-Summer

First and foremost I want to thank EVERYONE who participated this year. We had quite a tournament with lots of fun, great outfits, amazing tennis, food and drinks! Thank you to everyone who helped put this tournament together. It takes a village: Priyanka Holmes, Sally Krapf, Rebecca Kay, Garvin Tom, Justin Snyder, Bob Satcher, Cy Lucas and my awesome son (not biased at all) Logan Snyder.

After 7 drop outs and two injuries day of the tournament, thanks to all those who filled in and to Garvin Tom who took both injured spots, then got injured himself!

Team orange won the best outfit contest hands down! They had matching orange hair, eye black and basically had a great time dressing up. Some top contenders were team white who looked Wimbledon ready and team green who all bought matching black shirts that had "You just got served" in green.

On to the results...

Division I

Team Yellow - Young Lee, Julia Petrov, Chandra Mundra and Alex Michael

finished in 4th place with 39 points.

Team Red - Lily Boris, Dana Andrews, Ric Alfonso and Todd Wong

finished in 3rd place with 45 points.

Team Orange - Audra Lutter, Cortny Christensen and Bob Satcher (this team had 4 of the drop outs) finished in 2nd place with 50 points.

Team White - Jisun Yoo, Rebecca Kay, Cy Lucas and Keane Tarrosa

finished in 1st place with 58 points! Congratulations team WHITE!!!



Mid-Summer

Division II

Team Green - Mitali Perkins, Michelle Estrada, Kevin James and Anand Vairavan/Garvin Tom finished in 4th place with 36 points.

Team Pink - Catherine Sampietro, Vanessa Sillman, Philip Hawkyard and Parag Bhatt finished in 3rd place with 48 points.

Team Blue - Heather Houston, Susan Aneja, Kevin Kyono and Justin Snyder

tied for first place with

Team Purple - Priyanka Holmes, Tammie Snyder, James Deak and Troy Rondeau. Both the blue team and the purple team finished with 54 points!

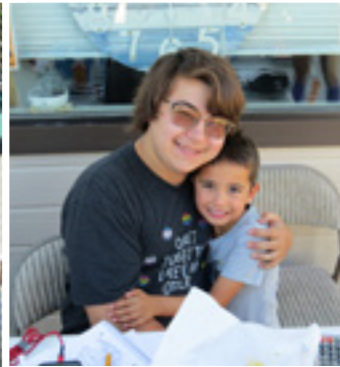
Thanks to Bob Satcher and Sally Krapf for taking a ton of photos. I've uploaded all the photos here: <https://wcrc.zenfolio.com/p898506026>

Until next year!

Tammie









Winners

Team White

Rebecca Kay, Cy Lucas,
Jisun Yoo and Keane Tarrosa



Team Purple

Troy Rondeau, Tammie Snyder,
Priyanka Holmes, James Deak



Team Blue

Kevin Kyono,
Susan Aneja,
Justin Snyder and
Heather Houston



In loving memory of Nina Betts

by David Wax

I wanted to share a loss with our tennis community. Nina Gia Betts, age 52, of Pleasanton, California passed away on Saturday, September 24, 2022. Nina was born October 6, 1969. She is the wonderful and vibrant wife of Tom Betts.

About 2 ½ years ago, Nina was diagnosed with stomach cancer. Based on the location of the cancer, she opted to have her stomach surgically removed to avoid any metastasis to nearby organs. As the very fit and athletic person she was, Nina was out on the tennis courts only months following surgery. On Sunday, August 22, 2021 she played a full 3-set match partnering with Tom at Rudgear vs. a WCRC team. Their opponents



were very supportive and encouraged Nina to regularly walk over to the side of the court and get some much-needed fluids throughout the match. Although she and Tom lost the match, she actually won her battle with the disease by going out on a hot day and playing the game she loved. Nina played on USTA teams for Pleasanton, PHTC and WCRC.

In late January 2022, they discovered in a scan that the cancer had returned and spread to the bone. Not surprisingly, on February 6, 2022, Nina made herself available to play a mixed match at PHMS with Tom. Despite the challenge she and Tom were facing, they played well and most importantly, they truly enjoyed the match and the moment. This was the last match she would play with us. I clearly recall her after the match, bravely sharing and accepting the

diagnosis with me and we hugged.

Over the next months, she and Tom travelled often to various parts of the world and truly enjoyed their long life together.

She and Tom have been extremely open and forthcoming throughout this ordeal and I am certain that he would appreciate you reaching out to call, text or email him during this difficult period. I last saw Tom on Tuesday evening during a USTA team practice. Over the last few months, Nina wanted him to remain active by playing tennis and pickleball.

Tom is a VERY fortunate man to have spent much of his life with such an open and courageous lady. He will always remember all of the wonderful and positive time he have spent with Nina.



Please have Nina, Tom and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time period.

We know that she is truly in a peaceful and pain-free place, moving onto her next journey.

Best Regards,

David



2022 WCRC Fall Mixed Doubles League Registration Form (on-line at www.wcrc.net)

Don't forget that the league registration fee includes unlimited regular season doubles matches, a league gift and may include an end of the season tournament dependent upon weather and court scheduling.

LEAGUE COMMISSIONER Lynne Weinshelbaum: 925.285.9503

DATES August 1, 2022 – January 26, 2023

ENTRY FEES

WCRC Members	
On-Line Registration:	(\$40 per team)
Mail In Registration:	(\$50 per team)
Non WCRC Members	
On-Line Registration:	(\$60 per team)
Mail In Registration:	(\$70 per team)

FORMAT Mixed Doubles
(players grouped by combined NTRP level; ie. 7.0 can be a 4.0 man and a 3.0 woman or two 3.5 players)

NTRP LEVELS Mixed 6.0–9.0*

SCHEDULING This is an open schedule. Players are responsible for scheduling their own matches. Players will be provided with a contact list of participants within their division.

MATCH FORMAT Best two-out-of-three set format.
A super tiebreaker can be played if all players agree, otherwise full third.
Both teams responsible for bringing balls to match; winning team gets the unopened can.
Matches should be played according to the "Rules of Tennis."

TOURNAMENT End of season tournament with draw determined by league standings to be held over the weekend of Feb 3–5, 2023 dependent upon court scheduling and weather. To qualify for the tournament, teams must have completed and reported at least 2 matches during the regular league season. Depending on the number of entrants tournament play may include Friday night play. In addition, draws with large numbers of players may be required to play matches prior to the tournament weekend. Seeding for the tournament will be based on regular season standings of the top 4 teams in each division. The more matches you and your partner play, the higher your ranking will be. A minimum of 4 teams are required to generate a draw.



* Teams with ratings more than 1 full step apart (i.e. 3.0 & 5.0 to make up an 8.0 team) are not eligible to play the end of season tournament.

CALENDER OF EVENTS 2022

Oct

Nov

Oct 3-9	WCRC Summer Singles Tourny Round of 32
Oct 7-9	USTA 40+ Mixed Sectionals
Oct 10-16	WCRC Summer Singles Round of 16
Oct 17-28	WCRC Summer Singles Tourny Quarter Finals
Oct 29	WCRC Summer Singles Tournament-Semis
Oct 30	WCRC Summer Singles Tournament-Finals
Nov 4	USTA 70+ Daytime Season Closes USTA Combo Doubles Day Season Closes
Nov 6	USTA 55+ Mixed Season Closes USTA Combo Doubles Season Closes
Nov 10-13	USTA Mixed 55+ Playoffs Round 1
Nov 14-18	USTA 70+ Daytime Playoffs Round 1 USTA Combo Doubles Day Playoffs Round 1
Nov 17-20	USTA Combo Doubles Playoffs Round 1 USTA Mixed 55+ Playoffs Round 2
Nov 28-Dec 2	USTA 70+ Daytime Playoffs Round 2 USTA Combo Doubles Day Playoffs Round 2

WCRC LEAGUES

Summer Singles Tournament - October 29-30

Fall Mixed League - Aug. 1 - Jan. 26, 2023

Fall Mixed Tournament - February 3-4, 2023

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cara Mia Barnacascel

January - July, 2022



Income

Total League Dues	\$4,373.59
Membership Dues	\$17,994.07
Total Tournament Dues	\$3,031.18
Total Income	\$25,398.84
Gross Profit	\$25,398.84

Expenses

Board Meeting	\$644.78
Captains Meetings	\$340.30
Contributions	\$1,000.00
Gifts	\$159.11
Total League Expenses	\$4,167.69
Nationals Fee	\$720.00
Nationals Stipend	\$500.00
Office Supplies	\$125.35
Total Printing and Reproduction	\$347.22
Total Professional Fees	\$270.00
Rental Fees	-500.00
Sectionals Fees	\$1,770.00
Supplies	\$578.46
Taxes	\$25.00
Total Tournament Expenses	\$11,831.48
Website	\$789.55
Total Expenses	\$22,768.94
Net Operating Income	\$2,629.90
Net Other Income	\$166.62
Net Income	\$2,796.52

Balance through August, 2022	\$60,576.64
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Summer Singles League - Standings

Men's

3.0	W	L
Artem Suprun	5	1
3.5		
Brian Hennessy	12	0
4.0		
Andrew Solomon	10	6
4.5+		
Artem Melnik	5	0
50+		
John Zentner	2	0

Women's

3.0	W	L
Dana Andrew	5	3
3.5		
No matches played yet		
4.0		
Samantha Dullea	3	2
4.5+		
No matches played yet		
50+		
No matches played yet		

Mid-Summer Tournament

