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*Sterling Fairholm serves
up a winner at the Fall
Calcutta Tournament.*



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, it's November and you can definitely tell the low winter sun is here, we've had our first rainout of the USTA season, dried leaves are all over the courts (although the staff at Heather Farms does a great job of blowing them off on a regular basis) and there's no tennis on TV. Combo USTA is also wrapping up and it looks as if WCRC is in the running for playoffs in several divisions including:



Shari Gonzalez
2006 WCRC President

Lisa Leach's - Women's 7.5 team
Both **Carolyn Spady** and **Myrl Kan's** - Women's 6.5 teams
Margaret Robins - Women's 8.5 team
Ron Huxley's - Men's 6.5 team.
Adam Borovkoff's - Men's 7.5 team
Pete Truong's - Men's 8.5 team

Good luck to all of the teams during the playoff weekends. I'll look forward to hearing about your results. Go WCRC!

This last month the WCRC wrapped up the Summer Singles league with an end of season event over the weekends of October 5-7 and October 13-14. Jennifer Scriabine did an outstanding job once again running this league. For more details see the article in this newsletter.

While the Summer Singles league has recently finished up, sign-ups for Winter Doubles have just opened up. On-line sign-up is available at www.wcrc.net/events/index.asp.

and this year we are offering a discounted entry rate for those individuals that sign-up on-line. We also have an application form in this newsletter that can be mailed in via snail mail if you prefer that option. Deadline to sign-up on-line is December 31st and the deadline to mail in entries is December 21th so make sure to put in on your calendar. Play is scheduled to begin in early January and the end of season tournament will be held at the end of April.

Finally, good luck to the US Davis Cup team in the finals against Russia. Not that any of them are reading this newsletter, but go team USA!

See you on the courts





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SECTIONALS!

50 MIXED - 7.0 *By Gerry Brown*

On the Weekend of October 5-6-7, the WCRC 7.0 Fifty Mixed team with its tremendous depth of players: **Carmen Duarte, Mary Jane Keifer, Tim Tamura, Sharon Greene, Sue Danner, Peter Hellmann, Debbie Hellmann, John Carr, Cory Carr, Gerry Brown, Rosemary Brown, Rick Degraca, Jon Van Ossbree, Kathleen Pruden, Ed Hochbrueckner, and Joel Schaffer** - took its undefeated record of 11-0 to Napa to compete in the USTA 50 Mixed Sectional Championships.

With visions of being crowned California Champions and progressing to the Pacific Northwest Championships, the WCRC group opened on Friday with a strong 3-0 win over Yellowstone. Winners on the day were Ed and Rosemary, Peter and Kathleen, and Jon and Cory .

Playing the early 8:30 Saturday morning match against Imperial, the Creekers started slowly. And as fate would have it, one of those nasty "anything can happen tie breakers" snuck into the scoring column in favor of the Imperial team. The final result was a 1-2 WCRC loss. Ed and Rosemary were the sole winners in this match.

With a 1:30 Saturday match next up; the Creekers were faced with winning all three matches against an undefeated Terra Nova. After a valiant effort in which two more of those third set 10 point breakers proved to be the difference - WCRC came up on the short end 0-3.

Despite the disappointment, it was a great experience for everyone, as the entire team was given the opportunity to play in sectionals. We have vowed to come back next year and win it all.



First row: Ed Hochbrueckner (sitting), Rick DeGraca & Sharon Greene (kneeling) Front row standing: Kathleen Pruden, Peter Hellman, Debbie Hellman, Jon Von Ossbree, Cory Carr, Joel Schaffer, MJ Kiefer, Gerry and Rosemary Brown, Sue Danner, John Carr and Tim Tamura. Not pictured: Carmen Duarte

50 MIXED - 6.0 *By Max Sylver*

Over the weekend of October 6-7 Team SAM n JIM hit Napa for the 50+ 6.0 Mixed Sectional Championships. There was plenty of great Wine, weather, Wine, hard hitting tennis and WINE! All were experienced, though maybe not in that order!!

Three rounds were played. We lost 2-1 against our nemesis Sleepy Hollow at 8:30am Saturday. 11:30 brought us The Almaden Athletic Club. We took all three lines. Sunday morning we woke to meet The Courtside Club of Los Gatos, who were standing in the way of our ultimate goal. We again won all three lines. You can now sing Queen's, "Weeee are the Champions..." There were hard points won, long rallies and great sportsmanship had by all. We 'almost' never needed a USTA official to end a conflict...almost!

Our reward...Napa Wine consumed at a local restaurant to celebrate a job well done while planning our trip to Medford Oregon for the 50+ Mixed 'Nationals' called the Pacific Northwest-Northern Cal Challenge Nov. 10-11.

Our next goal: To proudly represent the WCRC and 'bring home the gold.'



Front Row: Max Sylver, Cherie Charbonneau, Captain "Sam" Vanecek, Pru Pruden, Nancy LeSage, Jan Perez

Back Row: Dale Crabtree, Stan Orlik, Fred Adams, Gerry Brown

Teammates Not Pictured: Co-Captain Jim Brown, Linda Louie, Faye Elyce-O'Hara, Mary Waltz, Tom Amann, Frank Concepcion, Stuart Levitas and Maureen Satcher



Celebrity Tennis



The 16th Annual Alta Bates Summit Celebrity Classic Tennis Tournament was held Saturday, September 29, 2007 at the Berkeley Tennis Club. The all-day tournament, with lunchtime exhibition matches welcomed Monica Seles and Corina Morariu.

Many WCRC members were seen milling about the Tennis Club. Among them was Leonard Young representing tournament sponsor GolfSmith. Leonard enjoyed "once in a lifetime" opportunity to play mixed doubles with and against well-known local tennis pros, sports and media celebrities.



Summer Singles League Tournament

We recently wrapped up our 2007 Summer Singles League. We had 310 players participating with over 200 completed at least 6 (out of 12) matches and qualifying for the season ending tournament. Seedings were based on the overall rankings at the end of the season. In a continuing effort to address concerns over players who register for the season and then do not play; in August we removed players with zero matches played. Next season we may move the cutoff even earlier. The tournament was played out over two weekends, with 144 players registered.



In the Men's 3.0 division **Raanan Sagy** continued his dominance. He ended the season 7-0, only dropping one set. He played some tough matches in the tournament; in the end he defeated the number three seed **Kevin Porep** 6-3, 7-5. We look forward to seeing Raanan in the 3.5 division next year as he was bumped up by the USTA to 3.5.



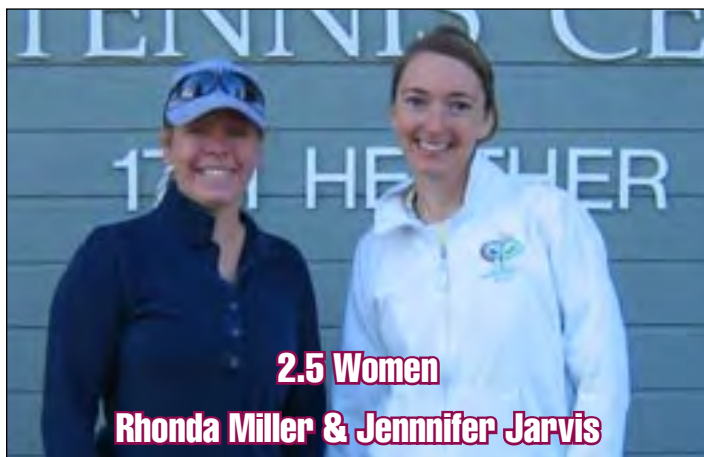
The 3.5 men had by far the largest draw with 37 players. The number one seed went out earlier opening up the draw for the number four seed, **John Zarling** to take the championship. He won his matches easily, never losing more than 5 games. He defeated **Chris Rauen** in the finals 6-1, 6-2. Zarling will also be competing at the next level in 2008 as his early start rating is 4.0.



The men's 4.0 final matched up two time past champion ('04 & '05) **Charles Kearney** against newcomer **Mitchell Rose**. They played an excellent match, in front of an appreciative set of fans. Charles was up in the first, but ended up losing it in a tie break. The second was also close, but Charles was able to even the match with a 7-5 set win. The third Rose took off to an early lead of 4-1, but Charles came roaring back. Rose kicked it up again and won the third 6-4. The final score was 7-6 (5), 5-7, 6-4. Amazingly enough this was the only final of the tournament to go three sets!



In the men's 4.5 draw, the number 5 seed, **Andrew Bove**, surprised the number one seed 6-4, 6-3 in the semi-finals. In the finals **Jackson Riker** proved too strong and he won the match 6-1,



2.5 Women

Rhonda Miller & Jennifer Jarvis

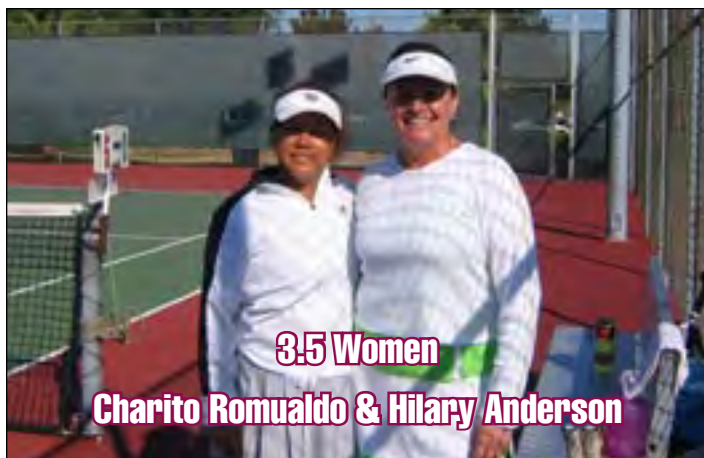
In the ladies 2.5 bracket **Jennifer Jarvis** took out the number one seed on her way to the finals. There she met **Rhonda Miller**. Rhonda got out to an earlier lead but then Jennifer turned it on and won the match 6-4, 6-0.



3.0 Women

Nadine Kindy & Renee Thomas-Jacobs

For the semi-finals of the ladies 3.0 we had the 4 versus the #1 seed and the 3 versus the #2 seed. In both matches the lower seeds came out on top. **Nadine Kindy** came into the finals having beaten the #1 seed in tough three setter but she was still able to defeat **Renee Thomas-Jacobs** 6-4, 6-2.



3.5 Women

Charito Romualdo & Hilary Anderson

Unfortunately in the ladies 3.5 bracket we had both our semi-finals matches won by default when their opponents called to say they could not play. **Charito Romualdo** and **Hilary Anderson** had a very well played final, with Hilary coming out on top 6-2, 6-2.



4.0 Women

Jenna DeBoisblanc & Carlonie Balazs

Last year's Women's 4.0 Champion **Jenna DeBoisblanc** played a very tough semi-final match Sunday morning, going three sets only to come back in the afternoon to meet **Caroline Balazs** in the finals. Jenna got off to a very quick start and won the first set easily. In the second it was Caroline's turn to take the lead, but after going up 4-1 she was unable to maintain the advantage. Jenna won the match 6-1, 6-4.




4.5 Women

Jennifer Chien & Marianne Dundon

For the ladies 4.5 division, the three time past champion ('03, '05 and '06) **Marianne Dundon** won her semi-final match easily. She went on to defeat **Jennifer Chien** 6-1, 6-2 in the finals.

Special thanks to **Bob Walgren** for running the tournament desk the first weekend, **Jennifer Scriabine**, **Mike Jetland** and **Shari Gonzalez** for helping out the second weekend. And as always to **Tammy Chan** for ensuring we had enough food and drinks throughout the two weekends.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 2-4:** WCRC Club Championships
- 4:** USTA Combo Doubles Season Closes
- 9-11:** USTA Combo Doubles Playoffs - Round I
- 16-18:** USTA Mixed Doubles Nat'l Championships
 USTA Super Sr. 60 Sect. Championships
 USTA Combo Doubles Playoffs Round II



- 30-2:** USTA Combo Doubles Districts

TREASURER'S REPORT



Gabe Goldstein

Income Statement:
 as of September 30, 2007

INCOME

Winter Doubles League '07	3,484.00
Calcutta Tournament Fall	\$2,775.00
Awards Banquet '07	2,440.00
Mid-Summer Madness Tournament	110.00
Mardi Gras Fees	360.00
Interest	15.22
Advertising	550.00
Membership Dues	10,315.00
Board Dinner	150.00
Summer Singles League	8,467.00
Calcutta Tournament Spring	\$4,024.88

Total Income **\$32,691.10**

EXPENSES

Awards Banquet 2007	3,844.90
Board Meeting Expense	69.42
Calcutta Tournament Fall	3,496.39
Club Championships 2006	200.00
Mardi Gras	233.29
Nationals Stipend	1,000.00
Commission	656.23
Dues & Subscriptions	25.00
Mid-Summer Madness Tournament	344.28
Non Profit Fees	80.00
Bank Service Charge	10.00
Light Fund Payment	3,053.00
Newsletter - Court Reporter	4,499.85
Membership Directory	2,170.93
Membership Brochures	32.48
Postage	2,517.00
Post Office Box Rental	63.00
Supplies	1,141.44
Website	1,006.55
Board Dinner Expenses	717.57
Court Resurfacing - Northgate	8,000.00
Winter Doubles 2007	4,210.88
Calcutta Tournament Spring	4,584.88

Total Expenses **\$ 41,957.09**

Profit (Loss) **- \$ 9,265.99**

Balance September 30, 2007 **11,698.75**



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