



THE COURT REPORTER

Newsletter of the
Walnut Creek Racquet Club

March 2005

Pam Maloney watches
Gerry Brown put away
a volley.



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another Year...WOW!

It's time for me to try and put together a report for you – difficult task for some...Well ... here goes

Please join me in thanking out going President, **Pam Maloney** for doing a sometimes very demanding job with great energy, foresight and effort Pam is staying on the Board, and will now handle the non-USTA leagues I, for one, will greatly appreciate her help and guidance during the coming year.



Gabe Goldstein
2005 WCRC President

We are most fortunate to retain the majority of the Board from last year, so that the cumulative experience they bring to the table should keep us doing the right thing!

Welcome and congratulations to **Karen Hoyer**, who has agreed to move from the Secretary role to Vice President. Welcome to **Marie Murphy** who joins us as Secretary. Thank you, **Susie Dunlap**, our retiring Vice President – you did a good job! **Shirley Nagle**, last year's USTA Women, Mixed and Seniors Coordinator is not returning this year - thank you Shirley for a job, well done.

We are off to great start this year – the Banquet – now The Casino Night was a great evening for all – thank you **Jennifer Scriabine** and **Tammy Chan** for bringing a vague idea to wonderful fruition.

Our Valentines Day tournament was “loved” by all us, a fun and competitive format, accompanied by the usual good food. A lot of you missed a lot of fun – make a note for next year!!

By the way our next fun tournament is the St. Patrick's day tournament on March 19 – Susie Dunlap, who is organizing it, and has promised us a fun and challenging format – don't miss it! Note: This is a single entry tournament, no need to scramble for a partner – Susie will take care of that

The ultimate tennis fun day is the Calcutta tournament on May 6 (the cocktail party) and May 7 (tournament day) Make a note of it in your diary and join us for lots of good tennis and good fun

Congratulations to the no fewer than twelve teams that have made the local league play-offs – good luck all the way to Nationals!!! We are all proud of you!

We are deep into forming teams for the current adult and super senior league – at the last count 15 and 5 respectively.

Good luck for this years' onslaught on the playoffs!!!

I am looking forward to serving you as President, so.... Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts, suggestions, complaints, and off, course, offers to help with all of the upcoming events

See y'all on the courts.....soon

Gabe Goldstein



**New Member
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Tennis News



New Tennis Pro at WCRC

We'd like to introduce our new Head Pro at Walnut Creek Tennis Center.

Fu Wong has been teaching tennis for the past 8 years, mostly recently at Mid-Town Tennis Club in Chicago, one of the largest and most prestigious clubs in the country. A top junior player in the Chicagoland area, Fu attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison, graduating in 2001 with a degree in English. He is a USPTA (2000) and USPTR (2003) certified teaching professional.



He has worked with players at every level from three-year-old beginners to nationally ranked champions.

He is here for you! And he is looking forward to helping you get the most out of your tennis game!

There are group lessons, private lessons and exciting and dynamic new programs starting up right now, including groundstroke/volley/serve clinics, team/high performance/competition practices, Friday night Drill 'N Plays, and much more. Please contact the Tennis Center at 925-945-0105 for more information.

Huxley's 3.0 Senior Men's Team

The Walnut Creek 3.0 Senior men's team captained by Ron Huxley is on the path to a repeat trip to the District Championships in Elk Grove. With one match to play before meeting Moraga in the first round of playoffs, the team is concentrating on strong team work and chemistry to propel them back to districts.

Players returning from last year's Diablo North Champions include Ron Huxley, Tom Sepe, Irv Pearstein, Francis Chan, Joel Schafer, Jay Evans, Gerry Brown. and Carl Fernandes. They are joined by new comers John Carr, Darrell Fiske, Tom Roth, Frank Concepcion, Stan Orlik, Dale Crabtree, Robert Brockman, Ron Frazier and Gary Mochizuki

We wish them and all the Walnut Creek teams entering the playoffs on the road to Districts all the best.

12 WCRC Teams in Playoffs!

The WCRC board wishes to congratulate the captains of the 12 teams that earned the right to compete in the local league playoffs.

Mixed 6.0 - Myrl Kan

Mixed 7.0 - Terri Hernandez

Mixed 7.0 - Geraldine Gooner

Mixed 8.0 - Patrick Beauchemin

Mixed 8.0 - Craig Kirk

Senior Men 3.0 - Ron Huxley

Senior Men 4.0 - Jim Farber

Senior Men 4.0 - Robert Young

Senior Ladies 3.0 - Mary Waltz

Senior Ladies 3.0 - Martha Riffell

Senior Ladies 3.5 - Rita Utz

Senior Ladies 3.5 - Shirley Nagle



Good Luck Walnut Creek!

Phantom Doubles

by Lee Draisin

Caution, reading further may cause you to give up the games of single and doubles. Phantom Doubles is about as much fun as one can have on a tennis court. If you were to have more fun, you'd risk being arrested!!!

What is Phantom Doubles? Well, it's kind of like going to play doubles but your partner forgot what day you were suppose to play and doesn't show up. Don't worry because your opponent had the same problem with their partner. So what do you do? You play doubles against your single opponent on the diagonal. The two missing players are the phantoms but that's not a problem because in this game you can't hit the ball to the court straight in front of you. All shots must be hit into the court diagonally across from you. The scoring is the same as a traditional game with the first point being delivered from the right side of the court to the left.

Technically there should be a line connecting the center service line to the center service mark in the middle of the court. Since tennis courts don't come equipped with that line, the two players have to make this line call as best they can. Now I know some of you feel that you don't always get the best line calls from your opponents so having them call an imaginary line seems like a giant leap of faith but we have a very simple solution to this problem. If either of the two players feels the call is incorrect then the point is replayed.

Why play such a game? Besides being a lot of fun, this game gives you great practice for doubles while making you hit the ball as often as you would in singles. You don't have to run quite as much as you would in singles but don't think you won't be getting much exercise. If you don't understand the use of angles you'll be getting a lot more exercise than you bargained for.

The strategy is pretty simple. Like doubles the best place to be is at the net and the sooner you can get there, the better. Now you don't have to go to the net but if you don't, you're going to lose! As far as the angles are concerned, it is very tempting to try very acute angles but you're asking for trouble. Again, like doubles, you should never play the wide angles unless you can win or cripple your opponent with the shot. If you don't put them under the gun you'll find yourself facing a much tougher angle coming back on the next shot. Since your opponent knows that you have to hit the next shot diagonally back into their half of the court they should be able to cover most of the shots coming back their way. With very little

room to pass the opponent left or right the game becomes one of gaining the high ground, in this case the net, and being in a strong position to volley down on the opponent. Of course, they're thinking the same thing so it's a race to the net, just like good doubles. Like a hockey goalie, who needs to be aware of their opponent's target, the goal behind them, you must be conscious of the exposed part of the court behind you that you are leaving open to your opponent's shot. My nickname for this game is "Geometry 101, On the Run". Sometimes your best shot is a soft ball down toward your opponent's feet, which will force them to volley up. Sometimes, a quick, low offensive lob over their head is the ticket. Other times it's just eyeball to eyeball as the two players crash the net.

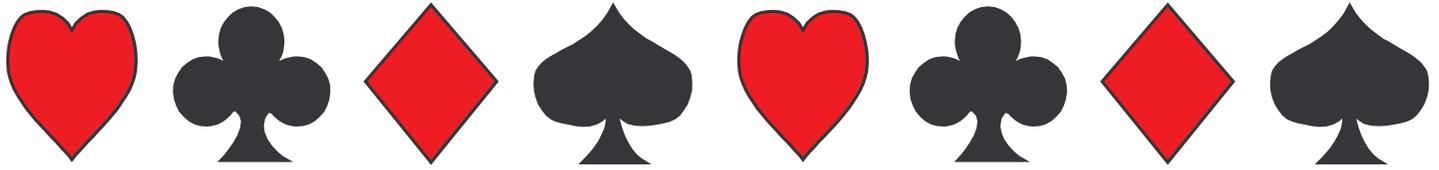


Now I've got to be honest with you. I didn't invent this game. I saw it played by two young kids on their first trip overseas in the early 1960's. Harry Hopman, the great Davis Cup captain from Australia, was on a back court at the Longwood Cricket Club with a 16 and 17 year old while his stars, Laver, Rosewall, Stolle and Emerson were battling it out in the stadium. I stood there watching these two young players hitting the ball and was amazed at the speed and the quickness they displayed. This was on a grass court and neither one of these players was about to give an inch. There were just the four of us out there on court 23 and when I asked Hopman what they were playing he said they were playing Phantom Doubles and he thought it was one of the best ways to determine which of his players was individually playing the best doubles. Oh, by the way, I don't think I told you who those two young tennis prodigies were. Those two kids grew up to be pretty good tennis players. You might have heard of them. Their names were Tony Roche and John Newcomb.

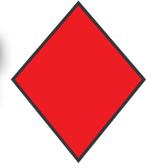
Till next time,

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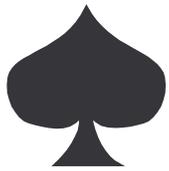
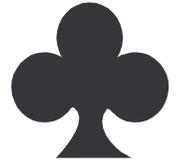


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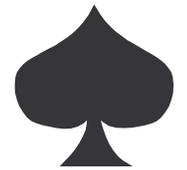
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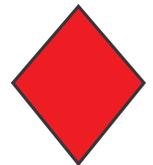
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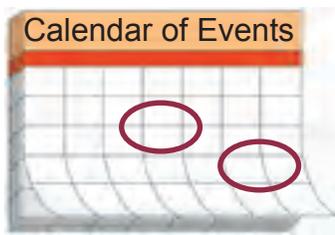
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- 4-6:** Senior League - USTA Local Playoffs
- 9-20:** Pacific Life Open - Indian Wells, CA
- 11-13:** Mixed League - USTA Local Playoffs
- 18-20:** Senior League - USTA Local Playoffs
- 19:** St. Patrick's Day Tournament
- 28:** Adult League - USTA Season begins



Register on-line for Calcutta

- 4:** Registration for USTA 50 Mixed opens
- 11:** Super Senior 65 - USTA Season opens
- 15-17:** Senior Leagues - USTA Districts
- 30:** WCRC Winter Doubles 05 Tournament, Day 1



Register on-line for WCRC Summer Singles League
Ladies daytime Spring League season ends
CCTA League Play opens

- 1:** WCRC Winter Doubles 05 Tournament, Day 2
- 2:** Registration for USTA Super Seniors 60 opens
- 6-7:** Calcutta Party on the 6th, Tournament on the 7th
- 6-8:** Senior League - USTA sectionals
- 8:** Registration for USTA 50 Mixed closes
- 20-22:** Mixed League - USTA Districts

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Gabe Goldstein

Income Statement:
as of January 31, 2005



Income	
Awards Banquet	3,740.00
Winter Doubles League	4,458.00
Interest	1.93
Membership Dues	1,050.00
Total Income	9,249.93
Expenses	
Awards Banquet '05	3,997.27
Newsletter	523.60
Post Office Box Rental	58.00
Supplies	303.63
Website	120.00
Total Expenses	5,002.50
Profit (Loss)	4,247.43
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